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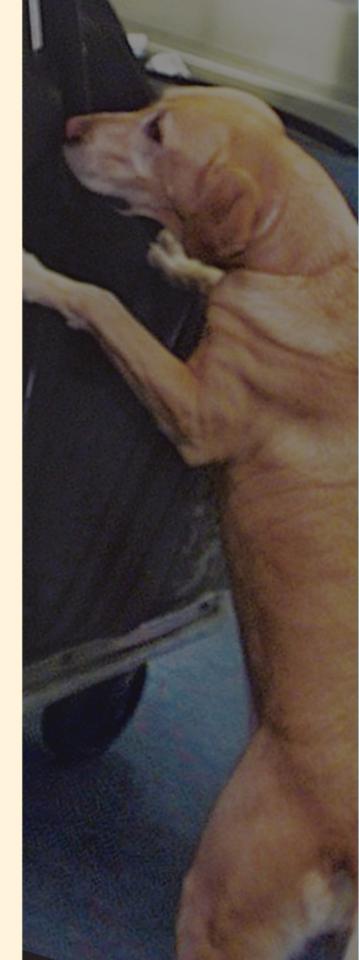
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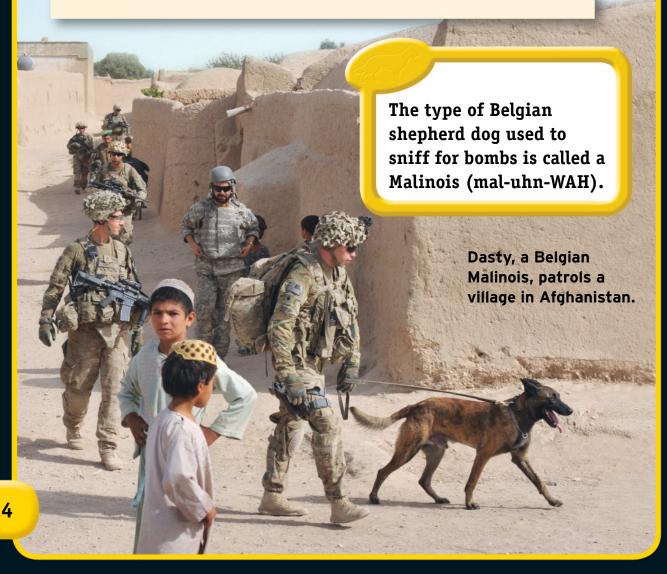
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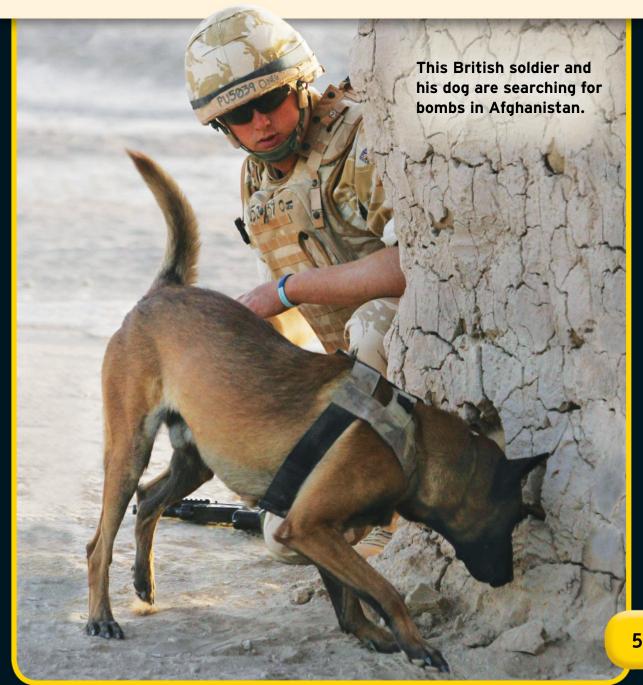


Hidden Dangers

In March 2010, British soldiers in Afghanistan were on **patrol** with a Belgian shepherd named Chocolat. They came to a row of empty shops. Suddenly, the dog walked ahead of the men. He entered one of the stores by himself. Normally, Chocolat would never have left the sight of his **handler**, Private Steve Purdy. When the dog wouldn't come out of the building, Private Purdy knew that Chocolat must have smelled something dangerous inside.



Soldiers carefully entered the shop. They discovered a huge supply of **explosives** hidden by the enemy. There were enough materials to make more than ten powerful bombs. Thanks to Chocolat, the weapons had been found before they could do any harm. Yet the soldiers now wondered: Were more bombs hidden nearby?



A Deadly Trap

The soldiers continued to patrol the street. They soon spotted a large homemade bomb in front of another shop. A bomb expert was told to **defuse** it. He was **suspicious**, however. The **device** had been found too easily. He feared it might be wired to other bombs hidden nearby. Were the soldiers being led into a deadly trap?



Private Purdy sent Chocolat to sniff out a safe path to the back of the building. After following the bomb-sniffing dog, the soldiers blew open a hole in the back wall. Once inside the building, they could see that many other bombs were hidden in the area around the store. By safely leading the soldiers to the back of the building, Chocolat had once again helped save their lives.



Improvised explosive devices are also called roadside bombs.

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In March 2010, British soldiers in Afghanistan were on patrol with a Belgian Malinois named Chocolat. When they came to a row of empty shops, the dog entered one of the stores and wouldn't come out. Private Steve Purdy, Chocolat's handler, knew that the dog must have smelled explosives that were hidden inside the building. Would Chocolat be able to find the weapons before they could do any harm? Look inside to find out more about Chocolat and other bomb-sniffing dogs that have risked their lives to save troops from injuries and even death.

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