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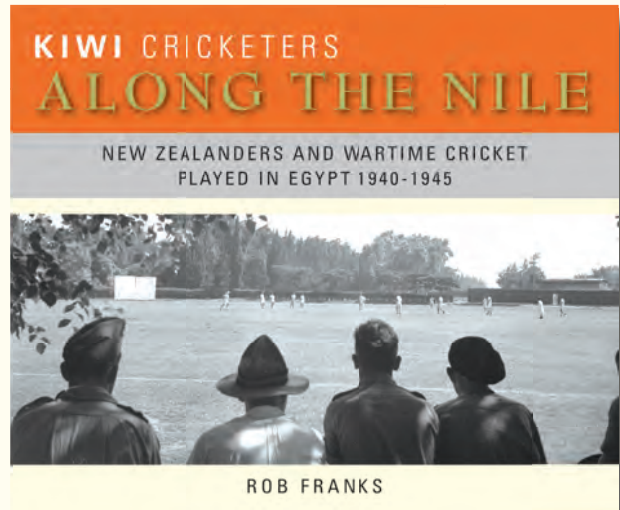
NEW ZEALANDERS AND WARTIME CRICKET PLAYED IN EGYPT 1940-1945

Kiwi Cricketers Along The Nile is the story of wartime cricket played by New Zealand soldiers while stationed at Maadi Camp in Egypt during the Second World War. It is a previously untold story focusing on the 'international' cricket matches played by the NZEF Base team during the wartime era. Many of New Zealand's top cricketers served in the war and spent time training at Maadi Camp, however their exploits on the cricket fields of Egypt are not widely known.

The book contains a year-by-year account of cricket played by New Zealanders in Egypt and a brief survey of wartime cricket played by New Zealand soldiers in Italy and Greece, by prisoners of war in Italy and Germany and the New Zealand Services team in England in 1945.

It also includes biographical profiles of the players that represented the New Zealand Base and New Zealand Maadi Camp teams while attached to the 2 NZEF in Egypt.

This is a limited edition publication of which only 65 copies have been produced for sale. It is an important work as it details a part of cricket history that has not previously been recorded in any detail, if at all. The book is priced at \$70.00 plus GST with postage of \$5.00.



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In 2006, he compiled *Kiwi Cricket Pages: A Bibliography and Reference Guide to New Zealand Publications*. This book contains a listing of over 1,575 books, brochures and pamphlets relating

to New Zealand cricket (over 500 of which had not previously been recorded). He continues to update recordings as new and undiscovered items are identified.

In 2010, he wrote *Waihola Willow: The Story of Arthur Draper, Pioneer New Zealand Cricket Bat Maker*, a previously unknown but notable figure in the history of New Zealand cricket.

Rob also contributed magazine articles of interest to the Cricket Memorabilia Society and the Auckland Cricket Society and Supporters Club.



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