

TO: Commanding General HQ USARV ATTN: AVHGC-OS APO 96375	MONTHLY REPORT OF SCOUT DOG OPERATIONS		RCS: AVHGC -7
	FROM: Commanding Officer 39th IPSB, 173d Abn Bde APO 96250	DATE: 5 Jan. 69	

1. MONTH: Dec. 68	2. SDT AVAL: 12	3. SDT OP: 9	4. AUTH STR: PERS 20 DOG 27	5. ACTUAL STR: PERS 23 DOG 23
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6. HANDLER KIA 0 WIA 0 HOSP 1 LIM DY 0 TNG 3 NO DOG 0 REPL BQR 4	7. DOG KIA 0 WIA 1 SICK 10 BAD 2 TNG 7 NO HANDLER 0 REPL BQR 0
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8. MISSIONS				
SEARCH: 103	AMBUSH:	RECON: 23	OUTPOST:	PERI PTL:
ROAD CLEARING:	OTHER:			TOTAL: 126

9. SCOUT DOG TEAM SUPPORT DAYS: 103

10. SCOUT DOG ALERTS:

1. Warning of enemy ambush 0, occupied base camp 1, occupied bunker 0, 0, sniper 0, tunnel 0, other 2.

2. Warning of enemy booby traps 4, caches 2, mines 0, unoccupied base 8, unoccupied bunker 4, unoccupied cave 0, unoccupied tunnel 0, other 6.

3. Warning of enemy movement toward friendly ambush 0, friendly outpost 0, other 0.

11. DIRECT RESULT OF SCOUT DOG TEAM ALERT: EN KIA 1 PW 0 WPNS 2 typewriter, 50lbs med. supplies. SUPPLIES 1/2 ton rice, 200lbs corn, 100lbs salt.

12. REMARKS OF PLAT COMMANDER:

Our selling program has finally started to pay off. We have been attempting to make the companies more aware of what scout dogs can do. This is the first time since September that we have had more than a hundred dogs in the field. Also this is the first time since I have been here that we have had only one report of the misuse of scout dog teams.

We have had 4 people home on Special Leave this month. This has seriously reduced the number of deployable teams. As of 1 Jan. 69 we received 4 new handlers and by the 10th of the month we should have enough teams to supply our immediate needs.

Satan 4A16, was transferred to the 936th Vet Det with a blood disease. This

13. REMARKS OF REVIEWING OFFICER:

14. NAME AND GRADE PLATOON COMMANDER: Lt. Brian J. McGee	15. SIGNATURE: <i>Brian J. McGee</i>
16. NAME AND GRADE OF REVIEWING OFFICER:	17. SIGNATURE: <i>13 JAN 1969</i> <i>13 Jan 69</i>

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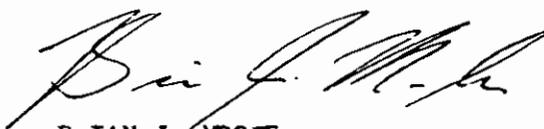
happened after the 1st of the year and was not included in the Dec. report.

Budda 4A82, was WIA'ed by a booby trap. It was a spear type booby trap and he took the spear in the neck. Prior to tripping this trap he had alerted on 2 punji pits and one other booby trap. This particular trip wire was set in such a way that one would trip it upon making a sharp turn in the trail. We have no other explanation as to why he didn't alert. He was medevaced and is still on medical hold but is recovering quickly.

Shep 4A96, while working with B/4/503d alerted on 5 Base Camps within a 9 day period. The dog alerted on each of these base camps and the camps were found each time by a small element sent out to check the dogs alert. He also alerted on a well camouflaged heech which was found as the company went out to check the alert. This heech turned out to actually be a cache and yielded: 1/2 Ton rice, clothing, a typewriter, medical equipment, a pouch of documents and maps, plus a few chicken grenades. They found many supplies within the base camps he had alerted on but the company would have found them even if the dog wasn't there. Chances are this well hidden cache would have been ever looked if it hadn't been for the dog.

DOG  
THE, ALERTED  
ON CAMP  
FIRST,

We have had a lot of trouble getting the Gaines pellets and have been using the Hill's dog feed which has proven to be less than adequate. We have not been able to obtain any of the Gaines burgers at all.



Brian J. McGee  
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Commanding