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February 5, 1991
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**BRIEF REMARKS: VETERANS BILLS SIGNING
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1991
11:15 A.M.**

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From Midway to Normandy; from Inchon to Khe Sahn; to last week's battle of Khafji, American Marines, soldiers, airmen, sailors and Coastguardsmen have given 'their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor' to keep freedom safe. We are fighting for peace today as they did then, because America must lead, as we always have.

All of you -- all of us -- have seen combat, that most gut wrenching of all human experiences. And not one of us will ever forget it. But we are here today to ensure that our nation will ever remember those who defended her -- the men and women who stood where duty required them to stand.

It is my honor today to sign into law two bills which give veterans and their families the compensation they deserve. The first, HR 3, provides for a 1991 cost-of-living adjustment; the second, HR 556, gives monies for compensation and research for veterans suffering from diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of the Veterans Affairs Administration, as well as the Congress in the tough negotiations over this legislation. And I want to salute those who ensured

that in the end, a bipartisan spirit prevailed to pass this important legislation. These two bills meet the urgent needs of our veterans -- and will build the confidence of tomorrow's veterans that they and their loved ones will not be forgotten.

A grateful nation salutes all our veterans for the difference they have made in the history of this country, and of the world. Our allied forces are sacrificing much today in pursuit of peace tomorrow. Their cause is just and noble, and the American people are behind them foursquare. I think everyone in this room is as proud of them as I am. //

And while their mission is a difficult and demanding one, not one man or woman serving in the Persian Gulf will not have to fight with one hand tied behind their back -- nor will they stay there one day longer than absolutely necessary. //

Each and every one of them has volunteered to stand against a dictator who must be stopped; each has gone to stand up for what is moral and right in the world. The brave men and women of Desert Storm know -- as we knew when we faced similar evils in our time -- that when the forces of aggression arise, America stands ready to do the hard work of freedom.

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New Zealand deploys infantry company to Vietnam for combat operations in III Corps.

485,600 U.S. military personnel now in Vietnam. 16,021 U.S. military killed in action to date.

At end of year, 59,300 Free World Military Forces personnel in Vietnam; SVNAF strength increases to 798,000; 60,428 SVNAF killed in action to date.

1968

- 3 January Minnesota Senator Eugene McCarthy announces his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.
- 19 January Operation Pershing ends; 5,401 known enemy casualties.
- Operation McLain begun by U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade as reconnaissance-in-force operation in support of pacification in Binh Thuan Province, II Corps.
- 20 January Operation Byrd ends; 849 known enemy casualties.
- 21 January Khe Sanh besieged by North Vietnamese Army. Operation Niagara begun by U.S. Air Force to support U.S. Marines in combat operations at Khe Sanh.

- 30 January Operation Jeb Stuart begun by U.S. First Cavalry Division (Airmobile) initial operation in northern I Corps following Pershing operations in II Corps.
- During the Tet holiday Viet Cong and North Vietnamese mount major offensives in three-fourths of the 44 provincial capitals of South Vietnam. U.S. and ARVN forces launch Tet Counteroffensive.
- Operation Maeng Ho 9 ends; 749 known enemy casualties.
- 31 January Attack on U.S. embassy in Saigon repulsed.
- Hué captured by Viet Cong and North Vietnamese; Battle of Hué begins as ARVN and U.S. Marine elements counterattack to expel enemy from city.
- General Leonard F. Chapman replaces General Wallace M. Greene as Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- January U.S. Navy begins Operation Clearwater to interdict enemy bases and lines of communication on inland waterways in I Corps.
- 1 February Richard M. Nixon announces his candidacy for the presidency.
- 1-25 February Viet Cong and North Vietnamese massacre 2,800 civilians in Hué.

- ions during the Tet Offensive 953 known enemy casualties.
- 10-17 February All-time high weekly rate of U.S. casualties—543 killed in action, 2,547 wounded in action.
- 16 February Operation Maeng Ho 10 begun by ROK Capital Division in Binh Dinh Province, II Corps.
- 17 February Operation Tran Hung Dao I begun; continuation of Operation Tran Hung Dao in Saigon area, III Corps, with slightly reduced forces.
- 20 February The Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins hearings on the events leading to the passage of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution.
- 24 February Operation Yellowstone ends; 1,254 known enemy casualties.
- 25 February Battle of Hué ends with recapture of city by U.S./South Vietnamese forces; 5,113 known enemy casualties.
- 27 February U.S. military leaders request 206,000 additional troops for Vietnam and for security in other parts of the world.
- 29 February Operation Pershing II ends; 614 known enemy casualties.
- Operation Napoleon/Saline begun as part of U.S. Marine Corps operations along the Cua Viet River to keep this supply

ARMED FORCES

GEN JOHN W VESSEY JR, US Army, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

1 [My job is] to give the president and secretary of defense military advice before they know they need it.

NY Times 15 Jul 84

2 "Resource-constrained environment" [are] fancy Pentagon words that mean there isn't enough money to go around.

ib

3 More has been screwed up on the battlefield and misunderstood in the Pentagon because of a lack of understanding of the English language than any other single factor.

ib

4 Our strategy is one of preventing war by making it self-evident to our enemies that they're going to get their clocks cleaned if they start one.

To soldiers at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, *ib*

5 You have to set your "shove-it" tolerance someplace. But you also have to recognize that you, too, may be wrong, and that in two weeks' time you'll be "old what's-his-name" and won't be able to influence the situation at all.

