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Abstract: This research guide explores the literature surrounding the French Army of the First World War. It covers some of the key texts in both English and French as well as providing some useful insights into how to go about researching the French Army including how to access the key repository, the *Service historique de la Défense* at Vincennes. The guide then finishes with a useful bibliography of key works in English and French.

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Introduction

The French Army in the Great War has received little consideration in the English speaking world and there have been few works about it in English until relatively recently. The deep mining of the British Army's record in the Great War over the last thirty years has not been replicated in regards of the French Army. There are therefore numerous areas that need scholarly research but there are also many aspects of the army and the personalities within it that could benefit with a popular military history approach. Thus, this is an area of research that has room for interests that cover all aspects of military history.

Initial Reading

To begin any research on the French Army in the Great War, you should first read Robert Doughty's 2005 work, *Pyrrhic Victory: French Strategy and Operations in the Great War*. This will give an understanding of the wider context of French operations during the war. You should then consult Anthony Clayton's 2003 work, *Paths of Glory: The French Army 1914-18*, for a sound narrative account that also addresses the development of the army. This work will also help you understand how the French Army operated and was organised.

Further reading has to be in French. A good introduction to both the archives and the French Army in the Great War is Pierre Guinand's *Inventaire Sommaire* (details below). Michel Goya's 2004 *La Chair et l'Acier: L'invention de la guerre moderne* is a startling account of the modernisation of the French Army during the war and remains a benchmark volume. However, serious researchers should consult the French official history first.

The French Official History

The French official history is an invaluable source. Issued by the Ministère de la Guerre, *Les Armées françaises dans la grande guerre* (AFGG) was published in Paris from 1923 in what became 105 volumes. Each year of the war is covered in (usually) two volumes of text (called a Tome), with a variable number of annexe volumes, each containing very large numbers of reproduced documents. (There are 24 text volumes, 55 annexe volumes and 26 map volumes). For example, the Tome covering the Western Front from 18 July to 26 September 1918 is Tome 7, which is split into two volumes of text, with three annexe volumes. (Thus, the first text volume is usually abbreviated as AFGG 7/1. A document in an annexe volume would be AFGG 7/1, annexes 1, 2, 3 etc., followed by the number of the document.) The text volumes are almost entirely a narrative account of military operations, with the barest analysis. However, nearly every page of text will refer to many reproduced documents in the appropriate annexe volume, giving the researcher much original material to ponder on. William Philpott, a leading expert on the Great War, has called the French official history a 'portal into the archives' and this is the key to understanding why it should

be looked at before attempting any primary research. Reading the official history will enable the reader to begin to understand how the army worked, how military issues were considered within it, how operations were planned and debriefed. Although the majority of the work is devoted to the Western Front, there are volumes covering the campaigns in Africa, Gallipoli, Salonika (Tomes 8 & 9) and the rear services on the Western Front (Tome 11). The entire French official history is gradually being put online at *Gallica* (see below); there are currently 81 volumes available. The two volumes of AFGG Tome 10 are particularly useful, being the French Army's order of battle, from GQG down to corps level in Volume 1, divisions in Volume 2.

Service historique de la Défense (SHD) – Vincennes

For primary research, the first port of call is the French Army's archive at the Chateau de Vincennes (south-east Paris), where there are over 14 kilometres of shelving containing Great War material.

There are numerous hotels in the area that cater for all budgets but they tend to be booked surprisingly far in advance and therefore it is prudent to plan your trip carefully.

The archive is open from one until 5 on Mondays, 9 to 5 on Tuesday to Thursday, 9 to 4 on Fridays and 9.30 until 3 on Saturdays. As with many French institutions, the archive is closed for most of August but there will be other closures throughout the year, so you need to check this. This year, for example, it is closed for 17 days during the year, as well as the customary closure in August.

All the material in the archives at Vincennes (other than printed books) is contained in what are referred to as cartons (i.e. archive boxes). A series number and then the carton number catalogues each one, for example, the Great War tank files are mainly in series 16N, with the first carton being 2120, this is thus referred to as 16N2120 (see below for detailed guides to the cartons).

To reserve document cartons or books at Vincennes it is necessary to have a reader's card (*carte de lecteur*) and this can only be obtained in person at *SHD*. This can be rather inconvenient as you cannot reserve documents in advance without a reader's card and therefore you will have to make one trip to Paris just to get your *carte de lecteur*. At Vincennes, few staff speaks English, even at its most basic; therefore, you need to be able to communicate in spoken French if you require assistance from them in your research. However, if you have consulted the research guides carefully (see below), you should be able to find in most instances what you are looking for without assistance. Therefore, basic spoken French will get you by, although you obviously need to be able to read French reasonably well for the material to be of use.

