



Meet the Ancestors
Where did I come from?

United Kingdom - Croatia - France - Italy - Malta - Poland



ZAPPE LA GUERRE

A book about first world war

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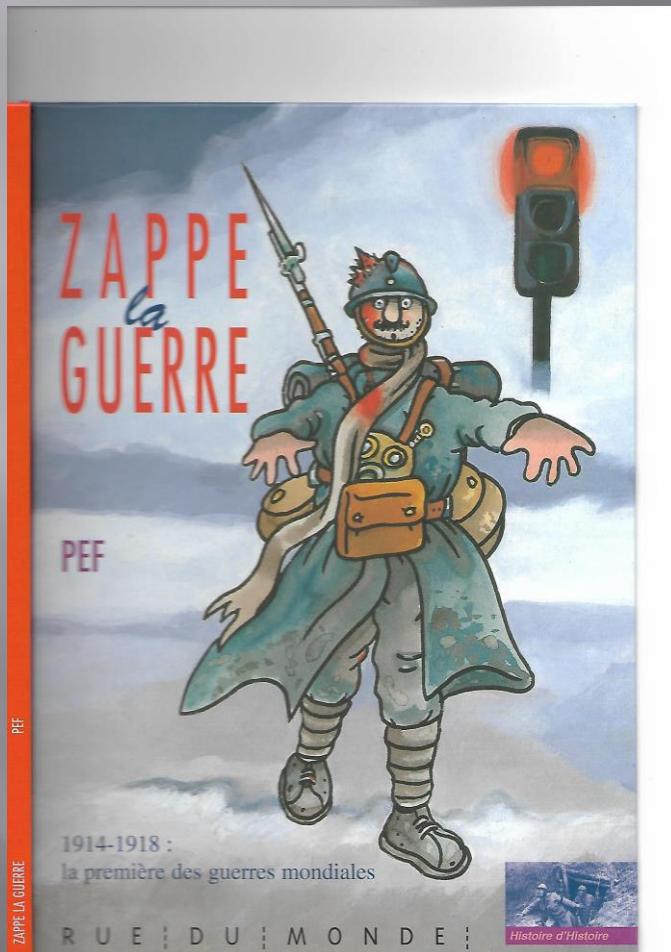
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Summary of the story :

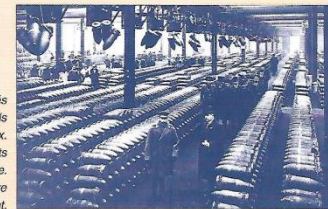


In Rezé, in Loire Atlantique, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the First World War, 288 soldiers leave the war memorial. They want to take stock of the life of this end of the 20th century, to see if their war has been usefull , has helped to avoid other wars. As they approach a home, they discover television, the modern world and see that wars have unfortunately not stopped. They also meet a child. Monnier, one of the soldiers, wants to tell him about the war ...

First pages :



On ne le regardait presque jamais.
Sur la place de Rezé, le monument aux morts était sans vie.
Ce soir-là, on ne le voyait carrément plus lorsque
dans le brouillard, ils sont un à un apparus,
se détachant lentement de sa masse de pierre.
Ni gens ni fantômes. Juste des apparences en manteaux
bleu horizon dans leurs pantalons rouge sang d'août 1914.
À l'heure où toute la ville essaie de ne penser
qu'à bien dormir, des dizaines de soldats quittaient
leur monument pour un effrayant carnaval militaire.



*Au début du 20^e siècle, les rivalités
entre les grands pays industriels
menacent la paix.
La course aux armements
créé une situation dangereuse.
L'Europe ressemble à un baril de poudre
prêt à exploser à tout instant.*



Le 28 juin 1914, c'est l'étincelle :
l'archiduc héritier d'Autriche
est assassiné à Sarajevo.
L'Autriche déclenche les hostilités.
En plein cœur de l'été 1914,
la Première Guerre mondiale éclate.

Les déclarations de guerre se succèdent et très rapidement l'Autriche et l'Allemagne,
rejointes plus tard par la Turquie et la Bulgarie, se retrouvent en guerre contre la Serbie,
la Russie, la France, la Belgique et la Grande-Bretagne, puis l'Italie et la Roumanie.

De l'un était partie la moitié du visage.

À l'autre, manquait une main ou un œil.