On retiring after 46 years of service, *ib* 3 Sep 85

6 Don't get small units caught in between the forces of history.

Lesson learned from death of 237 US servicemen in terrorist bombing in Beirut, *ib*

ADM JAMES D WATKINS, former US Chief of Naval Operations

7 [This is] an era of violent peace.

Quoted by Richard Halloran "A Silent Battle Surfaces" NY Times 7 Dec 86

CASPAR W WEINBERGER, US Secretary of Defense

8 I think women are too valuable to be in combat.

To Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, *US News & World Report* 19 May 86

9 [Here] rests the soul of our nation—here also should be our conscience.

Veterans Day address at Arlington National Cemetery, NY Times 11 Nov 86

GEN WILLIAM C WESTMORELAND, US Army

10 War is fear cloaked in courage.

McCall's Dec 66

11 Vietnam was the first war ever fought without any censorship. Without censorship, things can get terribly confused in the public mind.

Time 5 Apr 82

JOHN WHEELER, Chairman, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee

12 I had a picture of a seven-year-old throwing a Frisbee around on the grass . . . but it's treated as a spiritual place.

On Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington DC, *Time* 15 Apr 85

GEN YIGAEEL YADIN, Israeli Chief of Staff

13 The civilian is a soldier on 11 months' annual leave.

On readiness of reserve forces who have one month of intensive training a year, NY Times 25 May 86

ADM ELMO ZUMWALT JR, former US Chief of Naval Operations

14 We checked with the Army and Air Force about the possible injurious effects on humans of Agent Orange . . . We were told there were none. You trust those things.

On defoliant he ordered used during Vietnam War, from *My Father, My Son*, with Lt Elmo Zumwalt 3rd, Macmillan 86, excerpted in NY Times 24 Aug 86

15 I ordered the spraying of Agent Orange.

ib

16 Knowing what I now know, I still would have ordered the defoliation to achieve the objectives it did, of reducing casualties.

ib

17 That does not ease the sorrow I feel for Elmo, or the anguish his illness, and Russell's disability, give me. It is the first thing I think of when I awake in the morning, and the last thing I remember when I go to sleep at night.

On his son, suffering from cancer, and his grandson, born with a severe learning disability, conditions thought to have been caused by his son's exposure to Agent Orange, *ib*

LT ELMO ZUMWALT 3RD

18 I am a lawyer and I don't think I could prove in court . . . that Agent Orange is the cause of all the medical problems . . . reported by Vietnam veterans, or of their children's serious birth defects. But I am convinced that it is.

On his cancer and his son's learning disability, from *My Father, My Son*, with Adm Elmo Zumwalt Jr, Macmillan 86, excerpted in NY Times 24 Aug 86

19 I realize that what I am saying may imply that my father is responsible for my illness and Russell's disability. . . . I do not doubt for a minute that the saving of American lives was always his first priority. Certainly thousands, perhaps even myself, are alive today because of his decision to use Agent Orange.

ib

Observers & Critics

ANONYMOUS

20 This embattled shore, portal of freedom, is forever hallowed by the ideas, valor and sacrifice of our fellow countrymen.

Monument inscription on Normandy coast, quoted by John Vinocur "D-day Plus 40 Years" NY Times 13 May 84

LES ASPIN, US Congressman

21 Before we give you billions more, we want to know what you've done with the trillion you've got.

Letter to Secretary of Defense Caspar W Weinberger after Aspin became chairman of House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, NY Times 5 Feb 85

DANIEL BERRIGAN SJ

22 Don't just do something, stand there.

On importance of thought as well as action in 1960s war protests, recalled in Springfield MA *Valley Advocate* 17 Nov 86

