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Courage Beyond Battlefields

Directions: Read each short biography about a civilian who supported the war effort during World War I. Then, answer the question after each paragraph to show how ordinary people made extraordinary contributions at home and abroad.

1. Clara Mitchell - The Factory Worker

When the war began, Clara left her job at a local shop to work in a munitions factory. Her days were long and filled with danger-mixing chemicals and assembling weapons for soldiers overseas. She often wore a handkerchief as a mask and worked twelve-hour shifts, knowing her efforts kept troops supplied.

Question: How did Clara's work in the factory help support soldiers during the war?

2. Samuel Torres - The Farmer

Samuel managed a family farm while his older brothers served in Europe. He grew wheat, corn, and vegetables that were sent to both soldiers and civilians in need. He even started a "Victory Garden" program in his town to encourage others to grow food for the community.

Question: What did Samuel do to make sure people had enough food during the war?

3. Margaret Liu - The Nurse

Margaret volunteered for the Red Cross and cared for wounded soldiers returning from France. She learned how to treat injuries and provide comfort to those recovering from battle. Though she never saw combat, her compassion helped hundreds of soldiers heal.

Question: What role did Margaret play in helping soldiers recover from the war?

4. Thomas Baker - The Boy Scout

Thomas was only fourteen, but he wanted to help. He joined his local Boy Scout troop in collecting metal scraps, rubber, and old newspapers for recycling. His group also delivered letters to families whose relatives were serving overseas.

Question: How did Thomas's actions show that even young people could contribute to the war effort?