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The following quotations are offered as a possible aid in teaching the importance of artillery in military operations and as an adjunct in building esprit de corps.

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SAINT BARBARA

PATRON SAINT OF ARTILLERYMEN

According to legend, Saint Barbara was the daughter of a rich pagan family of Heliopolis in Egypt. Early in the fourth century A. D., perhaps during Diocletian's ruthless persecution of the Christians, Saint Barbara was shut up in a tower and then martyred by her father for having become a Christian. As he descended the mountain where he himself had cut off her head, a fierce storm arose, and a bolt of lightning struck him and completely consumed him. In time Saint Barbara came to be invoked against thunder and lightning and later against all accidents arising from explosions and gunpowder. She was chosen as patron saint of artillerymen, possibly because the early pieces frequently exploded when fired and artillerymen were therefore in constant danger from their own weapons.

"The greatest killer on the battlefield."

Anon

"Confidence in artillery is assurance that it is in the best possible condition...."

Anon

"The Field Artillery lends dignity to what otherwise would be nothing but a vulgar brawl."

Anon

"Guns out in the open in front of the battle line, Fought to the death--but the dying voice of the guns, Sounded the opening roll of quickening drums that swelled, To the triumph song to-day victorious ones."

Anon

A Placard

Le Cateau, France

1920

"The establishment of artillery schools was first suggested, in our service, in a letter written by Colonel Harry Knox, September 27th, 1776, to a Congressional Committee at the time visiting Army Headquarters."

Anon

The Field Artillery Journal
November - December 1938

"...On the approach of the Germans, the artillery cadets at Fontainebleau formed a hastily constituted battery and endeavoured... to stem the German advance."

Anon

"From the Observation Post,"
in The Gunner
September 1940

"A tank--or a plane--is in effect a mobile gun platform. Hence it is neither cavalry or infantry but, in the strictest sense, artillery. The defense against these weapons is likewise a gun--artillery."

Anon
The Field Artillery Journal
February 1942

"When American artillery goes after the Germans, they don't just plunk one shell here and one there to heckle. Every available gun gets on one area and smashes away for whatever length of time is necessary to wipe the place out."

Anon
The Field Artillery Journal
January 1944

"The cannoneers sweated at their tasks with a will and an unbeatable morale that made difficult jobs look easy."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
January 1945

"... Artillery fire broke the backbone of the determined counter-attack."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
January 1946

"One German prisoner remarked with an air of desperation that the only thing necessary to bring down one of our artillery concentrations was to extend one's hand outside a foxhole...."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
January 1945

"Every German soldier knows and dreads the artillery air OP."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
2 January 1945

"The air OP has become the primary means of observation for the artillery...."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
January 1945

"Prisoners are unanimous in their grudging admiration for the Allied artillery...."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
January 1945

"Allied artillery fire caused the Germans to feel insecure along the entire front."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
January 1945

"The demoralizing effect of 'round the clock' shelling was characterized by... helplessness, panic and confusion in the ranks of German personnel.... Personnel of all arms were 'paralyzed and terrorized'...."

Anon
Quoted in "Artillery in Combat"
The Field Artillery School
January 1945

"All the doughfeet know that without our artillery we would be swimming the channel instead of being in Germany. And I am sure the Germans fear that more than any arm of our Army."

Anon
The Field Artillery Journal
February 1945

"... So if anyone makes any squawk against men of artillery units, he has a good stiff kick coming from us doggies. Wherever you are, artillery, thanks a million. 'Keep throwing 'em.' "

Anon
The Field Artillery Journal
April 1945

"...The effectiveness of our counterbattery fire also became quickly evident because of the appreciably reduced shelling received from enemy artillery as our forces advanced...."

Anon
Quoted in "II Corps, Lessons of the Italian Campaign" in
The Field Artillery Journal
June 1945

"Your artillery falls on us like rain...."

Anon
Statement of a Japanese prisoner of war in Luzon as quoted in
The Field Artillery Journal
September 1945

"Pray, do they let the enemy planes fly this sky at their will? Even the artillery observation plane flies like a butterfly as if mocking us. Yet, I must remain here and fulfill my duties as a soldier of the Imperial Army."

Anon
As quoted in "Artillery Cubs in Mountain Operation" in
The Field Artillery Journal
October 1945

"The invention of artillery spelt the death-knell of castles."

Anon
"From the Observation Post"
The Gunner
April 1949

"Predictors, rockets and radar -- to mention but a few developments -- have made 'The Great Art of Artillery' more precise and less of an art than a Science."

Anon
The Gunner
July 1950

"The close-knit integration of the Artillery and the supported arm, fostered by the Artillery and so aptly illustrated by the forward observers and liaison officers, is the basis of all Artillery doctrine."

Anon
Information Pamphlet
The Artillery School
August 1950

"An Infantryman's best friend
Is not his mother
It's the Artillery, Brother! "

Anon
A range Sign
Fort Benning, Georgia
1953

"The Artillery is the blocking back for the Infantry ball carrier."

Major General Terry M. Allen
As quoted in "The Cannoneer"
20 May 1954

"... Air bombing and artillery fire served to complement each other."

