



Activity Pack

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THE MOVIE



SGT. STUBBY: AN AMERICAN HERO is a computer-animated feature film based on the true story of the bond between a stray dog and a Soldier, set against the backdrop of America's entry into World War I.

With The War to End All Wars looming, a young Army "doughboy" Robert Conroy (Logan Lerman, "Percy Jackson & the Olympians") has his life forever changed when a little dog with a stubby tail wanders into training camp.

Conroy gives his new friend a name, a family, and a chance to embark on the adventure that would define a century.

Narrated by Robert's sister, Margaret (Academy Award® nominee Helena Bonham Carter, "Harry Potter" series), Stubby and his new best friend quickly find themselves in the trenches of France and on the path to history.

French poilu soldier Gaston Baptiste (Academy Award® nominee Gérard Depardieu, "Life of Pi") befriends the duo and accompanies them along their epic journey through harsh conditions and incredible acts of courage.

Sgt. Stubby's actions show the world the true meaning of dedication, loyalty, and what it means to be an American Hero.



THE HISTORY



As documented in the history books but largely untold today, Stubby was no ordinary stray: he was a tenacious canine, a courageous scout, and a fiercely loyal friend. For his valorous actions, Stubby is recognized as the first dog ever promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the U.S. Army and the most decorated canine in American history.

Before he was a hero, he was homeless: unwanted, unwashed, unloved, scrounging for scraps on the streets of New Haven, CT. His fortunes changed when he ran into a young Soldier training on the grounds of Yale University – Private First Class Robert Conroy of the 26th “Yankee” Division – who adopted the little mutt and named him Stubby for his short stature and tail. When the division shipped off to France, Conroy smuggled him aboard the ship. When they were discovered, the scrappy little stray demonstrated his military training by saluting the commanding officer.

Stubby became the official mascot of the Yankee Division and was given special orders to accompany them into the front lines. Stubby saw action in 17 different battles and was eventually promoted to the rank of Sergeant after catching a German spy. After the war, he continued touring around the country visiting his fellow veterans in hospitals, leading victory parades, meeting three sitting U.S. presidents, appearing on vaudeville, and serving as the mascot for Georgetown University where he’s credited with inventing the halftime show.

Stubby died at home in 1926 and his remains were donated to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., where he can be visited today at the National Museum of American History’s “Price of Freedom” exhibit.



“The noise and strain that shattered the nerves of many of his comrades did not impair Stubby’s spirits. Not because he was unconscious of danger. His angry howl while a battle raged and his mad canter from one part of the lines to another indicated realization. But he seemed to know that the greatest service he could render was comfort and cheerfulness.”
THE NEW YORK TIMES



Stubby was a real dog whose special coat and medals are preserved by the Smithsonian Institution and are currently on display at the National Museum of American History, Washington D.C.



Stubby managed to get all the way to France with the doughboys of the 102nd Infantry Regiment and served right alongside them, spending over 200 days on the front lines!



Stubby wasn't just a pet; he was a division mascot who became a guard dog and expert rat chaser.

Stubby was able to smell gas before his human counterparts and would raise the alarm for imminent attacks.



Stubby would run on to the battlefield to find wounded soldiers and bark to alert the medics of their whereabouts.

When an enemy soldier snuck in to the allied trenches, Stubby confronted him and bit him on the behind!



Stubby fought in 17 battles and won many medals. He had a special coat made to pin all his awards, a gift from the women of the Chateau-Thierry for helping to save their town.



After the war, Stubby and Robert Conroy toured the country to raise funds and awareness for their fellow veterans.

Stubby truly was man's best friend!



Test your knowledge on our trivia quiz. Some questions may need a little research!

★ 1. American foot Soldiers were known as 'Doughboys'. Was this because.....

- a) They were all bakers before they became Soldiers.
- b) The brass buttons on their uniforms looked like flour dumplings.
- c) All they had to eat in the trenches was fresh bread.

★ 2. Conroy named his best friend 'Stubby' because....

- a) He had a short stumpy tail.
- b) His legs weren't very long.
- c) He was always in the way and Conroy kept stubbing his toe on him.

★ 3. Pigeons played an important part in the war by....

- a) Making a tasty meal when food was short.
- b) Warning of attacks by flying away.
- c) Providing pigeon post by carrying and delivering important messages.

★ 4. The youngest Soldier to serve in WW1 was how old....

- a) 16 b) 14 c) 13

★ 5. The oldest Soldier to serve in WW1 was how old....

