

Featured Felines: Cats in Wartime photos – Land (2019)

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This is simply a page of images collected from many and varied sources, but unfortunately for many of them I have no details of what they show. They aren't all necessarily taken in actual wartime.



1 German soldier in Russia, 1942, watches as kitten plays with machine-gun ammo



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24th October 1940, London: A steel-helmeted PDSA official rescues cats from wreckage of a bombed East London building



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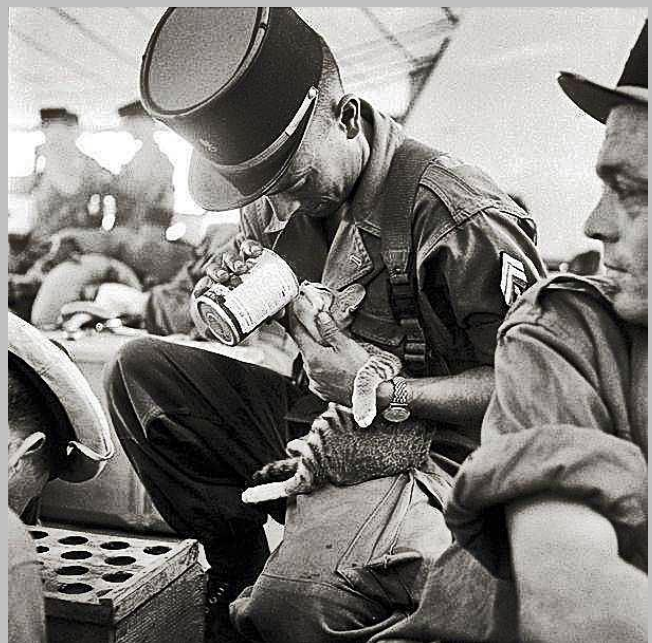
5 Iraq, 2012 ↑



6 Machine Shop Detail, US Naval Base #27, Plymouth 1918



7 Western Front, WW1



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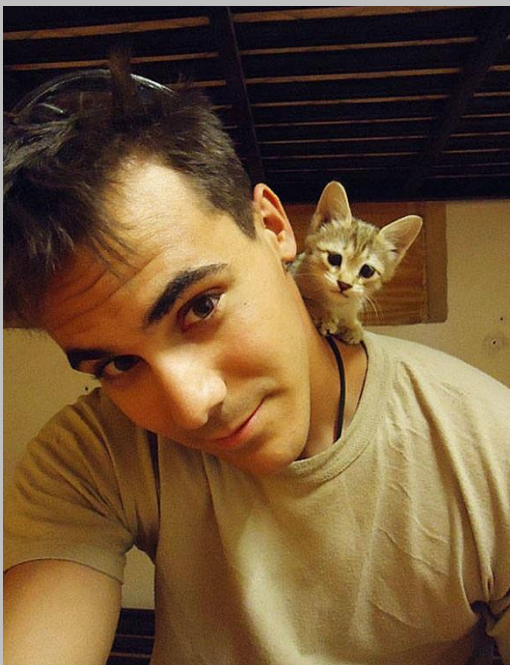
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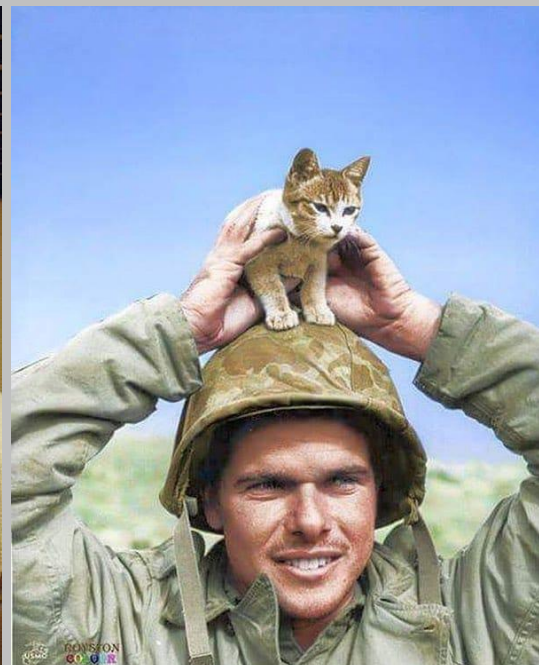
13 Soldier of 136th Infantry Regiment writes a letter while cats Rosette and Saint-Thomas watch from basket, Argonne, Western Front, February 1916



