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focuses on the most disadvantaged elements of this group - the wives,

children and dependents of men taken prisoner- and the changes brought about by the exigencies of total war. Further chapters reflect on how these families organised to lobby government