

HEADQUARTERS  
197TH INFANTRY BRIGADE  
Fort Benning, Georgia 31905

23 July 1966

Mr. & Mrs. Arvon Dale

Sherman Oaks, California

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Dale:

I am writing in reference to your letter of 24 June 1966, received by Toro, one of our fine Scout Dogs. Toro was greatly appreciative of it as was his handler, Private First Class Carl Dobbins. The pictures and cards were most attractive and enjoyed by all who saw them, including Toro. Your letter and enclosures have been read with great interest by Major General Robert H. York, the Commanding General of the United States Army Infantry Center and Commandant of the United States Army Infantry School. Additionally, many officers and enlisted men of this Brigade enjoyed its contents.

Toro has just completed a comprehensive twelve week scout dog training program and at present is awaiting deployment to an overseas area. He is assigned to the 39th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog). He has plenty of companions in his platoon—26 four-legged friends and 21 two-legged ones.

Enclosed is an article printed recently in "The Bayonet," Fort Benning's newspaper. I believe it covers Toro's training very thoroughly. Toro's job, with his handler, will be the detection of enemy personnel, arms and equipment, a job that earns much respect and affection from America's fighting men. Scout dogs have worked so well in the past that they have earned the nickname of "Four-footed radar."

Colonel Riley's Copy

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Toro is fortunate in having an outstanding handler who loves dogs. PFC Dobbins is capable of giving Toro the love and affection he deserves. The two of them form a highly effective team, and we are very proud of them.

I know the great sacrifice you have made by sending Toro to fight for his country, but believe me, he will be an asset to any military operation in which he may become involved. He is a fine animal and will do a job that you will be proud of.

The Army, and the 197th Infantry Brigade in particular, very much appreciate your interest in Toro. You may be interested in continuing your correspondence with his handler. His full name and address is:

PFC Carl E. Dobbins, US 53 406 987  
39th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)  
% 26th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)  
1st Battalion, 29th Infantry  
197th Infantry Brigade  
Fort Benning, Georgia 31905.

Enclosed are some photographs which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely,

2 Inclosures  
1. Newspaper Article  
2. Photographs

JACOB L. RILEY, JR.  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding