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First American Empire
Diplomat

Posts: 816
Founded: Mar 12, 2019
Ex-Nation

by **First American Empire** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 3:31 pm

Western Fardelshufflestein wrote:

People putting effort into designing their militaries.

This post was brought to you by the I'm-not-very-interested-in-military-stuff gang.

Same. The only reason I care about my nation's military is that it interacts with other stuff, like politics. An actual military doctrine beyond "volunteer army", "has nukes", "very-recently MT military trying to update everything to PMT using other nations' tech", and "the monarchy constantly F***s up the chain of command for political reasons", is unnecessary.

Last edited by **First American Empire** on Mon Apr 05, 2021 3:31 pm, edited 1 time in total.

The American Empire is a socially progressive absolute monarchy run by the heirs of Emperor Norton. It started off at MT but has rapidly advanced to PMT through interdimensional travel. All NSstats are used, except for tax rate and population. Factbooks are currently under reconstruction.

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 3:40 pm

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The Troas Sector
Bureaucrat

Posts: 59
Founded: Mar 08, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **The Troas Sector** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:04 pm

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Based bolt-action rifles are indeed better than boring 600 RPM 5.56 overused assault rifles that jam all the time. Also back then airpower was relatively new and couldn't wipe out everything on the battlefield, making wars more epic meatgrinder than modern warfare.

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The Northern Wind Marauders
Civilian

Posts: 0
Founded: Mar 29, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **The Northern Wind Marauders** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:06 pm

Khoronzon wrote:

ns cliché: people making reports over petty bullshit

Dayganistan wrote:

Personally though, I'm surprised we don't see more drones in NS air forces given the success Turkey has had with them recently.

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this is, of course, why i intend to make my own armed forces unreasonably drone-heavy. soulless war machine meat grinder makes the line go up 🤔

Imagine risking your life while committing war crimes.

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It is the year 869 C.E. and a Storm is Brewing in the North Sea

Basically

[The Raven's Calling](#) I WILL DRINK FROM YOUR SKULL!



Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:20 pm

damn bro that post was spicier than the british aerial campaign over germany in 1944
nice

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South Reinkalistan
Ambassador

Posts: 1785
Founded: Mar 12, 2019
Corrupt Dictatorship

by **South Reinkalistan** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:37 pm

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" We will not bow to your dictation. We are free. We bled to be free. Who are you to tell us what we may and may not do? We stopped being your slaves an era ago. "

South Reinkalistan is a massive, ecologically-diverse nation notable for its roving student militias and widespread hatred for the elderly. In the midst of a room-temperature cultural revolution that's lost its momentum, the Party carefully plans its next move. As the brittle bones of fragile empires begin to crack beneath their own weight, history's symphony reaches crescendo pitch. The future is all but certain.



Sengoku Americas
Envoy

Posts: 218
Founded: Feb 13, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **Sengoku Americas** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:41 pm

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Khoronzon wrote:

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It's kind of funny, this is almost exactly why machine guns were dismissed by a lot of European armed forces prior to WWI. I don't know though, nothing says "god-like warrior" than literally just clicking on an entire tank company to delete it with loitering munitions and precision missiles.

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Five nations, one continent.

"Let everyone put forth their full effort for the reconstruction of our wonderful garden!"



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No they're meant to deprive you of sleep after you start malding because someone else wrote something better than you so you automatically go into AAAAAAAA mode and then look at your own stuff, mald harder, and then start screaming internally. However then you get your epic boost because you start making fun of people on discord for being jannielovers.

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Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:43 pm

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Socialist Macronesia
Negotiator

Posts: 6831
Founded: Jan 27, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Socialist Macronesia** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:56 pm

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...are you challenging me, Kiu?

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Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 4:57 pm

yes, yes i am.

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by **Socialist Macronesia** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:04 pm



Socialist Macronesia
Negotiator

Posts: 6831
Founded: Jan 27, 2020
Ex-Nation

Kiu Ghesik wrote:
yes, yes *i am*.

the gloves are coming off, tovarishch.

anyway, anyone got any other military cliches?

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:08 pm

Socialist Macronesia wrote:

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MT and PMT and FT militaries.

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Las Palmeras
Minister

Posts: 3375
Founded: Jun 15, 2012
New York Times
Democracy

by **Las Palmeras** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:09 pm

Sengoku Americas wrote:

We don't use precision missiles much in California. Almost all of our missiles are unguided to counter the more expensive, technologically advanced armies around us- sure, your THAAD can shoot down one or two ballistic missiles, but what about one hundred?

I'll go the opposite route if I ever decide to move Las Palmeras further into the future. Shiny and expensive toys to counter hordes of Soviet tanks. Besides, "Assault Breaker" sounds neat.

Then again, In the LP-verse, the Soviets are the ones with the aura of "super-science" attached to them. Up until now, they captured Peenemunde and got Von Braun in '43 along with some of his concepts. Sergei Korolev is still alive and well and I'm poised to make Alexei Leonov the first man in the Moon...AND I still need to write about the 2nd Soviet-Japanese War, where the USSR gets it's revenge with small missile boats to roflstomp Imperial Japan's big gun battleships.