14 *Egypt, c.1900. See cat 2nd row down, 2nd from left, and possibly another behind*



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16 *Marine Cpl Edward Burckhardt and kitten, Feb. 1945, at base of Mt Suribachi, Iwo Jima*



17 J.G. Harrison and kitten
(studio portrait, Melbourne 1915)



18 Smolensk, USSR, 1941



19 After the smoke of battle had cleared on Betio Island, Tarawa, this tiny kitten crept out from under a wrecked Japanese tank to receive a drink from a US Marine – Tarawa, November 1943



21 French legionnaire with his kitten, Indochina, 1950s



22 *Cat in a sandbagged dugout looks up expectantly as a soldier appears, Gallipoli peninsula, 1915*



23 *Two men of the 9th Battalion Gordon Highlanders with mascot 'Martinpuich', Aug. 1916*



24 *British soldier playing with mascot cat – from Illustrated London News, 1918*



25 'Company O'Connor men and cat', 12 August 1915





27 Army Air Corps mascot 'Spark Plug'



28 VP-12, the 'Black Cat Squadron', Guadalcanal, 1943. They used Catalina flying boats, painted matt black, to attack Japanese ships in the South Pacific in WW2

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'Soldier's goodbye' – and Bobbie the cat

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35 Canadian soldier with unit mascot 'Tabby', Salisbury Plain



36 German soldier with kittens



36 Rescue during the London blitz



37 *Infantrymen with mascots, 1914*



38 *German soldiers with cat in trenches, WW1*



39 *Lt S.W. Toomey, US Air Service, with cat*



40 *RAF pilot, circa 1944*



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43 *Rescued kitten on Sherman tank turret, August 1944*



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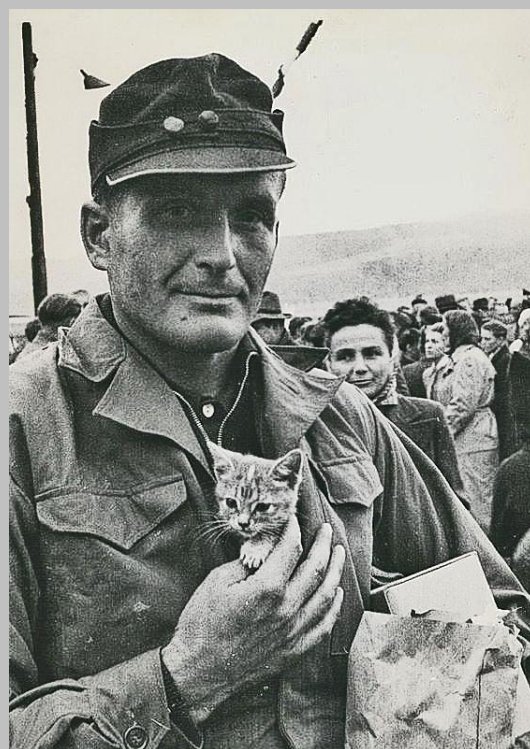
46 French soldiers with kittens, WW2, Feb. 1940



