## The Revolution of Military Affairs

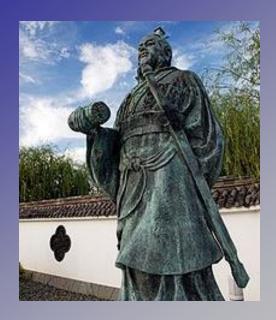
Infantry — Artillery — Organization — Fortress





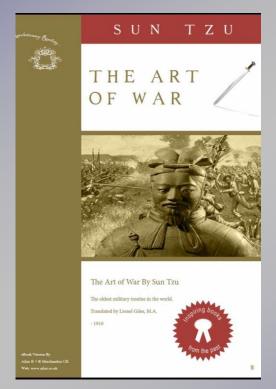
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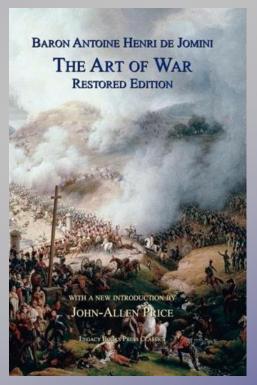


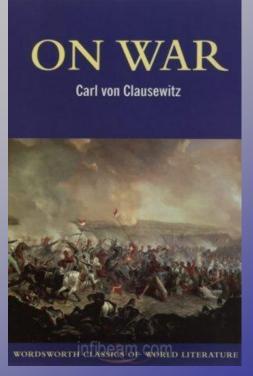




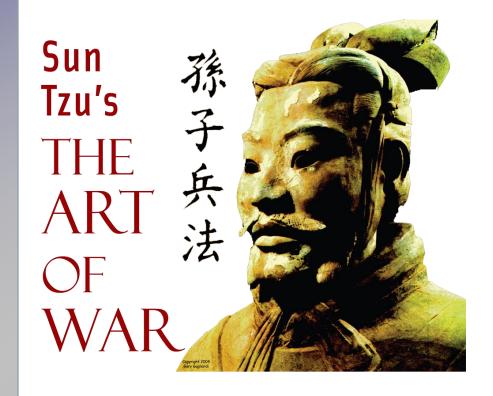








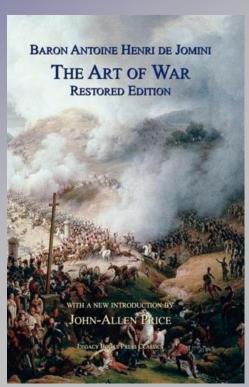
**Detail assessment and planning** Waging war Strategic attack **Disposition of the army Forces** Weaknesses and strengths Military maneuvers Variations and adaptability Movement and development of troops **Terrain** The nine battlegrounds **Attacking with fire** Intelligence and espionage





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#### Antoine Henri Jomini

Swiss officer who served as a general in the French and later in the Russian service, and one of the most celebrated writers on the Napoleonic art of war.

Jomini's ideas were a staple at military academies, the United States Military Academy at West Point being a prominent example; his theories were thought to have affected many officers who later served in the American Civil War.

He may have coined the term logistics in his Summary of the Art of War (1838).

the dialectical approach to military analysis
the methods of "critical analysis"
the uses and abuses of historical studies
the nature of the balance-of-power mechanism
the relationship between political objectives and military
objectives in war

the asymmetrical relationship between attack and defense
the nature of "military genius"
the "fascinating trinity" of war
philosophical distinctions between "absolute or ideal war,"
and "real war"

in "real war," the distinctive poles of a) limited war and b) war to "render the enemy helpless"

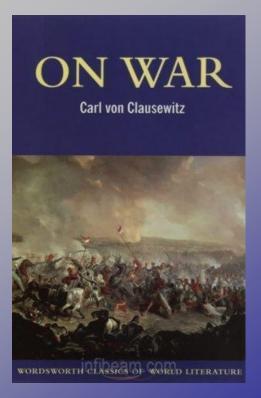
"war" belongs fundamentally to the social realm, rather than the realms of art or science

"strategy" belongs primarily to the realm of art
"tactics" belongs primarily to the realm of science
the essential unpredictability of war
the "fog of war"
"friction"
strategic and operational "centers of gravity"

the "culminating point of the offensive"

the "culminating point of victory"







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# War is the continuation of politics by other means.