WILLIAM BROYLE

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DAVID DIAZ

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On dedication 5 May 85

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- 1 The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas—a trial of spiritual resolve: the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish and the ideals to which we are dedicated.
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- 2 [We seek] a constitutional amendment to permit voluntary school prayer. God should never have been expelled from America's classrooms in the first place.
State of the Union address 25 Jan 83
- 3 I call upon the scientific community in our country, those who gave us nuclear weapons, to turn their great talents now to the cause of mankind and world peace: to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete.
Introducing the Strategic Defense Initiative, address to the nation 23 Mar 83
- 4 Tonight we are launching an effort which holds the promise of changing the course of human history.
ib
- 5 My belief has always been . . . that wherever in this land any individual's constitutional rights are being unjustly denied, it is the obligation of the federal government—at point of bayonet if necessary—to restore that individual's constitutional rights.
Press conference 17 May 83
- 6 They don't worship at the altar of forced busing and mandatory quotas. They don't believe you can remedy past discrimination by mandating new discrimination.
Defending his nominees for Civil Rights Commission, quoted by Jean Nathan Miller "Ronald Reagan and the Techniques of Discrimination" *Atlantic* Feb 84
- 7 If I thought there was some reason to be concerned about them, I wouldn't be sleeping in this house tonight.
When asked about continued presence of Soviet nuclear submarines along US coastlines, press conference 22 May 84
- 8 Damn it, Pierre, what do you want me to do? We'll go sit with empty chairs to get those guys back to the table.
To Pierre Trudeau, prime minister of Canada, who pressed for détente with the USSR when Soviet leadership changed, *Washington Post* 15 Jun 84
- 9 My fellow Americans: I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes.
Comment while testing a microphone before a broadcast 11 Aug 84
- 10 Anyone that's ever had their kitchen done over knows that it never gets done as soon as you wish it would.
Attempting to explain delay in installing security devices in US embassy in Beirut after bombing that claimed many lives, *NY Times* 26 Sep 84
- 11 The war in Vietnam threatened to tear our society apart, and the political and philosophical disagreements that separated each side continue, to some extent. It's been said that these memorials reflect a hunger for healing.
On privately financed Vietnam Veterans Memorial and statue in Washington DC, Veterans Day address 11 Nov 84
- 12 Some of your countrymen were unable to distinguish between their native dislike for war and the stainless patriotism of those who suffered its scars. But there has been a rethinking [and] now we can say to you, and say as a nation, thank you for your courage.
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- 13 Some say it will bring war to the heavens, but its purpose is to deter war, in the heavens and on earth.
On Strategic Defense Initiative, State of the Union address 6 Feb 85
- 14 The freedom fighters of Nicaragua . . . are the moral equal of our Founding Fathers and the brave men and women of the French Resistance.
To National Conservative Political Action Conference 1 Mar 85
- 15 The vote on the Peacekeeper is also a vote on Geneva. Rejecting the Peacekeeper will knock the legs out from under the negotiating table.
On importance of the MX missile, which he had dubbed "the Peacekeeper," in arms negotiations, *Newsweek* 18 Mar 85
- 16 Someone must stand up to those who say, "Here's the key, there's the Treasury, just take as many of those hard-earned tax dollars as you want."
On vetoing a bill that would have extended \$2 billion in federal loan guarantees to farmers, *Time* 18 Mar 85
- 17 I will veto again and again until spending is brought under control.
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- 18 People don't start wars, governments do.
On eve of Geneva arms negotiations meeting, *ib*
- 19 I have only one thing to say to the tax increasers. Go ahead—make my day.
Picking up dialogue from Clint Eastwood's 1983 movie *Sudden Impact*, *ib* 25 Mar 85
- 20 Most [tax revisions] didn't improve the system, they made it more like Washington itself: complicated, unfair, cluttered with gobbledygook and loopholes designed for those with the power and influence to hire high-priced legal and tax advisers.
Address to the nation 28 May 85
- 21 Even Albert Einstein reportedly needed help on his 1040 form.
ib
- 22 The distance between the present system and our proposal is like comparing the distance between a Model T and the space shuttle. And I should know: I've seen both.
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- 23 The little dictator who went to Moscow in his green fatigues to receive a bear hug did not forsake the doctrine of Lenin when he returned to the West and appeared in a two-piece suit.
On Daniel Ortega Saavedra, president of Nicaragua, *Time* 17 Jun 85
- 24 The current tax code is a daily mugging.
Labor Day address, Independence MO, 2 Sep 85
- 25 America's view of apartheid is simple and straightforward: We believe it is wrong. We condemn it. And we are united in hoping for the day when apartheid will be no more.
On ordering sanctions against South Africa, announcement from the Oval Office 9 Sep 85

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Martin Van Buren

His principles are all subordinate to his ambitions.

John Quincy Adams
Memoirs of John Quincy Adams
c. 1829

I never acted with a more frank and candid man than Mr. [Martin] Van Buren. It is said that he is a great magician—I believe it, but his only wand is good common sense which he uses for the benefit of his country.

Andrew Jackson
Letter, General R. G. Dunlap
July 18, 1831

Instead of a dwarf Dutchman, a little dandy who you might lift in a bandbox, the people found him [Martin Van Buren] a plain man of middle size, plain and affable.

Andrew Jackson
Jackson Correspondence
c. 1842

Veterans

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

Abraham Lincoln
The Gettysburg Address
November 19, 1863

They [Union soldiers and sailors] gave ungrudgingly; it was not a trade, but an offering.

Benjamin Harrison
Acceptance speech, Republican nomination,
Indianapolis, Indiana
September 11, 1888

The Union soldiers and sailors are now veterans of time as well of war. The parallels of age have approached close to the citadels of life and the end, for each, of a brave and honorable struggle is not remote.

Benjamin Harrison
Acceptance speech, second Republican nomination,
Washington, D.C.
September 3, 1892

Perhaps no emotion cools sooner than that of gratitude.

Benjamin Harrison
Speech, Senate and House
December 6, 1892

Veto

I consider the veto power . . . to be used only first, to protect the Constitution from violation; secondly, the people from effects of hasty legislation where their will has been probably disregarded or not well understood, and thirdly, to prevent the effects of combinations violative of the rights of minorities.

William Henry Harrison
Inaugural address
March 4, 1841

Veteran

One who in the past had suffered much in the wars and from the waves; now he slept at peace forgetful of what he had suffered.

Homer: The Odyssey, xiii, c. 1000 B.C.

He also made other laws, one of which provides that those who are maimed in war shall be maintained at the public charge.

Plutarch, 46-120 A.D., Lives (Solon) (of Peisistratus)

He that outlives this day, and comes safe home,

Will stand a tip-toe when this day is named.

Shakespeare: King Henry V, iv, 3, 1598

Hacked, hewn with constant service, thrown aside,

To rust in peace, and rot in hospitals.
Thomas Southerne: The Loyal Brother, 1682

As long as there are a few veterans, you can do what you want with the rest.

Maurice de Saxe: Mes Rêveries, vii, 1732

The broken soldier, kindly bid to stay,
Sat by his fire, and talk'd the night away;
Wept o'er his wounds, or, tales of sorrow done,

Shoulder'd his crutch, and show'd how fields were won.

Oliver Goldsmith: The Deserted Village, i, 1770

That's the rum Old Commodore;
That's the tough Old Commodore,
The fighting Old Commodore, he!
But the bullets and the gout
Have so knocked his hull about,
That he'll never more be fit for sea!

