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Working for the Army

In 1945, during World War II (1939–1945), the U.S. Army had captured Luzon, a Philippine island, from the Japanese. Now the soldiers needed a telephone system on the island to communicate with one another. To build one, a wire would have to be buried under an airplane runway—but digging a **trench** for the wire would take too long. They needed a quicker way to do it. Luckily, they had a soldier who might just help solve the problem—Smoky.


Smoky



Smoky was a four-pound (1.8-g) Yorkshire terrier (YORK-sheer TER-ee-ur). The army was counting on her to run through a narrow pipe, that already passed under the runway, with a string attached to her collar. The string would then be used later to pull the phone wire through the pipe.

A small, white, scruffy-haired dog, likely a Yorkshire Terrier, is standing on a paved surface. It is wearing a green and brown camouflage vest with black straps. The dog is looking directly at the camera. In the background, the lower legs and feet of a person wearing dark pants and black boots are visible.

**A modern military dog
in protective gear**

A blue heart-shaped callout box with a white bone icon at the bottom. It contains text about the role of dogs in the military.

Many dogs served in the **military** during World War II. They guarded camps, carried messages, sniffed for bombs, and warned soldiers when the enemy was close. Dogs are still an important part of the military today.

A Tiny War Hero

As Smoky stood in front of the pipe, warplanes roared above her. “Come, Smoky, come!” called her owner, Bill Wynne, from the other end of the pipe.

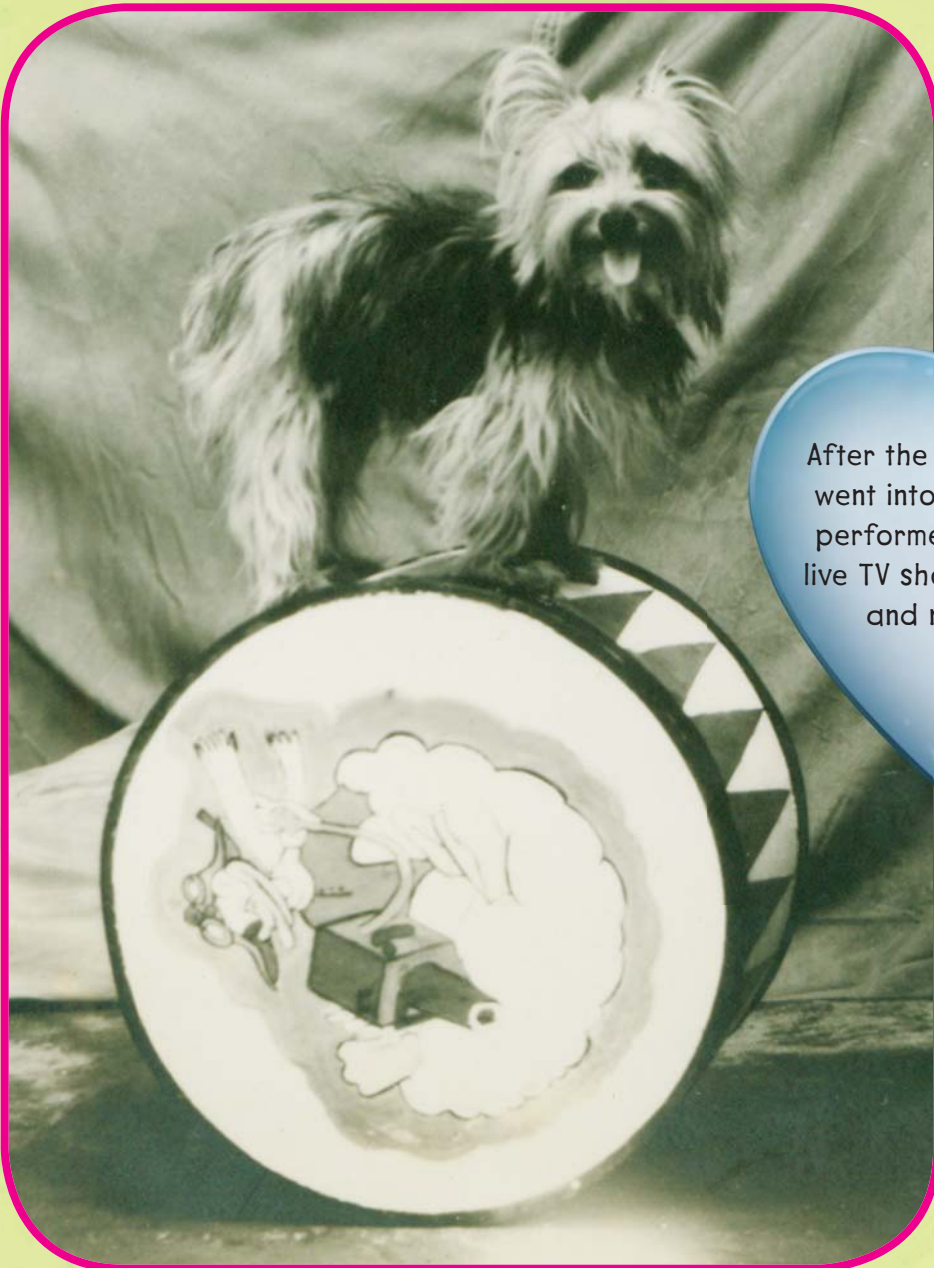
Smoky bravely scampered into the darkness, squeezing past piles of sand that had built up inside the pipe. Suddenly the string that was attached to her collar pulled tight. It was caught on something.



- ▲ Smoky stands in front of the pipe that she had to pull the string through. Luckily, she was small. The pipe was only 8 inches (20.3 cm) wide.

“Smoky! Stand, stay!” Wynne yelled anxiously. Smoky stopped right away. Quickly, some soldiers jiggled the string to free it.

Wynne called to Smoky again. The loyal little dog crept forward. Finally, she spotted Wynne. Yelping excitedly, Smoky raced out of the pipe dragging the string. Smoky was a war hero!



After the war, Smoky and Wynne went into show business. Smoky performed tricks 42 times on a live TV show, “*Castles in the Air*,” and never did the same one twice.



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In 1945, during World War II, U.S. troops captured a Philippine island. They needed to run a wire underground to set up a telephone system. Yet digging a trench would take too long. Luckily, they had a soldier who could help do the job—Smoky, a four-pound Yorkshire terrier. Would Smoky be able to squeeze through a narrow pipe and pull the wire through?

Look inside to learn more about Smoky and other amazing Yorkies—as well as surprising facts about the little dog's history, its physical appearance, and its personality. You'll also discover what every Yorkshire terrier owner knows—that even though these dogs look small, in their own minds they're large and in charge!

Beagle
A Howling Good Time

Chihuahua
Señor Tiny

Dachshund
The Hot Dogger

Jack Russell Terrier
Bundle of Energy

Pomeranian
Pom Pom Ado

Pug
What a Mug!

Toy Poodle
Oodles of Fun

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