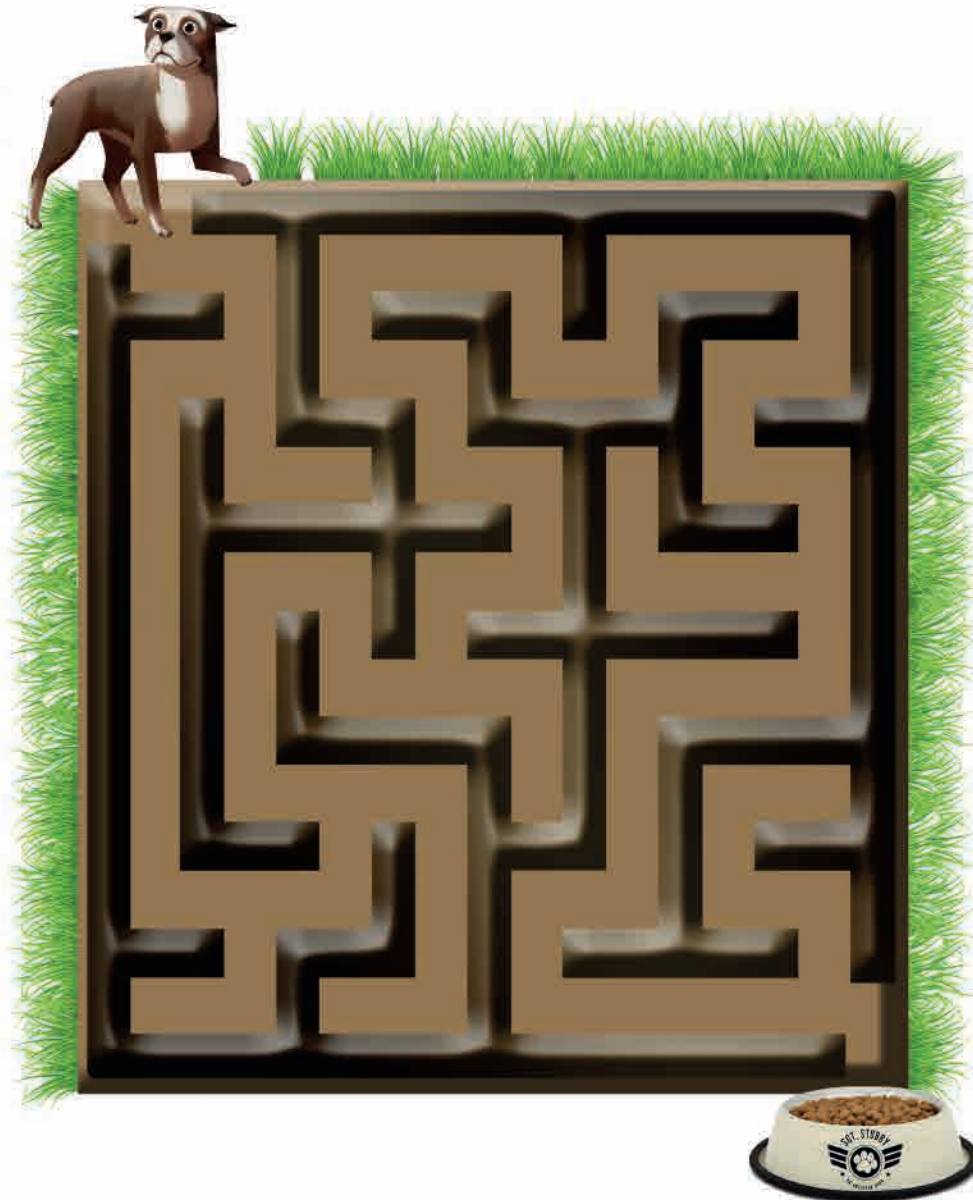
- a) 76 b) 78 c) 80

Answers on page 16.

MAZE



They say an army marches on its stomach, help guide Stubby through the maze to find his awaiting meal!

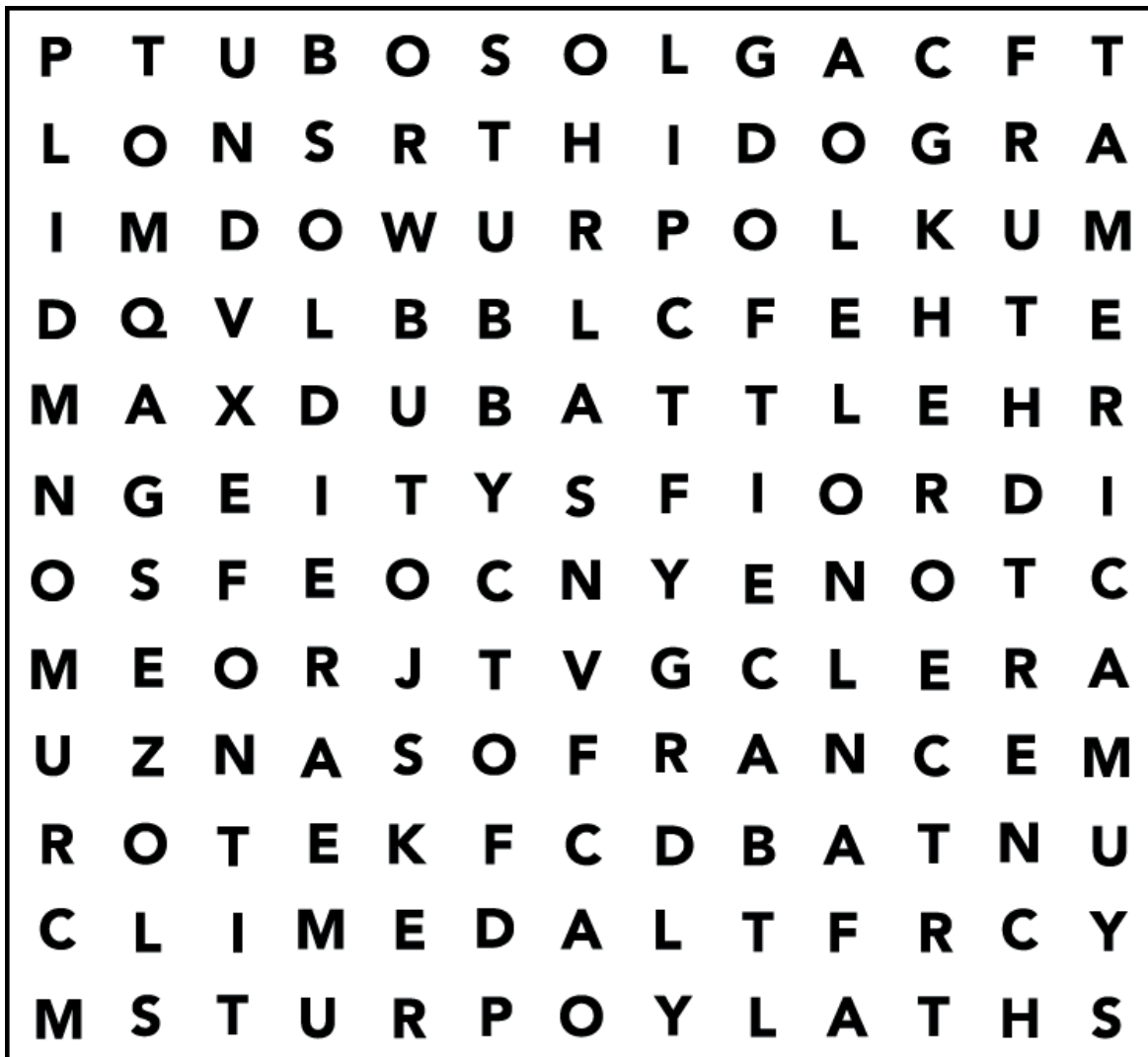


DID YOU KNOW: Soldiers in the WW1 trenches lucky enough to have a small stove - or even candles - would boil up any food including stale biscuits or add these to the canned food provided. Mmmmm, sounds delicious!