The Old Commodore, naval song, 19th century

There are no greater patriots than those good men who have been maimed in the service of their country.

Napoleon I: Political Aphorisms, 1848

And, 'mid the dead and dying, were some grown old in war . . .

Caroline Elizabeth Norton, 1808-1877, The Soldier of the Rhine

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Thus the war terminated, and with it all remembrance of the veteran's services.

Sir William Napier: History of the War in the Peninsula, bk xxiv, Ch 5, 1850

Let us strive on to finish the work we are in: to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and for his orphan . . .

Abraham Lincoln: Second Inaugural Address, 4 March 1865

Uncover your head and hold your breath: This boon not every lifetime hath—

To look on men who have walked with death,

And have not been afraid.

Elizabeth Akers Allen: The Return of the Regiment, 1865 (of the New York 7th Regiment)

I have considered the pension list of the republic a roll of honor.

Grover Cleveland: Veto message on the Dependent Pension Bill, 5 July 1888

A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards.

Theodore Roosevelt, 1858-1919, Life of Thomas Hart Benton

The Federal Government should treat with the utmost consideration every disabled soldier, sailor or Marine of the World War, whether his disability be due to wounds received in line of action or to health impaired in service; and for the dependents of the brave men who died in line of duty the Government's tenderest concern and richest bounty should be their requital.

Democratic National Platform, 1920

It takes very little yeast to leaven a lump of dough . . . It takes a very few veterans to leaven a division of doughboys.

George S. Patton, Jr.: War As I Knew It, 1947

Veterans of foreign wars do not live long in the gratitude of the republic.

American political aphorism

(See also Old Soldier.)

Victory

Victory often changes her side.

Homer: The Iliad, vi, c. 1000 B.C.

A multitude slain!—And their death Is a matter of grief and for tears; The victory after a conflict Is a theme for a funeral rite.

Lao Tze: The Way of Life, 6th Century B.C.

His enemies shall lick the dust.

Psalms LXXII

Whoever wants to keep alive must aim victory. It is the winners who do the killing and the losers who get killed.

Xenophon: Speech to the Greek army in Persia after the defeat of Cyrus Cunaxa, 401 B.C.

Know the enemy, know yourself; your victory will never be endangered. Know the ground, know the weather; your victory will then be total.

Sun Tzu, 400-320 B.C., The Art of War, x

A skilled commander seeks victory from the situation, and does not demand it from his subordinates.

Sun Tzu, 400-320 B.C., The Art of War

One more such victory and we are under Pyrrhus. After his victory over the Romans at Asculum, 297 B.C. (the origin of the phrase, "Pyrrhic victory.")

A good general not only sees the way to victory; he also knows when victory is impossible.

Polybius: Histories, i, c. 125 B.C.

Victory is by nature insolent and haughty.

Cicero: Pro Marcello, 46 B.C.

Victory in war does not depend entirely upon numbers or mere courage; only a discipline will insure it.

Vegetius: De Re Militari, i, 378 A.D.

A victory gained before the situation has crystallized is one the common man does not comprehend. Thus its author gains reputation for sagacity. Before he has bloodied his blade the enemy state has submitted.

Tu Mu, 803-852, Wei Liao Tzu

The greatest happiness is to vanquish your enemies, to chase them before you to rob them of their wealth, to see them

d upon unanimity. We have we can derive from those wisdom, not despair. Both as unite upon a program which constructive.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
963; *Chicago Daily News*,
Nov. 27, 1963

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GEORGE WASHINGTON
94; *Writings (Fitzpatrick)*,
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JOHN ADAMS
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XV, 123

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11, 1918; *Selections*, p. 178

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CALVIN COOLIDGE
21, 1922; *Freedom*, p. 211

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Valor 1. Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect. Valor strikes only when it is right to strike.

WOODROW WILSON
Address at a gridiron dinner, Feb. 26, 1916; *Life*, VI, 118
See also Bravery

Vanity 1. Vanity, I am sensible, is my cardinal vice and cardinal folly; and I am in continual danger, when in company, of being led an *ignis fatuus* chase by it.

JOHN ADAMS
Diary, May 3, 1756; *Works*, II, 16

2. They say I am vain. Thank God I am so. Vanity is the cordial drop which makes the bitter cup of life go down. . . . What is not vanity is sure to be vexation.

JOHN ADAMS
1822; *Figures*, p. 68

3. Upon each recurrence of my birthday I am solemnly impressed with the vanity & emptiness of worldly honors and worldly enjoyments, and of the wisdom of preparing for a future estate.

JAMES K. POLK
Nov. 1, 1848; *Diary (Quaife)*, IV, 177

Veterans 1. The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten.

CALVIN COOLIDGE
Acceptance of Nomination for Presidency, Cleveland, Ohio,
July 27, 1920

See also Gettysburg, Gratitude 1, Square Deal 1, War 47

Veto Power 1. The power of the Executive veto was exercised by five of my predecessors . . . in the administration of the Government, and it is believed in no instance prejudicially to the public interests.

JAMES K. POLK
Fourth Annual Message to Congress, Dec. 5, 1848; *Messages and Papers*, p. 2519

2. The veto power . . . was established to enable the people to resist and repel encroachments on their rights. It had its origin in old Rome . . . and before Christ 497 . . . which would make, since its origin, 2345 years. . . .

Washington and Jefferson (who never exercised the power while President) . . . were in favor of the veto-power, as established in the Constitution.

James Madison . . . "the great Apostle of Liberty," exercised . . . this power six times during his eight years' administration.

