

"The British nation can be relied upon to carry through to victory any struggle that it once enters upon no matter how long such a struggle may last or however great the sacrifice that may be necessary or whatever the means that have to be employed; and all this even though the actual military equipment at hand may be utterly inadequate when compared with that of other nations." - Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

"Only the dead have seen the end of the War" - Plato

"In war, there are no wounded soldiers" - Jose Narosky

"Igitur qui desiderat pacem, praeparet bellum. (Therefore, whoever wishes for peace, let him prepare for war.) - Publius Flavius Vegetius Renatus in De Re Militari

"War is a continuation of politics by other means" - Carl von Clausewitz in On War

"If you wish for peace, understand war" - Basil Liddell Hart in Strategy (1967)

"The purpose of war is to support your government's decisions by force" – Robert Heinlein

"A tyrant is always stirring up some war or other, in order that the people may require a leader."
- Plato

"If I must choose between righteousness and peace, I choose righteousness." - Theodore Roosevelt

"The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his." - Gen George Patton

"What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy?"-Mahatma Gandhi, "Non-Violence in Peace and War"

"It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err."-Mahatma Gandhi

"The staff officer should always seek to get completely into the mind of his or her commander....and normally there is plenty of room" - anon, quoted in the British Army's Land Component Handbook

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