**An explosive report**

WOMAN
I say, do you remember that rather interesting report by William Beveridge?

MAN
The one we circulated to the entire allied forces? What about it?

WOMAN
Apparently the government rather regretted it.

MAN
Ah.

JAMES HOLLAND
The Beveridge Report was written in 1942 at the height of the Second World War and outlined a plan of social welfare for all. Although the wartime government was in no position to act upon it at the time, the report was seized upon by the Ministry of Information and circulated throughout the armed forces. It was widely cheered and gave hope to many that when the war was finally over, they would be returning to a better world. The report was later adopted by the post war government and the NHS became a key component in Britain's pioneering welfare reform.