

AMMUNITION CONSUMPTION, DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE WAR IN UKRAINE

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Abstract: *Starting on February 24, 2022, the Russian-Ukrainian war takes place as a continuation of the one in 2014. The invasion led to Russia's conquest of a fifth of the territory of Ukraine. In the military actions, a special role is played by land artillery, which produced approximately three quarters of the losses on both sides. Artillery consumes a huge amount of ammunition which came to play a decisive role in this war. Without help, at certain heights, with ammunition from the West, Ukraine carries out the counter-offensive with difficulty or may even be compromised. There is currently no end in sight to the war, although some attempts are being made to reach peace.*

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I looked with concern and a certain reservation at the statement "I cannot imagine the future world exempt from conflicts, nor the process of reaching it. On the contrary, I believe that we are entering a period of intense social and political conflicts. To understand it – whether on a global scale or within our society – we need a theory of conflicts."¹

How relevant is the statement "The momentum of the troop in battle is directly related to its resilience and moral education, the military training it has received, as well as the number of bullets at their disposal and the good physical condition resulting from proper maintenance. Maintaining this morale means providing fighters not only with the absolutely necessary spiritual tonic but also with ammunition when they run out..."²

No operational plan of an army, from tactical to strategic levels, can succeed without the use of a certain quantity of ammunition. When this condition has not been fulfilled, the outcome has been unfavorable.

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¹ Alvin Toffler, *Previțiuni Premise*, ANTET Publishing House, p. 201.

² Nicolae Velescu, Horia Munteanu, *Tactica serviciilor la micile și marile unități*, Bucharest, 1932, p.2.