



FIELD KITCHENS

The Salvation Army used army field kitchens. The conditions were difficult and dangerous as they were so close to the front line. They often didn't have the supplies they needed and they worked long hours.

A group of American Salvation Army girls one day had only flour, fat and sugar for food, so they decided to make doughnuts. Doughnuts were hugely popular with the soldiers - some soldiers queued for hours, waiting until it was time to make them. They made 150 on the first day, 300 the next - eventually thousands were made daily. The girls became known as 'doughnut girls' or 'doughnut lassies'.

One doughnut lassie who had been serving doughnuts and cocoa in dangerous circumstances under persistent fire said, 'We can die with them, but we cannot leave them.'

At Cheppy, one of the lassies was injured as she tripped over debris in the doorway to a cave she was helping evacuate the injured into. She refused medical aid and worked on with an injured leg for three weeks. She didn't want it to be used as a reason to send her home from the front line.