

Erwin Rommel

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If I had to take hell, I would use the Australians to take it and the New Zealanders to hold it.

~Erwin Rommel

Sweat saves blood, blood saves lives, but brains saves both.

~Erwin Rommel

A risk is a chance you take; if it fails you can recover. A gamble is a chance taken; if it fails, recovery is impossible.

~Erwin Rommel

Don't fight a battle if you don't gain anything by winning.

~Erwin Rommel

The German soldier has impressed the world, however the Italian Bersagliere soldier has impressed the German soldier.

~Erwin Rommel

In the absence of orders, go find something and kill it.

~Erwin Rommel

For me, soldiers are all equal. Those black people wore your same uniform, fought on your side, and so you will be in the same jail.

~Erwin Rommel

One of the most important factors, not only in military matters but in life as a whole, is ... the ability to direct one's whole energies towards the fulfillment of a particular task.

~Erwin Rommel

There is one unalterable difference between a soldier and a civilian: the civilian never does more than he is paid to do.

~Erwin Rommel

The battle is fought and decided by the quartermasters, long before the shooting begins.

~Erwin Rommel

Training errors are recorded on paper. Tactical errors are etched in stone.

~Erwin Rommel

Always in a moment of extreme danger things can be done which had previously been thought impossible.

~Erwin Rommel

In a man-to-man fight, the winner is he who has one more round in his magazine.

~Erwin Rommel

I would rather be the hammer than the anvil

~Erwin Rommel

When there's no clear option, it's better to do nothing.

~Erwin Rommel

One must not judge everyone in the world by his qualities as a soldier: otherwise we should have no civilization.

~Erwin Rommel

War makes extremely heavy demands on the soldier's strength and nerves. For this reason, make heavy demands on your men in peacetime exercises.

~Erwin Rommel

The best form of welfare for the troops is first-rate training.

~Erwin Rommel

But courage which goes against military expediency is stupidity, or, if it is insisted upon by a commander, irresponsibility.

~Erwin Rommel

One cannot permit unique opportunities to slip by for the sake of trifles.

~Erwin Rommel

Mortal danger is an effective antidote for fixed ideas.

~Erwin Rommel

Messages can't be intercepted if they aren't sent, can they?

~Erwin Rommel

Manstein is a man of illusions. ... He believes Hitler will listen to facts.

~Erwin Rommel

Which would your men rather be, tired, or dead?

~Erwin Rommel

The commander must establish personal and comradely contact with his men, but without giving away one inch of authority.

~Erwin Rommel

There are always times where the place of a commander isn't back with his Major State, but onward with his troops.

~Erwin Rommel

The battle is going very heavily against us. We're being crushed by the enemy weight. We are facing very difficult days, perhaps the most difficult that a man can undergo

~Erwin Rommel

It is often possible to decide the issue of a battle merely by making an unexpected shift of one's main weight.

~Erwin Rommel

I didn't die nor win.

~Erwin Rommel

The enemy must be annihilated before he reaches our main battlefield. We must stop him in the water, destroying all his equipment while it is still afloat!

~Erwin Rommel

Good soldiers, bad officers; however don't forget that without them we would not have any Civilization.

~Erwin Rommel

I would rather he had given me one more division

~Erwin Rommel

To every man of us, Tobruk was a symbol of British resistance and we were now going to finish with it for good.

~Erwin Rommel

It's better for one to die than for all of us to be killed in a shooting affray. Anyway, we've practically no ammunition.

~Erwin Rommel

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