"Anzio Beachhead"
Historical Division, Department of the Army
1 October 1947

"Individually and collectively artillerymen did a magnificent job in the war just won. No branch did better."

Colonel Devere Armstrong
"The Changing Present - - A New
Editor Thinks Out Loud" in
The Field Artillery Journal
December 1945

"The artilleryman . . . must invade the field of effort of other branches and the services in order to become a true artilleryman."

Major General Archibald V. Arnold
"Artillery with the Team" in
The Field Artillery Journal
Januray - February 1948

"The artillery accomplished a great deal in the war, a very great deal. In certain cases it did, perhaps by itself, resolve a situation . . . - thus contributing toward the common victory."

Marshal Pietro Badoglio
In a speech quoted in
The Field Artillery Journal
January 1940

"Man is a military animal, Glories in gunpowder, and loves parade."

Philip James Bailey
"Festus, A Metropolis"
18 - -

"There is nothing the artillery won't or can't do; no place the artillery won't or can't go."

Major General David G. Barr
CG, 7th Inf Division
Korea 1950

"To insure success it is vital importance that the army should have an overwhelming force of field artillery."

General William F. Barry
As quoted in "Historical Sketch
of the Artillery - - United States
Army"
23 August 1951

"I hope to cover the ground on the artillery, not only in Normandy, but all the way."

Major General R. O. Barton
In a letter
The Field Artillery Journal
May - April 1949

"Gun flashes are squirts of flame. Mortars are just winks. Shell bursts flashes. Nebelwerfers like Roman Candles."

"Battlefield Information"
The Field Artillery Journal
1944

"And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them into the city."

The Holy Bible
I Samuel 20: 40

"From the very beginning of its existence . . . , artillery was a thing apart"

Major General H. G. Bishop
"Field Artillery"
1935

"... Fire must never cease..."

Major General H. G. Bishop
"Field Artillery"
1935

"The King of Battles"

Major General H. G. Bishop
Subtitle for "Field Artillery"
1935

"The basic tools of the field artilleryman are his guns, his transport, and his five senses."

Major General H. G. Bishop
"Field Artillery"
1935

"...Field Artillery entered the...War with a strong sense of mission-- not only to support, but to live and die with its infantry."

Major General H. G. Bishop
"Field Artillery"
1935

"The criterion of an artilleryman or any artillery unit is the ability to produce results in battle."

Brigadier General James F.
Brittingham
To Officer Candidates upon
graduation The Artillery School
1935

"Increase your range about 300 yards and give them hell."

Lt. Col. E. H. Burba
As quoted in "Sidi Bou Zid To
Sbeitla" in
The Field Artillery Journal
Jnauray 1944

✓ "Artillery which cannot march is useless and a burden upon the lines of supply; Artillery which cannot maintain itself, soon falls by the way-side, and artillery which cannot shoot, becomes not only useless, but a positive menace to its own associates."

Colonel Henry W. Butner
In "The Shrapnel - - 1923",
Field Artillery School 1923

"Arm! Arm! it is--it is--the cannon's opening roar!"

George, Lord Byron
"Childe Harold," c. III, xxii

"The Cannon's breath
Wings the far hissing globe of death."

George, Lord Byron
"The Seige of Corinth,"
Stanza 2

"Then shock the hills with thunder riven!
Then rush'd the steed, to battle driven;
And louder than the bolts of Heaven,
For flash'd the red artillery."

Thomas Campbell
"Hohenlinden"
1803

"The three great elements of modern civilization, Gunpowder, Printing, and the Protestant Religion."

Thomas Carlyle
"State of German Literature," in
Critical and Miscellaneous Essays

"The whiff of grapeshot.... if need be, will give quick account of it."

Thomas Carlyle
"The French Revolution," Vol. I
1837

"The first lines are not all that we must expect to see smashed by artillery fire in case of attack, but the whole group of lines in the forward position."

General de Langle de Cary
Commander, Central Army Group
February 1916

"...Our guns must no more retreat on the approach of tanks than Wellington's squares at Waterloo on the approach of hostile cavalry."

Winston Churchill
"The Second World War," Book I
1948

"Thundered the cannon of France."

Arthur Hugh Clough
"The Bothie of Tober-na-Vuolich"

"The artillery saved the day at Buena Vista...."

Robert F. Cocklin
In a review of "Thomas: Rock of Chickamauga" in
The Field Artillery Journal
January - February 1949

"Thomas never lost his appreciation of the tremendous value of field artillery, and he became its leading exponent during the Civil War."

Robert F. Cocklin
In a review of "Thomas: Rock of Chickamauga" in
The Field Artillery Journal
January - February 1949

"To preserve the pride of accomplishment which has always made the Artillery great."

Brigadier General William H. Col
Message to students in Informati
Pamphlet
The Artillery School
August 1950

"The great superiority of our artillery gave us a tremendous edge on the Germans."

Lieutenant General J. Lawton Collins
As quoted in The Field Artillery
Journal
September 1946

"We have the best artillery in the world."

General J. Lawton Collins
Desert Rock, Nevada
25 May 1953

"The rocket is, in truth, an arm by which the whole system of military tactics is destined to be changed."

