

# On the Fighting Line

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The spirit of the book breathes in this address with which the heroine turns in the hour of her trial to the portraits of the heroes with which she has surrounded herself: "Fighting Line, you're men, but as long as I am brave and go on fighting the best I can, the best I know, I claim you as comrades, and I feel you saying: 'Buck up, go on,' just as you'd say to a man. There isn't an ounce of snivel or pity in your eyes. They say: 'It's a hard world and we've got to take our knocks alike, women and men, and never mind what anyone thinks of you. Courage is for everyone, women and men; truth is for everyone, women and men; honor is for everyone,—and it's the same sort of courage, truth, and honor too.'"

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