Carl von Clausewitz

## Revolutions in Military Affairs

- 1 Infantry
  weapons and tactic to defeat cavalry
- 2 Artillery (Gunpowder) successful siege warfare
- 3 Military Organization organization, size, drill, uniforms, rank
- 4 Artillery Fortress trace italienne – reinstate defensive

## The Infantry Revolution

#### **1066-1346 – The Age of the Horse**

Infantry provided defense for cavalry prior to the attack

Knights had:

money for horses, armor, etc

(40 times the cost of a crossbowman)

time to train

time to "go to war"

mobility (for attack or withdrawal)

protection from fatal injury



## The Infantry Revolution

1302 -1400 - The return of the Infantry

**Defeat of cavalry attacks by:** 



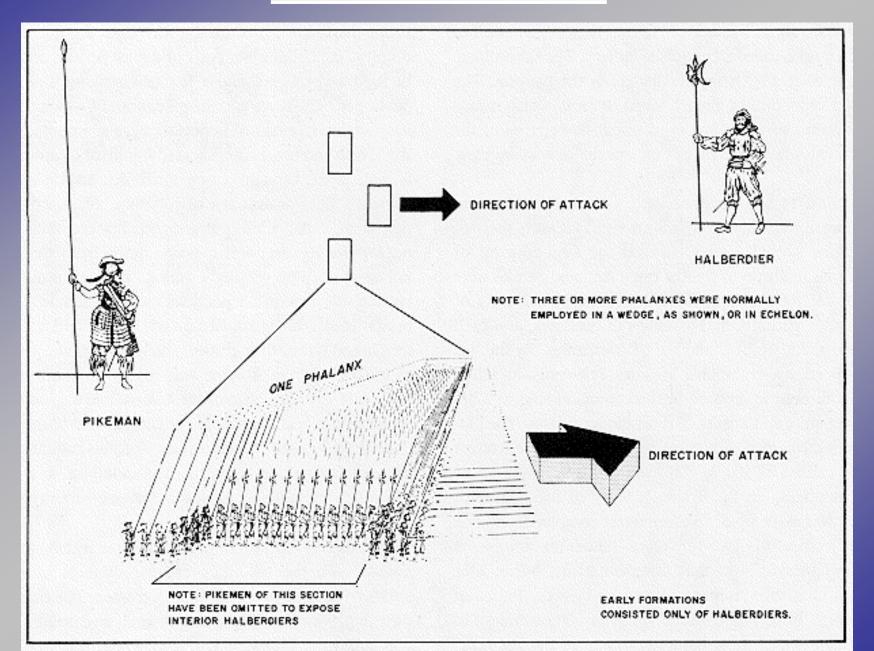
archers

obstacles (holes)