Major General Sir William Congreve
(circa 1806)

"The essence of field artillery is the maneuver of fires."

Major General John A. Crane
"Full Use of Field Artillery" in
The Field Artillery Journal
June 1945

"The artillery must be prepared to concentrate a great volume of fire wherever it is needed, so as to dominate rapidly any part of the battlefield which may be threatened."

General Charles DeGaulle
"The Army of the Future"
1941

"... The atom shaved down to fit into an artillery projectile....
The greatest ordnance advance since the Greeks made a ballista."

Colonel Del Campo
As quoted in "How we Made the
A-Gun Shell"
The Saturday Evening Post
21 November 1953

"The murderous artillery fire forced us to withdraw...."

Dispatch from the Russian
Commander
Battle of Inkerman
Crimean War
1854

"...The formidable concentrations of Soviet artillery material in the course of the war were possible only because the German Commanding almost exclusively towards the 'Blitzkrieg', did not understand in time the full importance of the cannon and was not able to throw against the Soviet artillery a weapon capable of countering it."

Official Document
United States Army

"Marshal Stalin called the artillery the 'main shock force of the Red Army!' The Soviet Command, in fact, considers the artillery at least on the echelon where it is centralized, as the essential means of action available to the command."

Official Document
United States Army

"Artillery is the dominant factor in winning this war. Its technique in massing fires quickly is amazing. We have the best artillery in the world."

Major General Manton Eddy
Commanding General, XII Corps
As quoted in "Battlefield
Information" The Field Artillery
School
(circa) 1944

"Work of the artillery has been of highest order."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower
As quoted in official correspondence
1943

"...Our massed fire technique was one of the decisive factors of our ground campaigns throughout the world."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower
As quoted in "A Military History
of World War II" by T. D. Stamps
and V. J. Esposito

"The speed, accuracy and devastating power of American Artillery won confidence and admiration from the troops it supported and inspired fear and respect in the enemy."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower
As quoted in The Field Artillery
Journal
May 1946

"The Artillery is the most important of our arms."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
As quoted by Lieutenant General
Chiang Ching-Kuo
19..

"The first definite description of a gun or cannon appeared in 1313."

American Peoples Encyclopedia,
Vol. II
1952

"The missiles spread themselves abroad like a cloud; they roar like thunder; they flame like a furnace; they reduce everything to ashes."

Escorial Ms Nr 1249

"Artillery is the most effective means of combatting tanks -- and the most economical."

"FA Information Letter Nr 2"
United States Marine Corps
31 October 1944

"To be effective, artillery fire of *suitable density* must hit the target at the *right time* and with the *appropriate projectile* and fuze."

FM 6-40, Field Artillery Gunner
January 1950

"It is artillery which can, of course, act first."

General Ferdinand Foch
"The Principles of War"
1918

"The Artillery had gained in importance to a degree never dreamed of."

Herman Foertsch
"The Art of Modern Warfare"
1940

"... The Artillery came out of the war with more brilliancy than the other corps of the army ..."

Fortescue
As quoted by Lt. A. W. Wilson
"The Story of the Gun" in
The Field Artillery Journal
1946

✓ "Do not forget your dogs of big guns, which are the most-to-be respected arguments of the rights of kings."

Frederick the Great
As quoted in "War Through the
1946

"Artillery conquers and infantry occupies."

Fuller
Army Ordnance
January - February 1931

"The... lesson which I learnt... accentuated what reading had already led me to suppose, namely that artillery is to-day the superior arm..."

J. F. C. Fuller
As quoted in the Field Artillery
Journal
February 1942

"When the Germans renewed their large scale offensive on the Western Front in 1916 at Verdun, it was the newly created French heavy artillery which beat them back and saved the country."

Irving M. Gibson
"Makers of Modern Strategy"

"Guns will make us powerful; butter will only make us fat."

Hermann Goering
Radio Broadcast
Summer 1936

✓ "Divisional artillery, reinforced with a mass of corps and army artillery, was often the giant member of the team, and performed the decisive role in battle...."

Kent Roberts Greenfield
"The Historian and the Army"
1954

"Form the crossed cannons
They never will run --
The limber and rolling caisson,
The trace and the collar,
The rumble of gun
As we follow the Red Guidon."

Gerald E. Griffin
Chorus, "The Red Guidon"

"Promiscuous concentrations at suspected areas chosen either on the ground or from a map will seldom achieve any results...."

Colonel L. S. Griffing
As quoted in "Battlefield
Information"
The Field Artillery School
(circa) 1944

"Always aim at the enemy if you know where he is, either by registered or predicted fire."

Colonel L. S. Griffing
As quoted in "Battlefield
Information"
The Field Artillery School
(circa) 1944

"A large measure of the success of the Fifth Army offensive can be attributed to the complete domination of the battlefield by supporting artillery. This superiority was obtained by a most complete and thorough planning by all artillery commanders."

Colonel L. S. Griffing
As quoted in "Battlefield
Information"
The Field Artillery School
(circa) 1944

"The frontal attack upon a battery in action can never succeed, if only the gunners stand firm and keep cool."

