

# Bernard Law Montgomery Quotes

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Character*

Every soldier must know, before he goes into battle, how the little battle he is to fight fits into the larger picture, and how the success of his fighting will influence the battle as a whole.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

The first duty of a leader is optimism. How does your subordinate feel after meeting with you? Does he feel uplifted? If not, you are not a leader.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

My own definition of leadership is this: The capacity and the will to rally men and women to a common purpose and the character which inspires confidence.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

As God once said, and I think rightly.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

Discipline strengthens the mind so that it becomes impervious to the corroding influence of fear.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

Rule 1, on page 1 of the book of war, is: 'Do not march on Moscow'...  
Rule 2 is: Do not go fighting with your land armies in China.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

The harder the fighting and the longer the war, the more the infantry, and in fact all the arms, lean on the gunners.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

Let no man surrender so long as he is unwounded and can fight.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

In my profession you have to mystify the enemy.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

I was well beaten myself, and I am better for it.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

A Marine should be sworn to the patient endurance of hardships, like the ancient knights; and it is not the least of these necessary hardships to have to serve with sailors.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

Decisions! And a general, a commander in chief who has not got the quality of decision, then he is no good.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

If we lose the war in the air we lose the war and lose it quickly.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

Air power is indivisible. If you split it up into compartments, you merely pull it to pieces and destroy its greatest asset - its flexibility.

~Bernard Law Montgomery

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