Des jambes presque emportées. Et cette boue séchée
en plaques et toute cette poussière autour des molletières.

Des pieds nus rétrécis par la terreur, orphelins
de leurs godillots. Et tous ces fusils, certains tordus,
d'autres fondus dans des mains qui s'agrippaient encore.



Il y avait là deux cent quatre-vingt-huit
soldats, debout comme ils étaient morts,
regroupés en rangs brouillons.

Ils s'étaient mis en marche sur ordre
d'un officier en gants blancs :

le lieutenant Marc de Monti de Rezé.

– Mission spéciale de grande vérification ! avait-il annoncé.



Each double page
is built the same way:

-A drawing

-The story

-An historical fact
linked to the story

The aim of the book:

- ❑ The problematic for the soldiers is to check if the war they had fought in has been worth it and that there had been no war after that (WW1 has been nicknamed at that time « the last of the last one »)
- ❑ They fastly understand that Manhood has not understood the lesson as they see ,on television , images about the wars in former Yougoslavia and in Rwanda.
- ❑ But there is hope, (on the very last page of the book).
- ❑ because one of the soldier wants to tell his story about the war to a kid who had seen them.
- ❑ The aim of that story is that the child will teach what he's been told .
- ❑ It is something that can be done by the pupils at the end of the lessons : write what you think the soldier has told the child.

Biographical elements on the soldiers cited in the book of PEF

- ▣ BERNARD Auguste :Born December 10, 1874 in Rezé
- ▣ BROSSAUD Théodore :Born July 28, 1888 in Rezé
- ▣ Exempted in 1908 due to "weakness". He is declared "good" in 1914 by the board of revision
- ▣ Died in Bar-le-Duc on September 18, 1916
- ▣ BOUJEAU Mathurin Hippolyte : Private 2nd class , Military Cross
- ▣ He died in Bar-le-Duc (Meuse) on September 18, 1916
- ▣ LOZON Emile François Joseph : Born June 17, 1877 in Nantes ; Volunteer
- ▣ LOZON Etienne : Born August 29, 1878 in Nantes
- ▣ LOZON Alphonse-François : Born January 5, 1882 in Rezé
- ▣ Committed to the 62nd Infantry Regiment in Lorient
- ▣ MACE Edouard René : Born June 2, 1879 in Rezé
- ▣ Application to be exempted before the board of revisors to be "marine registered"
- ▣ Sergeant, he died in Zeitenlink near Salonika on January 25, 1917
- ▣ MACE Louis Marie : Born October 24, 1888 in Rezé
- ▣ Death at Terre Champenoise September 7, 1914
- ▣ MONNIER Maurice, Louis, Alphonse : Born August 7, 1898 in Rezé
- ▣ Death in Gournay (Oise) on June 15, 1918
- ▣ PERRAUD Charles Victor Marie : Born February 8, 1898 in Rezé
- ▣ Died in Senlis on August 7, 1918

REDOR Emile Alfred Victor : Born December 20, 1882 in Nantes
2nd class soldier ; He died in Fleury (Meuse) on July 31, 1916

SORIN Francis Henri : Born June 4, 1890 in Rezé
Died on October 5, 1915 in La Croix-en-Champagne (Marne)

VISONNEAU Georges Pierre : Born April 19, 1880 in Rezé
Application to the Review Board to be exempted because of a significant defect

VISONNEAU François Pierre Joseph : Born September 23, 1883 in Rezé
He volunteered at the 3rd depot of the crews of the fleet in Lorient

VISONNEAU Auguste Charles : Born October 31, 1885 in Rezé
He is exempted because of a sonie on the right eye

VISONNEAU Jean-Baptiste-Alcide : Born April 15, 1887 in Rezé

VISONNEAU Aristide-Félix : Born May 1, 1890 in Rezé
In 1910, he had committed for 3 years to the 2nd light infantry
battalion in Medea (Algeria)

VISONNEAU Léon Gustave : Born March 17, 1898 in Rezé

VISONNEAU Alexis Marie Baptiste : Born March 16, 1897 in Rezé

VISONNEAU Léon Henri : Born June 22, 1893 in Rezé

Some soldiers are not mentioned in this list
(Pierre Sorin, Arsene Bardin, Blourde Francis, Marcel Rontard, Raymond
Soulas).

We did not find any information about them.