

Marching Into Theaters

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*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



# FUN FACTS



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!



# QUIZ



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

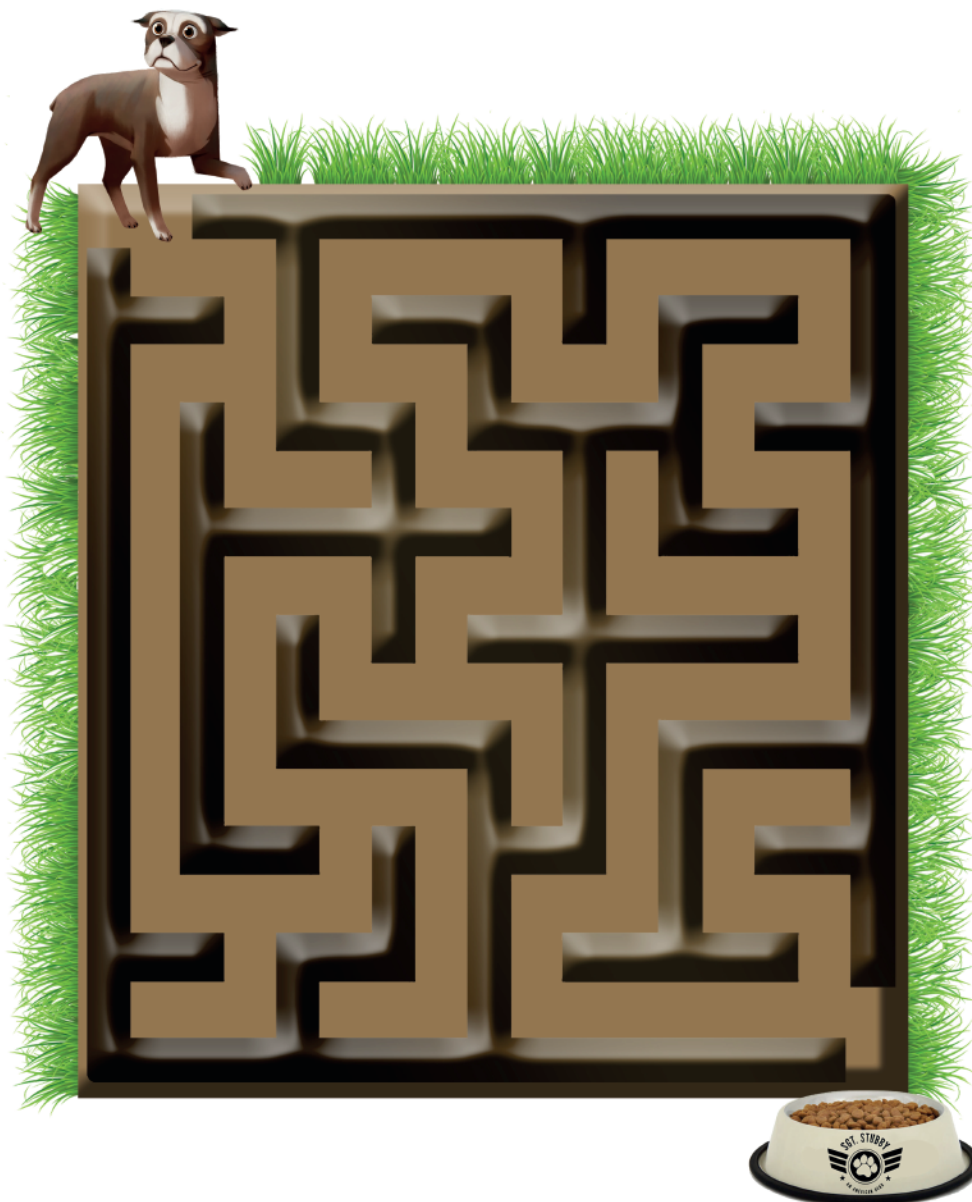
Answers on page 16.