At the time of writing (April 2014), it is necessary to order material at least four weeks in advance. It is required that you email your order to:- shd-vincennes.salle-lecture-louis14.fct@intradef.gouv.fr. This email has to contain your name, reader's card number, your email, the days you will be visiting on, the specific archives you are consulting (i.e. army, air etc...) and the cartons you want to consult. The cartons are subject to a maximum of five cartons in one day. (In my experience, three cartons per day are about the maximum that can be examined in depth, unless you are on a fishing expedition and expect to find only a few items of interest in each carton). You will receive confirmation of your order within five days. (In normal circumstances, this can all be done via the *SHD* website but because of a number of attacks by hackers, apparently reacting to the French intervention in Mali, the rather cumbersome method as described here is in place).

A useful guide produced (in French) by *SHD* in 2008 is Agnès Chablat-Beylot & Amable Sablon du Corail, *Guide des Sources Conservées par le Service Historique de la Défense relatives à la Première Guerre Mondiale*. It can be downloaded from [here](#). You can also download this 1975 title, another valuable guide, from the same site; Pierre Guinard, Jean-Claude Devos and Jean Nicot, *Inventaire Sommaire des Archives de la Guerre Série N 1872-1919: Introduction : Organisation de l'Armée Française, Guide des Sources, Bibliographie*. This is a guide to both the archives and the French Army in the Great War. It has thematic chapters on GQG (French GHQ) organisation, on the infantry, the artillery, the cavalry and other matters, as well as a useful bibliography. There are other volumes in this set, which cover all the *SHD* cartons available, each having a paragraph describing the contents of each carton in a specific series. For example, Jean- Claude Devos, Jean Nicot, Philippe Schillinger, Pierre Waksman, Josette Ficat's *Inventaire Sommaire des Archives de la Guerre Série N 1872-1919: Conseils 1-4 N to Généraux en Chef 14 N* from 1974 lists cartons covering the *Conseil de guerre* and the commander-in-chief's correspondence. You can download it [here](#).

Despite the great usefulness of these guides, as with all archive research, the brief descriptions of the contents of cartons will often be insufficient information as to whether the carton contains anything of use to your research. In my experience, however, you are more often pleasantly surprised than disappointed.

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War Diaries:

All the Great War surviving French Army war diaries (*Journal de Marche et operations - JMO*) down to battalion level are online [here](#). Unsurprisingly, these vary considerably in usefulness; the official history makes this very point in the introduction to AFGG X/1.4 Some are just a brief list of movements of the unit, whereas some will contain as much detail as all of the orders received and how these were implemented. However, they remain a valuable tool for research and are now easily accessible. On occasion, you can get a nice surprise; for example, tucked into X Army's *JMO* for July 1918 is an account by General Charles Mangin (Commander of X Army in July 1918) of a meeting that he had with the French Commander-in-Chief Philippe Pétain on the evening of 18 July. This is one of only two eye-witness accounts of this important meeting.

Gallica

Much useful material is now available via the French national library; *La Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)*. The *BnF* is known online as *Gallica*, it can be found via any search engine. See *Further Reading in French* for details on the wealth of material available on *Gallica*.

Further Reading in French

All of the late Guy Pedroncini's work is worth consulting (see the attached bibliography), in particular his 1974 work, *Pétain, Général en Chef, 1917-1918* (Paris: Publications de la Sorbonne, 1974) is outstanding. For a detailed look at how French infantry divisions changed during the course of the war, Emile Laure's *Les Étaples de Guerre d'une Division d'Infanterie* from 1928 cannot be bettered.

All French Army infantry regiments and battalions, as well as cavalry and artillery units, were required after the war to produce unit histories, which are online on *Gallica*. These vary from very brief accounts or chronologies to lengthy volumes containing much of interest. Most will list those killed (and sometimes wounded), along with awards gained by the unit and its soldiers and officers.

