

The Portuguese in the Age of Discovery

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Canary Islands early 15th century ó knight, handgunner & scribe

Slave raiders 15th century ó commander, crossbowman, sailor

Morocco 16th century ó man-at-arms, cavalrymen

Ethiopia 16th century ó infantrymen, Ethiopian noble cavalry

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Indian Ocean 16th-17th century (3 soldiers)

Southern Africa 17th century ó soldier & officer, African warrior

Comments:

A mix of history, uniforms, weapons and tactics. Everything you could want to know about the organisation of Portuguese colonial forces in the period. The history focuses on Portugal itself rather than the history of its colonies. The discussion of colonial strategy is interesting.

--Paul Le Long

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