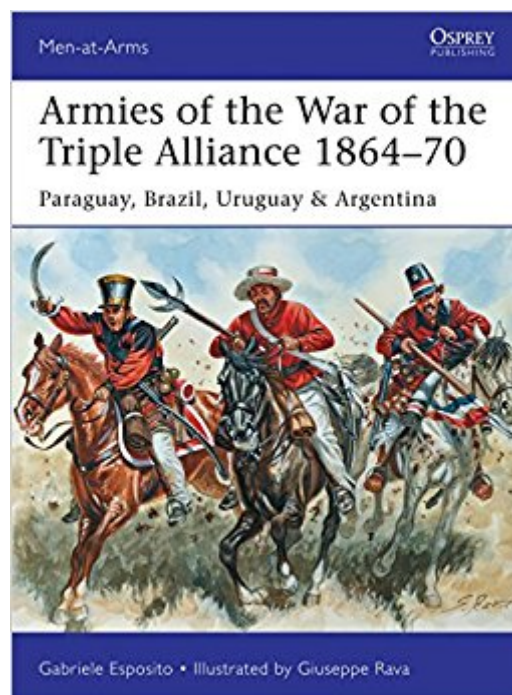




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# Armies Of The War Of The Triple Alliance 1864–70: Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay & Argentina (Men-at-Arms)



## Synopsis

Between 1864 and 1870 four nations fought in an extraordinarily bloody war - the largest in the history of South America. The powerhouses Argentina and Brazil alongside tiny Uruguay on one side, and the small but increasingly-powerful Paraguay on the other, fought a conflict that was almost contemporary with the American Civil War and Franco-Prussian War, and rivalled their very high casualty rates. The aftermath of the war saw defeated Paraguay's territory diminished, its total population reduced by a staggering 70 per cent, and its economy ruined for generations, while victorious Brazil was established as the predominant military power on the continent. Despite the extraordinary ferocity of the fighting and the significant historical consequences thereafter, little has been published in English on a war that shaped the political map of Latin America to this day. This title book in some crucial gaps by telling the story of the men who fought on both sides, using contemporary paintings, prints, and rare early photographs combined with detailed research and engaging analysis.

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## Customer Reviews

Gabriele Esposito is an Italian native, and a long-time student of South American wars. He has previously written magazine articles on the War of the Triple Alliance amongst other subjects. The author lives in Caserta, Italy.

This excellent book looks at all the combatants of the War of the Triple Alliance, a war which would

be incredibly disastrous for the country of Paraguay. This Osprey volume provides a credible thumbnail description of the war, along with maps and a chronology. The photos and the artwork are excellent and the artist takes into account the changes in uniform brought about by the length and field conditions in which the war was fought. If you are only going to read one book on this pivotal South American conflict, make it this one. If you are reading another book on the topic, read this one... it will give you a better understanding of the war.

Great book. Just to add, it has some failures like little lack of information about the battles but that's a characteristic of the series. They could publish whole books about some of the battles like Tuyutí, Curupaití or Riachuelo (naval), but in 48 pages there's no space to focus on that. I think that the book really focuses on the objective of giving a review about the war and showing in some detail all armies. If you want something more complete get *THE PARAGUAYAN WAR: Armies of the Nineteenth Century: The Americas* (Armies of the 19th Century: The Americas).

I received my copy of Osprey's book on the War of the Triple Alliance yesterday. After their awful book on the Chaco War I approached buying this book with some trepidation, but I was pleasantly surprised. The plates are good and the synopsis of the War is short but well done. And there are useful maps thank goodness. I would recommend this to anyone interested in this very interesting War, expert or novice.

The "Triple Alliance" war was undoubtedly the largest ever happened in South America, but unfortunately still there is very little information about it, even in Brazil. The title - "Armies of the War of ..." correctly announces what it is all about: armies, not battles. As such, even though it was not the author's purpose to describe battles, it is kind of frustrating to read about the confronting armies and then to find little about the ensuing battles. It is also frustrating to find almost nothing about the naval battles, which were key to the outcome of the war. Praise for the color plates, depicting uniforms. However as a Brazilian I could not but notice that Brazil's independence from Portugal happened in 1822, not in 1825, as mentioned. And Porto Alegre, the capital of the key Brazilian Rio Grande do Sul state, is completely misplaced in one of the maps. I hope Argentinian, Uruguayan and Paraguayan cities were not misplaced.

Good general coverage of a war that is little known in the US.

Typical book from this series. Long on pictures, and uniform descriptions but short on narrative.history.A useful book for anyone who wants to learn a bit about the war started by the corpulent and insane President Lopez which led to the destruction of his country.The book "Eliza Lynch: Queen of Paraguay" looks interesting although I haven't read it yet.Ms.Lynch was the mistress of Lopez.

I really enjoyed the book, it was well written and I learned something

Having a large amount of Osprey Man at Arms books this is one of the best outstanding books they have printed so far. A vast amount of information and the color plates are outstanding

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