

Tactics for the Field Artillery

Historical Overview of the Field Artillery Development



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Educational objective:

To describe the evolution of the field artillery from its predecessors arms to the early 20th century.



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1. The Legend of St. Barbara

- Patroness of artillery
- represented with a palm tree, crown and tower
- 4th December



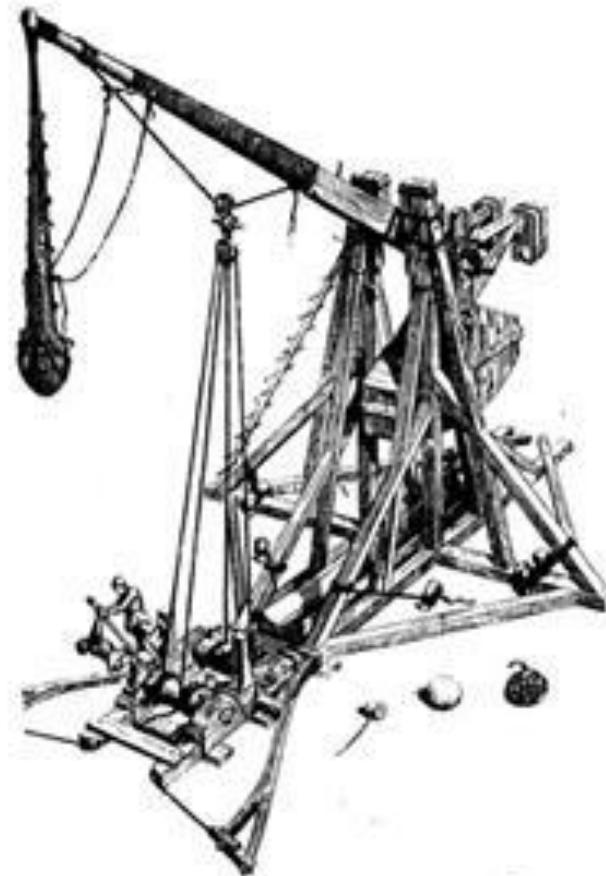
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2. Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages

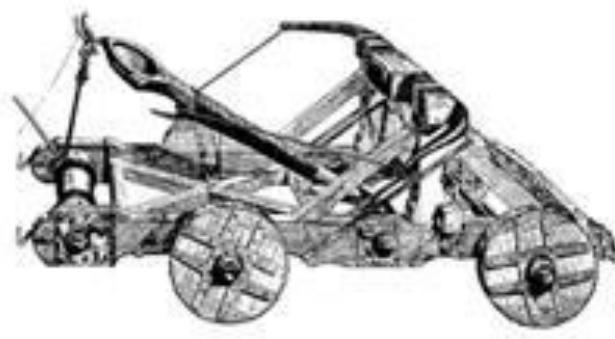
Predecessors:

- catapults and ballistae (scorpion)
- onagers

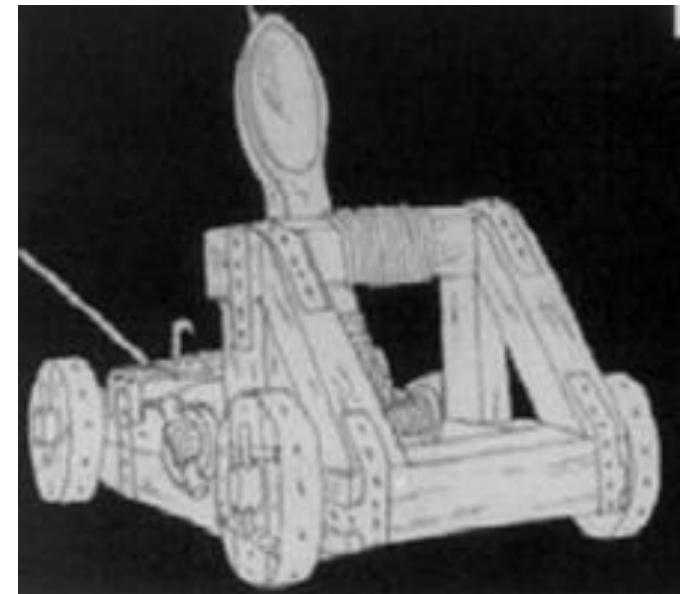


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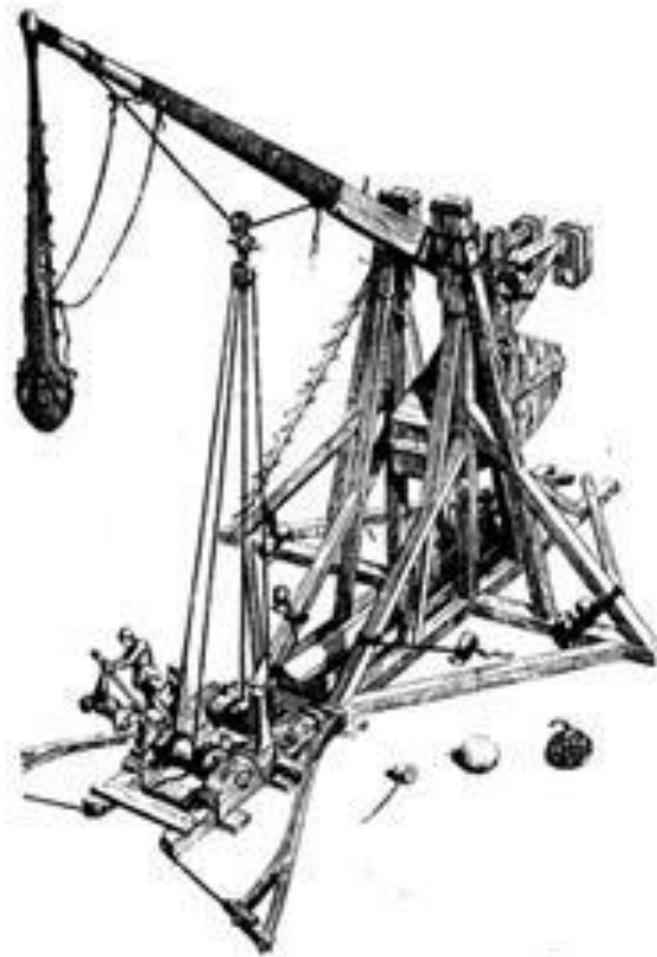
- crossbows, fustibaly, slings and arrows ...
- „Greek fire“
- throwing weapons



2. Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages

Predecessors:

- primitive rocket missiles
- mechanical artillery
- gunpowder
- bamboo musket
- artillery preparation



3. 14th & 15th century

- gunpowder
- first cannon
- to the siege
- iron balls
- bazookas, pestles

4. 16th & 17th century

- scientific research
- aming
- chintz, falkonet, basilisk
- coulveriny, guns, pedrera, pestles,
- bastions, ravelin



5. 18th century

- artillery schools
- firing tables
- standardization of the caliber of particular weapons
- easy sighting systems



6. 19th century

- charging from the rear
- smokeless powder, new explosives
- brake-returns system
- rifled barrel

7. 20th century

- mortars
- indirect fire
- anti-aircraft and anti-tank artillery
- chemical ammunitions

The field artillery was inflicting the most casualties on the battlefield – up to 75 %!

8. Conclusion

Artillery – a prerequisite for a success in the war!



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Tasks for individual work:

The student's credit paper on a chosen topic.

