

# The Role of the American and British Armed Forces in the Post-Colonial Pacific

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# The Pacific in the Elizabethan Era

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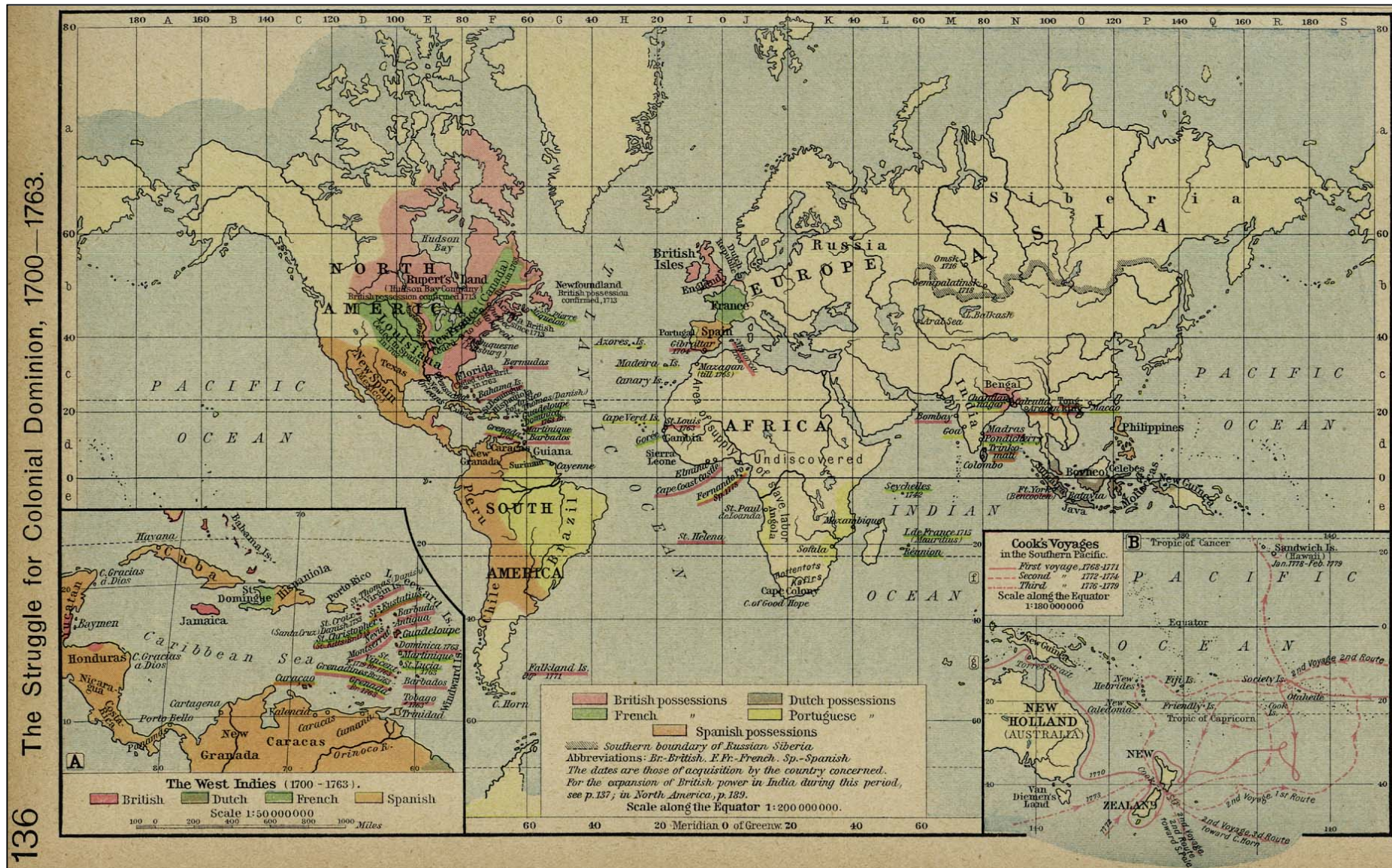


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# 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Colonisation

