



From the First World War, History retains mostly famous names such as those of generals or marshals who distinguished themselves during the conflict (Gallieni, Foch, Pétain, Mangin, Gouraud...). Some of these officers have joined the ranks of the great leaders¹ in the military Pantheon, according to the policy of public homage favored by the Third Republic. However, other French soldiers of more modest rank did not lose out and, at the end of the conflict, enjoyed unparalleled glory. This is the case of Albert Séverin Roche, whose original background did not predispose him to the rank of First Soldier of France.