Mr. Monroe . . . a war-hating and peace-loving man . . . ventured to exercise this power once.

By Andrew Jackson . . . it was exercised nine times, and the people said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

John Tyler exercised this power four times . . . and his is the only instance in which a law was passed over a veto. . . .

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reat, 1590

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is blown his ranks into the air.
speare: Hamlet, iii, 4, 1600

t of victory without slaughter is
ad to slaughter without victory.
of Marlborough, 1650-1722

t comes to slaughter,
o your work on water,
lick the bloomin' boots of 'im
got it.
rd Kipling: Gunga Din, 1890

being knows how sweet sleep is
er.
S. Mosby: War Reminiscences,
37

o sailor if he cannot sleep when
, and turn out when he's called.
Dana, Jr.: Two Years Before
ast, xxxiv, 1840

After battle sleep is best.
Roden Berkeley Wriothesley Noel,
1834-1894, The Old

Here the General slept before the battle of
Tannenberg; here also the General slept
after the battle; and, between you and me
during the battle also.

Attributed to General Max Hoffman,
c. 1915 (Of von Hindenburg at
Tannenberg, 1914, at which Hoffman
was the General Staff operations
officer)

Smartness

Can that man be reckoned a good soldier
who through negligence suffers his arms to
deteriorate by dirt and rust?

Vegetius: De Re Militarii, ii, 378

Smartness is the cement, but not the
bricks.

B.H. Liddell Hart: Thoughts on War,
v, 1944

The old Army saying, "Who ever saw a
dirty soldier with a medal?" is largely true.
George S. Patton, Jr.: War As I Knew
It, 1947

We found it a great mistake to belittle the
importance of smartness in turn-out,
alertness of carriage, cleanliness of person,
saluting, or precision of movement, and to
dismiss them as naive, unintelligent,
parade-ground stuff. I do not believe that
troops can have unshakable battle disci-
pline without showing those outward
and formal signs which mark the pride
men take in themselves and their units and
the mutual confidence and respect that
exists between them and their officers.

Sir William Slim: Defeat into Victory,
1956

Soldier

The sex is ever to a soldier kind.
Homer: Odyssey, xiv, c. 1000 B.C.

... mighty men of valor.
Joshua, I, 9

Readiness, obedience, and a sense of
humor are the virtues of a soldier.

Brasidas of Sparta: Speech to the
Lacadaemonian Army, battle of
Amphipolis, 422 B.C.

He was fond of adventure, ready to lead
an attack on the enemy by day or night,
and, when he was in an awkward position,
he kept his head.

Xenophon: Anabasis, ii, 390 B.C.
(of Clearchus, the Spartan general)

It is a high thing, a bright honor, for a
man to do battle with the enemy for the
sake of his children, and for his land and
his true wife; and death is a thing that will
come when the spinning Destinies make it
come.

Grecian lyric, author unknown, 4th
century B.C.

War, as the saying goes, is full of false
alarms, a fact which professional soldiers
have had the best chance to learn: thus they
appear brave because of other men's
ignorance of the true situation.

Aristotle: The Nicomachean Ethic,
iii, c. 340 B.C.

Soldiers fight and die to advance the
wealth and luxury of the great, and they
are called masters of the world without
having a sod to call their own.

Tiberius Sempronius Gracchus:
Speech in Rome, 133 B.C.

He who makes war his profession cannot
be otherwise then vicious. War makes
thieves, and peace brings them to the
gallows.

Niccolo Machiavelli, 1469-1527

For who ought to be more faithful than a
man that is entrusted with the safety of his
country, and has sworn to defend it to the
last drop of his blood? Who ought to be
fonder of peace than those that suffer by
nothing but war? Who are under greater
obligations to worship God than Soldiers,
who are daily exposed to innumerable
dangers, and have most occasion for his
protection?

Niccolo Machiavelli: The Art of War,
preface, 1520

It is not gold, but good soldiers, that insure
success in war . . . for it is impossible that
good soldiers should not be able to
procure gold, as it is impossible for gold
to procure good soldiers.

Niccolo Machiavelli: Discorsi, ii, 1531

Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in
summer.

William Cecil (Lord Burghley):
Advice to His Son, c. 1555

The hardest soldiers be either slain or maimed [or], if they escape all hazards, and return home again, if they be without relief of their friends they will surely desperately rob and steal, and either shortly be hanged or miserably die in prison.

Thomas Harman: A Caveat or Warning for Common Cursetors, i, 1566

There were three lusty soldiers
Went through a town of late;
The one loved Bess, the other Sis,
The third loved bouncing Kate.

Choice of Inventions, author unknown, c. 1575

As well the soldier dieth who standeth still, as he that gives the bravest onset.

Sir Philip Sidney, 1554-1586

They are soldiers,
Witty, courteous, liberal, full of spirit.

Shakespeare: III Henry VI, i, 2, 1590

I am a soldier unapt to weep
Or to exclaim on fortune's fickleness.

Shakespeare: I King Henry VI, v, 1591

And with a martial scorn,
With one hand beats cold death aside.

Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, iii, 1, 1594

... As soldiers will
That nothing do but meditate on blood,—
To swearing and stern looks.

Shakespeare: King Henry V, v, 2, 1598

... A soldier,
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard;

Jealous in honor, sudden and quick in quarrel,

Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth.

Shakespeare: As You Like It, ii, 7, 1599

This is your devoted friend, sir, the manifold linguist, and the omnipotent soldier.

Shakespeare: All's Well That Ends Well, iv, 3

You may relish him more in the soldier than in the scholar.