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A lack of scenarios where German luck runs short early on in WW2. Even tiny little details in Holland or France could've cost them a lot more dearly.

Last edited by [Las Palmeras](#) on Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:12 pm, edited 2 times in total.

Hey hey, LP here: Too burnt out with this nation to make new lore or fix macrohistorical *longue durée* alt-his inconsistencies, too clingy to let it die.

[Important Links and IC content in the limbo](#)

Summies be like: eWw WeEbSh*TI aNiMu GIR!!
Enjoy the Chad fat old Diet man (◡_◡)



The Troas Sector
Bureaucrat

Posts: 59
Founded: Mar 08, 2021
Ex-Nation

by [The Troas Sector](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:15 pm

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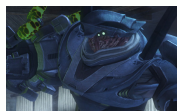
Military factbooks that link images with very little formatting and that look incredibly ugly and just like a checklist that the person wanted to get out of the way rather than a well-crafted part of the worldbuilding. I mean, I don't blame people who do that since I did it myself very often, and a lot of the time the military writing is just something people want out of the way so that they can roleplay, but equipment list militaries that have very little in the way of description of history or even just basic function are so incredibly common that it is one of the more notorious cliches. I wish people who were military RPer's would make more high quality military descriptions with proper doctrines and histories instead of posting a list of images of real life or fake equipment that they searched up on google images or bing (and then proceed to not credit the original artist because they couldn't be bothered).

This reminds me of a guy who I swear copied his entire military from someone else's nation, which was pretty sad all things considered. Either way, if someone is going to cheap out on military, just either write the WAY wars are fought instead of listing equipment and men, or write stories about the wars themselves (but of course don't make stupidly outlandish stuff unless it makes sense for your country to do so). I think KG has basically one of the best ways of describing their military, and that's just by talking about the various pieces of equipment and the ways they fight instead of going on and on in a droning list of "this is how many bows we have" like many people probably would. I know that lots of kids think that in order to RP you need listing of exact numbers of whatever you have, but you don't. So long as you don't powergame or make something outside the scope of your fiction, go ahead and make your stories about certain things. Quality needs to come before quantity of war posts, and the people who have the equipment lists generally are in the realm of spamposting bad war RPs anyway.

/rant

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Valentine Z
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by [Valentine Z](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:17 pm

Socialist Macronesia wrote:
anyone got any other military cliches?

A centillion (10^{303}) nukes / orbital strikes upon thee.

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by [Drongonia](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:19 pm



Drongonia
Ambassador

Posts: 1892
Founded: Feb 11, 2019
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

Kiu Ghesik **wrote**:

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Laughs in 2016 - 2020 Government flagship policies about:

Overseas companies evading taxes
Fibreoptic Internet capabilities
Income tax
Immigration levels/refugees
Establishing a rent-to-own scheme for first home buyers

To expand on this: the virgin massive nation-shaping policymaker vs the chad everyday issue enjoyer

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Negotiator

Posts: 6831
Founded: Jan 27, 2020
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by **Socialist Macronesia** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:23 pm

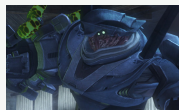
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by **Valentine Z** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:24 pm

Drongonia wrote:

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Because sometimes, most people might remember that you did the universal civil rights thing, but **everyone** will remember you as the leader who shafted and kept dismissing the issue about the lack of organic food. 🤔

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The Near Islands

by **The Near Islands** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:24 pm

Socialist Macronesia wrote:

Kiu Ghesik **wrote**:

Lobbyist

Posts: 16
Founded: Jan 01, 2021
Left-Leaning College State

yes, yes i am.

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The disregard of morale, something even I am guilty of.

I know "the meat grinder" has become kind of a meme in recent F7 history, but generally speaking, morale and discipline must be maintained in armies, especially if the wars are some overseas conflict with no connection to home other than "they have an ideology I dislike" (Vietnam, for example). And for the record, no, you can't just scare every man into submission. There are cases of it occurring even in nations with [certain trackrecords](#).

That's not to say that soldiers *can't* undergo harsh conditions, soldiers are trained for harsh conditions after all. Buuut, I do still find it silly to see modern tech nations just throw soldiers into the frontlines like it's WW1.

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□The Near Islands | Tanhana okha Kithch Muhana□

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Territories is making me crazy, this nation is my therapy.

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Western Fardelshufflestein
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Posts: 4744
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Civil Rights Lovefest

by [Western Fardelshufflestein](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:25 pm

People not focusing most of their lore on their leaders, specifically one leader, specifically Alastair.

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I don't remember writing about an abundance of nuclear bombs *from* Valentine Z (the Pre-Valentian Era planetary bombardment doesn't count, that wasn't the

Valentians).

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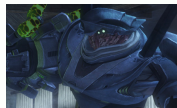
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Ahh, see above.

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The Saucer Pilots
Attaché

Posts: 79
Founded: Aug 15, 2020
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by [The Saucer Pilots](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:28 pm

Channeling my inner LeMay here, but, a nuclear war in the first half of the 1960s and up until the 70s could still be seen as winnable.

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