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The war put 3.5 million men into the armed forces, but it mobilized the entire nation — business and industry, farm and factory, men, women, and children. In this chapter you'll explore how Americans at home supported and endured the war — from civil defense and housing prisoners of war to rationing and buying war bonds. Although the focus is on North Carolina, we've also included primary sources on the Japanese-American internment.

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This photo (1942) shows Phyllis Ann Marxson Clark working on a bomber. She was a North Dakota native who was eighteen at the time the photo was taken.

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