WORDSEARCH



Can you find all the words hidden in the grid below?



STUBBY
HERO
DOG
MEDAL
SOLDIER

TRENCH
BATTLE
CONROY
FRANCE
AMERICA

Answers on page 16.

ORIGAMI STUBBY



Print the template on the following page, and use the instructions provided to fold and create your very own barking Stubby. Impress your friends with the hidden facts!

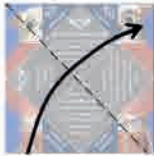




Origami Barking Stubby



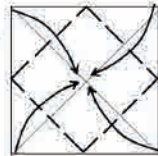
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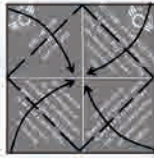
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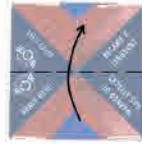
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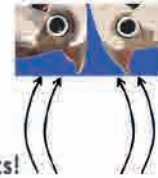
4. Turn over and again fold corners in to centre.



5. Fold in half along the centre line



6. Slide finger into the 4 slots and squeeze fingers together. You can make Stubby bark, talk or find his hidden facts!



To start cut out this square!

SGT. STUBBY AN AMERICAN HERO
is a new and exciting animation telling the true story of a stray dog who became a soldier and a real life American Hero!

STUBBY became friends with Private Robert Conroy, who was training to join the war in Europe, at a camp in the grounds of Yale University

Stubby secretly crept on to Conroy's ship bound for France, and embarked on the adventure of a lifetime with his new best friend!

Not wanting to be left behind Stubby secretly crept on to Europe, at a camp in the grounds of Yale University

Private Robert Conroy, who was training to join the war in Europe, at a camp in the grounds of Yale University

STUBBY became friends with Private Robert Conroy, who was training to join the war in Europe, at a camp in the grounds of Yale University

BRAVE HERO

SAVED LIVES

WARNED OF GAS ATTACKS

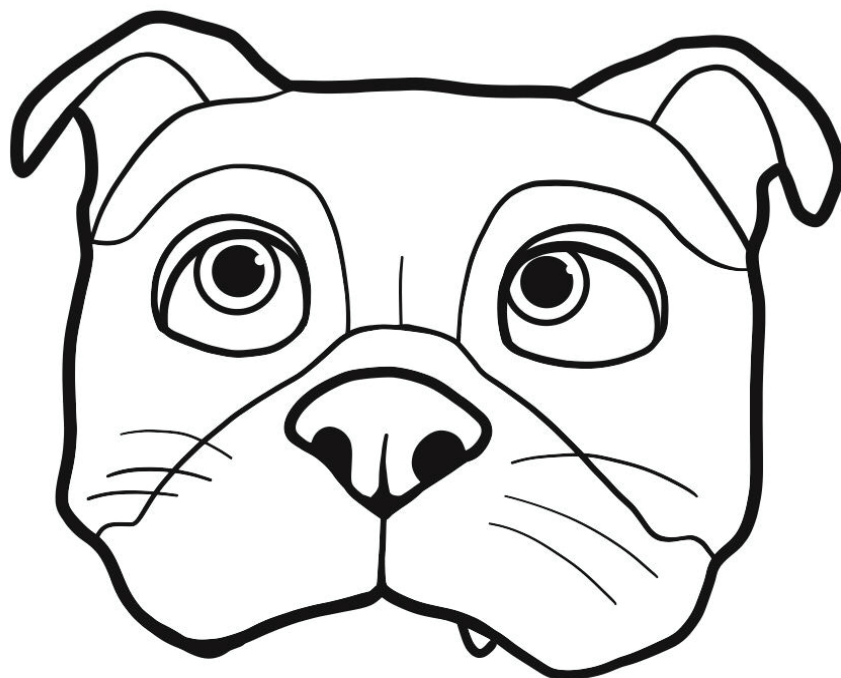
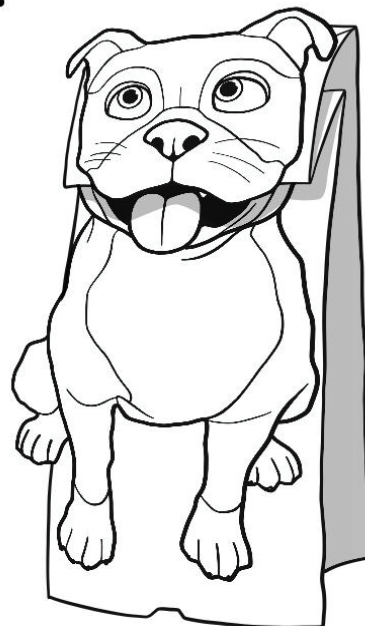
BECAME A SERGEANT

