



I WISH to mark, by this personal message, my gratitude for the help and kindness which you have shown to the children who crossed the sea from the United Kingdom many months ago.

Since the early days of the War, you have opened your doors to strangers and offered to share your home with them.

In the kindness of your heart, you have accepted them as members of your own family, and I know that to this unselfish task you and all your household have made many great sacrifices.

By your generous sympathy you have earned the true and lasting gratitude of those to whom you have given this hospitality, and by your understanding you have shown how strong is the bond uniting all those who cherish the same ideals.

For all this goodwill towards the children of Great Britain, I send you my warmest and most grateful thanks.

Elizabeth R

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Citation sent by Queen Elizabeth II to Milton Mertie Cochran for looking after the Middleton children during WW2 as part of the evacuation plan for British children during the bombings.