

Re: OT: Another Simberg satire?

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Dave Michelson <davem@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

AFAIK, your General Sherman was the first modern military commander to recognize this. His strategy of economically crippling and psychologically intimidating the rebels during his famous March to the Sea has led to his being recognized as one of the fathers of modern warfare.

Somewhat exaggerated. What Sherman did was an innovation mostly against the background of what Americans had been used to in the Civil War until then, and the larger background of the relatively "gentlemanly" tactics of professional warfare prevailing (with many exceptions) in Europe in the 18th and early 19th century.

It's not as if "economically crippling and psychologically intimidating" the enemy while marching and foraging through his territory was a keen new insight that had never occurred to (or been applied *_de facto_* by) any commander since Sargon of Akkad...

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