

The New Model Army

Source A - 'History Alive Book 1' by Peter Moss (1980)

These men were strictly trained and strictly disciplined. But above all they fought for God. Singing hymns, they charged into battle and their discipline proved too much.

Source B - Oliver Cromwell writing to Sir William Spring: 1643

Give me a russet-coated captain who knows what he fights for and loves what he knows, than that which you call a gentlemen and is nothing else.

Source C - 'Oliver Cromwell and His World' by Maurice Ashely (1972)

Cromwell taught his cavalymen to care for their horses and clean their weapons...regular drill training and strict discipline made his cavalry more manoeuvrable (easier to control) than the Royalist cavalry.

Source D - Model Army Laws and Ordinances: 1642

First, let no man presume to Blaspheme the holy and blessed Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; nor the known Articles of our Christian Faith, upon pain to have his tongue bored with a red-hot iron.

All those who often and wilfully absent themselves from Sermons, and Public Prayer, shall be proceeded against at discretion: And all such who shall violate Places of Public worship, shall undergo severe punishments.

Theft and Robbery, exceeding the value of twelve pence, shall be punished with death.

None in their March through the Countries shall waste, spoil or extort any Victuals, Money, or goods, from any subject, upon any pretence of want whatsoever, upon pain of death.

No man shall burn any House or Barn, be it of friend or foe, or wilfully spoil any Corn, Hay, or Straw, or Stacks in the fields, or any Ship, Boat, Carriage, or anything that may serve for the Provision of the Army without Order, upon pain of death.