# MAZE



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

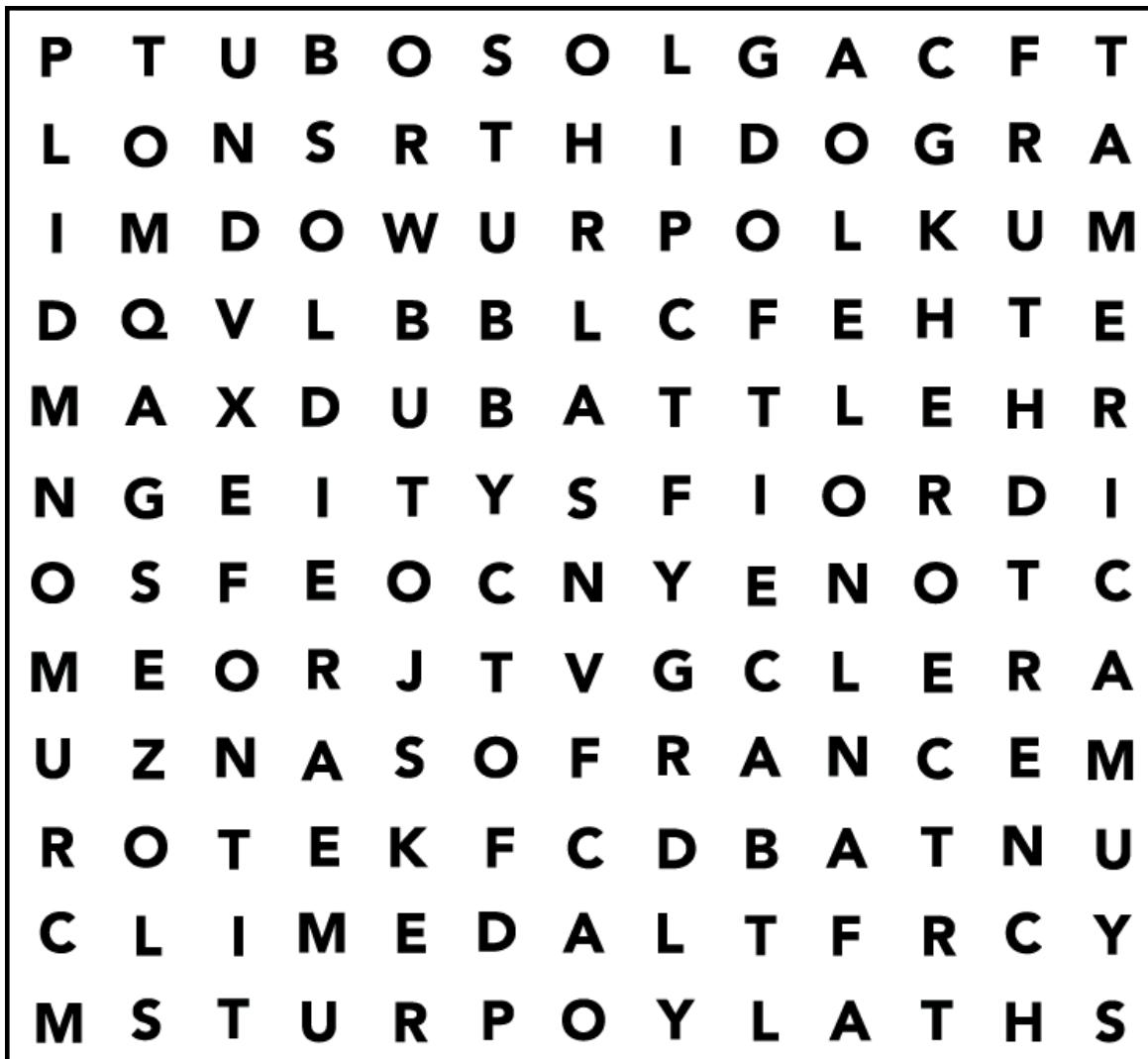


**DID YOU KNOW:** Soldiers in the WW1 trenches lucky enough to have a small stove - or even candles - would boil up any food including stale biscuits or add these to the canned food provided. Mmmmm, sounds delicious!

