

A thought on Horses as victims of Man

Remembering the dead and damaged human victims of wars, will the time come when the animals might be included in our memorial services which take place? We light candles on the graves of our beloved fathers, mothers and children who lost their lives in WWI, WWII, the Balkan Wars, or the Asia Minor catastrophe—and rightly so. It is high time we remember to include man's best friend...

1. **9.000.000 horses** died in WWI. 2.500.000 injured were sent for treatment of injuries, two million of which were returned to face another day of the horrors.
2. Apparently **1.000.000 horses** died in WWII, not to mention the **thousands of carrier pigeons** who saved so many lives and earned decorations for their heroic part or were mentioned in dispatches.....Pigeons can home over a distance of 1,000 miles and fly for 15 hours or more without a break!
3. What about the courageous dogs? **Dogs** proved to be as reliable as soldiers carrying messages in the trenches and were famously good at finding life in the bombed-out ruins of buildings, saving both human and animals. The dogs often displayed sadness when dead bodies were pulled out of the rubble. Dogs were also a great comfort as companions to the men at war. One **Irish terrier, Prince**, found his own way to his human owner in the trenches. It took him 2 weeks and no one knows how he did it. Another hero saved lives at Verdun, running on three legs after receiving a bullet, out of pure devotion to his human.
4. There were also the **mules** and **donkeys** and more... and the 'collateral damage' of ongoing war.

"THEY HAD NO CHOICE".

The wonderful writer, Isaac Bashevis Singer said, '**For the animals we are all nazis**'... Well, perhaps not all of us, but lest we forget...

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