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Charlotte Avery's Farm Cadet Essay (Transcript)

After war was declared by the United States thousands of men engaged in various industries throughout the country were called upon to serve in the military, naval, and other branches of the United States fighting forces. This great demand for men for fighting caused a great scarcity of workers in the industrial and agricultural activities of the country. The lack of sufficient help to carry on these necessary pursuits became greater as the United State became deeper involved in the war and in the rural districts, the problems of farm help became serious. This problem had to be faced and met by both individuals and the government. Farm produce is as essential to carry on the war as the munitions and other weapons of warfare. Every effort was made to meet the growing demand for farm help and as a result school boys and girls were released to help on the farms. Early in the spring of nineteen seventeen I felt that my opportunity to do my bit had

come when the plan for releasing High students to work on the farm was put into operations. I asked to be released to undertake this work because I know that my father needed some one to do the transplanting in the greenhouse on his farm. The plants were ready but for lack of help and time were not being cared for at the proper time. The help available were greatly needed for the Spring farm work which must be done immediately and so someone must be found to help in the greenhouse at once. I understood what needed to be done and so took the opportunity afforded to serve the best of my ability. I found at the end of my term of service that I had been able to accomplish what was required of me, thus it was that I eagerly seized the opportunity to render a similar service in nineteen eighteen.

The last Friday in March of the Spring term of nineteen eighteen I left school and began my work on the farm the following Monday. My duties consisted of transplanting vegetable seedlings such as cabage, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers. All kinds of vegetables which are not planted out of doors immediately, or from seedlings, I transplanted.

I liked the work very well, and found not only profitable but interesting to note the growth of the plants and the effects of cold, heat, water and sun upon this growth. The plants must be kept growing when once started until they reach the proper size and strength for transplanting. The time for this outdoor planting is Spring so the

seed must be sown and the plants cared for for several weeks before they are ready to be put out of doors. I planned to spend eight hours, six days each week transplanting and nourishing the plants until they reached the necessary stage of sturdiness to be put out-of-doors. I was engaged in this work from the first of April until the first part of July and during this time failed to work but very few days. During July and part of August I worked in the farm engaged in various duties such as weeding and hoeing.

I feel that this work which I did released a man somewhere in in some way either enter the army, work on a farm or engage in some other industrial occupation. I am sure that it benefited my employer for had I not have undertaken the work it would have meant longer hours and harder labor for him, and in the end much of the work here have been left undone. To have done that work makes me feel that I have really done something that has been of service to the

country in this time of need. I also feel that the work has benefited one in regard to my health for farm work of any kind is not easy and to stand it one must keep physically fit at all times. At the end of my term of service, I was in good health and felt that I had learned many things that would always help me. Some of these things were directly connected with the work I had been doing in school. For instance, accurate readings of thermometers which I had been studying in physics class. I am very glad that I took advantage of this opportunity not only To be of service to my country but to learn A few of nature's secrets.

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