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Subject: History of French Warfare in a nutshell.

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> > > You can hardly blame the French. France is example number one when  
> > > comes to natural selection of a nation's character.

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> > > Gallic Wars - Lost. In a war whose ending foreshadows the next 2000  
> > > years of French history, France is conquered by of all things, an  
> > > Italian.

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> > > Hundred Years War - Mostly lost, saved at last by female schizophrenic  
> > > who inadvertently creates The First Rule of French Warfare; "France's  
> > > armies are victorious only when not led by a Frenchman."

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> > > Italian Wars - Lost. France becomes the first and only country to ever  
> > > lose two wars when fighting Italians.

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> > > Wars of Religion - France goes 0-5-4 against the Huguenots

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> > > Thirty Years War - France is technically not a participant, but  
> > > manages to get invaded anyway. Claims a tie on the basis that  
> > > eventually the other participants started ignoring her.

> > > War of Devolution - Tied. Frenchmen take to wearing red flowerpots as  
> > > chapeaux.

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> > > The Dutch War - Tied

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> > > War of the Augsburg League/King William's War/French and Indian War -  
> > > Lost, but claimed as a tie. Three ties in a row induces deluded  
> > > Frogophiles the world over to label the period as the height of French  
> > > military power.

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> > > War of the Spanish Succession - Lost. The War also gave the French  
> > > their first taste of a Marlborough, which they have loved every since.

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> > > American Revolution - In a move that will become quite familiar to  
> > > future Americans, France claims a win even though the English  
> > > colonists saw far more action. This is later known as "de Gaulle  
> > > Syndrome", and leads to the Second Rule of French Warfare; "France  
> > > only wins when America does most of the fighting."

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> > > French Revolution - Won, primarily due the fact that the opponent was  
> > > also French.

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> > > The Napoleonic Wars - Lost. Temporary victories (remember the First Rule!) due to leadership of a Corsican, who ended up being no match for a British footwear designer.

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> > > The Franco-Prussian War - Lost. Germany first plays the role of drunk Frat boy to France's ugly girl home alone on a Saturday night.

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> > > World War I - Tied and on the way to losing, France is saved by the United States. Thousands of French women find out what it's like to not only sleep with a winner, but one who doesn't call her "Fraulein."

> > > Sadly, widespread use of condoms by American forces forestalls any improvement in the French bloodline.

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> > > World War II - Lost. Conquered French liberated by the United States and Britain just as they finish learning the Horst Wessel Song.

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> > > War in Indochina - Lost. French forces plead sickness, take to bed with the Dien Bien Flu

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> > > Algerian Rebellion - Lost. Loss marks the first defeat of a western army by a Non-Turkic Muslim force since the Crusades, and produces the First Rule of Muslim Warfare; "We can always beat the French." This rule is identical to the First Rules of the Italians, Russians, Germans, English, Dutch, Spanish, Vietnamese and Esquimaux.

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> > > War on Terrorism - France, keeping in mind its recent history, surrenders to Germans and Muslims just to be safe. Attempts to surrender to Vietnamese ambassador fail after he takes refuge in a McDonald's.

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> > > Let's face it. When it comes to war, France gets rolled more often than a Parisian prostitute with a visible mustache. They've been beaten so many times there's no fight left in them. There's no national anthem in the world as ludicrous as France's....

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