

Chapter Questions for *Guns of August*
Chapter 4: "A Single British Soldier..."

1. To what does Tuchman attribute Britain's decision to conduct joint planning with the French? (pg. 53)
2. What did the "Esher Triumvirate" foresee as the German strategy for invading France should war develop? (pg. 54) On what pretext did British participation in war against Germany depend?
3. What warning did Colonel Repington present to the French regarding Belgium? (pg. 55)
4. How did the "Esher Triumvirate" view joint operations or planning with the French? How did they view the British role in a war in which they fought on the same side as France? (pp. 56-57)
5. When British General Henry Wilson asked French General Foch "What is the smallest British military force that would be of any practical assistance to you," what was Foch's reply? Why does Tuchman suggest that the question was indicative of the problem of the alliance with Britain, as France saw it? (pp. 58-59) Did Wilson actually favor a commitment by the British to work jointly with France?
6. What was the Moroccan Crisis and what threat did it pose to peace in Europe? What were General Wilson's concerns about British action on the continent should war break out? (pp. 60-61)
7. What was the Dubail-Wilson agreement? (pp. 60-63) What was the response by the civilian government in London to the plan?
8. In 1912, Britain and Germany discussed German fleet levels. What was Germany's demand in order to maintain its current naval strength? What was Britain's response and for what reason? What was the ultimate result for the Anglo-French military relationship? (pg. 63)
9. What was "Plan W?" Who devised it and who chose to ignore its planning? (pg. 66)