# 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!



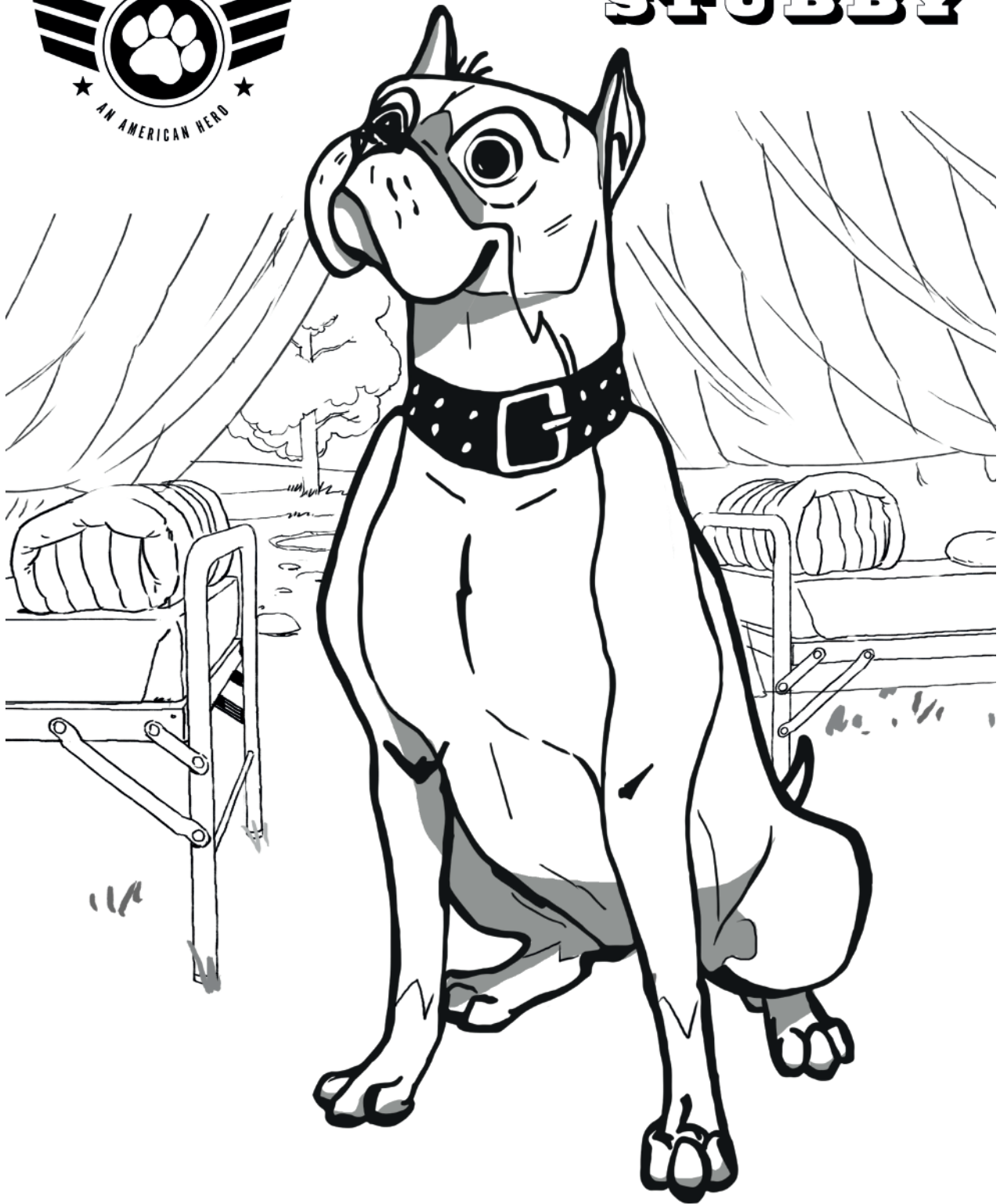




# COLORING



**STUBBY**





## STUBBY & CONROY





COLORING



GASTON  
BAPTISTE





SERGEANT  
STUBBY



# ANSWERS!



1. American foot soldiers were known as 'Doughboys' because  
b) The brass buttons on their uniforms looked like flour dumplings.



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**

For a screening in your hometown cinema, 'Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero' offers a "dog's eye view" of American history perfect for groups of all ages.

For further information and bookings visit

**<http://www.stubbymovie.com/#group-events>**