47 Soldier of the Deuxième Armée,



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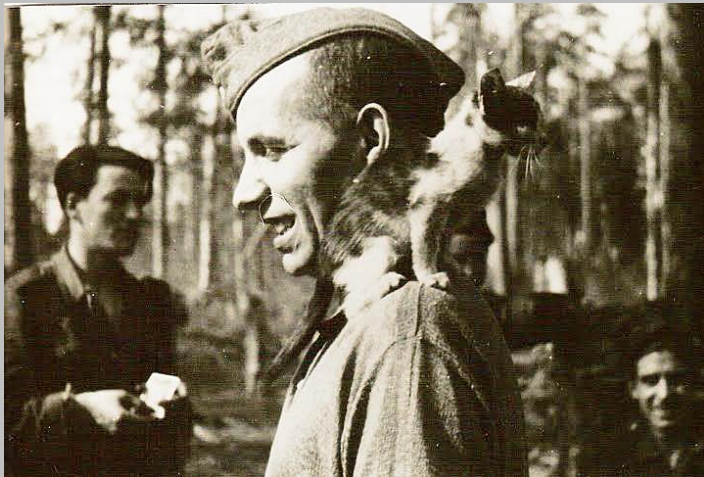


52 US Marines mascot 'Combat'

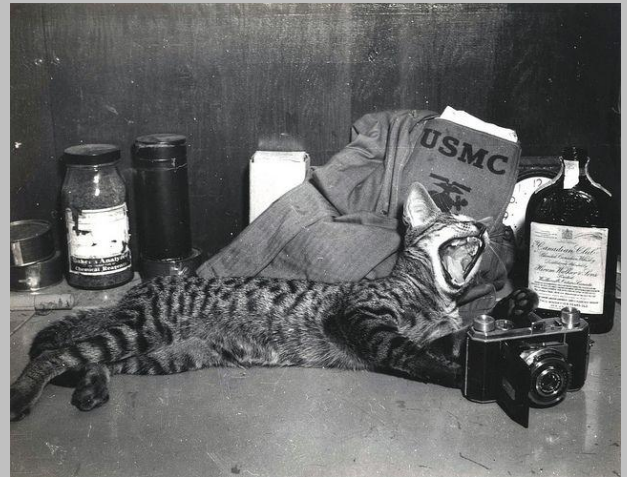


53 Kodiak, mascot of US 73rd Bomb Wing, WW2

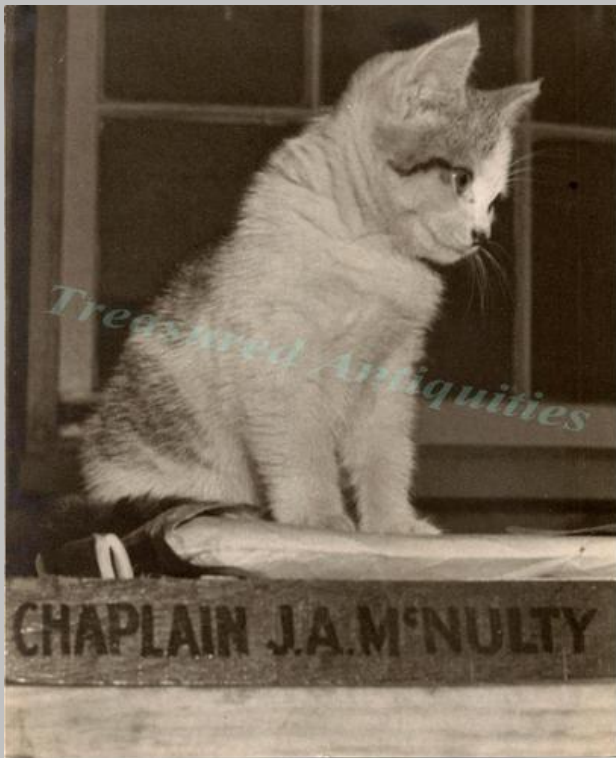
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55 US Marine Corps kitten, WW2



56 Army Chaplain's cat



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58 *US 2nd Army soldiers with a cat found in Le Cateau-Cambrésis*



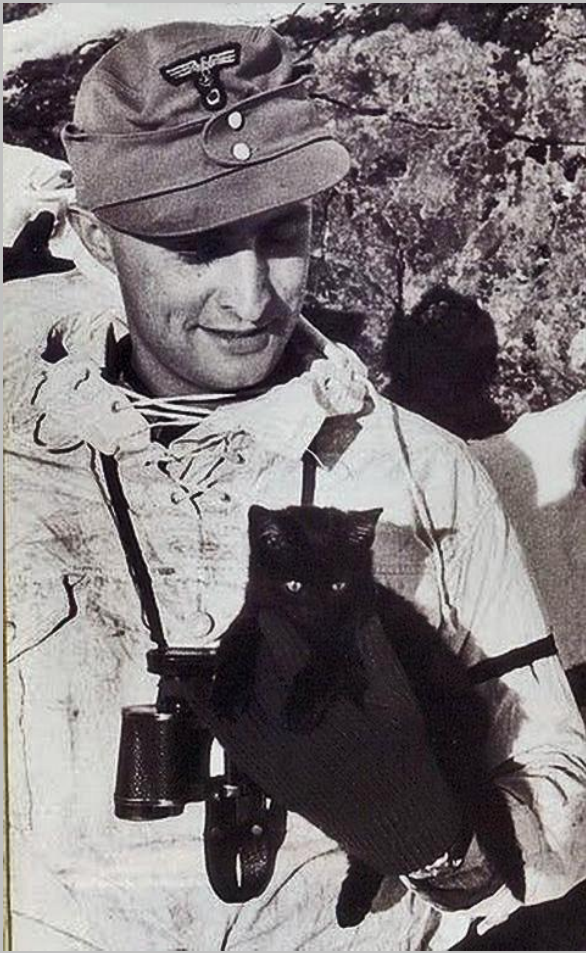
59 *Soviet soldier with kitten*



60 *Stug (tank destroyer) crew member with kitten, 1944*



61 *Oct. 1940: a kitten is saved after an air raid by a member of the London Auxiliary Ambulance Service*



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66 ARP warden with bedraggled rescue kitten



67 Feeding stray London cats during the blitz



68 British PoW Mark Jenner with cats in German work camp



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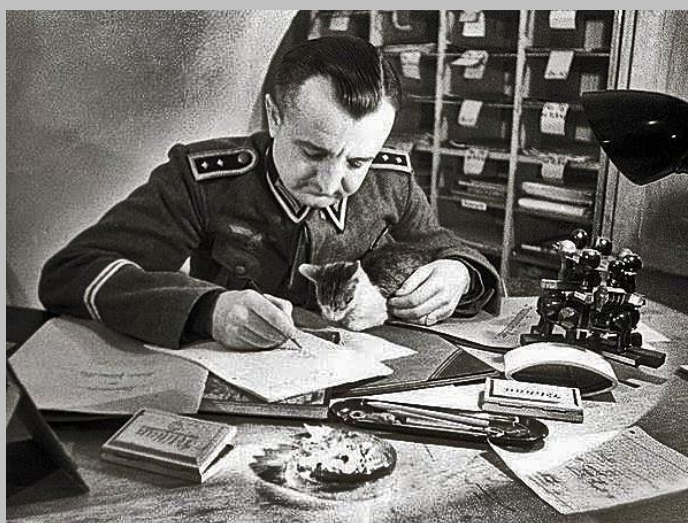
71 US Coast Guard, Panama



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73 Female trooper with cat family,
Fort Hancock, New Jersey



