

Ukrainian Food for Thought

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Having read past commentaries you can probably discern that I usually don't take a look at events as others often do. This is no different but it will be much shorter than previous commentaries.

On January 14, the Biden administration announced that it will begin shipping \$200 million worth of military arms, supplies, and equipment to Ukraine to help Ukraine protect itself from Russian invasion.

Soon after the announcement it was reported that Ukraine received 80 tons of ammunition that was delivered by the US.

In every army in the world the first duty of a soldier is that of being an infantryman. All other occupations – cook, radio operator, medic, etc. – are secondary to holding and using a rifle.

About Ukraine's army

- 255,000 active military personnel
- 900,000 reservists
- 150,000 combat ready troops

About the 80 tons of ammunition

Assume that this 80 tons is all small arms ammunition for NATO 5.56 rounds

1 ton = 907185 grams
80 tons = 72,574,800 grams

1 NATO round = 12.31 grams
80 tons = 5,895,598 rounds

280,000 soldiers = **21 rounds/soldier**

150,000 combat ready = **39 rounds/soldier**

According to DOD statistics, during the Vietnam war it is estimated that 50,000 rounds of ammunition were used for every enemy combatant that was killed. For Iraq, the estimate is about 60,000 rounds.

IMHO there is no doubt that Biden has not provided the Ukrainian army with enough ammunition for even a week. This Biden move is nothing more than all his other actions which were made to make him look good but in the end resulted in tragedy for those involved.