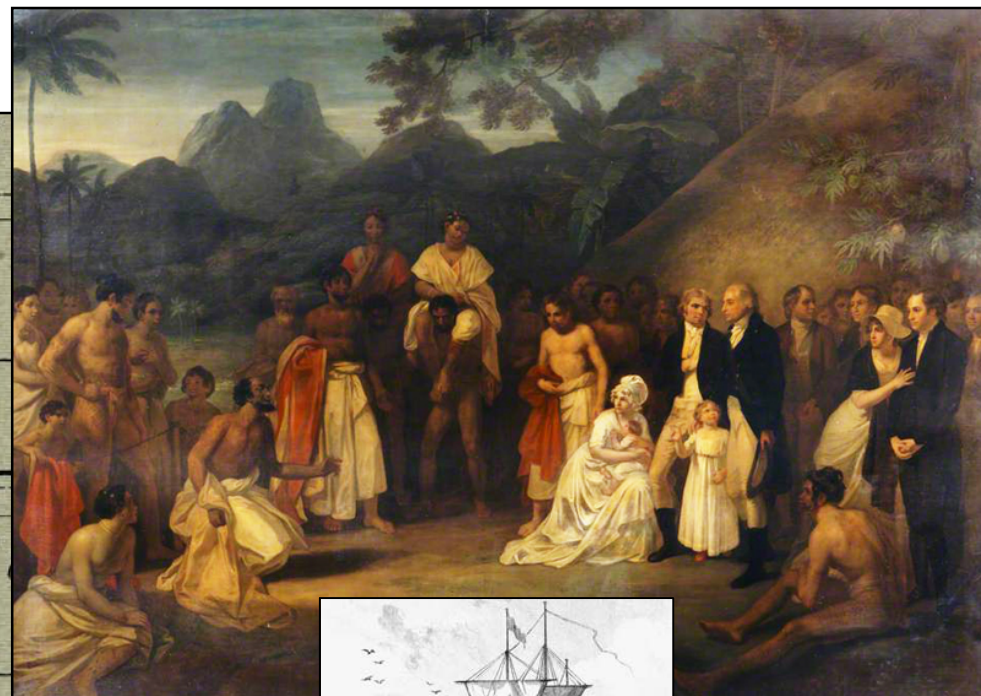
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# Reluctance to Govern

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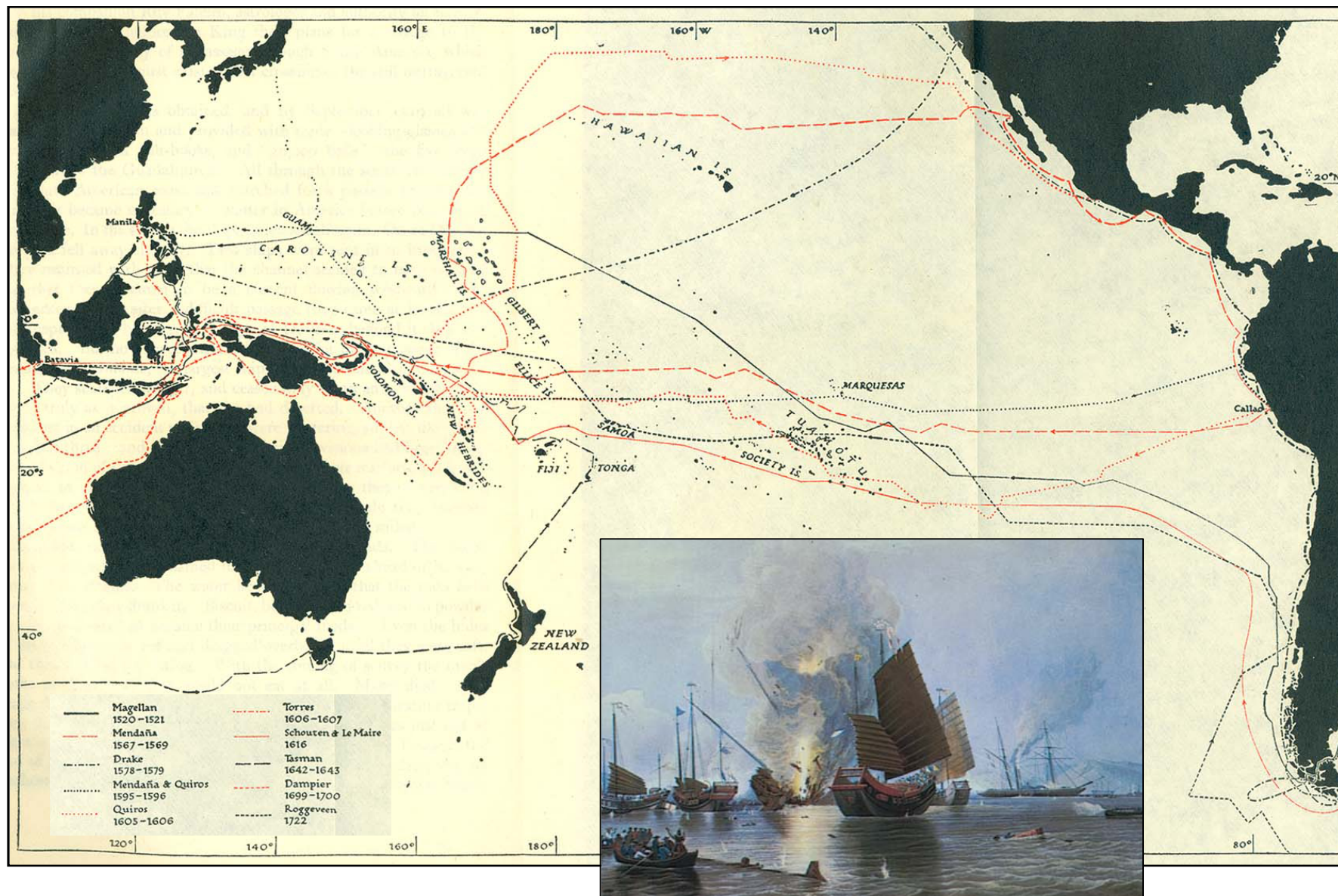