74 Yugoslavia, 1943

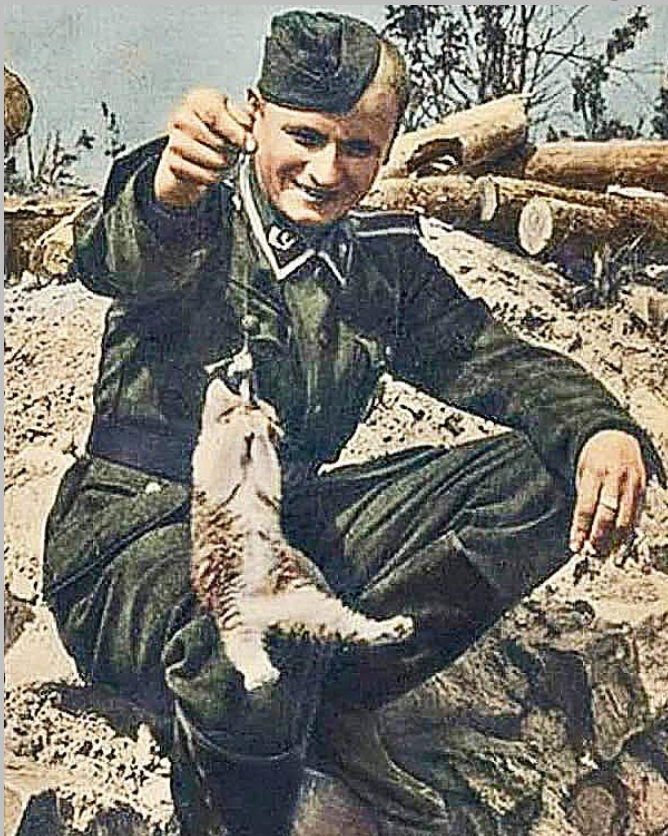


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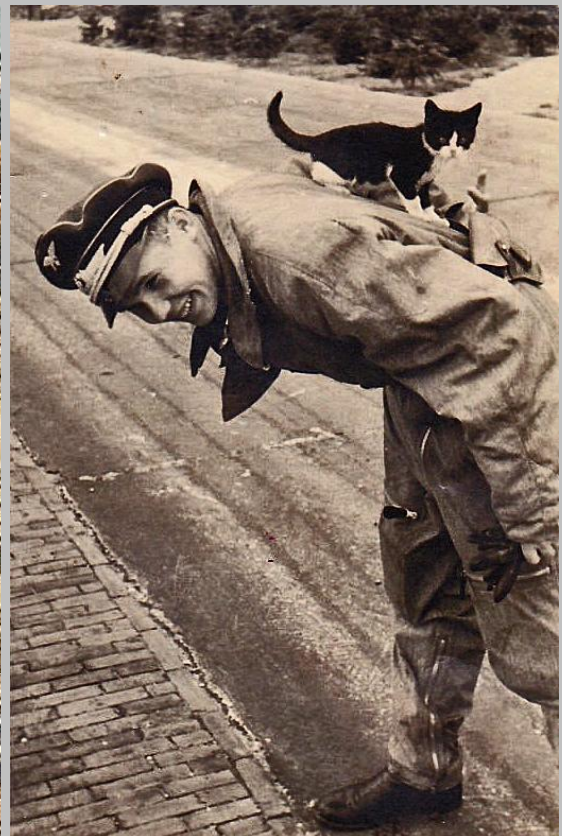


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77 Soldier of 20th Waffen SS playing with cat known as 'Nina the bunker cat', Estonia c.1944'