(pseud.) Handspike
"Aldershot Fifty Years Ago" in
The Gunner
August 1949

"The artillery...reaped a harvest and accomplished more in furtherance of the common cause than possibly has ever been done by a similar group of battalions in the history of the army."

Brigadier General A. M. Harper
In official correspondence
As quoted in "Saipan: The
Beginning of the End"
1950

"The development of a cannon capable of the battlefield delivery of atomic shell fire rapidly, accurately and under all weather conditions is a signal landmark in military history."

Major General A. M. Harper
"Test of the 280mm Gun"
1 May 1953

"...it is by the concentrated use of a large artillery mass that the commander aims, in reality, to deliver the decisive blow."

B. H. Liddell Hart
"The Remaking of Modern Armies"
1927

"Field Artillery support is essential to success."

Brigadier General Charles E. Hart
"Artillery Representation on High
Level Before and during Combat"
in The Field Artillery Journal
September - October 1948

"The Artillery, as a branch of service, stands second to none."

Major General Charles E. Hart
An address to officers of The
Artillery Center
4 January 1954

"The battlefield achievements of the artillery arm have enhanced the prestige of the entire American Army as well as its own reputation."

Major General Harry F. Hazlett
In official correspondence
14 June 1943

"Throughout the day the discipline was excellent. The guns were served steadily, there was no sign of the men being rattled, and when the time came to retire the drivers went off at a slow jog without any jostling to be away first."

Major General Sir John Headlam,
K.B.E.
"Gunners to be proud of" in
The Gunner
August 1949

"Infants in World War II, rocket missiles are destined to be the giants of future warfare."

Colonel T. B. Headekin
Caption with "Artillery Rockets"
in The Field Artillery Journal
October 1946

"Kay is a fickle dame,
And she plays a wicked game,
Within proper transfer limits,
Of the shell,
And when she works,
She works very, very well,
But when she goes wrong,
She's as wrong as...
Well, she's unpredictable."

Lt. Colonel Arthur V. Hempstead
Log, 345th FA Battalion
As quoted in "Two Weeks on Active"
The Field Artillery Journal
November 1945

"Artillery constitutes a most formidable striking power continuously available to any commander of combined arms for application wide and deep over the battle area."

General Courtney H. Hodges
The Field Artillery Journal
March 1946

"The flexibility and power of modern artillery is such that, if properly organized and coordinated, it constitutes a formidable striking power continuously available to the commander - - a power, moreover, that may at any time be applied wide and deep over the battle area at the most decisive locality."

General Courtney H. Hodges
The Field Artillery Journal
January - February 1947

"The first duty of artillery is to hit, the second duty is to hit, and the third is to hit."

Hohenlohe
"Letters on Artillery" Ltr XVII

"A single gun is no gun at all."

Hohenlohe
"Letters on Artillery"
(Walford's translation, 3rd ed)

"Ben Battle was a soldier bold,
And used to war's alarms;
But a cannon-ball took off his legs,
So he laid down his arms!"

Thomas Hood
"Faithless Nellie Gray"
1840

"They ate their horses!
But saved their Guns."

L. Humphreys
"A Trumpeter in Ladysmith," in
The Gunner
May 1950

"Sponge me dry and keep me clean, and I'll fire a shot to Calais Green."

OR

"Men call me breaker of tower and wall, through hill and dale I hurl my ball."

Inscription on 16th century field piece commonly known as "Queen Elizabeth's Pocket Pistol"
1544

✓ "The last argument of kings."

Inscription on French Cannon
Engraved by order of Louis XIV
(circa) 1700

"...Terrible as a dragon and huge as a mountain; destroyer even of the strongholds of heaven, and a weapon like a fire-raining dragon."

Inscription on the Zam-Zammah
(First gun cast in India)
Engraved by order of Emperor
Durri Dowian
1757

"The Major General tenders to the troops... his good wishes for a happy new year, and especially to those officers and men at the pieces of Artillery."

General Andrew Jackson
Orders, Battle of New Orleans
December 1812

"As a front-line infantry battalion officer, it is my unqualified opinion (and I can vouch for its being that of every infantryman with whom I served) that the work of the artillery units in the 4th Infantry Division was the deciding factor in the crucial battles fought by the regiments in the campaign from Utah Beach to Cherbourg, in the bloody battles in the hedgerows of the Carentan swamps, and especially in the critical battle of Mortain."

Colonel Gerden F. Johnson
As quoted in "Artillery in Normandy"
The Field Artillery Journal
March-April 1949

"There ought to be a respectable body of artillery established which shall be equal to all the services of war."

Colonel Harry Knox
In a letter to General Washington
August 1776

"Much is required from an officer of artillery...."

General Knox
As quoted in "Historical Sketch of the Artillery - United States Army"
1844

"The artillery, however, presented a more noble aspect. These men, trained in the ways of honor, and with the pride of their school in their hearts, kept the stragglers and common soldiers away from the guns. Here when a horse fell it was replaced by one taken from one of the officers' private carriages or from a wagon. At any cost the guns would not be left behind. When horses failed the men harnessed themselves to the lighter pieces, bound the ropes about their arms and dragged on."

