

Chapter Questions for *Guns of August*

Chapter 2: Let the Last Man...

1. Under the terms of the Austro-German Alliance, what was Germany's obligation? (p. 22)
2. What of the alliance between France and Russia? (p. 22)
3. What did these arrangements make inevitable? (p. 22)
4. What would most likely bring England into war if she did not remain neutral? (pp. 22-23)
5. What was the main goal of the Schlieffen Plan? What time frame did envision? (p. 23)
6. Why did Schlieffen's plan to attack through Flanders (Belgium) make sense in the planning of the attack on France? (p. 25)
7. Regarding Belgium, what was taken for granted by the Germans? (pp. 29-30)
8. Which came first? Completion of German battle plans or the assassination of Franz Ferdinand? What does this suggest about the importance of the assassination to the start of the war? (p. 33)