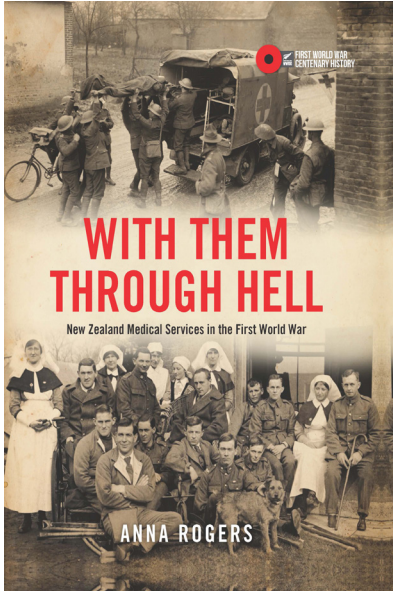


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NEW ZEALAND'S GREAT WAR MEDICAL BATTLEFIELD, ABROAD AND AT HOME

The thousands of New Zealand men who fought in the First World War went through hell. And right beside them was another fighting force, armed with scalpels, bandages and drugs. Hundreds of doctors, nurses, stretcher-bearers, orderlies and ambulance drivers, dentists, chiropodists, pharmacists, physiotherapists and chaplains cared for the sick and wounded, often at great personal risk. Veterinarians did the same for horses, camels and other animals.

The challenges were enormous — horrific injuries, gas and deadly diseases, especially the influenza of 1918. There were some astonishing successes — most famously by plastic surgery pioneers Harold Gillies and Henry Pickerill — but the price was high, for patients and carers.

The skilled, compassionate and courageous New Zealand medical personnel of the Great War have not always received the attention they deserve. Anna Rogers tells their remarkable story.

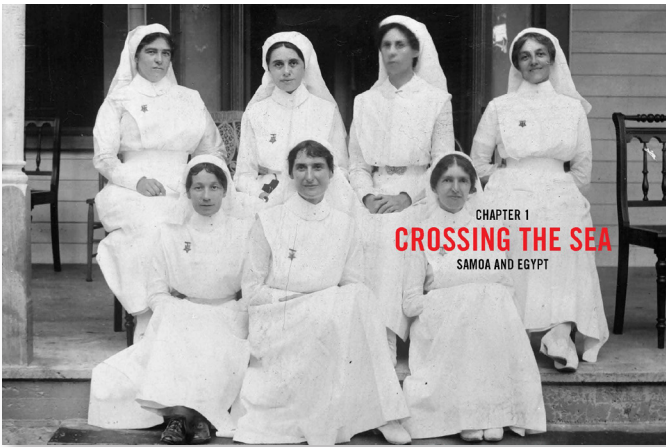
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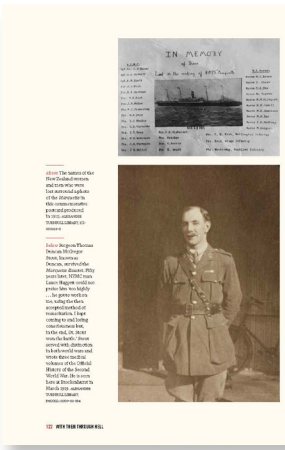
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- The text is complemented by a wide range of maps, illustrations, graphs and diagrams.

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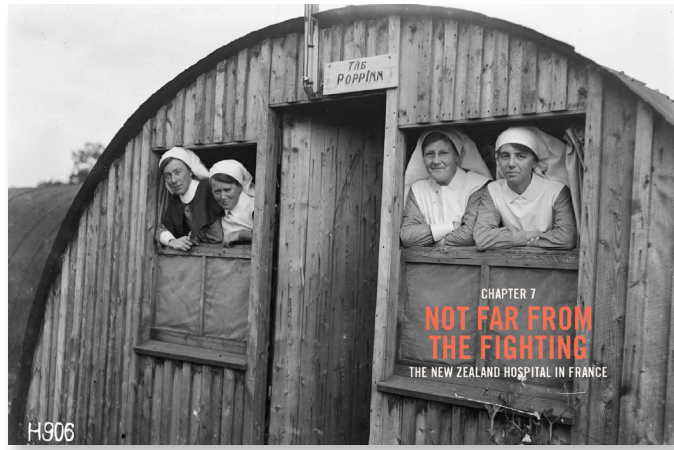


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popular French hospitals, despite being built in the heat and partly built in a damaged and ill-fated way, it is quite different again – even having been built on the ground of a hill. The hospital and hospital staff were not only the only medical facility in the area, but also the only place where the wounded could be treated. The hospital was a vital part of the war effort, providing care for the wounded and helping them to recover from their injuries.

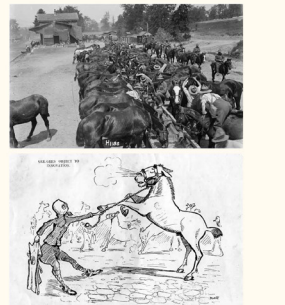


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Zelma McCarty, who had formerly worked in a retail shop, had been recruited for the purpose of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. She was one of the few women in the force who worked in a non-medical capacity. Her role was to provide administrative support and care for the wounded. Her experience in the force was a testament to the contributions of women during the war.

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