Manuel Komroff
"Coronet"
1930

✓ "There is something very encouraging and comforting to the infantry, when at... critical moments they hear their own guns thundering close at hand...."

Prince Kraft
As quoted in "Field Artillery with Other Arms"
1898

"... Artillery played a very important part. It was handled effectively and aggressively and contributed greatly to the success of the operation."

General Walter Krueger
"From Down Under to Nippon"
1953

"PROPERTY OF U.S. ARMY"

"The artillery must sacrifice itself. Even at the risk of being captured together with your ordnance, fire your last shot at the enemy."

Count Kutaisov
Order of the Day, Borodino
1812

"... The infantry must never be deprived of powerful artillery support."

Ludendorff
As quoted in The Field Artillery
Journal
February 1942

"On every occasion when artillery was used with audacity the Japanese were checkmated and seemed completely bewildered."

General Douglas MacArthur
The Field Artillery Journal

"Cannons and fire-arms are cruel and damnable machines; I believe them to have been the direct suggestion of the Devil. If Adam had seen in a vision the horrible instruments his children were to invent, he would have died of grief."

Martin Luther
"Table-Talk," DCCCXX
1569

"In many situations that seemed desperate, the artillery has been the most vital factor."

General Douglas MacArthur
The Field Artillery Journal
June 1942

"The strong effect of massing artillery fire... has been proven beyond question."

General Douglas MacArthur
The Field Artillery Journal
June 1942

"In our operations over thirty-five years, I have known of no braver episode than the fight by which the field artillery broke out of Kunuri Gauntlet."

S. L. A. Marshall
13 March 1953

"They fought to save their guns."

S.L.A. Marshall
Title of an article,
Combat Forces Journal
May 1953

"Artillerymen have a love for their guns which is perhaps stronger than the feeling of any soldier for his weapon or any part of his equipment."

S. L. A. Marshall
"They Fought to Save Their Guns,"
in Combat Forces Journal
May 1953

"The Artillery never retire"

British Artillery Maxim

"One gun on land is worth ten at sea."

French Military Maxim

"The French... give sentimental homage to the infantry, but their real respect is for the artillery. It is the decisive arm."

Robert R. McCormack
(Publisher, The Chicago Tribune)
"French Medieval Artillery" in
The Field Artillery Journal
January - February 1933

"And rounder, rounder, rounder, roared the iron six-pounder, Hurling death!"

G. H. McMaster
"Carmen Bellicosum"
1849

"The battle results in the matter of artillery support have demonstrated conclusively that the current artillery doctrines are sound and probably the most advanced in the world."

Lieutenant General L.J. McNair
In official correspondence
3 June 1943

"Cannon his name,
Cannon his voice, he came."

George Meredith
"Napoleon I"
18 - -

"It takes good artillery--artillery inspiring the utmost confidence in tankers and infantry--to support a headlong charge toward a hail of high explosive."

Captain John H. Merriam
"Artillery's Part in the
Bastogne Break-in" in
The Field Artillery Journal
July 1945

"I would like to pay a compliment to the gunners, and I would like this to be passed on to every gunner."

"The gunners have risen to great heights in this war; they have been well commanded and well handled."

Field Marshal B.L. Montgomery
Tribute to Royal Regiment of
Artillery
27 June 1945

"In my experience the artillery has never been so efficient as it is today; it is at the top of its form."

Field Marshal B.L. Montgomery
Tribute to Royal Regiment of
Artillery
27 June 1945

"The contribution of the artillery to final victory...has been immense. This will always be so; the harder the fighting and the longer the war, the more the infantry, and in fact all the arms, lean on the gunners."

Field Marshal B.L. Montgomery
Tribute to Royal Regiment of
Artillery
27 June 1945

"The artillery consists of particularly well-behaved men."

Sir John Moore
As quoted in The Field Artillery
Journal
February 1946

"Faithful and True"

Motto
5th FA Battalion

"Without Fear, Favor or the Hope of Reward"

Motto
13th FA Battalion

"We open the Way"

Motto
68th Armored FA Battalion

"Can and Will"

Motto
82nd FA Battalion

"Eager to Assist"

Motto
120th FA Battalion

"Skill and Force"

Motto
192nd FA Battalion

"They shall not pass"

Motto
195th FA Battalion

"Action"

Motto
311th FA Battalion

"Keep Them Rolling"

Motto
323rd FA Battalion

"Nothing to be Explained"

Motto
567th FA Battalion

"Strike Hard"

Motto
577th FA Battalion

"On the Way"

Motto
579th FA Battalion

"Let fortune yield to experience."

OR

"Skill is better than luck."

Motto
The Field Artillery School
Fort Sill, Oklahoma
(authorized) 1926

"Artillery has never been employed on such a mass scale as by the Red Army in this war against Nazi Germany."

Lieutenant General Georgi Nadisov
Chief of Staff of Artillery of Troops
Radio Speech, as quoted in
The Field Artillery Journal
February 1945

"When once the melee has begun, the man who is clever enough to bring up an unexpected force of artillery, without the enemy knowing it, is sure to carry the day."