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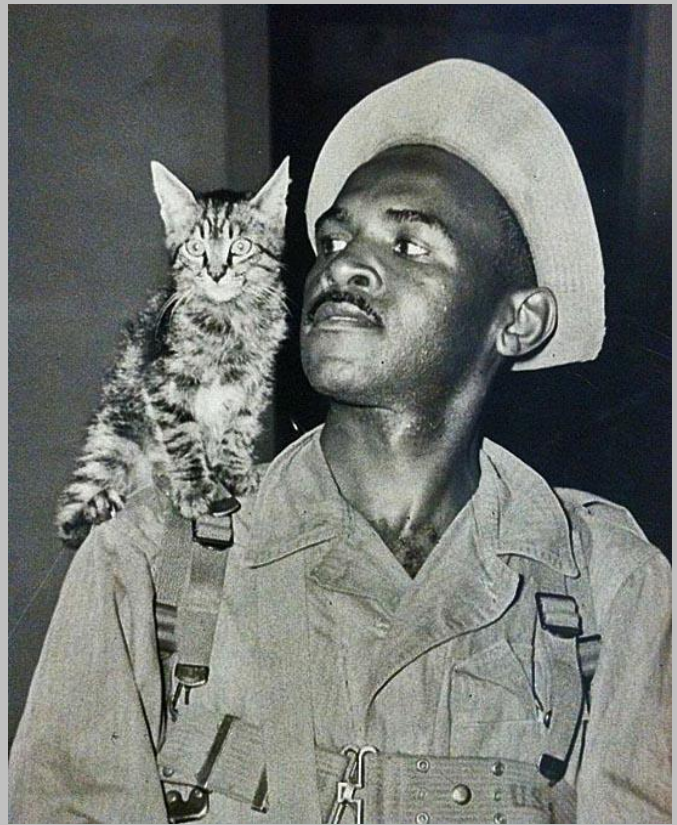
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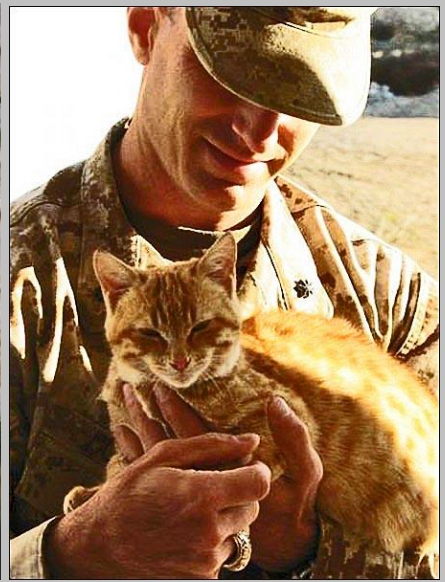
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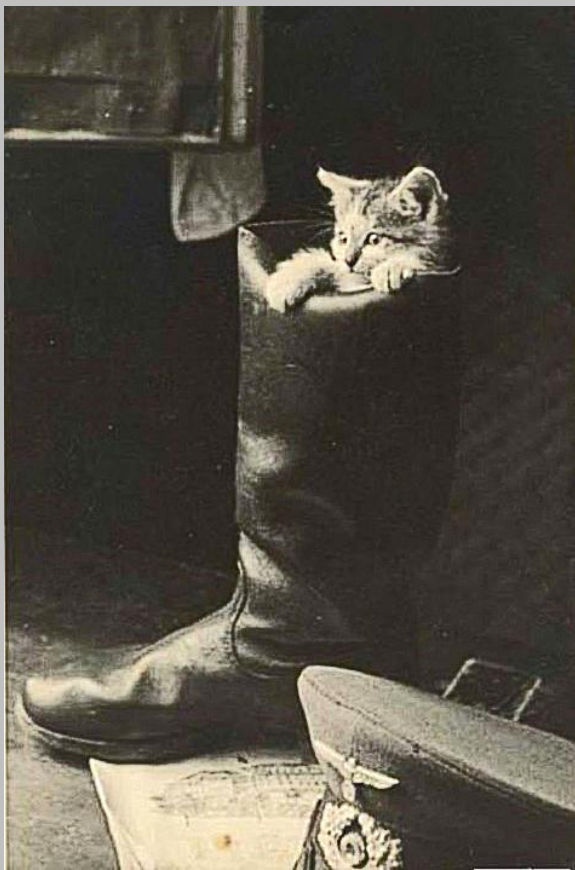
85 Finnish soldier, WW2, sharing his rations



