

Earl Haig debate - quotes challenge.



- Earl Haig was a brilliant commander who led the British Army to victory in the First World War.
- Haig was not good at communicating with others.
- Haig masterminded a great victory early in the First World War at the Battle of Ypres.
- Haig sent thousands of men to their deaths as he did not know any other strategy other than sending soldiers 'over the top' to try to attack German trenches.
- Haig did not know how to use new technology such as the tank and aircraft and so did not use it to help him in battles.
- Haig had only been a soldier on horseback (cavalry) and had no experience of artillery (big guns) or infantry (soldiers on foot).
- A historian after the war said that the soldiers in Haig's army were like lions and Haig and his generals were like donkeys. At the Somme 20,000 died.
- Haig did not live in the trenches but had his headquarters forty miles away from where the fighting was happening.
- Army officers working for Haig were sometimes scared to give him bad news.
- When Haig first saw the newly invented tank he immediately ordered 100 of them for his army.
- Haig's army had lots of casualties but in a war someone has to make hard decisions and lead the army.
- Haig always had big plans about how to win the war. He could sometimes be unrealistic.
- Haig learned lots of lessons after he lost the Battle of the Somme and used what he learned to win later battles.
- Haig was very stubborn.

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