

# CIRCA 1914 - CHOW MASCOTS OF THE ROYAL NAVY WW1



CIRCA 1914 – AN OFFICER IN FIGHTING KIT HOLDING HIS PET DOG, A CHOW CHOW, ON BOARD THE HMS OAK © IWM (Q 18067)

Courtesy the Imperial War Museum....these three stunning photos of navy men with their chow mascots on board ship during WW1.

I have a number of photos from this era of “wartime chows” that I need to add to this collection to keep them all in one place . These are a lovely addition to the archives and I am grateful to IWM for allowing them to be shared with attribution.



CIRCA 1914 ROYAL OFFICERS WITH A GROUP OF DOG MASCOTS ABOARD  
THE HMS ROYAL OAK © IWM (Q 17984)

[A naval rating holding a bear, one of the mascots ab](#)



No date – Imperial War Museum Photo with the caption  
"A naval rating holding a bear, one of the mascots aboard the HMS Royal Oak"

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the mascots aboard ship on HMS Royal Oak.

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This above awesome find came about as the result of a search,  
looking for more information about the previous photo I posted  
with the chow and bear aboard a ship.

I have seen a number of chows mistaken for "bears" in photo  
captions during my research. I just love this!