There are a great number of military and civilian journals available on *Gallica*. Within these are numerous volumes of the various professional military journals of the pre- and post-war periods, the most valuable being; *Revue Militaire Française*, *La Revue d'infanterie*, *La Review d'artillerie*, *La Review de cavalerie*. These all followed the format of historical articles mixed with contemporary military issues pertinent to the arm, both technical and theoretical. See my *La Revue d'infanterie* partial catalogue for more details on this subject. The *Revue Militaire Française*, in particular, contains a great deal of interesting

material on the Great War. It was first issued in the summer of 1921, the journal being an amalgamation of three pre-war journals: the *Revue des armées étrangères*, *Revue d'histoire* and the *Journal des Sciences militaires*. It was published under the auspices of the General Staff of the French Army but it was understood that this would be an organ of debate, rather than of received wisdom. As an example of the breadth of issues covered by the *RMF*, the October 1925 issue had the following articles in it; *Poudres et explosifs (1914-1918)*, *Les groupes d'armées allemandes au cours de la guerre (1914-1918)*, *À propos des raids transsahariens*, *La bataille de Courcelles-Méry* [June 1918], *Les chars de combat au Maroc*.¹

The following are a useful tool, giving each battalion/regiment two pages of text containing a list of engagements and other information; Eric Labayle & Michel Bonnard, *Répertoire des corps de troupe de l'armée française pendant la Grande Guerre, Tome 1: L'infanterie métropolitaine Unités d'active, Régiments no. 1 à 176, Notices historiques* (2004), Yvick Herniou, Eric Labayle & Michel Bonnaud, *Répertoire des corps de troupe de l'armée française pendant la Grande Guerre, Tome 2: Chasseurs à pied, alpins et cyclistes* (2007).

Further Reading in English

The war memoirs of both Foch and Joffre are available in English (*The Memoirs of Marshal Foch*, translated by T Bently Mott, New York, 1931 & *The Memoirs of Marshal Joffre*, translated by T Bently Mott, London, 1932), the French originals being available on *Gallica*. Two rather old books remain the best coverage of their subjects in English; Pierre Renouvin's *The Forms of War Government in France* from 1927 and Stephen Ryan's *Pétain the Soldier* from 1969. Alistair Horne's 1962 account *The Price of Glory: Verdun 1916* is terrific but was written before the archives were opened and thus is somewhat out of date. There are a number of other important works in English on the French Army during the war that should be read. Douglas Porch's 1981 *The March to the Marne: The French Army 1871-1914* remains the best book in English on the pre-war army and this is an essential work. His essay, 'The French Army in the First World War' in Allan R. Millett and Williamson Murray's edited volume, *Military Effectiveness Volume 1: The First World War*, (1988) is rather more controversial, many believing (myself included) that he does not give enough credit to the successes of the French Army during Pétain's period of command. However, it remains an important part of the historiography and should be read. William Philpott's prize-winning *Bloody Victory: The Sacrifice on the Somme and the Making of the*

¹ For more on these journals see; Lt Col. Frédéric Guelton, 'L'historiographie de la Grande Guerre au Service Historique de l'Armée,' in Jean Maurin & Jean-Claude Jauffret, eds., *La Grande Guerre, 1914-1918: 80 ans d'historiographie et de représentations* (Montpellier : UMR, 2002), pp. 195-207.

Twentieth Century (2009) is an account that gives appropriate attention to the French Army on the Somme, giving much thought to what the French learnt from the battle. Michael Neiberg's *The Second Battle of the Marne* (2008) will help you understand how sophisticated the French army had become by July 1918. There are a series of specialist works trickling out, which include Jonathan Krause's *Early Trench Tactics in the French Army - The Second Battle of Artois May-June 1915* (2013), a very interesting study, and my *The French Army's Tank Force and Armoured Warfare in the Great War* (2013). There are further works in English listed in the bibliography.

