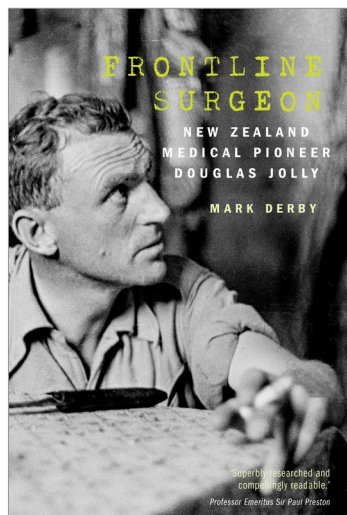




# Frontline Surgeon

## *New Zealand medical pioneer Douglas Jolly*

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### AN OVERLOOKED NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL PIONEER

Central Otago-born Doug Jolly was one of the greatest war surgeons of the twentieth century. Tireless, dedicated and courageous, he was one of the most gifted Republican Army surgeons in the Spanish Civil War and his surgical manual based on his battlefield experiences close to the frontline was widely used in later wars.

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- Shines a light on a little known figure in our medical history and restores his reputation