

Duke of Wellington Quotes

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Earth, Victory, Enemy, Littles, Total War, Mistake, Education, Soldier, Sides,
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Wise people learn when they can; fools learn when they must.

~Duke of Wellington

Our army is composed of the scum of the earth - the mere scum of the earth.

~Duke of Wellington

We always have been, we are, and I hope that we always shall be detested in France.

~Duke of Wellington

Being born in a stable does not make one a horse.

~Duke of Wellington

I don't know what effect these men will have upon the enemy, but by God, they frighten me.

~Duke of Wellington

All the business of war, and indeed all the business of life, is to endeavour to find out what you don't know by what you do; that's what I called 'guess what was at the other side of the hill'.

~Duke of Wellington

The hardest thing of all for a soldier is to retreat.

~Duke of Wellington

Educate men without religion and you make them clever devils.

~Duke of Wellington

An extraordinary affair. I gave them their orders and they wanted to stay and discuss them.

~Duke of Wellington

I never saw so many shocking bad hats in my life.

~Duke of Wellington

The British soldiers are fellows who have all enlisted for drink. That is the plain fact - they have all enlisted for drink.

~Duke of Wellington

During the Peninsula War, I heard a Portuguese general address his troops before a battle with the words, "Remember men, you are Portuguese!"

~Duke of Wellington

Be discreet in all things, and so render it unnecessary to be mysterious about any.

~Duke of Wellington

If you had seen one day of war, you would pray to God that you would never see another.

~Duke of Wellington

To define it rudely but not ineptly, engineering is the art of doing for 10 shillings what any fool can do for a pound

~Duke of Wellington

Always make water when you can.

~Duke of Wellington

When other Generals make mistakes their armies are beaten; when I get into a hole, my men pull me out of it.

~Duke of Wellington

Always get over heavy ground as lightly as you can.

~Duke of Wellington

Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.

~Duke of Wellington

The only thing I am afraid of is fear.

~Duke of Wellington

When my journal appears, many statues must come down.

~Duke of Wellington

There is nothing so dreadful as a great victory--except a great defeat.

~Duke of Wellington

Yes, about ten minutes.

~Duke of Wellington

Troops would never be deficient in courage, if they could only know how deficient in it their enemies were.

~Duke of Wellington

Hard pounding, gentlemen. Let's see who pounds the longest.

~Duke of Wellington

When one begins to turn in bed, it is time to get up.

~Duke of Wellington

A great country can have no such thing as a little war.

~Duke of Wellington

The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton.

~Duke of Wellington

The only thing that they can be relied on to do is to gallop too far and too fast.

~Duke of Wellington

The whole art of war consists in getting at what is on the other side of the hill.

~Duke of Wellington

A great country cannot wage a little war.

~Duke of Wellington

There are no manifestos like cannon and musketry.

~Duke of Wellington

There is nothing on earth so stupid as a gallant officer.

~Duke of Wellington

Call on a business man only at business times, and on business; transact your business, and go about your business, in order to give him time to finish his business.

~Duke of Wellington

Victory is the ability to fight five minutes longer than any other army in the world.

~Duke of Wellington

Error is ever the sequence of haste.

~Duke of Wellington

The scum of the earth... but what fine soldiers we have made them.

~Duke of Wellington

I have got an infamous army, very weak and ill-equipped, and a very inexperienced staff.

~Duke of Wellington

I mistrust the judgment of every man in a case in which his own wishes are concerned

~Duke of Wellington

You must build your House of Parliament on the river: so... that the populace cannot exact their demands by sitting down round you.

~Duke of Wellington

Napoleon has humbugged me, by God; he has gained twenty-four hours' march on me.

~Duke of Wellington

What masks are these uniforms to hide cowards!

~Duke of Wellington

Rashness is oftener the resort of cowardice than of courage.

~Duke of Wellington

I used to say of him that his presence on the field made the difference of forty thousand men.

~Duke of Wellington

My heart is broken by the terrible loss I have sustained in my old friends and companions and my poor soldiers. Believe me, nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.

~Duke of Wellington

I attribute my success on the battlefield to always being on the spot to see and do everything for myself

~Duke of Wellington

I hate the whole race. There is no believing a word they say, your professional poets, I mean there never existed a more worthless set than Byron and his friends for example.

~Duke of Wellington

I have no small talk and Peel has no manners.

~Duke of Wellington

There is no mistake; there has been no mistake; and there shall be no mistake.

~Duke of Wellington

Habit is ten times nature.

~Duke of Wellington

As Lord Chesterfield said of the generals of his day, 'I only hope that when the enemy reads the list of their names, he trembles as I do.

~Duke of Wellington

I acknowledge that I should not like to see again such loss as I sustained on the 23rd September, even if attended by such a gain.

~Duke of Wellington

The Lord's prayer contains the sum total of religion and morals.

~Duke of Wellington

Publish and be damned.

~Duke of Wellington

Next to a battle lost, the greatest misery is a battle gained.

~Duke of Wellington

Extra interest signifies extra risk.

~Duke of Wellington

Believe me that every man you see in a military uniform is not a hero.

~Duke of Wellington

God deliver me from my friends! I'll take care of my enemies myself.

~Duke of Wellington

My rule always was to do the business of the day in the day.

~Duke of Wellington

It is not the business of generals to shoot one another.

~Duke of Wellington

A great country ought not to make little wars.

~Duke of Wellington

Next to a lost battle, nothing is so sad as a battle that has been won.

~Duke of Wellington

I have seen their backs before.

~Duke of Wellington

If you believe that you will believe anything.

~Duke of Wellington

I see no reason to suppose these machines will ever force themselves into general use.

~Duke of Wellington

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