**Villers-Bretonneux Research Module**

***Definition***: First tank versus tank battle.

***Note:*** This action is part of a larger action involving multiple brigades/divisions. Focus your analysis upon the actions of the small numbers of tanks employed by the Germans and British. Do not omit coverage of the British light tanks.

***Electronic References by file name***:

British Tank Corps History

* History of the British Tank Corps in World War I, written in 1919. Villers-Bretonneux is covered on PDF pp. 261-263.

First World War.com – Memoris and Diaries – When Tank Fought Tank

* British tank commander’s account of the Villers-Bretonneux fight

FKSM 17-3-2 Armor in Battle 1986

* Extract from Fort Knox Supplemental 17-3-2: Armor In Battle (1986) covering the tank battle at Villers-Bretonneux from the German perspective. Note: this publication includes a collection of descriptions of tactical battles involving armored units from WWI to the 1970s, and it is available online or through the Donovan Research Library.

Tank Notes 1931

* Article included in US Tank School newsletter of 1931 that includes a German account of the battle and a British rebuttal.

The Tank in Action 1920

* First person account of British tank operations in World War I. Chapter XVI covers the background and battle at Villers-Bretonneux

***Suggested Secondary Sources***:

Fletcher, David, *British Mark IV Tank* (NY: Osprey, 2012). E-book available through

Donovan Research Library.

Fletcher, David, *Medium Mark A Whippet* (NY: Osprey, 2014). E-Book available

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Higgins, David R., *Mark IV vs A7V: Villers-Bretonneux 1918* (Bloomsbury Publishing,

2013). Available in the Donovan Research Library. D542.L8 H55 2012. Use in library only.

Schneider, Wolfgang, *German Tanks in World War I: The A7V and Early Tank*

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Whitehouse, Arch, *Tank: The Story of Their Battles and the Men Who Drove Them from*

*Their First Use in World War I to Korea* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday and

Company, Inc., 1960). See Chapter IV. Available in the Donovan Research Library. UG446.5.W45 1960.

Zaloga, Steve, *German Panzers, 1914-1918* (Oxford: Osprey, 2006). Available in the

Donovan Research Library. UG446.5.Z3143 2006.

***Suggested videos***:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn4uRvgIEJY> (The First Tank Battle in History)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gSjZmX179I> (Tank vs Tank: Viller-Bretonneux, April 1918, The Tank Museum)

***Related Search Subjects***:

* Mark IV
* A7V
* Whippet
* Villers-Bretonneux
* Cachy