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Springfield 1903 Rifles: Illustrated History and Reference Manual

A Comprehensive Guide by William S. Brophy

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides an overview of the book *Springfield 1903 Rifles: The illustrated, documented story of the design, development, and production of all the models, appendages, and accessories* by William S. Brophy. This publication serves as an authoritative reference for enthusiasts and collectors interested in the history and technical details of the Springfield 1903 Rifle.

ABOUT THE BOOK

The Springfield 1903 Rifle is recognized for its smooth bolt action and historical significance, having been used through World War II and remaining popular for hunting. This book, authored by William Brophy, is the result of extensive lifetime research into this legendary firearm.

It features over 1,500 high-quality photographs sourced from significant collections, including the Springfield Armory, the Navy Museum in Quantico, Virginia, the U.S. Army Historical Institute, and Colonel Crossman's collection. The book documents the rifle's journey through both World Wars, detailing its development, various models, and associated accessories such as appendages, racks, bayonets, and scabbards. It also includes new information on the Bushmaster and Marine Corps sniper variants, alongside historical anecdotes involving Theodore Roosevelt and Colonel Crossman.

The Springfield 1903 Rifles

The illustrated, documented
story of the design,
development, and production
of all the models, appendages,
and accessories

Lt. Col. William S. Brophy, USAR, Ret.

Image: Front cover of the book "Springfield 1903 Rifles" by William S. Brophy.

KEY FEATURES

- **Extensive Documentation:** Over 1,500 superb, first-quality photographs from rare collections.
- **Historical Coverage:** Traces the rifle's history through both World Wars.
- **Detailed Analysis:** Covers design, development, production, and various models.
- **Accessory Information:** Includes details on appendages, racks, bayonets, and scabbards.
- **New Insights:** Features information on Bushmaster and Marine Corps sniper variants.

- **Authoritative Source:** Written by William S. Brophy, a premier authority on the rifle.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For further study and related topics, consider these publications:

- [An Illustrated Guide to the '03 Springfield Service Rifle](#)
- [The U.S. Model 1917 Rifle "America's Enfield"](#)
- [The Model 1903 Springfield Rifle and its Variations, 4th Revised Edition](#)
- [United States Rifle Model of 1917](#)
- [The American Krag Rifle and Carbine](#)