



Is Hitler a Strategic Genius?

Adolf Hitler is still a couple of steps short of Napoleonhood. The fact that he could not rise above the rank of corporal in four years of World War justifies some doubts of his military ability. He does love to use military expressions in conversation, and is fond of showing off his sometimes astonishing knowledge of technical details. His special pet is the navy, and not exclusively his own. He is particularly proud of knowing by heart the name of every unit in the American navy. But he still can never help seeming like a movie fan parading his familiarity with inside Hollywood.

And he will never forget the days of his political start as an underpaid stool-pigeon of the Reichswehr command in Munich. He learned then that a sergeant is a higher being. If today he bellows without restraint at top-ranking generals, he has many bitter memories to pay off.

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