

BRUTUS 44M9 SENTRY DOG MIA

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SP4

981ST MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (SG), UNIT HISTORY (CONT)

Saunders, the MCCIC. An early morning sweep of the area disclosed one dead enemy "sapper" and a hollow bamboo pole filled with dynamite.

At Phan Rang, the enemy scored a direct 107mm Rocket hit on the barracks of members of Team "A", causing extensive damage to the building. No injuries were sustained due to all personnel having rushed to reinforce the perimeter defense after the first barrage had struck the installation.

During the early morning hours, 1 April 1970, SP4 Lawrence G Bowman was walking his post along the eastern perimeter of the Phu Tai Ammunition Base Depot when his Sentry Dog alerted. SP4 Bowman then observed a small enemy force attempting to penetrate the perimeter, SP4 Bowman opened fire upon the force killing three enemy "sappers" and causing the remaining enemy soldiers to retreat. SP4 Bowman was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor for this action.

1 April 1970

1LT John B Cottier was assigned and assumed duties as Platoon Leader of the Second Platoon.

10 April 1970

1LT James M Bradshaw was assigned and assumed duties as Platoon Leader of the First Platoon.

12 April 1970

The annual Command Inspection was conducted by the 18th Military Police Brigade which resulted in a rating of excellent.

13 April 1970

At 0001 hours, this date, it was discovered that Sentry Dog, Brutus, 44M9, was missing from the kennels of Team "E", Pleiku. A subsequent search of the surrounding area produced negative results. Investigation disclosed that Brutus had apparently become frightened by nearby artillery fire and had escaped his run through an opening between the top of the fence and the roof of the kennels.

20-22 April 1970

The first USARV Sentry Dog Conference was held at Headquarters, 18th Military Police Brigade, Long Binh, Republic of Vietnam. Personnel in attendance were:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
COL Wittwer	CO, 18th MP Bde
COL MacLean	CO, 89th MP Gp
COL Wheatley	CO, 1st MP Gp
LTC Smith	S3, 18th MP Bde