Napoleon
"Maxims of War"

"In march, or in position, the greater part of the artillery should be with the divisions of infantry and cavalry . . . Each gun should have with it three hundred rounds, without including the limber. This is about the complement for 2 battles."

Napoleon
"Maxims of War"

"Artillery should always be placed in the most advantageous positions, and as far in front of the line of cavalry and infantry as possible, without compromising the safety of the guns . . ."

Napoleon
"Maxims of War"

"Missile weapons are now become the principal ones: It is by fire and not shock that battles are decided today."

Napoleon

"It is the artillery of my guard that decided most of my battles."

Napoleon

"Nothing is more destructive than the charge of artillery on a crowd."

Napoleon
"Maxims of War"

"The better the infantry is, the more it should be used carefully and supported with good batteries.

"Good infantry is, without a doubt, the sinew of an army; but if it is forced to fight for a long time against very superior artillery, it will become demoralized and will be destroyed. It is possible that a general who is more skillful and a better maneuverer than his adversary, having better infantry, will gain success during a part of the campaign although his artillery park is very inferior; but on a decisive day in a general action, he will feel his inferiority in artillery cruelly."

Napoleon
As quoted in "ROOTS OF STRATEGY"

"The better the infantry the more reason its strength should be husbanded by the support of artillery....."

Napoleon
"Maxims of War"

"A commandant of artillery should understand well the general principles of each branch of the service."

Napoleon
"Maxims of War"

"There is no infantry so good that it can with impunity march 1000 or 1200 metres against 16 well-placed guns, served by good gunners."

Napoleon
"Maxims of War"

"The best generals are those who have served in the artillery."

Napoleon
St. Helena

"In seige warfare, as in the open field, the gun plays the chief part; it has effected a complete revolution...."

Napoleon
As quoted in The Field
Artillery Journal
February 1942

"It is with artillery that war is made."

Napoleon
As quoted in The Field Artillery
Journal, February 1942

"God fights on the side with the best artillery."

Napoleon
The Field Artillery Journal
July-August 1948

"If the commander has the skill to bring a sudden, unexpected concentration of artillery to bear upon a selected point, he is sure to capture it."

Napoleon
As quoted in "Napoleon and
Modern War"

"Artillery will be the scourge of the world."

General Igor Oukenoff
As quoted in "Tools of War"
1942

"I do not have to tell you who won the war. You know. The Artillery did."

General George S. Patton
Artillery Conference
Bad Tolz, Germany
May 1945

"Modern warfare demands of the artilleryman a perfect technical knowledge of his weapon and a thorough understanding of its tactical employment."

General John J. Pershing
In a Letter
11 March 1922

"The World War demonstrated the importance of the Field Artillery. The majority of casualties were inflicted by this arm."

General John J. Pershing
Letter in "The Shrapnel - 1924"
The Field Artillery School
1924

"Certainly, in all armies, it is in the artillery that the soldier can best perform his duty."

Colonel Ardant du Picq
"Battle Studies"
1944

"The artillery lives tough...."

Ernie Pyle
"Brave Men"
1944

"Our artillery.....The Germans feared it almost more than anything we had."

Ernie Pyle
"Brave Men"
1944

"Our artillery played a huge part all through the Mediterranean fighting."

Ernie Pyle
"Brave Men"
1944

"After the Battle of the Marne the Allied powers began to make up their artillery backwardness very rapidly, and by the end of the war were superior in artillery to Germany."

Ludwig Rehn
"Warfare; the Relation of War to
Society" 1939

"If, after the battle is over, your infantry don't like you, you are a poor artilleryman."

Captain Henry Reilly
The Field Artillery Journal
September - October 1940

"The destruction was complete. They were churned by artillery fire from one end to the other."

Lieutenant General R.C. Richardson, Jr
As quoted in "Battlefield Information"
The Field Artillery Journal
1944

"The artillery.... is constant. It can fire day and night, in any kind of weather, and is limited in the protection that it affords the infantryman only by the supply of ammunition."

Lieutenant General R.C. Richardson, Jr
As quoted in "Battlefield Information"
The Field Artillery Journal
1944

"In none of our previous combat experience has the value of artillery been greater both in inflicting losses on hostile forces and in minimizing those of our own Infantry."

General Matthew B. Ridgway
Quoted from US News & World Report
September 1951

"The British Artillery demonstrated once again its well known excellence. Especially noteworthy was its great mobility and speed of reaction to the requirements of the assault troops."

Rommel
As quoted in The Gunner
February 1950

"The men....who batter the foe--the men behind the guns!"

John Jerome Rooney
"The Men Behind the Guns"
1898

"Our artillery was particularly good."

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr
"Average Americans"
1919

"American artillery, working under peculiar difficulties was called on for strong support and gave it."

"St Lo"
Historical Division, War Department
21 August 1946

"...The American artillery, guided by air observers..., was not only silencing German batteries but destroying the infantry even in their dugouts."

"St Lo"
Historical Division, War Department
21 August 1946

"...Field Marshal Kluge...required the German air combat the 'particularly obnoxious artillery observation planes'...."

"St Lo"
Historical Division, War Department
21 August 1946

"The German Seventh Army singled out for special mention the power of U.S. artillery support...."