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# The Advent of Steamships

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# The Height of the British Empire

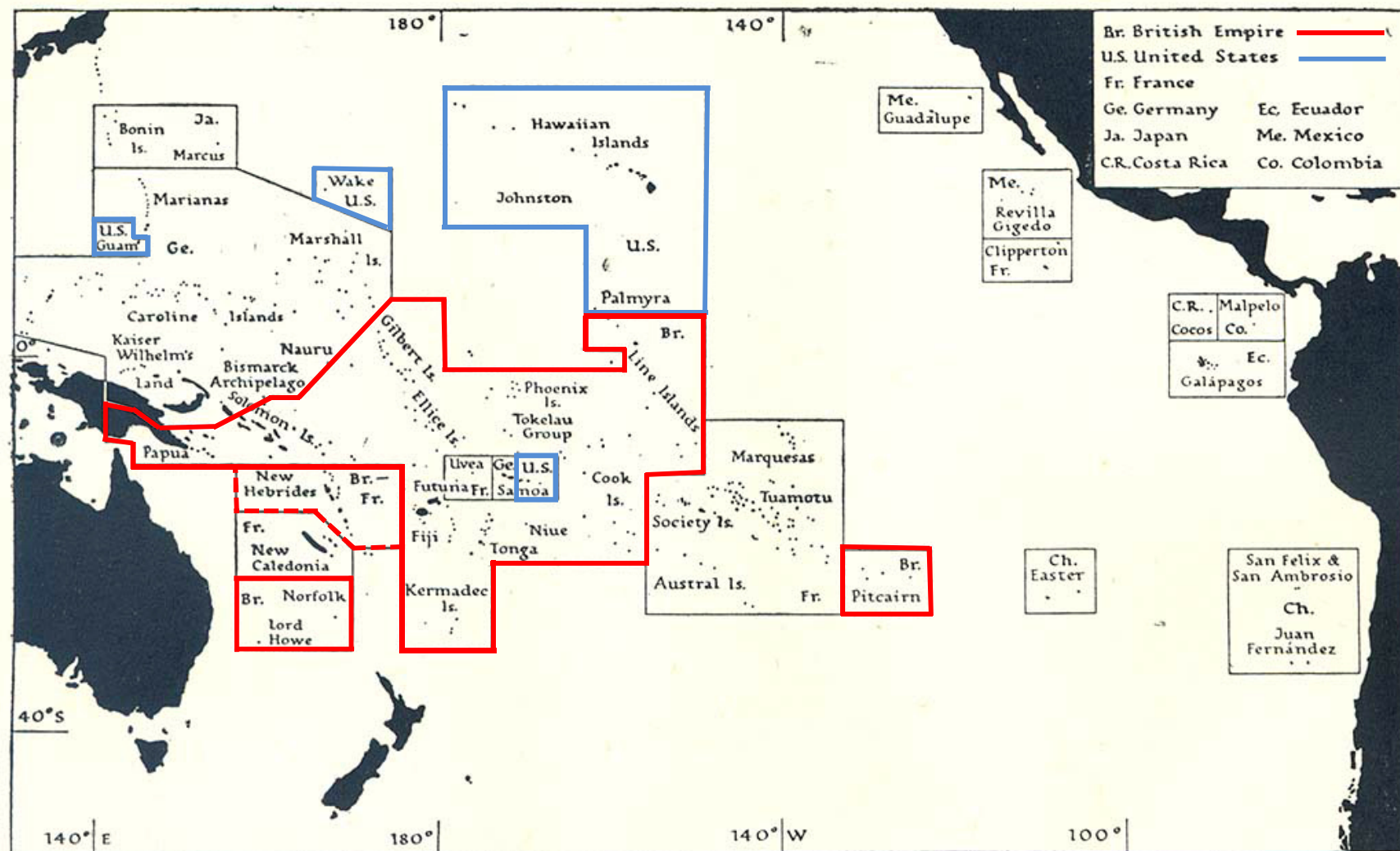
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# Pre-War Holdings