Shakespeare: Othello, ii, 1, 1604

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Rude am I in my speech,
And little bless'd with the soft phrase of peace.

Shakespeare: Othello, i, 3, 1604

A soldier's but a man;
A life's but a span:
Why, then, let a soldier drink.

Shakespeare: Othello, ii, 1604

He is a soldier fit to stand by Caesar.

Shakespeare: Othello, ii, 1604

Fie, my lord, fie! a soldier and afear'd?

Shakespeare: Macbeth, v, 1605

You are a soldier, therefore seldom rich.

Shakespeare: Timon of Athens, 1607

I love them [soldiers] for their virtues' sake and for their greatness of mind... If we may have peace, they have purchased it; and if we must have war they must manage it.

Robert Devereux (Earl of Essex): Change, c. 1600

He that gives a soldier the lie looks to receive the stab.

Thomas Dekker: The Seven Deadly Sins of London, ii, 1606

To take a soldier without ambition is to pull off his spurs.

Francis Bacon: Essays, xxxvi, 1625

... In the vaunting style of a soldier.

Francis Bacon, 1561-1626, Considerations Touching a War with Spain

Our God and the soldier we alike adore
Ev'n at the brink of danger, not before:
After deliverance, both alike requited,
God is forgotten, and the soldier slighted.

Francis Quarles: Emblems, 1635

Water, fire and soldiers quickly make room.

George Herbert: Outlandish Proverbs, 1640

On becoming soldiers we have not ceased to be citizens.

Humble Representation, addressed to Parliament by Cromwell's soldiers, 1647

The two parts of a soldier are Valour and Suffering.

Duke of Albemarle, 1608-1670



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Whose house doth burn, must soldier turn.
17th century adage, Thirty Years War

Soldiers and travelers may lie by authority.
James Howell: Proverbs, 1659

A soldier's life is a life of honor, but a dog would not lead it.
Prince Rupert of the Rhine, 1619-1682

Ay me! what perils do environ
The man that meddles with cold iron!
Samuel Butler: Hudibras, i, 1663

Such as have followed the wars are
despised of every man until a very pinch
of need doth come.
Unknown English writer, 17th century

You stink of brandy and tobacco, most
soldier-like.
William Congreve: The Old Bachelor, iii, 1693

He shall turn soldier, and rather depend
upon the outside of his head than the
lining.
William Congreve: Love for Love, i, 1695

The military pedant always talks in a
camp, and is storming towns, making
lodgments and fighting battles from one
end of the year to the other. Everything he
speaks smells of gunpowder; if you take
away his artillery from him, he has not a
word to say for himself.
Joseph Addison: The Spectator, 30 June 1711

Of boasting more than bomb afraid,
A soldier should be modest as a maid.
Edward Young: Love of Fame, iv, 1724

The wise old soldier is never in haste to
strike a blow.
Pietro Metastasio: Adriano, ii, 1735

The first man to be king was a fortunate
soldier. Whoever serves his country well
has no need of ancestors.
Voltaire, 1694-1778, Merope, i, 3

If my soldiers were to begin to think, not
one would remain in the ranks.
Ascribed to Frederick The Great, 1712-1786

For the officer, honor is reserved, for the

common man, obedience and loyalty . . .
From honor flows intrepidity and
equanimity in danger, zeal to win ability
and experience, respect for superiors,
modesty towards one's equals, condescen-
sion toward inferiors . . . Nothing therefore
must incite the officer but honor, which
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listed man is driven and restrained and
educated by reward and fear . . . The
worst soldier is an officer without honor,
an enlisted man without discipline
*Saxon-Polish Field Service Regula-
tions, 1752*

A soldier worthy of the name he bears,
As brave and senseless as the sword he
bears.
*Mary Wortley Montagu: To James
Steuart, 19 July, 1759*

Military men belong to a profession
which may be useful, but is often
dangerous.
*Henry Middleton: Remark while
President of the General Continental
Congress, 1774*

Every man thinks meanly of himself for
not having been a soldier.
*Samuel Johnson: To James Boswell,
10 April 1778*

. . . a rapacious and licentious soldiery.
*Edmund Burke: To the House of
Commons on Fox's East India Bill,
1783*

For a soldier I 'listed, to grow great in
fame,
And be shot at for sixpence a day.
*Charles Dibdin, 1745-1814,
Charity*

This, this, my lad's a soldier's life:
He marches to the sprightly fife,
And in each town to some new wife
Swears he'll be ever true . . .
And follows the loud tattoo.
*Charles Dibdin, 1745-1814, The
Soldier's Life*

Que du pauvre soldat, déplorable est la
chance!

Quand la guerre finit, son malheur
recommence.
(As for the poor soldier, his lot is
deplorable! When the war's over, his ill
fortune resumes.)
*Fin des Travaux de Mars, 18th
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*William Godwin: The Enquirer
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Dream of fighting fields no more.
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*Walter Scott: The Lady of the
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Fell as he was in act and mind,
He left no bolder heart behind:
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Walter Scott: Rokeby, vi, 1811

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Il est grand, comme il est beau!
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(Each one said, look how big he is
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Alessandro Manzoni, 1785-1873

Ah, what delight to be a soldier!
Augustin Eugene Scribe, 1791-1863,
Dame Blanche

What the soldier said is not evidence.
Charles Dickens: Pickwick Papers,
1836

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

Soger (soldier) is the worst term of re-
proach that can be applied to a sailor. It
signifies a *skulk*, a *shirk*,—one who is
always trying to get clear of work, and is
out of the way, or hanging back, when
duty is to be done.