Appendix 1

Further Reading in French with Comments

- Allard, Paul, *Les Dessous de la Guerre – Révélés par les Comités Secrets* (Paris: Les Éditions de France, 1932). Useful account of the political struggle over the army.
- Alléhaut, Colonel, *Le Combat de l'Infanterie – Étude Analytique et Synthétique d'après les Réglements* (Paris: Berger-Levrault, 1924). Detailed study, by one of France's leading tactical experts, of the post-war French infantry regulations set in the context of operations in the Great War.
- Andriot, Capitaine René, 'L'infanterie et la matériel au cours de la campagne de 1914-1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, November 1923, pp. 672-693
- Anonymous, 'Les coups de main et les raids au cours de la campagne 1914-1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, December 1923 & January 1924, pp. 821-831 & 3-32
- Aubert, Capitaine, 'Emploi d'une section de chars dans le premier engagement des chars "Renault" Mai 1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, August 1935, no. 515, pp. 309-20. Aubert was a section commander during the first Renault light tank engagement and this is his personal account of his section in combat. Also has a good discussion on the tactical aspects of the action.
- Aublet, Lt-Colonel, 'La préparation d'artillerie de 1914 à 1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, May 1928, pp. 690-732. A survey of French artillery practice during the war.
- _____, 'L'Artillerie du 21 Corps d'armée le 26 Septembre 1918,' *Revue Militaire Française*, October 1929, pp. 322-345, pp. 330-32. A useful account of French artillery practice towards the end of the war.
- Balland, Commandant, 'Un combat de chars le 18 juillet 1918 avec la 1^{re} division américaine,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, October 1935, no. 517, pp. 693-718. An interesting and detailed discussion of this engagement by a very astute French tank commander and participant.
- Baranger, Lt-Colonel, 'Un épisode de la bataille de l'Yser (novembre 1914),' *La Revue d'infanterie*, February 1924, pp. 149-182
- Barjou, Lt-Colonel, 'Les chars en liaison avec l'infanterie [Battle of the Matz -11 June 1918],' *La Revue d'infanterie*, June 1924, pp. 728-748
- Basse, Capitaine, 'Des unités cyclistes – Leur rôle dans la campagne de 1914-1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, November 1923, pp. 741-756. Only study on this subject that I am aware of.
- Binet-Valmer, Jean, *Mémoires d'un engagé volontaire* (Paris: Flammarion, 1918). Valmer was a 39-year-old Swiss volunteer in 1914, who served in 7 DI, 89 DIT, the cavalry armoured cars and the AS. He fought and was wounded at Malmaison.

- Bouchacourt, Commandant, *L'Infanterie dans la Bataille: Étude sur l'Attaque, Étude sur la Défense* (Paris : Charles-Lavauzelle & Co., 1931, 2nd Edition). Useful discussion of infantry tactics, both defensive and offensive, in 1916 and 1918, using case-studies.
- Boullaire, Général, *Historique du 2^e Corps de Cavalerie du 1^{er} Octobre 1914 au 1^{er} Janvier 1919* (Paris : Charles-Lavauzelle & Co., 1923). Useful for cavalry action (or inaction) during Second Marne.
- Bourget, General P. A., *Le Général Estienne* (Paris: Berger-Levrault, 1956). A very brief pamphlet.
- Bugnet, Lt.-Colonel Charles, *Mangin* (Paris: Plon, 1934). Good account by an admirer.
- Breton, JL, 'L'histoire des chars d'assaut,' *L'Illustration*, no. 3969, 29 March 1919, pp. 340-344. Publication of this produced a furious response from General Estienne, who believed that Breton was claiming to be the inventor of the tank (see documents in *SHD* 16N2120). The article has interesting photos of early armoured vehicles in the French army, including an electric 'blockhaus' and the Breton-Pretot barbed-wire cutting vehicle.
- Carlier, Claude, 'L'aéronautique militaire, de la naissance a la participation a la victoire,' in Guy Pedroncini ed., *Histoire Militaire de la France, Vol 3: De 1871 a 1940* (Paris: PUF, 1993, pp. 203-35). Modern survey on French military aviation.
- Carls, Stephen D., *Louis Loucheur: Ingénieur, Homme d'État, Modernisateur de la France 1872-1931* (Paris: Presses Universitaires du Septentrion, 2000, translation by Alice-Catherine Carls of English edition of 1993). Standard account of this most interesting and important French technocrat. Also published in English.
- Centre d'Études des Chars de Combat, *Cours d'Emploi des Chars de Combat* (1923). Post-war textbook for the French tank arm, which has detailed discussion on the military aspects of the following battles; 16 April 1917, Cambrai (the British tank attack), 18 July 1918 at Soissons, Champagne 26 September 1918.
- Chablat-Beylot, Agnès and Amable Sablon du Corail, *Guide des Sources Conservees par le Service Historique de la Defense Relatives à la Premier Guerre Mondiale* (Vincennes: SHD, 2008). Invaluable guide to the archives at Vincennes.
- Chédeville, Charles, 'Étude sur l'emploi des chars de combat,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, December 1921, January, February, March, April, May & June 1922, pp. 35-61, 172-188, 290-305, 395-405, 529-542, 650-675. The author was an AS veteran.
- Chenouard, Lieutenant-colonel, 'Opérations exécutées par le 319^e régiment d'infanterie dans la région de Vandy (N. de Vouziers) pendant la période du 18 au 30 octobre 1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, April 1923, no. 367, pp. 576-590. Detailed examination of French infantry practice in the late-war period.