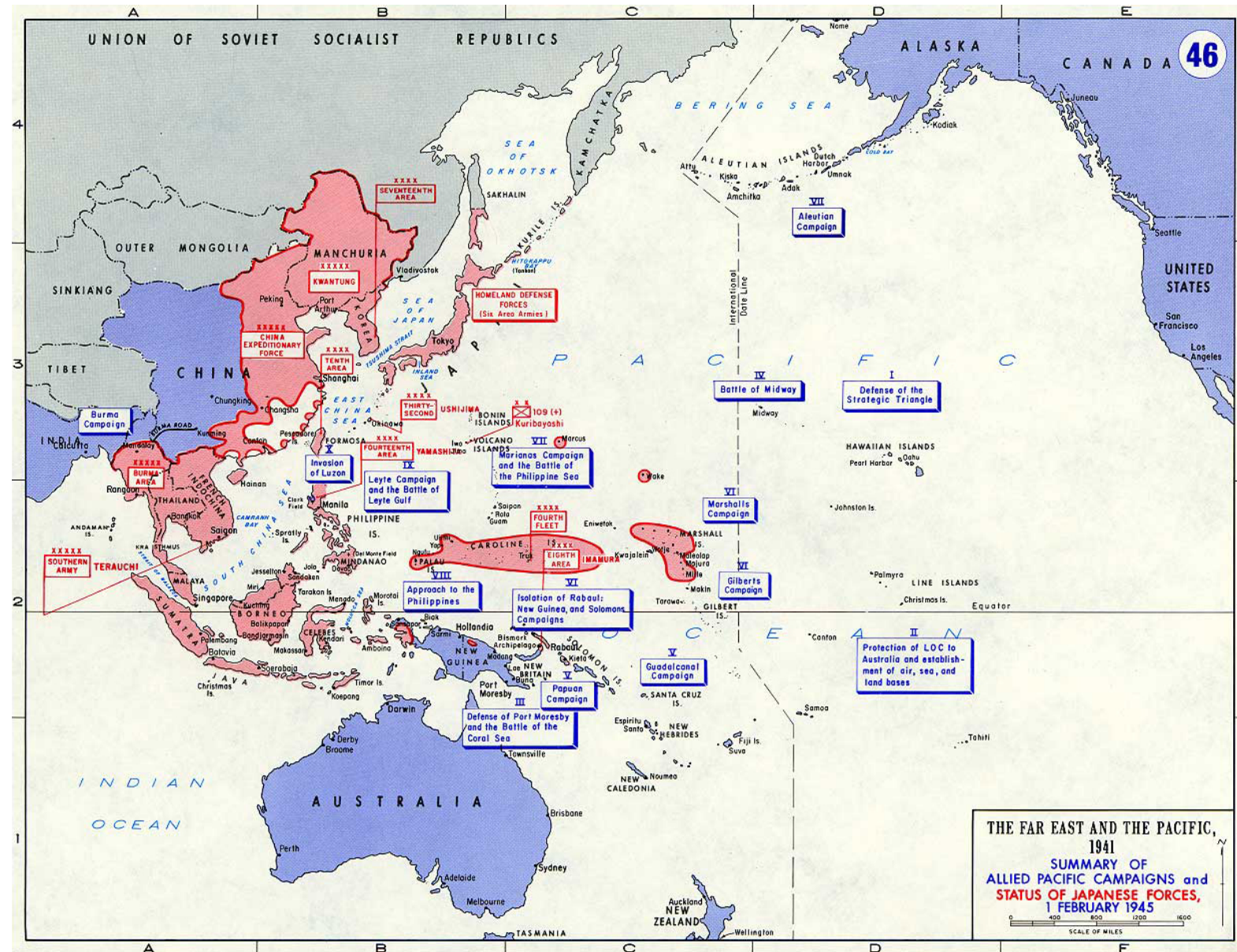
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# Pacific Campaigns of World War II