"St Lo"
Historical Division, War Department
21 August 1946

"The Nimble Gunner"

Shakespeare
"Henry V," Act III

"The cannons have their bowels full of wrath,
And ready mounted are they to spit forth
Their iron indignation."

Shakespeare
"King John," Act II

"Washington rode from the bloody fray
Up to the gun that a woman manned.
'Molly Pitcher, you saved the day,'
He said, as he gave her a hero's hand."

Kate Brownlee Sherwood
"Molly Pitcher," Stanza 5

"No matter how highly trained the infantry and other branches may be, there is no action until the artillery is ready."

Brigadier General William J. Snow
"A Message to the Field Artillery" in
The Field Artillery Journal
January-March 1918

"No army is efficient unless its field artillery is efficient."

Major General William J. Snow
Letter in "The Shrapnel - 1924"
The Field Artillery School
1 March 1924

"There is no other arm of the service whose efficiency is so directly dependent upon its officers as is the field artillery."

Major General William J. Snow
Letter in "The Shrapnel - 1924"
The Field Artillery School
1 March 1924

"The ultimate unit is not the man,....but the gun...."

Captain Oliver L. Spaulding, Jr
"Notes on Field Artillery"
1908

**"The guns are the nucleus of, and reason for the artillery defense -
artillerymen must defend their guns."**

ST 6-101-1 Defense of Field
Artillery Against Ground Attack
The Artillery School
September 1951

"The gun emplacements...are the final rallying point for the defense"

ST 6-101-1 Defense of Field
Artillery Against Ground Attack
The Artillery School
September 1951

**"Artillery units properly prepared for defense cannot be overcome
by the enemy."**

ST 6-101-1 Defense of Field
Artillery Against Ground Attack
The Artillery School
September 1951

"Artillery is the god of war."

Stalin
As quoted by Captain W. B. Young
"Artillery Offensive" in
The Field Artillery Journal
January 1946

**"Whoever thinks that one can win a war with mighty aviation alone
is deeply mistaken. If we look back into history we see what an
important role artillery has played in all wars."**

Stalin
As quoted in "Soviet Military
Doctrine" 1953

**"At no other time in history has Field Artillery occupied such a
conspicuous place as it won in the World War."**

Major General Charles P. Sumner
The Field Artillery Journal
September 1930

**"It matters not what form the enemy's attack assumes or by what
medium he appears, The Field Artillery must be able to overcome him."**

Major General Charles P. Sumner
The Field Artillery Journal
September 1930

"The Field Artillery must contribute its full share to the task."

Major General Charles P. Sumner
The Field Artillery Journal
September 1930

"... Artillery succeeded where, otherwise, we would have failed."

General Charles P. Sumner
As quoted in "Men of West Point."
1951

"A little more grape, Captain Bragg."

General Zachary Taylor
Battle of Buena Vista
22 February 1847

**"For this is England's greatest son,
He that gain'd a hundred fights,
Nor ever lost an English gun."**

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
"Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington"

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon in front of them
Volley'd and thunder'd."

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
"The Charge of the Light Brigade"
1854

"No branch of the U. S. Army has a better combat record in World War II than the Field Artillery."

Time Magazine
23 August 1943

"... Respite in infantry fighting brings no respite from the nerve-wracking devil's clockwork of the artillery - men."

Time Magazine
29 March 1954

"Artillery will determine the pace and final success-. . . . The old adage still stands: God is on the side with the best cannon."

Time Magazine
22 May 1944

"Artillery had its infancy in common with all other sciences; but its progress towards improvement was much slower."

Louis de Tousard
"American Artillerists Companion," Vol II
1890

"The battle of Fredericksburg is of considerable interest to artillerymen, representing one of the prime cases in the Civil War of the engagement of infantry by cannon in masses."

Major John B. B. Trussell, Jr
"Pelham-Gallant Gunner" in
The Field Artillery Journal
March-April 1949

"...The decisive effect of a well-placed battery appealed to his instincts with greater force than the wild rush of a charge of infantry."

Major John B. B. Trussell, Jr
"Guns Before Chapultepec," in
The Field Artillery Journal
May-June 1949

"He was a brave officer, who was loved by his men. . . . ; Reilly's Battery' was the pride of the force."

Major John B. B. Trussell, Jr
"At the Gates of the Manchus," in
The Field Artillery Journal
March-April 1950

"It's high time we heard from the Artillery, too. The only thing wrong with our Artillery during the war was its public relations. Our Artillery was so good that it didn't have to whip up interest."

Garrett Underhill
In a review of "The Red Army Today" in
Armored Cavalry Journal
January-February 1950

"It may well be that an American Artilleryman is best fitted to appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of a foreign force which is highly conscious of the value of fire and movement."

Garrett Underhill
In a review of "The Red Army Today" in
Armored Cavalry Journal
January-February 1950

"The Russian counter-offensive which opened November 19, 1942, . . . began with a barrage that surpassed any in previous battles, and was officially credited with being the principal cause of the German rout."

Fred K. Vigman
"The Theoretical Evaluation of Artillery. . ."
in Military Affairs
Fall 1952

"...The weight of Allied artillery ground the Germans to a stop."