pikes

disciplined formations

### The Swiss Phalanx



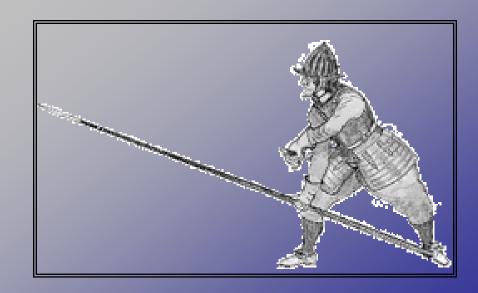


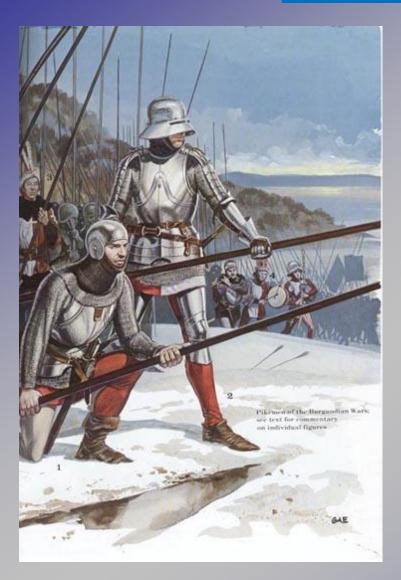
**Pole Weapons** 

**Missile Weapons** 

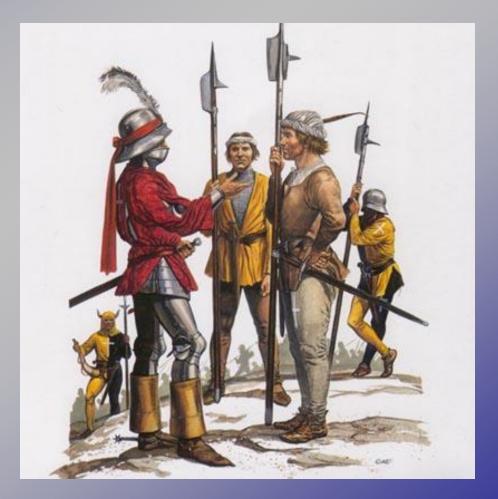
**Edged and Blunt Weapons** 







## **Pole Weapons**



Pike (18 ft.)

Halberd (7 ft.)







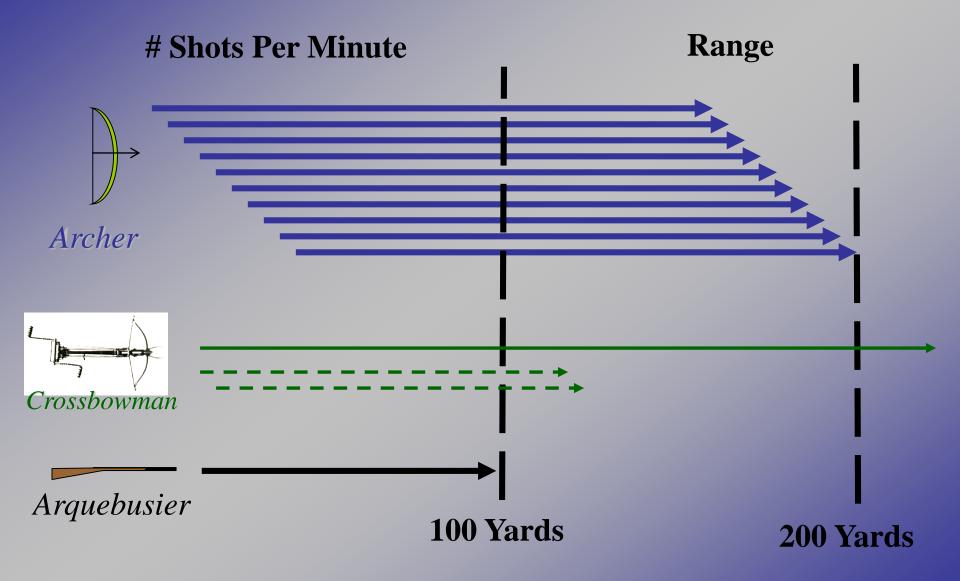
## Missile Weapons

**Crossbow** (banned by Church in 1139)

Longbow

Firearms
Arquebus, Matchlock

## Revolution in Firepower?



#### **Edged and Blunt Weapons**

Mace Axe Flail Sword









# The Infantry Revolution Political & Societal Impact

**Common infantry over Noble Cavalry** 

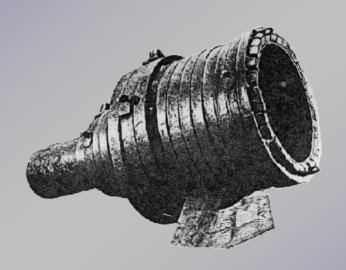
Increased size of armies

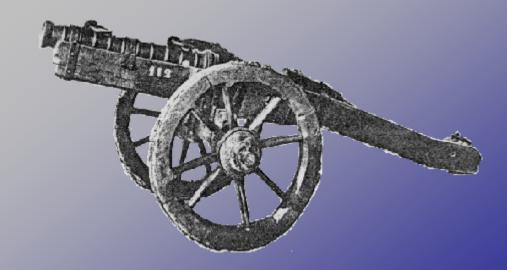
Governments' need for financial support (TAXES)

