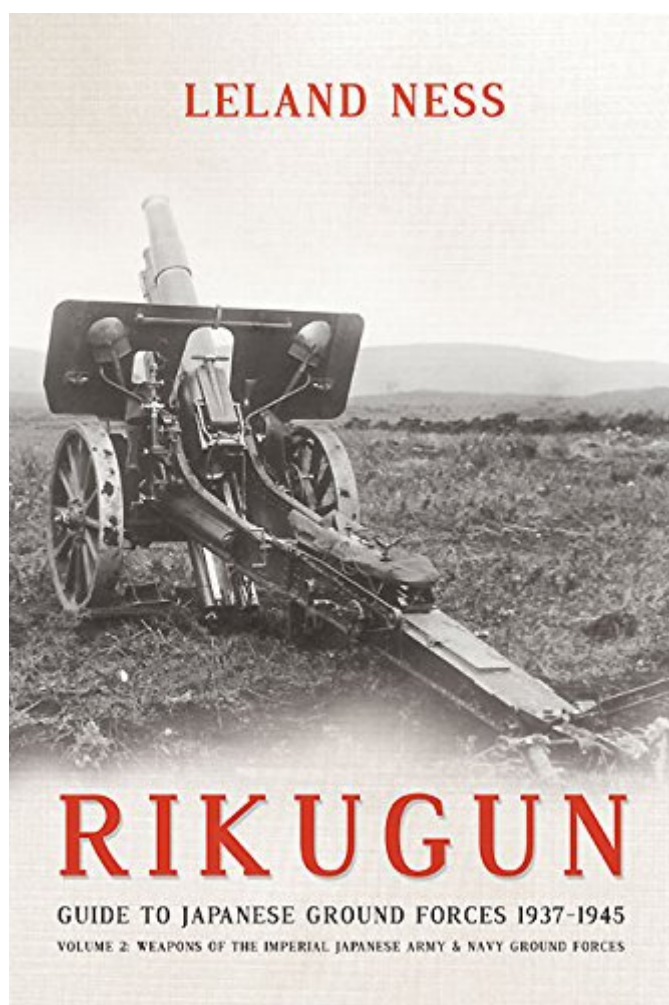


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# Rikugun. Volume 2: Weapons Of The Imperial Japanese Army & Navy Ground Forces



## Synopsis

"Rikugun: Guide to Japanese Ground Forces 1937-1945" is the first nuts-and-bolts handbook to utilize both the voluminous raw allied intelligence documents and postwar Japanese documentation as primary sources. This second volume covers the armament of the ground forces. It takes advantage not only of postwar Japanese research, but also the extensive technical intelligence efforts of the Allies near the end of the war, and the postwar investigations that have heretofore generally been ignored to provide a complete examination of wartime Japanese armament. The book is divided into twenty-three sections covering all categories including not only the standard arms, such as machine guns and coast artillery, but also more esoteric items such as bridging, chemical weapons and assault equipment. Each section provides both production and technical data, as well as a discussion of the unique characteristics of each weapon and its place in the force structure, accompanied by over 300 photographs and numerous data tables.

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It seems a complete, but rather basic, look at the weapons & related Japanese equipment used during WW2. It starts with submachine guns & progresses thru artillery to AFVs, to engineering &

signals equipment, & about everything in between. Surprisingly there is no information on pistols. We get a 340 page effort with pictures throughout, but they're not very big & the paper is only a step or two up from newsprint. The main information sources are U.S. intelligence reports on said equipment. Table of Contents, List of Illustrations, List of Table, & a Glossary start the book, followed by 23 Chapters dividing equipment by type & ending with Bibliography. There's little information generally available on Japanese ground equipment, so this book is a welcome addition to help identify that odd artillery piece in that picture that's in the "Misc. Japanese" folder on your hard drive.

This is the second volume in Leland Ness's excellent study of the Imperial Japanese Army and is devoted to Japanese weapons and weapons systems of all kinds. Previously the best book on this subject was the U.S. Army's Handbook on Japanese Military Forces, a wartime intelligence manual subject to the limitations of information available at the time. Using a wide variety of newly discovered documents, Mr. Ness has broadened the scope of those wartime efforts and has provided us with a virtually complete and accurate description and evaluation of many Japanese weapons both those well known and many less so. He provides in many cases production and development information not available elsewhere. Mr. Ness has also drawn on Japanese language sources and has had the book vetted by experts in Japan. This is a valuable reference of interest to both the casual reader and the military specialist and I expect it to be the standard work on this topic for many years to come. I strongly recommend it and suggest that it should be a part of any book collection dealing with the IJA and the IJN.

I think this is a great book. Covers all Imp. Japanese weapon systems. I didn't know the Japanese had 2 types of knee mortars. Also their rockets and launching systems were crude, very crude. Some of the artillery, I'd have been afraid to pull the lanyard on. Another thing very noticeable deficiency was no semiauto. rifle like M1 or M1 CAR. And the armor of course, crude, crude and more crude. All in all, an enlightening read. J....of.....R xxx

Mr. Ness did a great job writing this book. It has tremendous depth about the Imperial Japanese weaponry describing not only the technical details about rifles, canons and equipment but also in what relationship it was used. I highly recommend this to everyone who wants to know with what kind of equipment the IJA was able to conquer such vast land in the 1930 and the beginning of the 1940.

I enjoyed the book on Japanese ground forces. It went into every weapon system that the Japanese used in WWII.

Great book of all the different types of equipment and weapons

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