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Peter Nagle — 26 Nov 1998, 05:37

IAM*REDIT*ET*VIRGO*REDEUNT*SATURNIA*REGNA

is probably better translated as

'Virgo also now returns, they re-enter Saturnian realms',

but, especially with this type of latin, any translation could vary considerably depending on context.

The idea of massed attacks against machine guns isn't as simple as it sounds ... it was based on the concept of the 'front' as a strong but relatively thin barrier, which needed to be broken in only one place and then you could spread out behind it like water through a broken dyke. Given this concept, and lots of artillery, you could feel justified in trying this approach several times, thinking that it would only need to work once and you would be home free. To some extent the successful german offensives of 1918 were based on this theory but failed because the support services couldn't keep up. I know this is oversimplified but there is some feeling initially, at the time, that these attacks might stop a war of attrition. Yea, I know in hindsight ...

I think maybe the period of the Napoleonic Wars are a more useful way of trying to get a feel of the battles on Urth during this period, ... massed infantry of different types, light and heavy cavalry and armor providing protection from some sorts of missiles, etc. Not exact, I know, but closer.

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