

## **"What makes a Good Soldier?"**

A good soldier follows orders. He has the skills and training to do his job. He knows his equipment well. He is able to adapt to a situation to accomplish his mission. He watches the back of his fellow soldiers. He follows the chain of command.

Also I would like to say that a soldier may say he fights for King and Country. He may profess he fight for God and ethics. In his heart these may be true. But, on the battlefield, in the mist of the carnage and chaos and horror, the soldier fights to keep his brothers and himself alive. Politicians and Monarchs and Generals and Wives and Mothers and Children and causes mean nothing at the point when the shield walls collide and the weapons start carving into flesh. At that point all that matters is the guy to my right and my left. The one in front of me and behind. The two foot by two foot patch of ground that I occupy at that moment and am charged to defend. All things become this simple philosophy, I must live. I must survive. My brothers must survive so that I survive. If my brother falls, I may fall. If I live, my brother survives in me.

You are my right arm and my heart. You, my brothers that stand with me. I am incomplete without you. As I stand in the line I am but a piece of the whole. It is the whole that matters and does great things. If you die, I die. If you live I live.

I believe that is what makes a good soldier.

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