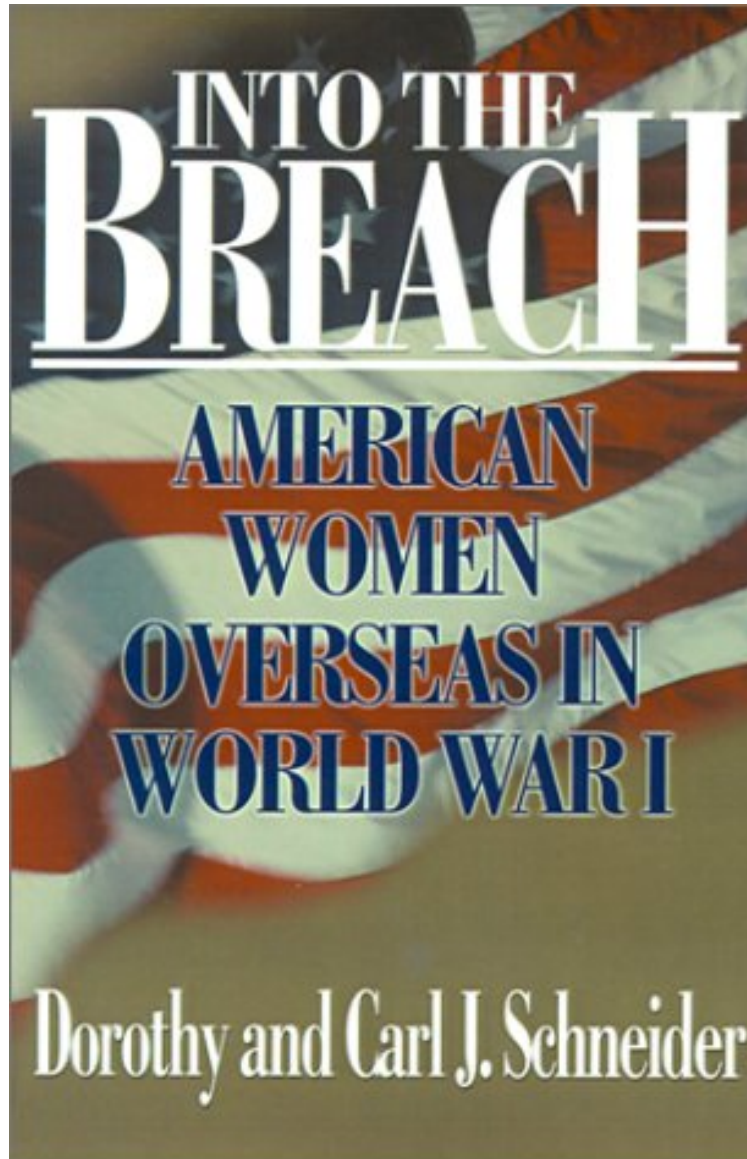


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From Publishers Weekly In this well-organized survey, the Schneiders (coauthors of *Sound Off!*) tap a rich vein of diaries, memoirs, letters and fiction by an estimated 25,000 women who in WW I served a wide variety of needs of the military, civilians and refugees by working overseas in relief organizations. Despite military opposition, women journalists also traveled to the front and as far as Russia to cover the Revolution. While the authors note that the desire to escape from humdrum lives motivated some women to volunteer, engrossing accounts quoted here testify to their determination to be independent, their ingenuity and heroism. Dedicated, too, were the women's pacifist organizations, many of whose principles President Wilson incorporated into his Fourteen Points. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal YA-- The story of the 25,000 American women who went overseas during the First World War in a variety of functions to aid the war effort and to save lives--often at the risk of their own. Vividly and entertainingly told, the account offers quotes from letters, diaries, written memoirs, novels, and interviews, all of which evoke the exuberance and the despair that these women experienced in war-torn Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The result is an immensely readable book, a living, breathing slice of Americana. -- Richard Lisker, Fairfax County Library, VA Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal The Schneiders have culled hundreds of primary and secondary resources, including novels, to create a history of the 25,000 American women who served in Europe during World War I. Among the groups considered in this extremely comprehensive account are journalists and peace activists as well as nurses, canteen workers, and Salvation Army and YMCA workers. The authors also consider groups rarely discussed elsewhere, e.g., the handful of African American women who succeeded in overcoming great obstacles to provide at least some limited services to black American soldiers in France. Because of the paucity of material that exists on this topic, both public and academic libraries will want this book. This makes it more unfortunate that some historical inaccuracies mar it, such as the description of Jennie Churchill as the Duchess of Marlborough.- Ann H. Sullivan, Tompkins Cortland Community Coll., Dryden, Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.