



## The Poor Man's Sniper Rifle

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By: Dan Boone, Forward by Duncan Long

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Being a collector and shooter of military surplus rifles, I've always be fascinated with the role of the sniper. When "Enemy at the Gate" came out I bought the DVD and have watched it so many times, my wife would like me to use it as a target now! We all know that ain't gonna happen. So I started reading all I could on snipers and their weapons. Most of the rifles used today are pretty darn expensive and way out of my price range. Then I found this book listed in the Delta Press catalog. The description of it is as follows:

"The Poor Man's Sniper Rifle. At last, a complete work on the conversion of readily available surplus military rifles to high performance sniper weapons. D. Boone, describes and illustrates how to make the conversions using simple tools, methods and materials. You will be able to accurize certain bolt action rifles to sniper grade performance for a price that's a fraction of a commercial sniper type rifle."

There are 6 chapters and an appendix.

- The Sniper Rifle
- Selecting the Rifle to Convert
- Rifles to Avoid
- How to Find a Conversion Rifle
- Converting the Military Surplus Rifle
- The Final Touches
- Appendix: Gun Parts (Exploded Diagrams of Surplus Rifles)

The book is very easy to read and the author explains everything in a manner that a person with basic tools and skill can perform the work needed to transform their favorite mil surp rifle into a "Sniper version". The beginning is a brief history of some military sniper rifles and covers only military versions. Very helpful was the chapter on which rifles to avoid. The rifle he selects to convert for the book project is an Enfield No. 4. He takes you step-by-step through the conversion including accessories such as sights and scopes. The last chapter covers range finders and recoil pads.

Using his book as a guide, I followed his steps with my own Enfield No. 4 Mk 2 rifle and converted it into a sniper, I'm very happy with the results.

On the Surplusrifle.com scale: (1 to 5, 5=great)	
Mil-surp Content	5
Readability	5
Illustrations/diagrams/photos	3.5
Value	5
Appropriate level	<b>intermediate mil-surp gunsmithing skills, drilling, tapping, glass bedding, inletting of wood stocks.</b>

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