

Re: Technical and Spiritual Development

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On Tue, 25 Jan 2005 19:11:41 -0800, p-stickney@Mineshaft.local (Peter Stickney) wrote:

>Villa was, in his own way, a quite serious factor – At one point, he
>pretty much controlled Northern Mexico. Villa always felt that if
>he'd had the support of American Interests, be they Government or
>Commercial, he would have been able to take all of Mexico. He initial
>did have a lot of American support. But His (and his troops) habit of
>looting the very people he wanted to have support him wasn't shall we
>say, the epitome of diplomacy. Nor for that matter, was raiding towns
>in Arizona.

...Which, in turn, demonstrated the one area of military prowess that any native army of Mexico has possessed since the fall of the Aztecs: hit-and-run guerilla tactics using small bands of mounted raiding parties. How Moltke failed to take note of this – especially when the facts were trumped upon by certain elements of the American "yellow journalist" state that were critical of Army failures to shut down Villa's raiding successes – still remains puzzling to this day. He would have been better off trying to con Canada into attacking the US from the north :-)

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"No bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country."	http://www.io.com/~o_m Sergeant-At-Arms Human O-Ring Society
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- General George S. Patton, Jr