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STREET IN SEDAN.

PLAN
OF THE
BATTLE OF SEDAN,

ACCOMPANIED BY
A SHORT MEMOIR.

BY
CAPTAIN FITZ-GEORGE,
ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS.

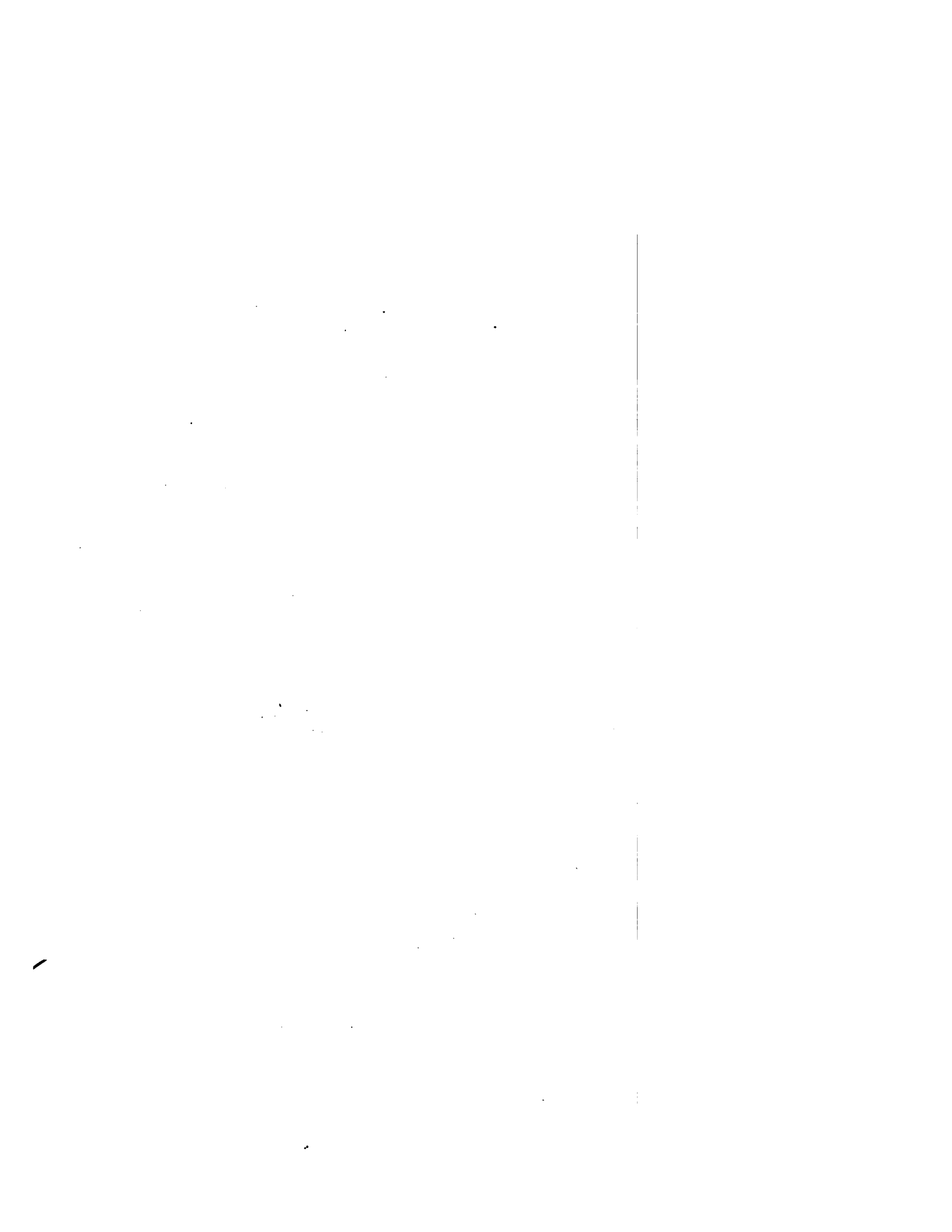
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P R E F A C E.

BEING in the vicinity of Sedan last winter, and finding that at that time no sketch of the country, on which the battle of Sedan was fought, was published, I conceived the idea of drawing up a rough Plan of the battle-field, to enable those who could not spare the time, or who were unwilling to go there, to understand the nature of the country, and the extraordinary and unusual positions taken up by both armies engaged.

The place and neighbourhood being declared in a state of siege, this was necessarily a task of some difficulty, not to say danger, from the liability of being mistaken as a spy both by Franc-tireurs and German patrols; the materials at hand were of the most limited nature, and in consequence the Plan is sadly wanting in detail.

Wishing to add to the interest of it, I have drawn up from the meagre details at command a précis of the battle, and of the engagements preceding it, besides generalizing on such subjects as affected it. I have endeavoured to make the memoir as brief as possible, and aiming at no literary merit, to limit it to what might interest the general public.

To the attention of those who desire fuller information, I recommend the 'Franco-Prussian War,' edited

by Captain Hozier, and published at uncertain intervals in divisions, in one of which an accurate description of the battle will shortly appear.

In offering the Plan and Memoir to the public, I am fully conscious how far my humble efforts fall short of what is due to the subject I have taken in hand ; but whatever be the shortcomings in them, I shall feel that I have not quite worked in vain if I succeed in interesting or conveying the least information to my readers.

I must not omit to acknowledge my obligations to the able and spirited war correspondence of the London Press, as well as to the Correspondents I had the good fortune to meet at Sedan, to whose encouragement this modest brochure mainly owes its publication.

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