

## **THE GUNNERS**

If you don't have enough artillery, quit.

General Richard Cavasos

Renown awaits the commander who first restores artillery to its prime importance on the battlefield.

Winston Churchill

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

General Dwight Eisenhower

Artillery adds dignity to what would otherwise be a vulgar brawl.

Frederick the Great

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

Frederick the Great

Artillery conquers and infantry occupies.

J.F.C. Fuller

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

Hermann Goering

Gunner time is always right; it might not be correct, but it's always right.

Gunner saving

The war also vindicates the establishment of specialist corps of highly trained and prepared units ready for instant deployment. The Royal Artillery provided superb support for the infantry – indeed, the gunners' contribution to most of the battles of the war was decisive.

Max Hastings

You may hide in the caves, they'll be only your graves, but you can't get away from the guns.

Rudyard Kipling

The guns, thank God, the guns ....

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No one accuses the gunner of maudlin affection for anything except his beasts and his weapons. He serves as least three jealous gods – his horse and all its saddlery and harness; his gun, whose least detail of efficiency is more important than men's lives; and, when these have been attended to, the never-ending mystery of his art commands him.

Rudyard Kipling

In many situations that seemed desperate, the artillery has been a most vital factor. General Douglas MacArthur

One thing that allowed 1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment to adapt so quickly and so well to the conditions in Vietnam was the high level of training which had been achieved in Australia. They practiced and practiced until the drills became second nature.

Lex McAulay

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 Benard Montgomery

God fights on the side with the best artillery.

Napoleon

The first shot is for the Devil, the second for God, and only the third is for the King. *Napoleon* 

With artillery, war is made.

Napoleon

Leave the artillerymen alone, they are an obstinate lot.

Napoleon

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

Napoleon

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

Napoleon

The better the infantry, the more one must husband and support it with good batteries.

Napoleon

I do not have to tell you who won the war. You know the artillery did. General George Patton

The Great War demonstrated the importance of field artillery; the majority of casualties were inflicted by the Arm.

General John Pershing

Where a goat can go, a man can go; where a man can go, he can drag a gun. Colonel William Phillips

The single factor that had the greatest effect on the outcome of the Battle (Long Tan) was the artillery.

Major Harry Smith

Artillery, the god of war.

Stalin

Cannon to the right of them, cannon to the left of them, cannon in front of them; Volley'ed and thundered.

Lord Tennyson

Calling for artillery fire to cover their withdrawal and getting it quickly, won the day (Falklands War).

Brigadier Julian Thompson

Ultima ratio regum (The final argument of kings).

The inscription on French cannons

The gun is the rallying point of the detachment; its flag, its banner. It is that to which the men look, by which they stand, with which they fall. As long as the gun is theirs they are unconquered, victorious; when the gun is lost, all is lost. It is their religion to fight until the enemy is out of range or until the gun itself is withdrawn, or until both it and the detachment are in the hands of the foe.

Unknown

Gunners believe the world consists of two types of people; other gunners and targets. *Unknown* 

Gunners will always fight together, drink together, laugh together and morn together. *Unknown* 

There is no judge more equitable than a cannon.

Unknown

There is no job in the field artillery for the weak, the timid or the indecisive. *Unknown* 



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