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TO: Commanding Officer  
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SUBJECT: Scout Dog School

Started basic obedience as of 22 March 1967. After a complete check-up it was found that "Rinnie" had a case of heart worm. This would have killed him if not treated. The treatment started the 20th with 4 injections of arsenic to kill the worms. It is a long drawn out process which will take 10 weeks to cure the dog.

The Major has assigned me another dog to work with. He is about 1½ years old, 58 lbs and very intelligent. From past reports, these small dogs seem to hold up better than the larger ones. They are also more alert for longer periods of time and usually last longer than the handlers. Dogs should be worked in pairs. This way, one dog works for 1 or 2 hrs. with one in reserve and then you change off. This way the dog on point doesn't get bored and also if one dog is hit, you still have one in reserve.

The Major notified me last week that we have permission to jump the dog. We plan on building the height up slowly on the dog so he will have no fear. If we get the harness made, the dog will be attached to the main harness below the reserve. His mouth will be muzzled and his body tied to mine. If the static line jump works out, we can always work with him on free falls back at the unit. The only problem that we can foresee, will be tracking.

As I told you on the phone this week, I will be working "Rinnie" next week on booby traps, trip wires and punji pits. I can use him as long as I don't tire him out. I will also have my other dog "Silver". I will be training both dogs at the same time, but will be using "Silver" on all of the long marches.

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JRS

If it can be worked out, I think that having two dogs would be a great asset to our operations. The Army wants \$378.00 for the dog, but it would be a wise investment for us. This dog is Scout Dog Material. The school here plans on furnishing us with the equipment needed with the exception of portable kennels. These will cost us \$35.00 a piece, so if we get the other dog, we will need 2 crates. (These will last a life time). Let me know of your decision as soon as possible.

I have been out to see LT Peterson twice since I called you. All is well except for them being tired and not liking the nickel and dime harassment. CWO Watson can not use size 10 boots so he will hold off till the size 11 come in and the team can send them to him.

I have been trying to help their morale by taking supply's thru the enemy to them. They appreciate it.

Will close now and send another report within 2 weeks.

Respectfully,

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