

SECTION III

SCOUT/SENTRY DOGS

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1. Significant events.

A. With 3rd Tanks, Dog team found one ChiCom hand grenade and one 61mm mortar round

B. With 1-7, Dog team alerted and prevented an ambush.

C. With 1-5, Dog alerted on a tunnel which contained legal documents, propaganda leaflets and clothing.

D. With 1-7, Dog alerted on a tunnel which yielded two (2) VC, three (3) bags of rice and a cache of clothes.

E. With 1-5, one (1) dog located four (4) VC, one (1) Russian weapon, two (2) French carbines, thirty (30) rounds of ammo, and 700 pounds of rice.

F. With 3rd Force Recon, one (1) dog alerted on about two (2) squads of VC in a field about three-hundred (300) meters away. Artillery was called in and the enemy was neutralized.

G. With 3-9, One (1) dog located five (5) VC, one (1) shaped charge and fifteen (15) hand grenades.

H. With 3rd Force Recon, one (1) dog alerted on an area where the grass was smashed down. It was believed to be a VC ambush site the night before.

I. With 1-2, one dog alerted on a tunnel which had one (1) wounded VC inside. The dog also alerted on two (2) Vietnamese men trying to crawl away from the patrol. Another dog alerted on a treeline which, upon further investigation, yielded two VCS. Later the dog alerted off to the side of the patrol where two (2) men were watching the patrol. When the men saw the dog they started running and were apprehended.

J. While with 1st Recon Bn., one (1) dog alerted while on a night patrol. When the patrol moved in to check it out, one (1) man was heard running away. Later the dog alerted across a river, the patrol set in and about fifteen minutes later lights were seen moving up a bank on the other side of the river. Artillery was called. Another dog alerted on a possible VC ambush and allowed a recon patrol to pass without being detected by the enemy.

K. With 3rd Force Recon, a dog alerted and the patrol hit the deck just as a large burst of enemy fire zipped over their heads. Using the dog to tell where the enemy was, the patrol managed to quit the area without sustaining a casualty.

L. With 3-7, a dog alerted on a freshly dug pangi trap. Later the dog alerted to the side of the patrol and a VCS got up and ran off. When the patrol fired at him, heavy enemy fire was returned. It is

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believed that the dog caused a VC ambush to be effected prematurely.

M. With 3-9, one dog alerted on a group of villagers in a clump of trees. Upon further investigation four (4) of them were found to be VC.

N. With 7th Marines, one (1) dog alerted on a tunnel which yielded four (4) VC.

O. With 1-26, one (1) dog alerted on a 60mm mortar round which was booby trapped along the side of the trail.

P. One (1) sentry dog alerted on two (2) men running across a rice paddy with MAG 36 about 300 meters away. The reaction force was called in and swept the area with negative results.

2. Deployment.

A. Scout Dog Platoons

(1) Total Number of Commitments.

- (a) 1st Platoon - 14
- (b) 2nd Platoon - 20

(2) Total number of dog teams committed

- (a) 1st Platoon - 31
- (b) 2nd Platoon - 41

(3) Using Units.

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| (a) 3rd Force Recon | (i) 1-26 |
| (b) 3rd Recon Bn. | (j) 3rd Tanks |
| (c) 1st Recon Bn | (k) ASF 1 |
| (d) 3-7 | (l) 5-5 |
| (e) 2-7 | (m) 2-5 |
| (f) 1-7 | (n) 1-5 |
| (g) 2-1 | (o) 3-9 |
| (h) 3-1 | (p) 1st MP Bn |

B. Sentry Dog Platoons

(1) Total Number of Commitments.

- (a) 1st Platoon - 5
- (b) 2nd Platoon - 6

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(2) Total Number of dog teams committed.

- (a) 1st Platoon - 32
- (b) 2nd Platoon - 32

(3) Using Units:

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| (a) Base defense | (e) AAF PX |
| (b) "A" Battery, 1st LAAM Bn | (f) MAG 13 |
| (c) "A" Battery, 2nd LAAM Bn | (g) M.G 12 |
| (d) CO's quarters | (h) MAG 36 |

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