Corona Heavy Gunship, Star Army Variant

This is the Star Army of Yamatai variant of the Corona Heavy Gunship.

Important: This is an aircraft, not a shuttle, and is for *atmospheric* use.

History

In YE 37, the Star Army of Yamatai was soliciting a transport gunship of this type and took notice when Nepleslian Arms and Munitions offered these gunships for sale to the public at the incredible price of just 9,500 DA each. Seeing a deal too good to refuse, Star Army Logistics quickly made a huge order of five million, for use by the Star Army Rikugun.

As of their 5-year review in YE 42, the Star Army does not seem to care much for these gunships. They have been sitting on bases primarily just taking up space and barely ever being used in combat even though the Kuvexian War was in full swing. The Star Army is basically looking for ways to expend them usefully (e.g. sending them into heavy combat where they can be helpful but also be sacrificed). As of the first day of YE 42, there were 5,000 at Fort Asura, 3,000 at Fort Nozomi (for use in the Kodian Civil War), 0 at Fort Tokyo despite specifically having hangars for them there, and 4,992,000 stockpiled at Nataria Fleet Depot. It's a classic example of why buying something just because of a low price isn't always a great idea.

Key Features

Extended information is on the original Corona Heavy Gunship page, so this page will only list the key features.

- Crew of 3 (1 pilot, 1 gunner, and one crew chief)
- Passenger capacity of 8 soldiers (can be in power armor)
- Speed of 370 kilometers per hour
- Range of 550 kilometers (fusion powered)
- 2 Pulse lasers (wingtips), 4 missile launcher hardpoints, 1 30mm chaingun (nose turret), 2 rocket launchers

Differences

1. Star Army Corona gunships are painted in Nataria Green with a cadet blue underside. They have the Star Army Hinomaru on the side.
2. The gunship uses a Armor Integrated Electronics System (AIES) for its computer sytems.

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