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THE QUEEN'S BROADCAST.

"I would like first of all to try to tell you just why I am speaking to you tonight - to you my fellow countrywomen all over the world. It is not because any special occasion calls for it; it is not because I have any special message to give you. It is because there is something that, deep in my heart, I know ought to be told you; and probably I am the best person to do it.

How often, when I have talked with women engaged on every kind of job - sometimes a ~~hard~~ physically hard and dangerous one - how often, when I admired their work, have I heard them say "Oh, well, it's not much, I'm just doing my best to help us win the war".

And have you not met that enemy too? You have endured his bombs; You have helped to put out the fires that he has kindled in our homes; You have tended those he has maimed, brought strength to those he has bereaved,

Many there are, whose homes have been shattered by the fire of the enemy. The dwellings can be rebuilt, but nothing can restore the family circle if a dear one has gone for ever from it.

The King and I are grateful to think that we and our family are remembered in your prayers. We need them and try to live up to them. And we also pray that God will bless and guide our people in this country and our great family through the Empire, and will lead us forward united and strong into the paths of victory and peace".