R.H. Dana Jr.: Two Years Before
the Mast, xvii, 1840

"You're wounded!" "Nay," the soldier's
pride

Touched to the quick, he said:
"I'm killed, Sire!" And his chief beside,
Smiling the boy fell dead.

Robert Browning: Incident in the
French Camp, 1846

He fell on the field:
His country mourned him,
And his father was resigned.
Bulwer-Lytton: The Caxtons, xviii,
1849

Tell me what find we to admire
In epaulets and scarlet coats—
In men, because they load and fire,
And know the art of cutting throats?
William Makepeace Thackeray,
1811-1863

Were not here the real priests and martyrs
of that loud-babbling, rotten generation?
Thomas Carlyle: Letter to R. W.
Emerson, 25 June 1852 (on the
Prussian soldiers of Frederick the
Great's era)

Only the defeated and the deserters go to
the war.

H.D. Thoreau: Walden, 1854

Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die.
Tennyson: The Charge of the Light
Brigade, 1854

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A soldier has a hard life, and but little consideration.

R. E. Lee: Letter to his wife, 5 November, 1855

The man-at-arms is the only man.
Henrik Ibsen: Lady Inger of Ostraat, 1855

The soldier as an abstract idea is a hero . . . but as a social fact he is a pariah.
Article in Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine, 1859

Policemen are soldiers who act alone; soldiers are policemen who act in unison.
Herbert Spencer, 1820-1903, Social Statics

The soldier's trade is not slaying, but being slain. This, without well knowing its own meaning, the world honors it for.
John Ruskin: Unto This Last, i, 1862

I know that there must be soldiers; but as to every separate soldier I regret that he should be one of them.
Anthony Trollope: North America, i, 1862

It is enough for the world to know that I am a soldier.
W. T. Sherman, 1820-1891

The soldier-- that is, the great soldier-- of today is not a romantic animal, dashing at forlorn hopes, animated by frantic sentiment, full of fancies as to a love-lady or a sovereign; but a quiet, grave man, busied in charts, exact in sums, master of the art of tactics, occupied in trivial detail; thinking, as the Duke of Wellington was once said to do, most of the shoes of his soldiers: despising all manner of éclat and eloquence; perhaps, like Count Moltke, "silent in seven languages."
Walter Bagehot: The English Constitution, vii 1867

It were better to be a soldier's widow than a coward's wife.
Thomas Bailey Aldrich, 1836-1907, Mercedes, ii, 2

Hair is the glory of a woman but the shame of a soldier.
Sir Garnet Wolseley: The Soldier's Pocket Book, 1869

[The soldier] must be taught to believe that his duties are the noblest which fall

to a man's lot. He must be taught to despise all those of civil life. Soldiers, like missionaries, must be fanatics.

Sir Garnet Wolseley: The Soldier's Pocket Book, 1809

It is nothing. For this, we are soldiers.
Captain Guy V. Henry, USA: After being shot through the face during the 3d Cavalry's action on the Rosebud River, 17 June 1876

I have one sentiment for soldiers living and dead: cheers for the living; tears for the dead.

Robert G. Ingersoll: Speech at Indianapolis, 21 September 1876

Soldiers should make it their function to exert themselves to the utmost of their loyalty and patriotism. They should strictly observe decorum. They should prize courage and bravery. They should treasure faith and confidence. They should practice frugality.

Emperor Meiji: Imperial Rescript, 4 January 1883

Love ain't enough for a soldier.

Rudyard Kipling: The Young British Soldier, 1890

Oh, it's Tommy this, and 'Tommy that, an' 'Tommy, wait outside': But it's "Special train for Atkins" when the trooper's on the tide.

Rudyard Kipling: Tommy, 1890

Single men in barracks don't grow into plaster saints.

Rudyard Kipling: Tommy, 1890

Yes, the large Birds o' Prey
They will carry us away,
An' you'll never see your soldiers any more!

Rudyard Kipling: Birds of Prey, 1895

Servants of the staff and chain,
Mine and fuse and grapnel--
Some before the face of Kings,
Stand before the face of Kings;
Bearing divers gifts to Kings--
Gifts of case and shrapnel.

Rudyard Kipling: A School Song, 1899

A good soldier is always a bit of an old maid.

Rudyard Kipling: The New Army, 1915

Far and near and low and louder
On the roads of earth go by,
Dear to friends and food for powder
Soldiers marching, all to die.
A. E. Housman, A Shropshire 1896

Living or dead, drunk or dry, Sold
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A. E. Housman, 1859-1936

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George Bernard Shaw: The 1 Disciple, iii, 1897

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its womankind.
George Bernard Shaw: Man Superman, iii, 1903

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Popular song, 1916

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Theodore Roosevelt: Speech, Upton, 18 November 1917

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Who cheer when soldier lads march
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The hell where youth and laughter
Siegfried Sassoon: Pray God

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*George Bernard Shaw: Man and
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and where is the harm? Soldiers are not

pugnacious. Paul bade Timothy be a good
soldier. Christ commended the centurion.
Milton urged teachers to fit their pupils
for all the offices of war. The very thought
of danger and self sacrifice are inspira-
tions.

*Sir Ian Hamilton: The Soul and
Body of an Army, xiii, 1921*

A soldier!—a common soldier!—nothing
but a body that makes movements when it
hears a shout!

