



Belgian Refugees during the First World War – an introductory bibliography

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La Guerre 1914-1918 on the *Les Classes Belem* website <<http://classes.belem.free.fr/les%20guerres/GUER%20MOND3.htm>> (includes a brief but informative paragraph on Belgian refugees in Nantes and the surrounding area, including how local people and newspapers turned against them as the war progressed)

Charles Inman Barnard – *Paris War Days* (first published 1914, latest edition Dodo Press, 2006) (containing descriptions of Belgian refugees at reception centres in Paris, this is available as an e-text from Project Gutenberg <<http://www.gutenberg.org/dirs/etext06/8prwr10.txt>>)

A Deadly Fence on the *Heritage of the Great War* website <<http://www.greatwar.nl/frames/default-draad.html>> (the history of the electric fence that separated Belgium from the Netherlands during the war, in Dutch with an English summary, including photographs, some of which may disturb sensitive readers)



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<<http://www.hemes.be/esas/mapage/euxaussi/immigration/migragen.html>>

The BELGIUM-ROOTS Project <<http://belgium.rootsweb.com/index.html>>

Ecole sans Racisme <<http://www.ecolesansracisme.be/site/>>

German atrocities and the image of 'Poor Little Belgium'

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Larry Zuckermann – *The Rape of Belgium: The Untold Story of World War I* (New York University Press, 2004)

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The Bryce Report (1915, latest edition Kessinger Publishing, 2004) (this investigation into German atrocities in Belgium, also called *Report of the Committee on Alleged German Outrages*, is available on several websites, including *The World War One Document Archive* <http://www.gwpda.org/wwi-www/BryceReport/bryce_r.html> and the *Yale Law School* website <<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/brycere.htm>>)



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Michaël Amara – La propagande belge et l'image de la Belgique aux Etats-Unis pendant la Première Guerre mondiale in *Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Nieuwste Geschiedenis/Revue Belge d'Histoire Contemporaine*, XXX 1-2 (2000) pp. 173-226 <<http://www.flwi.ugent.be/btng-rbhc/pdf/BTNG-RBHC,%2030,%202000,%201-2,%20pp%20173-226.pdf>> (an interesting article about the Belgian propaganda effort in the USA and how its attempts in the latter part of the war to portray Belgium as a combatant nation rather than a victim failed to catch the US public's imagination)

Lucy Fitch Perkins – *The Belgian Twins* (The Riverside Press, 1917) (a children's story, available on the University of Pennsylvania's *A Celebration of Women Writers* website <<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/perkins/belgian/belgian.html>>)

Britain during the First World War

[None of the works below deal with Belgian refugees in any great detail, though some of them contain interesting stories]

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Occupied Belgium

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<http://www.fondationuniversitaire.be/common_docs/HerbertHooverandBelgianReliefinWorldWarIOct.42006.doc>

Jean-Pierre Roger – L'Artois minier dans la Grande Guerre: la vie en zones occupée et libre on the *La Première Guerre Mondiale en France et en Artois* page of the *NordM@g* site
<http://www.nordmag.fr/patrimoine/histoire_regionale/premiere_guerre/premiere_guerre.htm> (offers, by way of contrast, a description of conditions in occupied Northern France)

The Defence of the Liège forts

[The defence of the Liège forts was popularly seen as having saved France and Britain from defeat]

The Battle of Liège, Belgium August, 1914
<<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Delphi/9677/>>

Emile Verhaeren – *Ceux de Liège*
<<http://poesie.webnet.fr/poemes/Belgique/verhaere/206.html>> (poem)

Photographs

firstworldwar.com <<http://www.firstworldwar.com/photos/refugees.htm>>

The World War One Document Archive <<http://www.gwpda.org/photos/refugee1.htm>>

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