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# Enduring Relationships

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- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Brunei
- India
- Kiribati
- Malaysia
- Nauru
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu



# Pacific Partners in the Global War on Terror

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OEF-Afghanistan  
OEF-Philippines  
OEF-Horn of Africa  
OEF-Trans-Sahara

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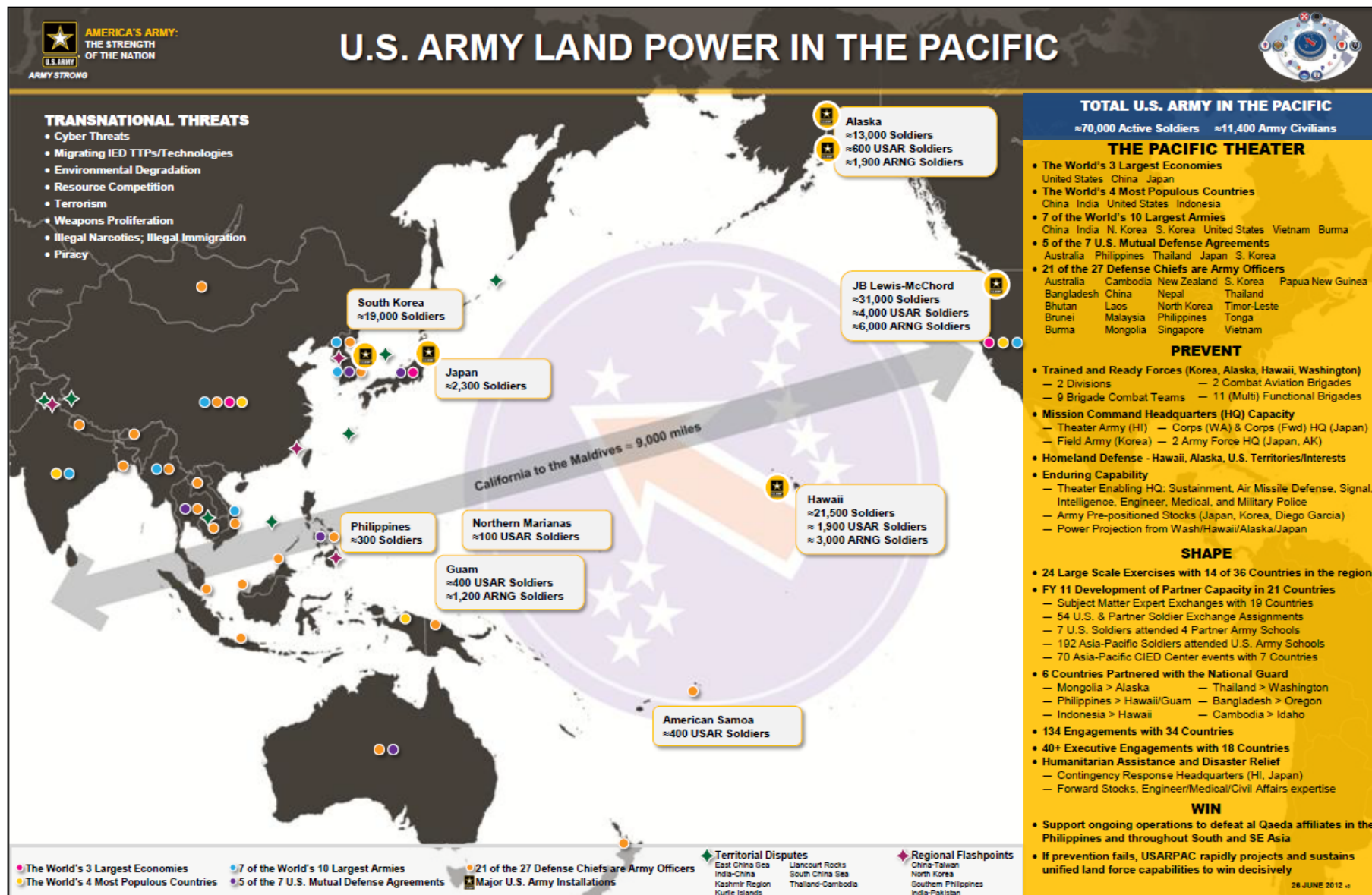
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# U.S. Army Pacific Disposition

