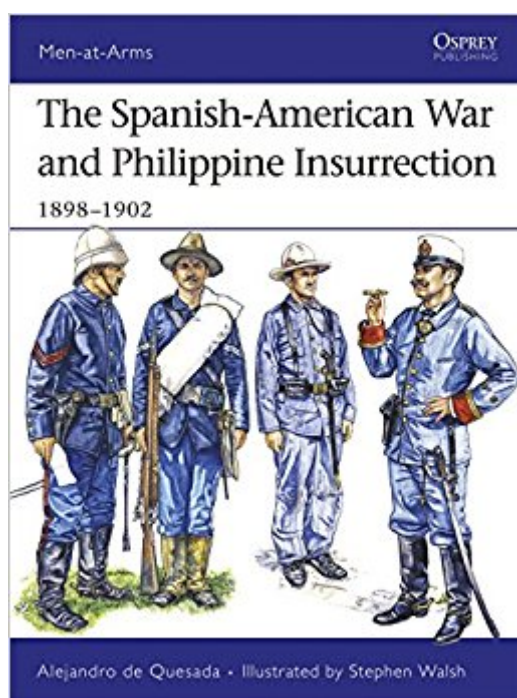




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Synopsis

In 1898 US public opinion turned against the Spanish for their repression of Cuba. Relations between the two governments soured and ultimately resulted in the mysterious blowing up of the USS Maine in Havana harbor, which triggered a short but demanding war. A US expeditionary force was sent to Cuba, where the troops encountered both difficult climate and terrain, and a fierce Spanish garrison which, despite being greatly outnumbered, fought hard before surrendering. Many famous US personalities were involved, including future President Theodore Roosevelt, future general John Pershing, and journalists William Randolph Hearst and Stephen Crane. The war against the Spanish may have been brief but as Henry Cabot Lodge declared: "Its results were startling, and of world-wide meaning." Victory made the US a nation with global interests. As an extension of the war, US troops also captured the island of Puerto Rico. The US Navy bombarded Manila in the Philippines, and landed its troops. The Spanish garrison quickly surrendered, but a local anti-Spanish insurgent force under Emilio Aguinaldo resisted US occupation. The conflict continued until 1902, more than 100,000 US troops were eventually committed, and the campaign saw difficult jungle fighting, with indigenous Moro tribesmen fiercely resisting US forces. Providing a detailed examination of the experiences and equipment of the opposing sides, and featuring rare and previously unpublished photographs, this book highlights this crucial yet oft-forgotten war that changed the future of American foreign policy during "the age of American imperialism."

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The book is only about 50 pages in length, but it packs a lot of information in those pages. If you are looking for a definitive history of the U.S. involvement in The Philippines during the Spanish-American War and the uprising against the U.S. in the aftermath, you won’t find it here. What you will find is a very good overview of the conflicts, the equipment used by combatants on all sides and a lot of detail about the clothing worn, etc. This is an excellent resource that kind of information with lots of illustrations and a very good bibliography for further research, etc. Well worth the price.

I usually buy these for the uniforms and equipment, as well as the basic history. On the former, this is just OK and not up to the best Osprey puts out. Some of the information on what they wore and carried has been updated. On the latter, the history itself, it is lacking compared to the better written books on various subjects. Not bad, but definitely not one of their better efforts.

This book looks at the soldiers of the Spanish-American War: the Spanish, U.S., and insurgent

forces. For the United States Army this was an important step as it was in a state of flux. The Army was moving from being a small, frontier force with virtually no formal staff system or reserves to a modern military establishment, armed with good weapons and well-trained soldiers and backed up by state forces (which would soon become the National Guard and would be trained and equipped along the same lines as the U.S. Army). Spain, on the other hand, had not fought a "stand-up" war for two generations and had become embroiled in guerilla warfare in both the Philippines and Cuba. Their tactics had allowed the initiative to go to the insurgent forces and also made them very vulnerable to a concentrated drive by a small but well-equipped invasion force. The insurgents (some of which fought alongside the U.S. and some of which would fight against it) had a variety of capabilities but all had experience from their long struggle against the Spanish. This book is not meant to be anything more than an overview of the war itself (there are many other books on this subject for those who really want to read on it) but this book does look at the uniforms and equipment of the soldiers themselves. The artistic illustrations are great and the photos good as well. Includes a good chronology of the war. Definitely an excellent supplement for anyone studying the Spanish-American War.

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Good book

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