SAVE THE DATE!
IN THEATERS
April 13th 2018



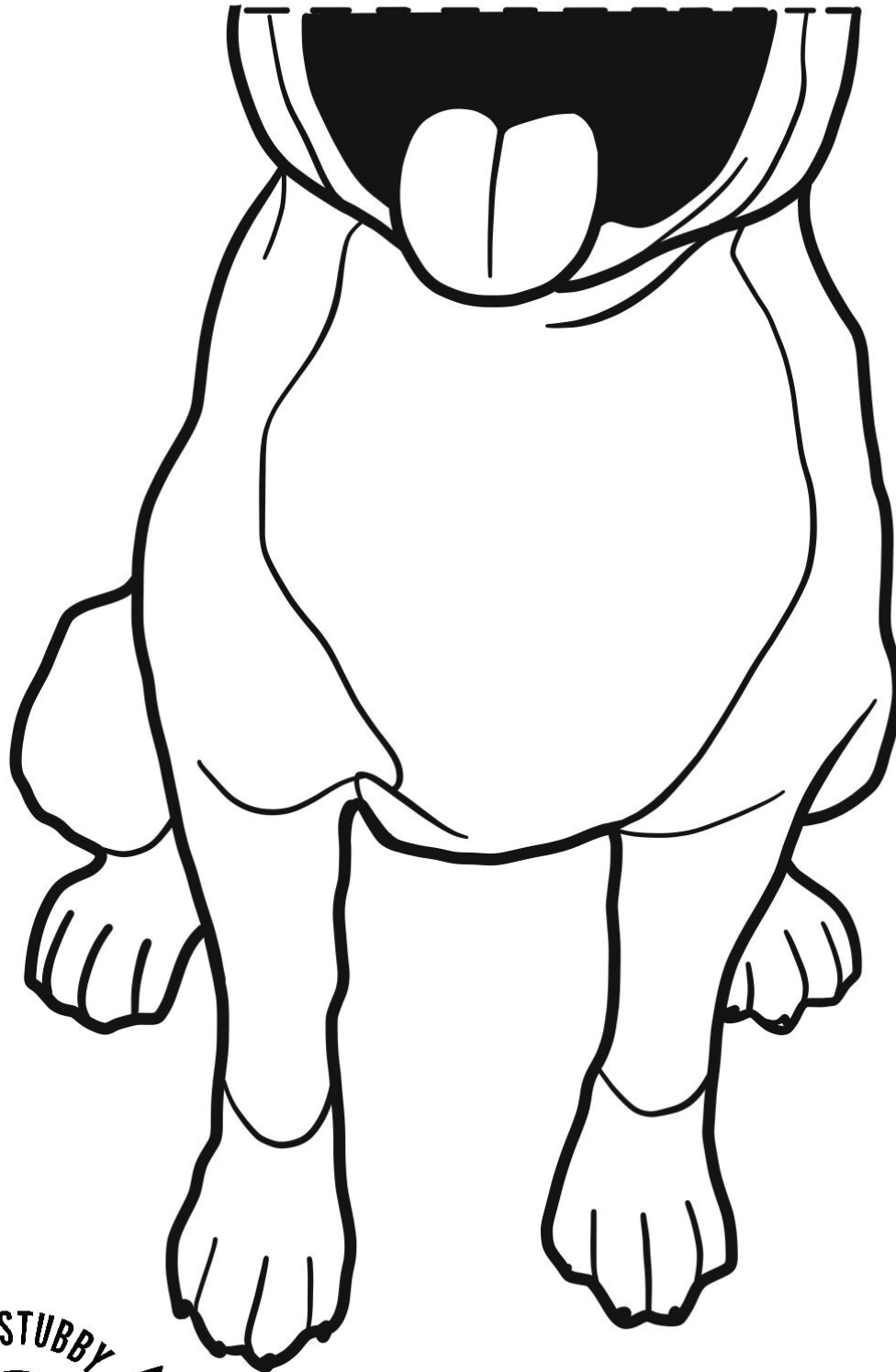
PAPER BAG STUBBY PUPPET

Color Stubby's face and body, then cut out and paste to the bag as shown.



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PAPER BAG PUPPET



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STUBBY MASK



STUBBY MASK



YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper (Cardstock works best!)
- A Printer
- Scissors
- Scotch Tape
- Pipe Cleaners or String

Instructions:

1. Print out the Stubby Mask template.
2. Cut out Stubby's face and ears. Make sure you cut all the way up the black outline around Stubby's muzzle!
3. Bend in a straight line over Stubby's nose, then fold each tab over and tape.
4. Fold the tops of Stubby's ears twice, then fold over the tab and tape. Bend the bottom flap up and tape to the top of Stubby's head.
5. Poke the pipe cleaners through the sides or use a hole punch, and twist to fasten. You can also use string for this.
6. Take a photo in your Stubby mask!



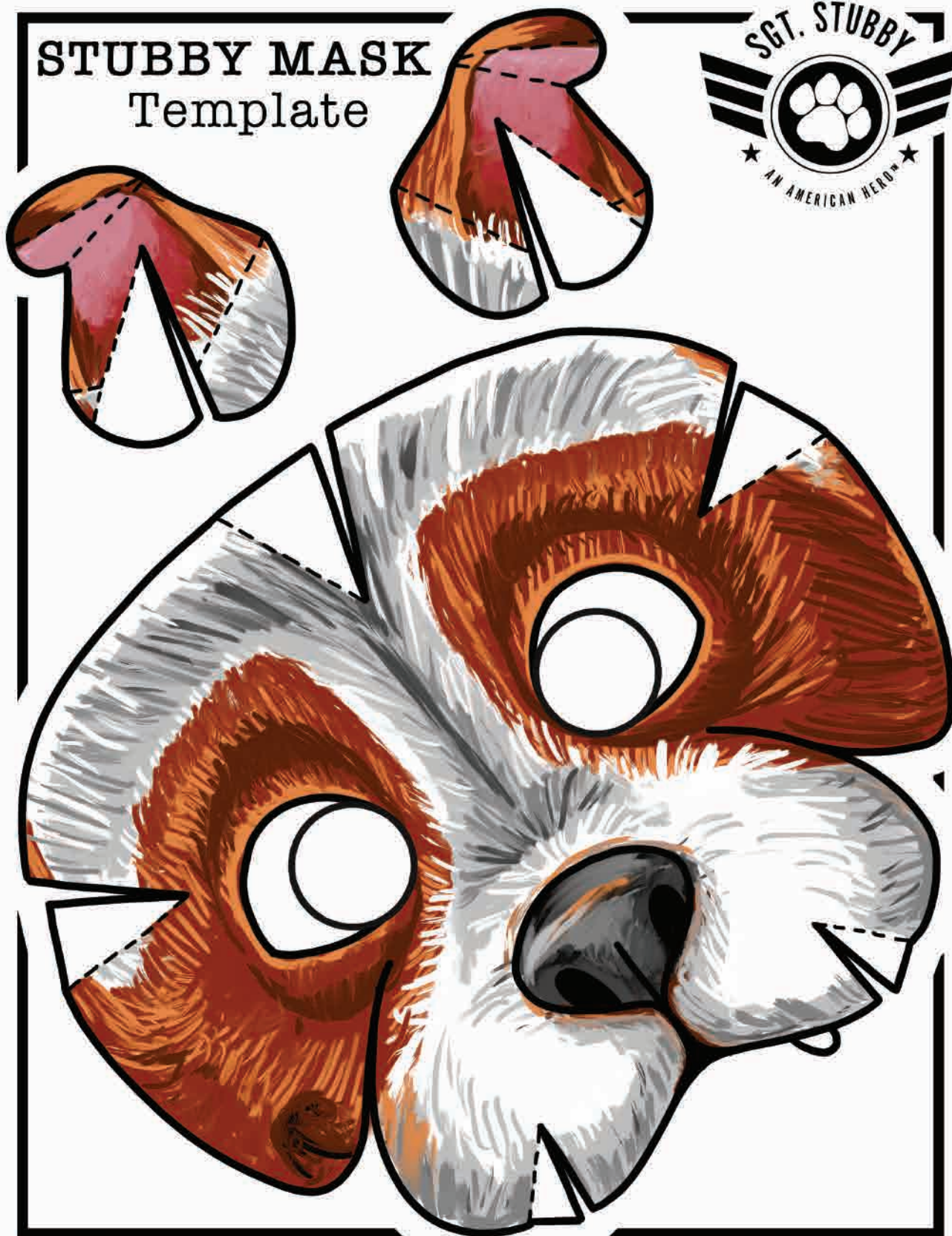
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STUBBY MASK