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# Regionally-Aligned Forces

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## I Corps REBALANCE TO THE PACIFIC



*"Combat Proven JTF Capable Operational Level Headquarters; ready to Prevent, Shape, and Win in the Pacific"*

### TRANSNATIONAL THREATS

- Cyber Threats
- Migrating IED TTPs / Technology
- Environmental Degradation
- Resource Competition
- Terrorism
- Weapons Proliferation
- Illegal Narcotics; Illegal Immigration
- Piracy



### I Corps

- Provides JTF, JFLCC, or Army Operational capabilities with recent CJTF HQ combat experience in Iraq (2009-2010) and Afghanistan (2011-2012) where it executed *Mission Command* for over 160,000 personnel

### OPERATIONAL FORCES AVAILABLE

#### Army Combat Units and Enablers at JBLM

- I Corps HQs
- 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division HQs
- 2/2, 3/2, 4/2 Stryker Brigades
- 16<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade
- 17<sup>th</sup> Fires Brigade
- 201<sup>st</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade
- 555<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Brigade
- 593<sup>rd</sup> Sustainment Brigade
- 1-214 General Support Aviation Brigade(USAR)
- 62<sup>nd</sup> Medical Brigade
- 110<sup>th</sup> Chemical Battalion (Tech Escort)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion
- 5-5 Air Defense Battalion (SHORAD)
- 51<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- 301<sup>st</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade USAR
- 84<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (FY13 activation)
- 364<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command (USAR) Marysville, WA
- 364<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade (USAR) Portland, OR

#### Joint Combat Units and Enablers at JBLM

- 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing / 446<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing / 1<sup>st</sup> ASOG
- 4/160 Special Operations Aviation Regiment
- 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion

#### Power Projection Capabilities at JBLM

- 3 Major Air Ports of Debarkation: SEATAC, Boeing, McChord Airfields
- 4 Major Sea Ports of Debarkation: Ports of Tacoma, Seattle, Olympia, Grays Harbor
- Major surface distribution highway and rail networks

- Unique I Corps Capabilities: Robust mission command, sustainment, and intelligence fusion capabilities

### PREVENT / SHAPE

- Enabling Partner Capacity through Security Force Assistance
- Conduct Army operations from seabasing to support US Navy, US Air Force and US Marine strike capability
- Interagency experience in JTF environment
- Set conditions for future access to the region
- Persistent Engagement in South East Asia
- 7 Combined Exercises with 7 Countries
- Assist National Guard State Partnership Program
  - Thailand – Washington
  - Vietnam / Bangladesh – Oregon
  - Cambodia – Idaho

### WIN

- Support ongoing operations to defeat regional threats in South East Asia through Security Force Assistance
- If prevention fails, I Corps rapidly applies combined arms maneuver and wide area security through mission command of joint forces to dominate the environment



### I Corps Potential Mission Sets

- Security Force Assistance
- Counter Lodgement
- Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response
- Consequence Management

- Non-combatant evacuation operations
- Peace Enforcement
- Decisive Action

- Joint Exercise
- Bilateral Exercise
- Future I Corps Exercise
- Prevent & Shape
- Win

### Territorial Disputes

- East China Sea
- India-China
- Kashmir Region
- Kurile Islands
- Liancourt Rocks
- South China Sea
- Thailand-Cambodia

### Regional Flashpoints

- China-Taiwan
- North Korea
- Southern Philippines
- India-Pakistan

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# Partnership in the Philippines

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## Conclusion

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- **The strategic considerations that most impacted American and British involvement in the Pacific have evolved, but remain essentially unchanged over the past two hundred years.**
  - **The U.S. and U.K. continue to seek:**
    - **Economic opportunities (both markets and products).**
    - **Sustained military partnerships.**
  - **Neither the U.S. nor the U.K. seek:**
    - **Expanded jurisdictions.**
    - **Political intrusion at the regional or local level.**
- **The “Pivot” solidifies commitment to strengthened ties with our Pacific partners, and presents new opportunities for analytical support to our Armed Forces.**