*D.H. Lawrence, 1885-1930, Sons and
Lovers*

To ride boldly at what is in front of you, be
it fence or enemy; to pray, not for comfort,
but for combat; to remember that duty is
not to be proved in the evil day, but then
to be obeyed unquestioning; to love glory
more than the temptations of wallowing
ease.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.,
1841-1935, speech*

Three-quarters of a soldier's life is spent in
aimlessly waiting about.
Eugen Rosenstock-Huussy, 1888-

A soldier is a slave—he does what he is
told to do—everything is provided for
him—his head is a superfluity. He is only
a stick used by men to strike other men.
*Elbert Hubbard: Roycroft Dictionary,
1923*

Soldiers put one thing straight, but leave
a dozen others crooked.
*E.M. Forster: A Passage to India,
xx, 1924*

By your courage in tribulation, by your
cheerfulness before the dirty devices of
this world, you have won the love of those
who have watched you.

*Guy Chapman: A Passionate Prodi-
gality, 1933*

What are the qualities of the good soldier,
by the development of which we make the
man war-worthy—fit for any war? . . .
The following four—in whatever order you
place them—pretty well cover the field:
discipline, physical fitness, technical skill
in the use of his weapons, battle-craft.
*Sir A.P. Wavell: Lecture at the Royal
United Service Institution,
15 February 1933*

There's something about a soldier that is
fine, fine, fine.

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Noel Gay (Pseud. for Reginald Nixon Armitage): Popular song, 1933, in musical comedy. *Soldiers of the King*

The essential quality of the warrior is bravery: that of the soldier, discipline.
Robert Leurquin: *In The Army Quarterly*, April 1938

I needed hard riders and hard livers; men proud of themselves and without family.
T.E. Lawrence, 1888-1935

The functions of a citizen and a soldier are inseparable.
Benito Mussolini: Decree, 18 September 1934

It was commonly believed that any young man who joined the Army did so because he was too lazy to work, or else he had got a girl in the family way. Hardly anyone had a good word for the soldier, and mothers taught their daughters to beware of them.
Private Frank Richards: *Old Soldier Sahib*, 1936

Nothing has been made safe until the soldier has made safe the field where the building shall be built, and the soldier is the scaffolding until it has been built, and the soldier gets no reward but honor.
Eric Linklater, 1899-. *Crisis in Heaven*

Professional soldiers are sentimental men, for all the harsh realities of their calling. In their wallets and in their memories they carry bits of philosophy, fragments of poetry, quotations from the Scriptures, which, in times of stress and danger speak to them with great meaning.
General Matthew B. Ridgway, USA: *My Battles in War and Peace*, January 1956

How often have I seen them, unconscious ambassadors, showing their identity discs or photos of their wives and families, asking questions by signs, swapping cigarettes, buttons, and I am afraid, at times cap-badges.
Sir William Slim: *Unofficial History*, ix, 1959

Where else would you get a nonlinear computer weighing only 160 pounds, having a million precision elements, that can be mass produced by unskilled labor?
Attributed to Scott Crossfield, 1962

Plenty of foul-mouthed, blasphemous, hard-drinking, cynical and cruel men have made good soldiers.
Jon Manchip White: *Marshal of France*, 1962

A soldier is not a foreign minister. He cannot enter into negotiations, and he has to carry out his orders.
Nikita Khrushchev: *During an interview with a group of American visitors, the Kremlin*, November 1963

A good soldier is never forgot,
Whether he die by musket or by the pot.
Epitaph at Winchester, England

The best soldiers are not warlike.
Chinese Proverb

Good iron is not used for nails; good men do not become soldiers.
Chinese Proverb

It is better to have no son than one who is a soldier.
Chinese Proverb

A soldier ought to fear nothing but God and dishonor.
English Proverb

Soldiers fight, and kings are heroes.
Hebrew Proverb

Among flowers, the best is the cherry blossom; among men, the best is the soldier.
Japanese Proverb

(See also Profession of Arms, Regular.)

Smokeless Powder

Smokeless powder has changed the picture and made the unknown both *complete and lasting*.
Ferdinand Foch: *Precepts*, 1919

(See also Ammunition, Gunpowder.)

Spain

The Spaniard, like the Turk whom he so strongly resembles in religion, does not leave his country to make war on other nations, but as soon as anyone sets foot

in his country, everyone is the enemy of the invader.
Stendhal (Henri Beyle): *A Life of Napoleon*, xli, 1818

Spanish-American War (1898)

You furnish the pictures and I'll furnish the war.
William Randolph Hearst: *Cab Frederic Remington, then in Chicago*, the Hearst newspapers, March

It has been a splendid little war; begun with the highest motives, carried on with magnificent intelligence and spirit, finished by that fortune which loves the brave.
John Hay: *Letter to Theodore Roosevelt*, 1898

The Spanish-American War was no great war. A large number of our troops took the hazard of watermelons in Cuba and Florida, and fought the malarial mosquitoes, but very few Spanish. Spanish-American War yielded comparatively little in heroics [but] paid the marvelous dividends in politics and magazine articles of any war in the of the country.
James L. Slayden: *To the House of Representatives*, 1906

An hour or two at Manila, an hour at Santiago, and the maps of the world were changed.
Rear Admiral A.S. Barker, USN, 1843-1916

(See also Dewey, Maine, Manila Fight)

Spanish Armada

Our ships doth show themselves like gallants here. I assure you it will do man's heart good to behold them; would to God the Prince of Parma upon the seas with all his forces, at the view of them; then I doubt not you should hear that we would make enterprise very unpleasant to him.
Sir William Wynter: *To the Officers*, 28 February 1588, a preparations against the Armada

I know I have the body of a weak feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a king, and of a king of England, too; and think foul scorn