STUBBY MASK Template



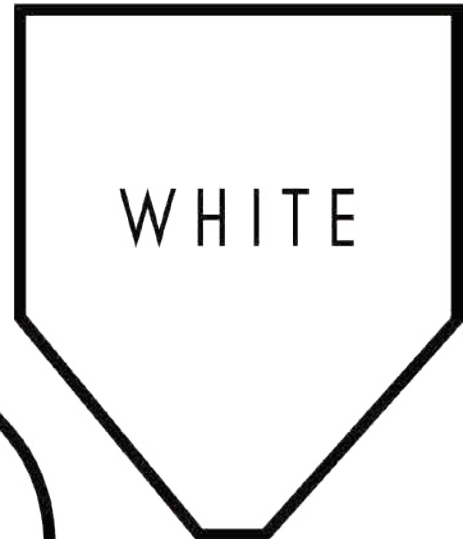
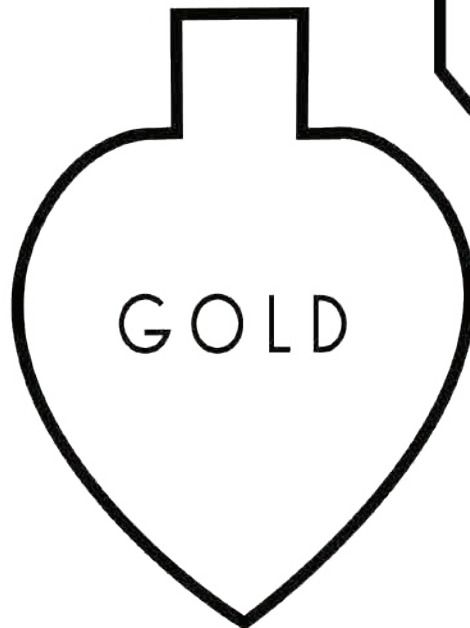
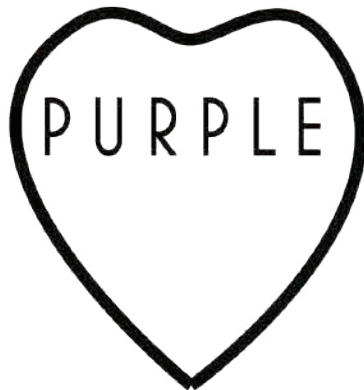
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HOW TO MAKE A PURPLE HEART MEDAL



CUT THE SHAPES BELOW OUT OF COLORED FELT OR PAPER AND STICK TOGETHER. ADD DETAIL WITH A PEN!