Chenu, Charles-Maurice, *Du Képi Rouge aux Chars d'Assaut* (Paris: Albin-Michel, 1932).

Chenu was a Foreign Legion officer who subsequently served in the AS.

Civrieux, Commandant, *L'Offensive de 1917 et le Commandement de 1917* (Paris: 1919).

A spirited polemic in defence of Nivelle, the main villain being Painlevé. Although it goes far too far in talking up what the Nivelle Offensive might have done if it had not been stopped (won the war in 1917 etc...), it makes some interesting comparisons between casualties in the battle of the Somme and those of the Nivelle Offensive. Very similar arguments are made in Roquerol's *Les Chemins des Dames* (see below) but in a rather more measured tone.

Clayeux, Lieutenant-colonel, 'Étude sur les opérations du 19^e Bataillon de chars - Combattant en liaison avec le 15^e corps d'armée du 17 au 20 octobre 1918, dans la région du Petit-Verly,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, December 1922, pp. 710-730.

Cochet, François, *Survivre au front 1914-1918 – Les Poilus entre contrainte et consentement* (Paris: Éditions 14-18, 2005). Modern examination of the morale of the French Army. Part of

Colin, Général H, *La Guerre de Mouvement 1918 : Souvenirs du commandant de l'ID 62, Le Matz, 2^e Marne, L'Ourcq, La Vesle, L'Aisne, La Meuse* (Paris : Payot, 1935). Colin was the divisional infantry commander with 62 DI. Interesting account.

Constantin-Weyer, Maurice, *La Salamandre* (Paris : Les Etincelles, 1930). Constantin-Weyer served in the AS from September 1918, after receiving too many wounds to continue serving in the infantry. Interesting account as he joined the AS in October 1918, a period which is not covered in other AS veterans' published work.

_____, *P.C. de compagnie* (14th Edition, Paris: Les Éditions Rieder, 1930). Covers the period before Weyer joined the AS, when he served on the Western Front and at Salonika.

Corlieu-Jouve, *Ceux des Chars d'assaut* (5th Edition, Paris: Éditions Jules Tallandier, 1933). Covers 11 June 1918/ Battle of Matz, May 1918 combat of Renaults. Impressionistic.

Corde, Lieutenant-Colonel H, *La Bataille de 1918 sur le front Occidental* (Paris: Gauthier-Villars, 1921). Straightforward account of the Western Front in 1918.

Culmann, Colonel F, *Cours de Tactique General d'après l'Expérience de la Grande Guerre* (3rd Edition, Paris: Charles-Lavauzelle, 1921). Useful discussion on the tactics at the end of the war.

Daille, Maurice, *La Bataille de Montdidier* (Paris: Berger-Levrault, 1924). Standard account of this battle. Used as a textbook by the post-war French Army.

- _____, *Joffre et la guerre d'usure, 1915-1916* (Paris: Payot, 1936). General military history of this period by one of France's most influential post-war tacticians.
- Debeney, Général, *La Guerre et les Hommes: Réflexions d'Après-Guerre* (Paris: Plon, 1937). Useful volume from one of France's most distinguished generals.
- De Fromont de Bouaille, Lieutenant-colonel de cavalerie, 'Combat offensif d'un bataillon – Enlèvement par le 3^e bataillon du 67^e régiment d'infanterie de la position fortifiée de Celles-sur-Aisne 7-8 septembre 1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, October 1923, pp. 513-528. Detailed examination of an infantry battalion's attack on a fortified position.
- Delacommune, Captain and Captain Cornic, 'Le premier engagement des chars Renault en 1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, August 1932, pp. 215-23
- Delmas, Commandant J, *L'Infanterie de la Victoire 1918* (Paris: Payot, 1932)
- Deranque, Capitaine, 'Les appareils lance-flammes dans la dernière guerre,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, August 1923, pp. 259-274. Useful consideration of French flamethrowers in the war.
- De Ripert d'Alauzier, Lieutenant-Colonel, 'Essai synthétique sur les principes de la guerre, application à cas concret – Le contre-attaque sur Méry (10 juin 1918),' *La Revue d'infanterie*, January 1923, 35, no. 364, pp. 3-20. The author was chief of staff for 11 DI in this battle.
- Desaivre, Capitaine, 'La fabrication de l'armement de l'infanterie française pendant la dernière guerre,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, June 1924, pp. 758-777. Useful survey.
- Desagneaux, Henri, *A French Soldier's War Diary* (Edited by Jean Desagneaux, translated by Godfrey J Adams, Morley: The Elmfield Press, 1975). The author was an infantry officer and this volume conveys his bitter experience of the war.
- Devos, Jean-Claude & Jean Nicot, Philippe Schillinger, Pierre Waksman, Josette Ficat, *Inventaire Sommaire des Archives de la Guerre Série N 1872-1919: Conseils 1-4 N to Généraux en Chef 14 N* (Troyes: la Renaissance, 1974). Essential.
- Deygas, Commandant F. J., *Les Chars d'assaut. Leur passé, leur avenir* (Paris: Charles-Lavauzelle, 1937). Very good account of the French tank service.
- Doumenc, Commandant Joseph, *Les Transport Automobiles sur le Front Français 1914-1918* (Paris: Librairie Plon, 1920). Doumenc organised the *voie Sacrée* at Verdun and was an important figure in the *Service Automobile*.
- Duffour, Gaston, *Joffre et la guerre de mouvement, 1914* (Paris: Payot, 1937)
- Dutil, Capitaine Léon, *Les Chars d'Assaut. Leur Création et leur Rôle pendant la Guerre (1915-1918)* (Paris: Berger-Levrault, 1919). Dutil was an AS staff officer and this is a detailed account of the French tank force from an insider.

