

Chapter Questions for *Guns of August*
Chapter 8: Ultimatum in Brussels

1. What was the state of Belgium's military preparedness as the war was about to start? Why was this so? (pp. 117-119)
2. What claim did the German ultimatum to Belgium make about France? What was Germany's demand and threat? (p. 121)
3. What did the Kaiser and General Moltke cite as reasons for a coming war with France when they met with King Albert of Belgium in 1913? Were these dire acts by France or pressure tactics by Germany on Belgium? (pp. 127-128)
4. What did Moltke say when Major Melotte assured him that Belgium would defend her neutrality regardless of who violates it? (pg. 128)
5. What was King Albert's warning to those of his countrymen who might consider believing Germany's claim that Belgian territorial integrity would be restored after the war if Belgium remained neutral? (pg. 129)
6. Why did the people of Belgium believe that the Germans would bypass their territory? (pg. 132) What did King Albert order to be done after reading the Kaiser's final message received on August 3rd?