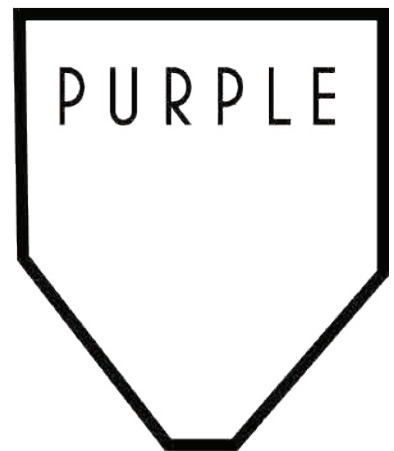
GOLD



WHITE



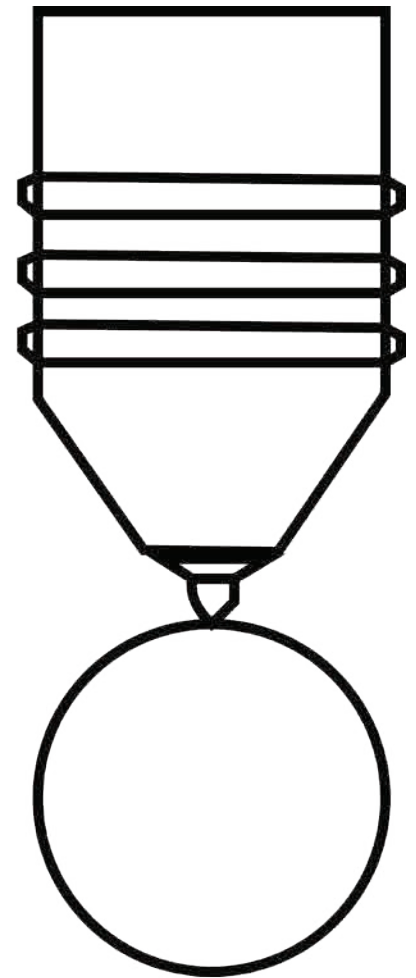
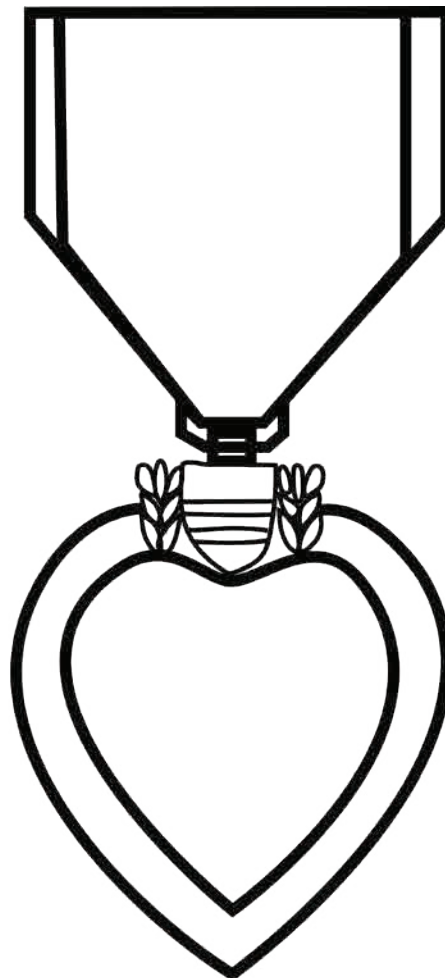
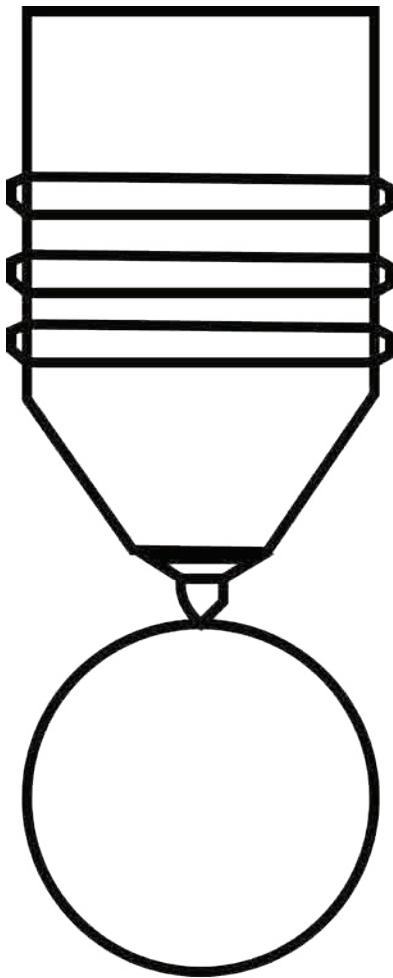
RED



DESIGN YOUR OWN MEDALS



Think of someone you know who has done something heroic, or who you believe to be a hero, and make them a medal of your own design.



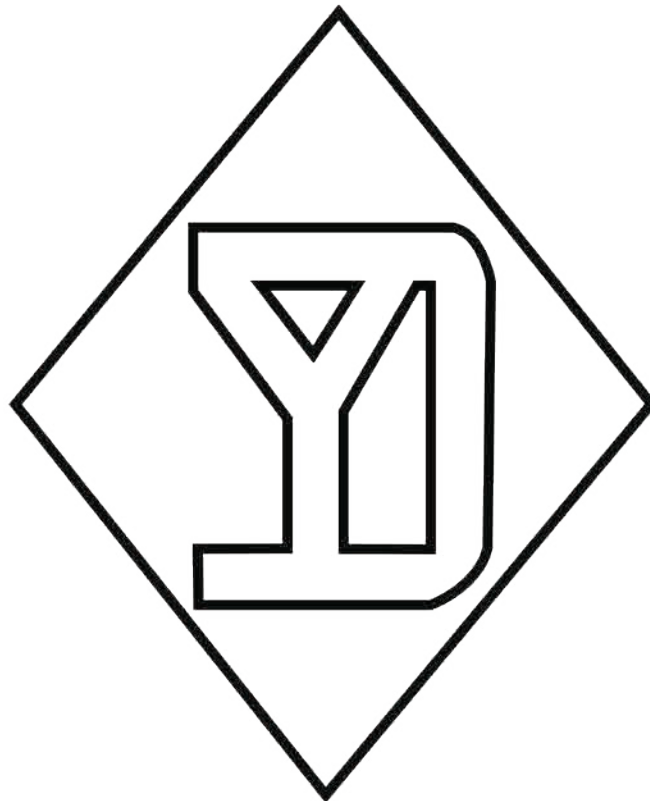
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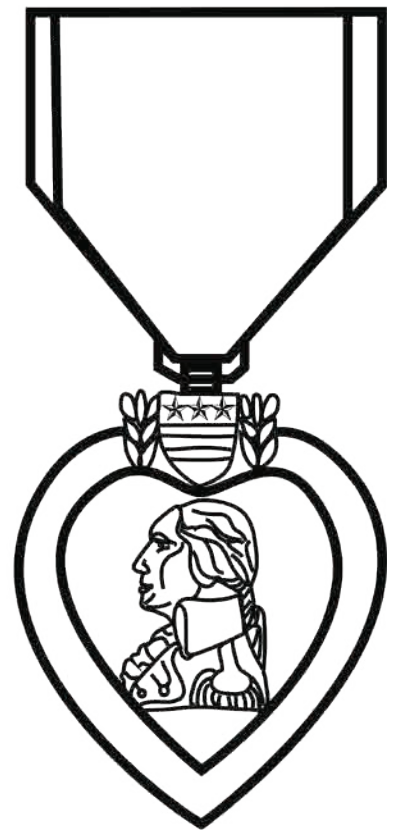
Sgt. Stubby gained many awards and medals, including the three below, which he wore on his custom made jacket. Can you research them and color correctly?