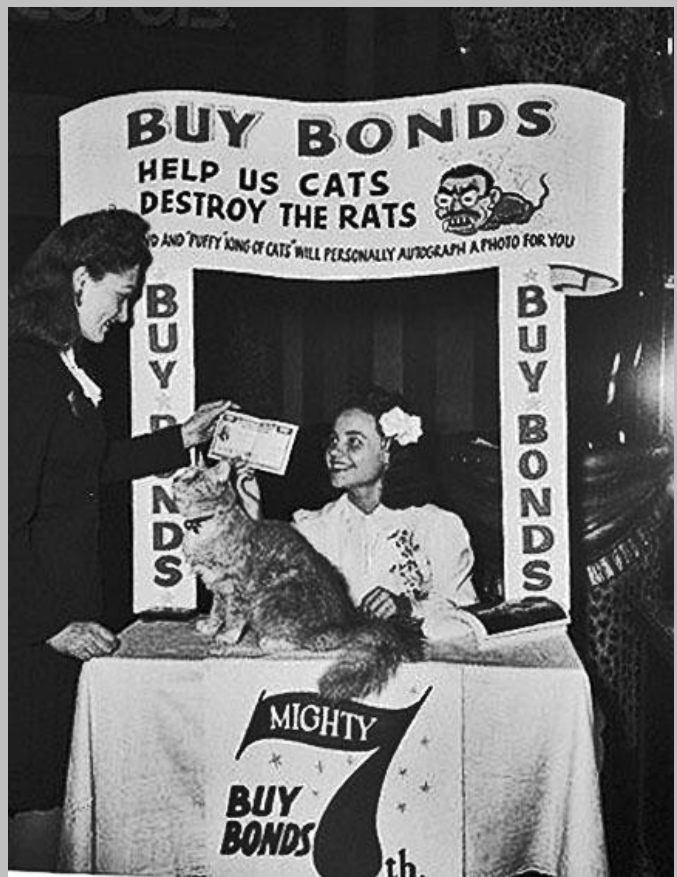
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87 Afghan rescue cat, 2004



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92 *Ukraine cat 'Shayba'*



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96 *A US sailor playing with kittens found in an Infantry equipment room at Naval Air Station Squantum, Massachusetts, 1942*



97 *Signalman H. Gladstone, 2/5 Battalion, with kitten 'Tiger', found in a deserted village, Malbac, New Guinea, 1945*



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99 Lewis gunner of York & Lancaster Regiment in the trenches at Cambrai, France, February 1918

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101 Spring 1918, France: 'Miette'. See [Facebook](#)



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105 *Young boy happy that his cat was unharmed after a bombing raid, London, September 1940.*



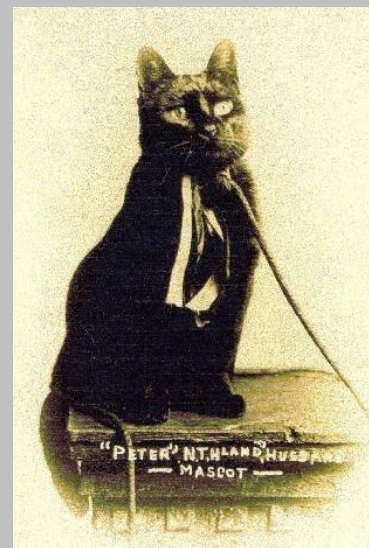
106 *Mr Heelas, a London bus driver, feeding cats who refused to leave their homes even though their owners had been evacuated, 1941*



107 Staff officer of 12th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, and kitten
Essigny-le-Grand, France, February 1918



108 Czech fighter Pilot Jiri Reznicek giving his kitten
Minda a drink, Chartres, France, Spring 1940



109 Peter, mascot of the
orthumberland Hussars, WW1



110 Soldier of the First Polish Army with his
companion, c.1944



111 Kitten with Swiss Army rucksack
and helmet, post-WW2



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