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article and photo I discovered about Pasadena, I was able to make connections between work done by residents like Freeman A. Ford to articles written by Walter Dyer in the *Red Cross Magazine* to a posting in the back of a separate edition of the *Red Cross Magazine*.

The resources available to me and the research skills I've acquired played a direct role in my paper winning Second Place at the Southern California Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference. Additionally, these acquired skills have directly impacted my professional documentary career as I continually apply what I've learned when conducting research for the historical documentaries I work on with Time Frame Films for networks like PBS.

3. Summary and Bibliography:

SUMMARY:

Though Sgt. Stubby may have been left out of the books written about the Yankee Division, his memory lives on in the stories told by those who met him.¹ Of all the honors bestowed upon Stubby over the years, none may be more personal or touching than how his fellow soldiers remembered him. While some drew portraits or snapped photos of Stubby others took to poetry to express how much he meant to them. After Stubby woke up Sergeant John J. Curtin after he had slept through a topside alarm warning of an incoming gas attack, Curtin wrote a poem thanking the dog.

Listen to me and I will tell,
Of a dog who went all through hell,
With the 102nd Infantry, U.S.A.,
Stubby was with us night and day.

.....
North of Verdun were our hardest battles,
And many brave men gave death rattles,
But Stubby came back through hell O.K.
And is ready to go back to the U.S.A.

He is a fighting bulldog of the old Y.D.,
And is the joy and pride of our company.
When we take him back to the U.S.A.,
Stubby will hold the stage night and day.

His owner Bob will take him home,

¹ Shay, Michael E. *The Yankee Division in the First World War: In the Highest Tradition*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2008, 210-212.

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And never more will Stubby roam,
He'll enjoy a much earned rest
In the place WE ALL LOVE BEST.
(Sergeant John J. Curtin, "Our Regimental Mascot")²

What made this dog so special was perfectly summed up by one war reporter, who wrote that Stubby "was not a 'one man' dog, but everyone's friend".³ It was this admiration and love that allowed Stubby to receive a 3-column obituary in the *New York Times*. In a tribute fitting of a war hero they remembered Stubby's greatest achievement in the regiment, noting how "he seemed to know that the greatest service he could render was comfort and cheerfulness."⁴ Even before Stubby's death he warmed the hearts of a nation, attracting attention from media outlets and even the likes of Margaret Shanks, war nurse, poet and end-of-life caregiver for Susan B. Anthony, who wrote:

Stubby---on the field of battle
You have won immortal fame
Written on the page of history
Will be found your home-spun name.
.....
Stubby---doggie what a lesson
To us humans, you can teach
Humbly wearing regal honors
Lifts you just beyond our reach.
(Margaret Shanks)⁵

² Bausum, *Sergeant Stubby*, 66; Smithsonian Institution Archives, Accession No. 210736, Catalog No. 58285, Division of Armed Forces History, "Pvt. James Robert Conroy's Scrapbook".

³ Bausum, *Sergeant Stubby*, 67.

⁴ "Stubby of A.E.F. Enters Valhalla: Tramp Dog of No Petigree Took Part In the Big Parade in France," *New York Times* (New York City, New York), April 4, 1926.

⁵ Smithsonian Institution Archives, Accession No. 210736, Catalog No. 58285, Division of Armed Forces History, "Pvt. James Robert Conroy's Scrapbook".

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