VICTORY MEDAL



'YANKEE DIVISION'
PATCH



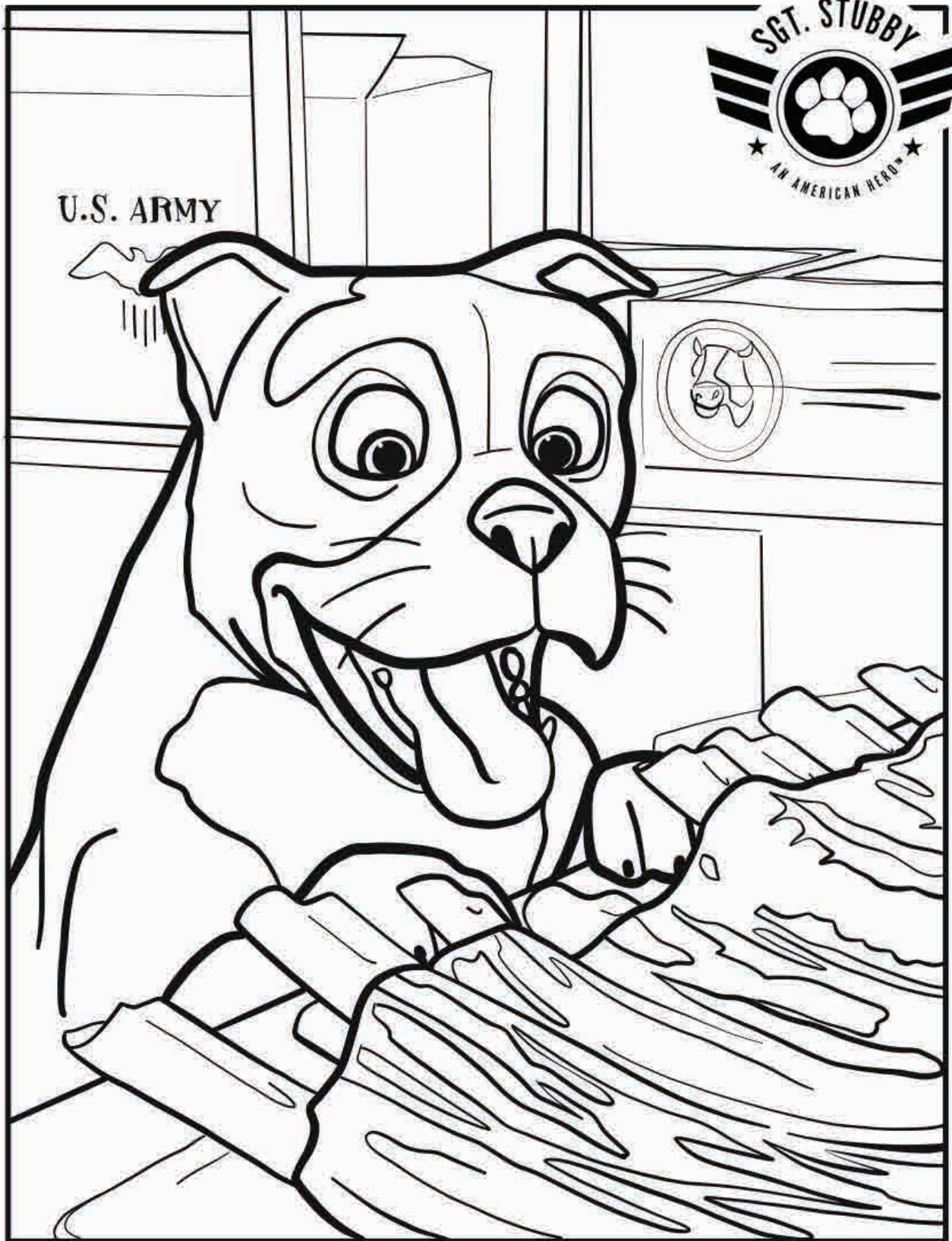
PURPLE HEART
MEDAL

COLORING



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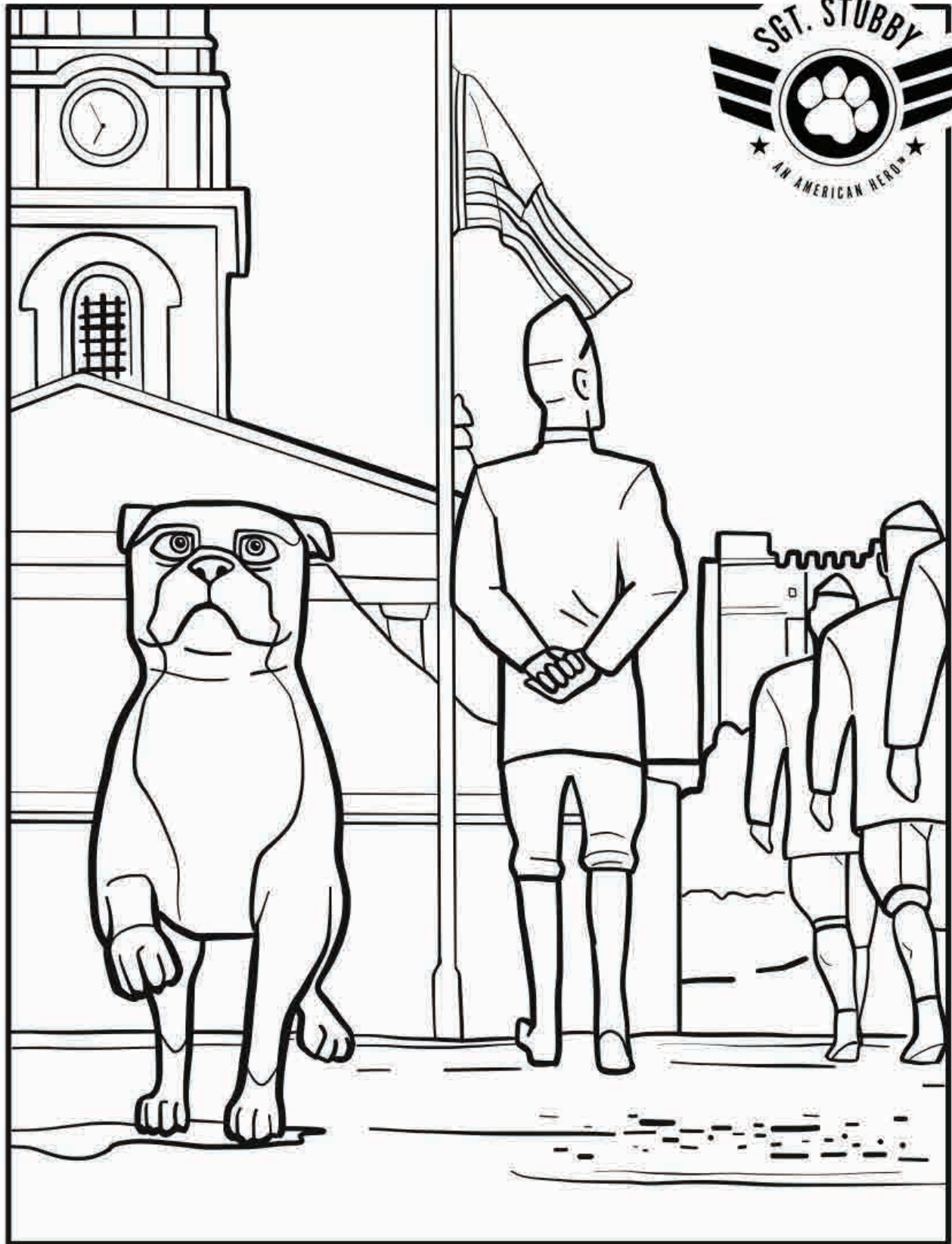
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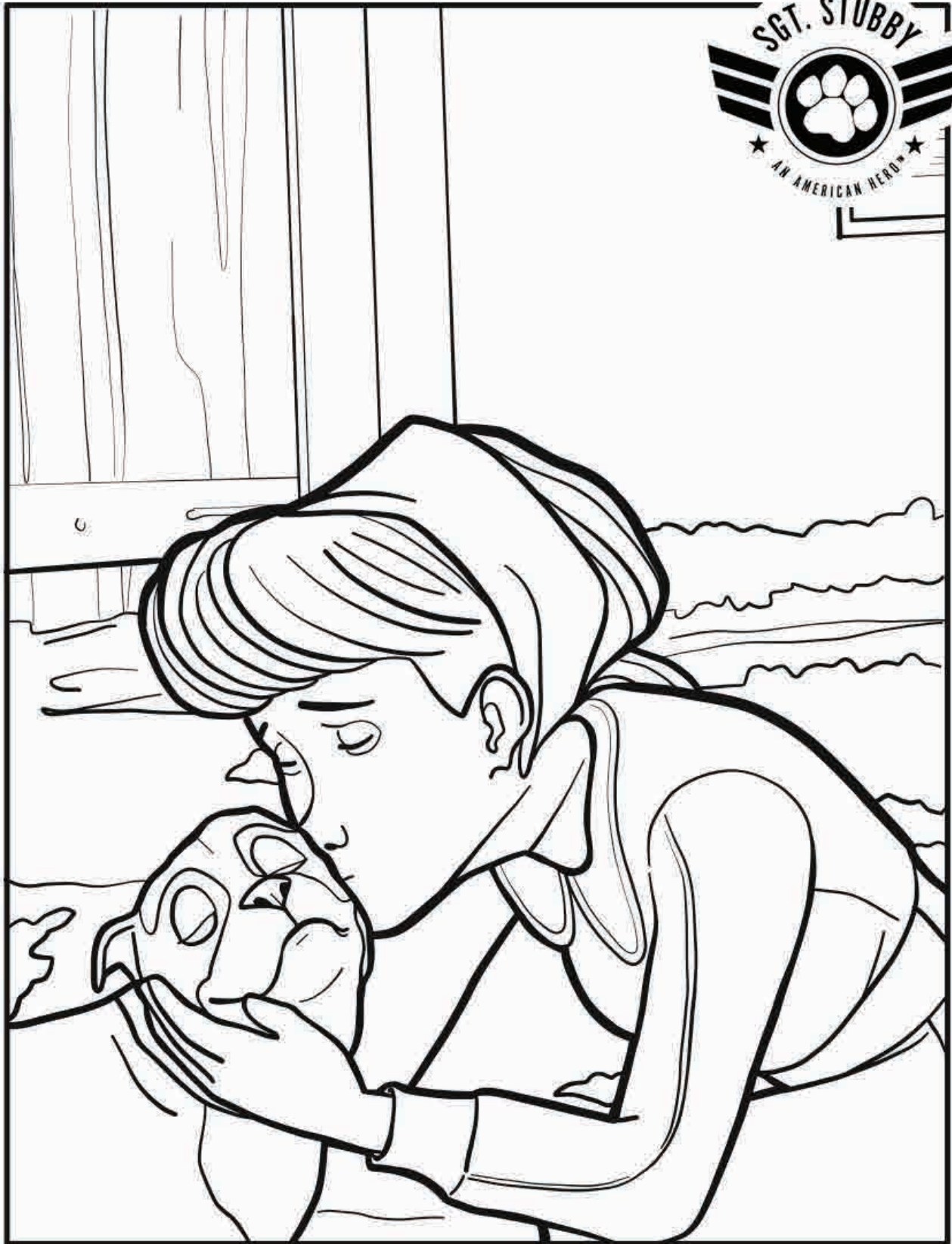
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ANSWERS!



1. American foot soldiers were known as 'Doughboys' because
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2. Conroy named his best friend 'Stubby' because
 a) He had a short stumpy tail.



3. Pigeons played an important part in the war by c) Providing pigeon post, carrying and delivering important messages.*



4. The youngest soldier to serve in WW1 was how old c) 13
 His name was Sidney Lewis, and he was Britains youngest soldier.
 He enlisted with the East Surrey Regiment in August 1915, five months after his 12th birthday, and was fighting on the Somme by the age of 13.

5. The oldest soldier to serve in WW1 was how old....
 b) 78 and was a French Soldier, but his name is unknown.

*Here is Sgt. Stubby in the Smithsonian's "Price of Freedom" Exhibit next to Cher Ami, the famous pigeon who rescued the Lost Battalion in October 1918.



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BOOK YOUR GROUP'S VISIT TO THE WORLD OF SGT. STUBBY

As one of the first major animated family films to be based on a true story, Sgt. Stubby offers a "dog's eye view" of American history through an entertaining, educational experience for all ages to enjoy!

You don't have to wait to begin planning your trip to the world of Sgt. Stubby – Fun Academy Motion Pictures' group sales department is standing by to help you organize an activity, field trip or fundraiser in your hometown when the film hits theaters nationwide on April 13, 2018:



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