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KING AND QUEEN AT MERSEYSIDE. (2)

If anyone doubts our ability to win this war, let him observe these pictures closely. Amid all this desolation, there shines a spirit ~~of~~ that will be glorified in legends of dauntless heroism for centuries to come. Without doubt, this is the hour of Britain's greatest trial. Never before has such determination been called for in any race on earth. Not merely in the men of the armies trained to face danger, but in a whole nation. Before the war, Britain was accused of softness and degeneracy. This is the answer for the world to see and wonder at. These ~~women~~ women now talking to the Queen have known what it is like to be buried in the wreckage of their ~~little~~ houses. The woman with the young baby was rescued from death after an hour beneath the debris that she once called home. One woman in this picture lost four of her children; ~~and~~ a fifth lies in hospital; others have lost three little ones. If only they could see this film in Germany, it would be as good as a major victory for us.

Now once again, come back to London. Men of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps at work clearing up the newest example of Nazi destruction. In the course of weeks, many many homes have been wiped out --- but that will never win the war. Incidentally the lady who is giving tea to the troops is one whose home once stood on this waste. Foreign observers in London have recently included Air Attache's from the Embassy of Spain; They were shown the damage to our capital by Wing Commander Dixon. ~~...~~