Fred K. Vigman
"The Theoretical Evaluation of Artillery. . ."
in Military Affairs
Fall 1952

"Don't talk to me about your Hussars; against that rascal it is guns we want, and plenty of guns."

Furst Von Blucher
As quoted in "The Transformations of War"
1912

"Artillery increases the destructive principle of fire; it is the most redoubtable of arms...."

General Carl Von Clausewitz
"On War" (Vol. II)
1911

"Now, more than ever, the artillery is the indispensable companion of the infantry."

General Colmar Von Der Goltz
"The Nation in Arms"
1883

"... Not having prepared their attack by artillery fire, it came to nothing..."

Field Marshal Count Von Moltke
"The Franco-German War"
1891

"Again the artillery opened the attack."

Field Marshal Count Von Moltke
"The Franco-German War"
1891

"A large share of the success... must be attributed to the artillery."

Field Marshal Count Von Moltke
"The Franco-German War"
1891

"... 17,000... killed, the work principally of the... artillery."

Field Marshal Count Von Moltke
"The Franco-German War"
1891

"Your.... Artillery.... has made the fighting very hard for us...."

General Von Ravenstein
formerly CG, 21st Panzer Division
1945

"... Artillery has shown itself, especially in defense, to be the backbone of the front."

Captain von Schonau
As quoted in "Artillery in Major Battles"
Military Review
December 1944

"There are no manifestoes like cannon and musketry"

Duke of Wellington
Roget's Thesaurus
1954

".... The work for giants --- to serve well the guns! "

Walt Whitman
As quoted in "Narrative History of the
109th F. A.
1932

"The Sturdy artillery! "

Walt Whitman
As quoted in "Narrative History of the
109th F. A.

"Possibly no single piece of equipment has received more praise from all quarters than has the artillery Cub plane."

Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Williams
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 20th
Armored Division
February 1944

"Extremely difficult terrain, the limitations of available materiel, and the fast-moving nature of most campaigns made the employment of artillery against Indians a difficult problem and often of questionable value. However, when served by well-trained crews and handled by a commander who understood its capabilities, artillery proved its effectiveness against the red man time after time."

Lt Colonel Philip R. Willmarth
"Artillery on the Western Frontier" in
The Field Artillery Journal
July-August 1949

"Judging from the record, it is clear that artillery -- although used sparingly -- did its part and did it well whenever and wherever it was committed against the savage raiders of the West."

Lt Colonel Philip R. Willmarth
"Artillery on the Western Frontier" in
The Field Artillery Journal
July-August 1949

"...The reechoing of the guns through the valley... undoubtedly multiplied the number of our guns in the estimation of the Indians."

Lt Colonel Philip R. Willmarth
"Artillery on the Western Frontier" in
The Field Artillery Journal
July-August 1949

"...Sometimes horse artillery, without being followed by its caissons, dashes itself in the very face of the enemy, who is deluged with grape in preparation for a charge..."

Lt Colonel Philip R. Willmarth
"Artillery on the Western Frontier" in
The Field Artillery Journal
July-August 1949

"The Field Artillery accepts with pride its mission as the primary supporting arm to the Infantry and Armor. It operates zealously to maintain its established reputation as the greatest killer on the battlefield, whether by conventional projectile, atomic projectile, free rocket, or guided missile. It executes its mission with an esprit that is widely recognized as the Spirit of the Field Artillery."

Major General A. M. Harper

"Renown awaits the commander who first in this war restores artillery to its prime importance on the battlefield."

Winston Churchill, 1941

"That guns will never be deserted simply because danger threatens is a point of honor around which the artillery has largely built the solid discipline of its corps."

S. L. A. Marshall
"They Fought to Save Their Guns"

"We have the best artillery in the world."

General J. Lawton Collins
Desert Rock, Nevada
25 May 1953

"Augment your artillery, without which you will have no success in your enterprises."

Frederick The Great

"The Gunners are distinguished from the other soldiers by their excellent spirit. In action their handling is skillful, their aim perfect, and their courage supreme."

General Maximilien Foy

"The artillery saved my arm /Infantry/ from utter destruction and sacrificed itself to cover the retreat."

Frederick The Great

"The great artillery masses decided the result of battle, Napoleon's enemies were compelled to imitate him before they could master him."

Prince Kraft Hohenlohe

"In my opinion the terror the cannons breed is as much to be feared as the execution that follows though it be great."

General Monro

"It is the opinion of the Commanding General that artillery was the most effective weapon employed during the operation. Close support was given to the infantry in both attack and defense and harassing fires at night were particularly effective. The troops have great confidence in the power of our own artillery."

General Shepherd
From "The Recapture of Guam"

"Formerly to win a victory the fighting force needed only courage and strength; today it must have artillery."

Frederick The Great

"The Germans suffered their first heavy defeat near Moscow in the autumn of 1941. In this rout of the enemy, the Soviet artillery played a decisive part."

Information Bulletin
Embassy of the U.S.S.R.
17 November 1945

✓ "The infantry must never be deprived of powerful artillery support."

Ludendorff

"March to the sound of the guns".

See: "The Art of Marching"
by Col. George A. Furse
1901

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