War becomes a deadly business
Infantry weapons defeat armor
tactics/weapons reduce options to surrender
decline of ransom

# The Artillery Revolution 1350-1440 - Gunpowder

Siege Bombard - Field Artillery





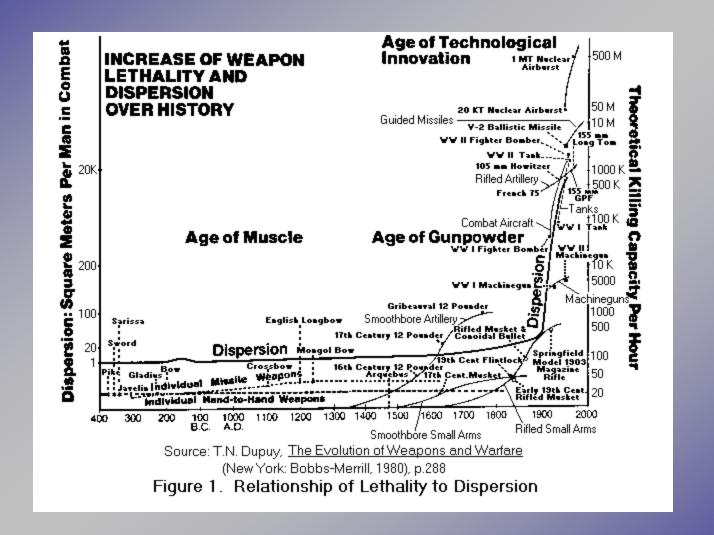
## The Artillery Revolution Improvements

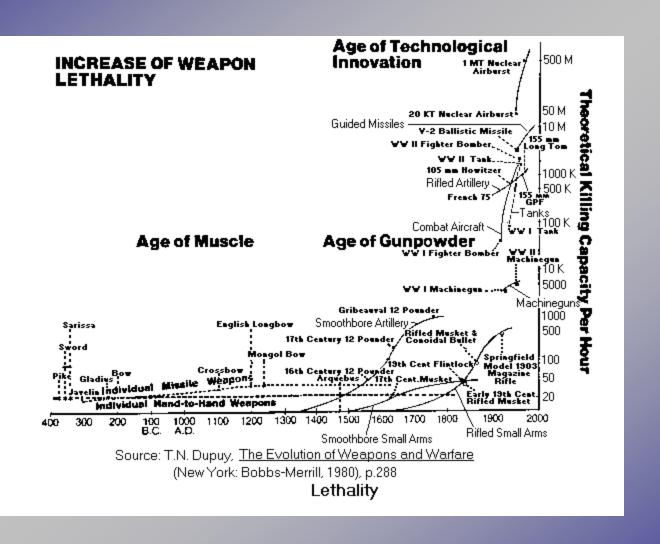
**Gunpowder manufacture (corning)** 

**Metallurgy** 

Gun design

longer barrels, loading methods, 2 wheel carriage





## The Organizational Revolution

Increase in training cost/time lead to "fulltime soldiers"

Tax base to pay salaries/purchase equipment

Complex tactics require trained leaders
Creation of rank structure (Colonel, Captain, Lieutenant)

**Soldiers of Fortune**Free Companies and Mercenaries

Artillery expenses beyond reach of small states

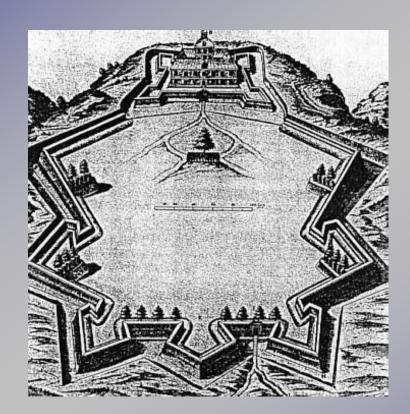
Development of Uniforms, Flags

British - Red French - White Austria - Green

## The Fortress Revolution

## trace italienne

Sunken-profile earthworks — Sharp angles – crossfire





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