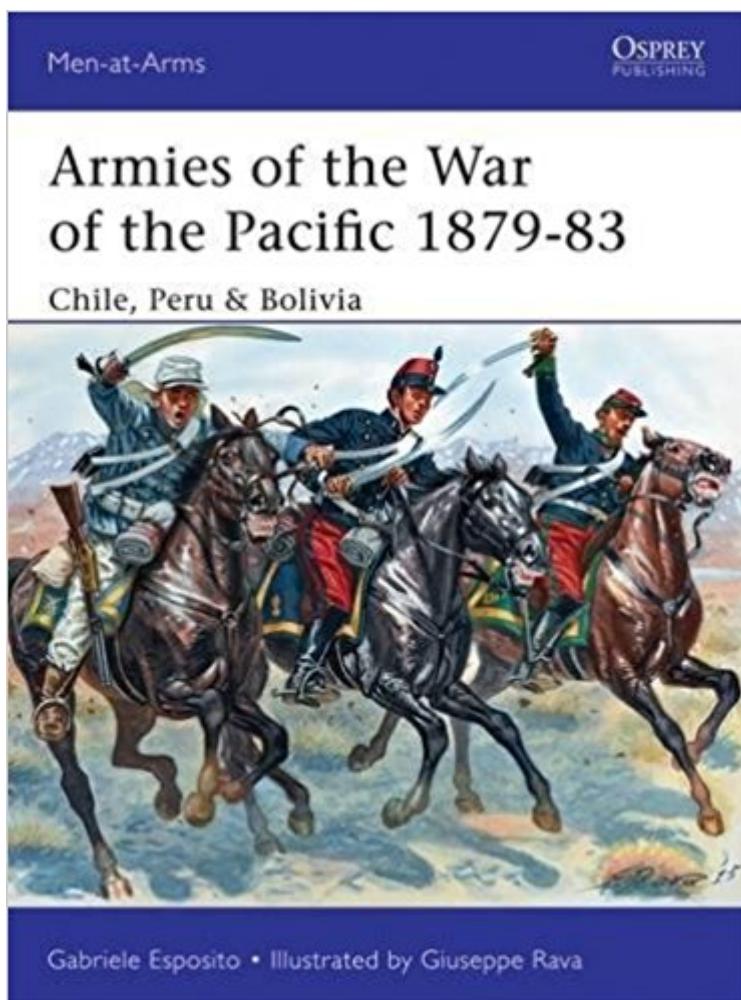


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# Armies Of The War Of The Pacific 1879–83: Chile, Peru & Bolivia (Men-at-Arms)



## Synopsis

The Pacific War was the climax of the decades-long Wars of Liberation, and is one of the most important conflicts in South American history. After winning their independence from Spain in 1825, Peru and Bolivia became separate nations - but over the following years repeated attempts to re-unite them were frustrated by the neighboring powers, particularly Chile. By the 1870s Chilean military superiority and expansionist policies exploded into full scale conflict. This book examines the troops, uniforms and equipment used by forces on all three sides of the conflict and traces the events of the war from the early naval blockades to the full-scale amphibious landings undertaken by the Chilean forces. The war ended in total victory for Chile, and that country's emergence thereafter as 'the Prussia of South America', while it cost Peru a lucrative province, and Bolivia its outlet to the Pacific coast.

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## Customer Reviews

"Make Esposito's cool little chronicle your introduction to this pivotal conflict. Roundly recommended!" - Cybermodeler Online

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 and is the author of MAA 499 Armies of the War of the Triple Alliance 1864-70, published in March 2015.

The War of the Pacific ranks right up there with the War of the Triple Alliance and the Chaco War as far as its significance in South American history. This war pit Chile (small, but with professional forces) against an alliance consisting of Peru and Bolivia, larger in territory and population but with less stable governments. By the time the war was over the borders of each of the participants had changed. The narrative explains the progress of the Pacific War and the major battles fought. The artwork gives the reader an idea of the uniforms worn by the belligerents, illustrating the Prussian, French and even U.S. influence on the forces. The artwork, photographs and maps are excellent for the most part. However, it seemed to me that since the naval forces were so important at the beginning of the war.

Excellent book covering the most important and dramatic military conflict of the Andean region. It offers a very clear and objective review of the real causes of the war and the military operations. Good pictures, most of them from Chilean archives.

Great Osprey book on this conflict. Many pictures and color drawings help this book present a picture of this conflict. Interesting book on this conflict which I did not know about after reading the conflict is described in good detail.

An extraordinary account in a few pages of the War between Chile and the Peru - Bolivia confederation. The book is excellent to get a first view of the entire confrontation. Regrettably it is not available in Spanish. It would be an excellent book for secondary students and everyone interested in having a general perspective. I would give this book 6 stars....

Like all the other Osprey books, the format doesn't allow you to go into great detail. This book provides a short overview of the military situation and the campaigns by the opponents. The focus is on the organization, equipment and uniforms of the various opponents. Don't expect much analysis of the campaign.

Just a okay kinda thin on equipment used pretty good art work. Gives a lot of political background information. I suppose combat reports are thin because of the remoteness of the battlefield. Still interesting for this obscure war for North Americans but incredibly important South Americans. With such long lasting impacts to this day.

How many non South Americans have heard of the War in the Pacific? Yet it was a major war with great impact in the region. Particularly noteworthy are the incredibly colorful, and sometimes slightly bizarre, uniforms that are displayed in the wonderful color plates.

Great book about a very obscure (outside of South America) war. Very well researched with loads of pictures and illustrations.

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