

FOUND IN THE JUNGLES OF NEW GUINEA, IN 1944, SMOKY, a four-pound Yorkie, was bought by Bill Wynne for \$6.44 American. He taught her many tricks, and she entertained troops in camps and hospitals from Australia to Korea. While in the Philippines, a vital telephone line had to be run under an aircraft taxi strip. To dig up this strip would be a 3-5 day task depending on the weather. 40 fighter planes would have had to be moved from their safe area to where they would have been vulnerable to daily enemy air attacks. Instead, a line was attached to SMOKY and she took it through an 8 inch diameter drainage pipe under the strip, a distance of 70 feet. This was difficult as the pipe had 4 inch sand piles at every 4 foot segment. The diminutive SMOKY, despite climbing over 20 plus obstacles, took just 2 minutes. This innovative use of a tiny dog of war is part of military history. For future reference it is recorded in the Library of the U. S. Army War College at Carlisle, PA.

At Rocky River Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks is constructing a special "HERO MEMORIAL" dedicated to the men and women who served our country during WWI, WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The dedication will be on Veterans Day, November 11, 2005.

The VETERANS MEMORIAL will be on the western edge (see map) and on the eastern edge will be the SMOKY AND DOGS OF ALL WARS MEMORIAL. These dogs faithfully risked their lives and often lost them while saving their human companions. It is in recognition of these dogs and their actions, in the name of SMOKY, that we welcome your tax-deductible donations sent to:

Veterans/Smoky Memorial Fund 5541
c/o Cleveland Metroparks
4101 Fulton Parkway
Cleveland, OH 44144
ATTENTION: Treasurer's Office
Phone: 216-635-3231

MONUMENT FOR SMOKY COMMITTEE

Pat Aufdenberg
Don Esmond
Jim Strand



Smoky is held by an American Red Cross nurse while visiting sick and wounded soldiers at the 120th General Hospital at Santo Tomas University campus, in the Philippines, June 1945. Smoky is the first therapy dog of record.



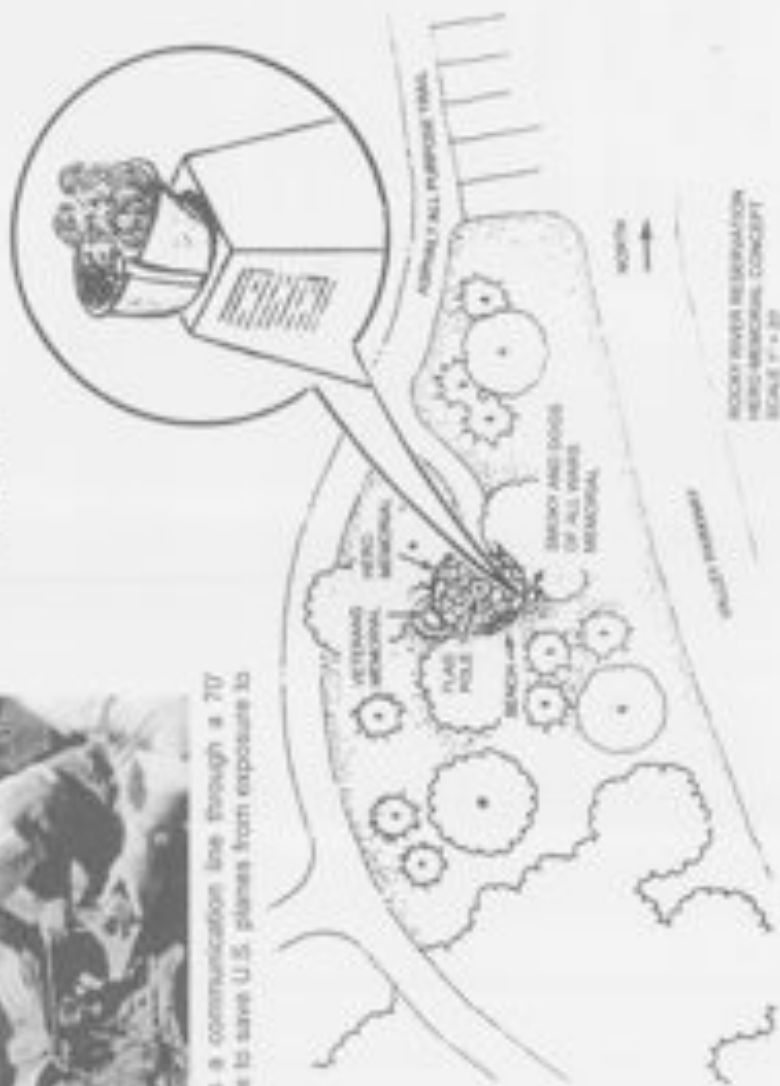
Smoky takes a communication line through a 70" drainage tube to save U.S. planes from exposure to enemy fire.



Bill Wynne with current Yorkie rescue, Hacie, at the Univ. of TN-Knoxville, School of Veterinary Medicine's "Always Faithful" statue.

A beautiful, life-sized bronze sculpted by noted artist, Susan Bahary of CA, "Always Faithful"

is the U.S. Marine Corps monument dedicated to the memory of the 25 Doberman Pinschers who lost their lives during the battle for Guam Island during WWII. The original is located on Guam. Ms. Bahary has agreed to sculpt the bronze Smoky Memorial.



ROCKY RIVER RESERVATION HERO MEMORIAL CONCEPT SCALE 1" = 20'