Tolkien and the Great War: The Threshold of Middle-earth is a 2003 book by John Garth. It is a much lauded scholarly publication about the role of the Great War on J.R.R. Tolkien and his friends in the T.C.B.S. It won the 2004 Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inkling Studies. Preface. Part One: The immortal four. Prologue. 1. Before. 2. A young man with too much imagination. 3. The Council of London. 4. The Shores of Faërie. 5. Benighted wanderers. 6. Too long in slumber. Part Two: Tears unnumbered. The O.T.C. and the Great War by Captain Alan R. Haig-Brown with an introduction by Colonel Sir Edward Ward, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.V.O. London published at the offices of "Country Life," 20 Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, W.C., and by George Newnes, Ltd., 8-11 Southampton Street, Strand, W.C. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, MCMXV. This book is also a thoughtful, sensitive, well-written consideration of the WWI generation, and how the pre-War world and the War itself formed Tolkien and his fellowship of four friends. It is the best kind of cultural-literary criticism, especially when Garth talks about how the accepted narrative of WWI became the pessimi This is a necessary book - worth reading not just for the inside dope on Tolkien's mythology (which frankly I'm not that interested in, but the book was compelling anyway). Â And then Tolkienâ€™s generation of young academics was swept-up in the Great War. Three of the four TCBS members were young officers leading patrols and assaults in the Battle of the Somme, the fourth was on a battlecruiser in the Battle of Jutland. Only one of the three sent to France came back. This book is fantastic and has a lot of great details on Tolkien's early life, down to specific address of where he lived while at Oxford. It also gives a great deal of emphasis on his closest friends and their war experiences. My only real quibble is that the "Great War" portion of the book is less meaty than I would have thought. Something like "Tolkien's Early Life" would have been a much more apt title. Overall well written, this was a quick read and I recommend it to any fan of Tolkien the man. All world wars. Tanks in the great war 1914-1918. by Brevet-Colonel J. F. C. FULLER, D.S.O. Big willie, mother or centipede, original mark I tank. Tanks in the great war 1914-1918. I dedicate this book to the modern military scientists, that small company of gentlemen who, imbued with a great idea, were willing to set all personal interest aside in order to design a machine destined to revolutionize the science of war. II. I dedicate this book to the modern armoires of the British factories, those men and women whose untiring patriotism and indomitable endurance in the workshops produced a weapon whereby the lives of many of their comrades were saved. III.