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Captain Tom Moore



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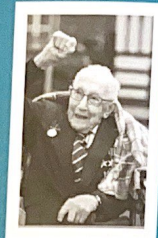
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CAPTAIN TOM

(Born 1920)

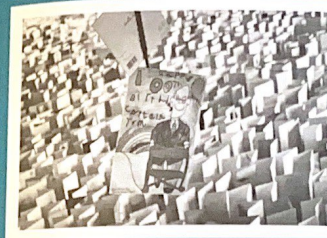


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Tom Moore was born in Yorkshire in 1920. The world had just recovered from a flu pandemic, and people were starting to rebuild. Tom grew up with a love for all things practical and a knack for finding something to do to help. By the time Tom was 20, he was on his way to becoming a civil engineer. But then the world changed as another crisis struck: World War Two. In the army, Tom was sent to India, Burma and Sumatra, where he helped keep tanks chugging along, and eventually was promoted to Captain. After the war, there was more rebuilding to do. The UK's National Health Service (NHS) was set up, which makes sure that people can get free healthcare at the point of use. Tom went back to Yorkshire, swapping tanks for motorcycles, which he raced and repaired. He married and raised



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a family, living a quiet, happy life. But when Tom was 99, a pandemic hit, caused by the coronavirus. People were asked to stay at home to stop the spread and protect everyone's health. But trust Captain Tom to find something to do to help! In his army uniform and supported by his walking frame, he aimed to raise £1,000 for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden by his 100th birthday. Soon, people across the world were inspired by his goal, and had donated over £30 million! His 100th lap was celebrated with an RAF flyover, an honorary promotion to Colonel, and 120,000 birthday cards from people in the UK and beyond. He was even knighted by the Queen! Captain Sir Tom Moore shows the world that the best way to rebuild after a crisis is to come together – and keep on walking.