

Stare of the Dog

In World War I



Dogs have been a fixture of human warfare for centuries. Only recently, however, have military canines been seen sporting eyewear. In this 1917 picture, a military German shepherd of the British Army wears a crude gas mask, the better to fend off poison gas attacks. At right, SSgt. Philip Mendoza III admires his military working dog, Rico. Rico, who was assigned to Joint Base Balad in Iraq in 2009, wears "doggles" (really) to guard against blowing sand.



In Iraqi Freedom

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