

Module 03: 1917 — Did the War Cause a Revolution?

Evidence 11: Photograph of Soldiers in Training: Waiting for Dead Men's Rifles



Introduction

The supply of weapons was a constant concern for the Russian army, as illustrated in the photograph below showing how only a fraction of Russian soldiers had rifles to use in training. Concerned by the inefficiencies of the state's bureaucracy, private businessmen formed war industry committees to address the chronic shortages of munitions and weaponry.

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Source:

Charles W. Eliot, *Harper's Pictorial Library of the World War* (New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers, 1920), 176.