Belgian Refugees during the First World War
– an introductory bibliography

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

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