Star Army Kanpan

Kanpan (written 乾パン in Yamataigo (邪馬台語)) is a type of Hardtack crackers manufactured for the Star Army of Yamatai. It makes a good emergency food because it lasts for a long time (many months, or years if canned). It is also extremely inexpensive (flour is one of the most calories per KS of any food) and convenient to carry because of its light weight and small size.



Price: 1 KS for a bag of crackers (enough to last a couple days).

Description

The recipe of hard tack has been basically uncharged for thousands of years. It consists of mostly wheat flour, with some sugar, salt, and shortening. The cracker is baked for a long period of time at around 140 to 150 degrees Celsius to dry it out. The low moisture content is what makes the crackers stay fresh for so long.

Star Army kanpan comes in two types:

1. Traditional rounded rectangular shape. These are bite-sized and are sprinkled with sesame seeds to enhance the flavor. These are quite dry but not as hard as the other type. Comes in plastic bags, canned, or sometimes in boxes of plastic-wrapped mini-packs of 5 crackers. When issued for field use, the latter is strongly preferred because the mini-packs are very portable in pockets, etc, and they don't make as much noise as cans, and cans are heavy. These are considered the the snack kind.



2. Large round with a Star Army Hinomaru print on it. This larger cracker is used in cans for long-term storage because it fits their round shape. This type is extremely dry and is hard as a rock! Typically found in bunkers and depots, or places where they are going to sit for a long time.

Usage

Kanpan is stored as an emergency supply around the Yamatai Star Empire by the military and by civilian aid agencies, to be used in case of disasters where the normal supply of food is disrupted. Civilian versions are sold in stores as an everyday snack or as preparedness supplies, and are popular for camping trips.

It is also used regularly in some military meals and rations. For example, one of the grain packets in the Type 38 Field Rations contains Kanpan.

Some kanpan is fortified with a special nutritional compound which allows to it carry an entire day's nutritional value. It is found in the E-Type of the Type 29 Field Rations.

When no other fuel is available, it is also possible to burn kanpan as a charcoal substitute.

OOC Notes

Kanpan is a mundane real-world item. 乾パン translated literally means "dry bread."

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