- Estienne, Général, 'Les Forces Matérielles a la Guerre,' *La Revue de Paris*, 15 January 1922, pp. 225-238. Important as Estienne, known as 'father of the tanks' in France, did not leave a great deal of published work on his ideas.
- _____, 'Note au sujet du premier engagement des chars Renault en 1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, August 1932, pp. 213-4.
- Etienne, Colonel, 'Le combat de nuit du bois le Chanel (9-10 septembre 1914),' *La Revue d'infanterie*, August 1924, pp. 185-215.
- _____, 'Le combat de nuit de La Vaux-Marie (9-10 septembre 1914),' *La Revue d'infanterie*, October 1924, pp. 505-532.
- Frémeaux, Jacques, *Les Colonies dans la Grande Guerre: Combats et Épreuves des Peuples d'Outre-Mer* (14-18 Éditions, 2006). Solid modern account.
- Fridenson, Patrick, *Histoire des Usines Renault, Volume 1, Naissance de la Grande Entreprise 1898/1939* (Paris: Éditions du Seuil, 1972). Good account of the Renault factories' contribution to the French war effort.
- Froge, Christian & Jean Froge, eds., *La Grande Guerre: vécue, raconté, illustrée par les Combattants* (Paris: Librairie Aristide Quillet, 1922). Impressionistic but beautifully illustrated.
- Gagneur, Capitaine Maurice & Lieutenant Marcel Fourier, *Avec les Chars d'Assaut* (Paris: Hachette, 1919). Gagneur only contributes an introduction to this account by Fourier of his service with the AS, as a St Chamond commander. Beginning in October 1916, it covers the fighting in April/May 1917 and Malmaison, October 1917. Norton Cru called him a 'young hothead.'
- Galli, Henri, *L'Offensive Française de 1917 (Avril-Mai) de Soissons à Reims* (Paris: Garnier Freres, 1919)
- Garnier des Garets, Général, 'Les prévisions et la guerre 1914-1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, November 1923, pp. 665-671
- Gascouin, Général, *L'Évolution de l'Artillerie pendant la Guerre* (Paris: Flammarion, 1920). Good survey of the development of French artillery practice during the war.
- Gauché, Capitaine, 'La recherche du renseignement avant la bataille du 15 juillet 1918,' *La Revue d'infanterie*, December 1924, pp.805-831. Interesting account of intelligence gathering in the war.
- Gaudy, Georges, *L'agonie du Mont-Renaud* (Paris: Librairie Plon, 1921). The first published (but chronologically last) of a trio of books on Gaudy's wartime experiences. He served in 57 RI from May 1916 to the end of the war. This book covers 1918.
- Gaudy, Georges, *Les trous d'obus de Verdun* (Paris: Librairie Plon, 1922). This book covers Verdun.

- Gaudy, Georges, *Le Chemin des Dames en Feu (Décembre 1916-Décembre 1917)* (Paris: Librairie Plon, 1923). This book covers the Nivelle Offensive.
- Gazin, Capitaine F, *La Cavalerie Française dans la Guerre Mondiale* (Paris: Payot, 1930). Good survey.
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