

Civilians on the front line

[Announcer]

Mrs. Barker's home has been bombed by the Huns, but it'll take more than that to move her.

[Interviewer]

Good afternoon Mrs. Barker. How's the roof? Is the rain coming through?

[Mrs Barker]

It came through the other day.

[Interviewer]

It's alright now?

[Mrs Barker]

It's alright now.

[Interviewer]

Well Mrs. Barker, you can be evacuated if you like.

[Mrs Barker]

I don't wish to be,

[Interviewer]

Why? Because you've got to look after your family?

[Mrs Barker]

Yes

[Interviewer]

How many have you got in your family?

[Mrs Barker]

There's my husband and daughter. And also our son serving in the army and another waiting to be called up for the navy.

Yes, even as Hitler and Göring, murderers as they are, come night after night and bomb us, I'm determined to stop in my house. I've been here 27 years and still I'm determined to defy them and stop here. As long as we've got a roof over our heads.

[Announcer]

That's the spirit of the people!

Clip from *The Spirit of the People* (1940), British Pathe