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History of 43rd Inf Plt (Sot Dog)

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1. The following is a unit history:

- 9 Nov 66 - Activated GO 444
- 1 May 67 - Began Training cycle Ft Benning, Ga
- 13 Aug 67 - Deployed to Southeast Asia
- 19 Aug 67 - Assigned 9th Inf Division
- 7 Sep-30 Sep 67 - Named IPR on base perimeter and dispatched 1 recon patrol in the TAO, 2 combat patrols and 1 ambush patrol outside of the TAO with the 2nd Bde.
- 1 Oct-31 Oct 67 - Supported TFF with 28 SOT for a total of 70 DT days. Suffered 5 WIA's, 1 KIA, 1 Scout Dog KIA, and 1 Scout Dog WIA. Was recommended for 2 bronze stars for valor and 6 purple hearts.
- 1-30 Nov 67 - Supported 52 missions for a total of 80 DT days. Suffered 1 KIA, 1 WIA, and 1 scout dog WIA. Was recommended for 1 bronze star for valor and 2 purple hearts.
- 1-31 Dec 67 - Supported operation Coronado IX and Base Camp security with 155 separate patrols amounting to 103 Dog Team days.
- 1 Feb-31 Mar 68 - Supported units with 99 missions for 76 DT days. Suffered no KIA's or WIA's.
- 1 Apr-31 Jun 68 - Supported 252 missions for a total of 363 DT days. Suffered 3 WIA's.
- 1 Jul-31 Sep 68 - Supported 217 missions for a total of 406 DT days. Suffered no KIA's and WIA's.
- 1 Oct-31 Dec 68 - Supported 357 missions for a total of 522 DT days. Suffered 2 handlers WIA's and 1 dog WIA and 1 dog KIA.
- 1 Jan-31 Mar 69 - Supported 481 missions for a total of 594 DT days. Suffered 1 man KIA and 6 WIA's while suffering 2 dog KIA and 2 WIA's.
- 1 Apr-31 Jul 69 - Supported 454 missions for a total of 538 DT days. Suffered 3 man WIA's, 2 dog WIA's and 1 dog KIA. Averaged 20 dog teams available with 12 operational. SP4 Cobb earned an ARCOM with "V" and a bronze star "V" for saving a US patrol from VC ambush.
- 20 Jul 69 - 43rd IPSP went on stand-down to prepare to move to the 1st Bde 5th Div(M).
- 8 Aug 69 - Started moving to the 1st Bde 5th Div(M).
- 10 Aug 69 - Completed movement to 5th Div(M)
- 10-31 Aug 69 - Supported 42 missions for a total of 54 DT days. 18 dog teams were available with 14 dog teams operational. Suffered no WIA's or KIA's.

- 1 Sep-31 Dec 69 - Supported Infantry and Mechanized units on 858 missions for a total of 806 DT days. Suffered 2 KIA's and 1 WIA(handlers). 19 dog teams available while averaging 13 DT operational. In Dec 1 tunnel dog and 1 mine dog assigned. Tunnel dog performed 11 missions in 12 days and the mine dog performed 9 missions in 10 days.
- 1 Jan-28 Feb 70 - Supported 363 missions for a total of 390 DT days. Suffered 2 men WIA and 3 dog WIA. 20 DT were available averaging 14 DT operational. Mine dogs had 13 missions in 9 days. Tunnel dog performed 6 missions for 5 DT days.
- 1 Mar-31 Mar 70 - Supported 160 missions for a total of 227 DT days. Suffered 2 men WIA and 1 dog WIA. 25 dog teams were available with 15 dog teams operational.
- 1 Apr-30 Jun 70 - Supported 452 missions for a total of 557 DT days. Suffered 6 men WIA's and 2 dog WIA's and 3 dog KIA's. Mine dogs supported 87 missions for a total of 98 DT days. Averaged 21 scout dog teams available and 16 dog teams operational.
- 1 Jul- 31Jul 70 - Supported 87 missions with 121 DT days. Suffered no casualties. 21 dog teams available with 12 operational.
- 1 Aug -31Aug 70 - Supported 81 missions for a total of 96 DT days. Mine dogs supported 43 missions for a total of 51 DT days. 1 man WIA. 19 scout dog teams available with 11 teams operational. PFC Williams received two bronze stars "V" devices for valor, one with an oak leaf cluster, and one purple heart in two different encounters with enemy personnel. PFC Williams was accredited with 1 enemy KIA.
- 1-31 Sep 70 - Supported 140 missions with a total of 175 DT days. Mine dogs supported 52 missions for a total 101 DT days. Suffered 1 man and 1 dog WIA. 18 scout dog teams were available with 14 teams operational.
- 1-31 Oct 70 - Supported 154 missions for a total of 182 DT days. Mine dog supported 38 missions for a total of 182 97 support days. 21 scout dog teams available and 14 operational.
- 1-30 Nov 70 - Supported 179 missions for a total of 278 DT days. Mine dog teams supported 58 missions for a total of 134 DT days.
- 1 Dec-31 Dec 70 - Supported 177 missions for a total of 273 support days. Mine dog teams supported 70 missions for a total of 114 support days. Suffered 3 men WIA's and 2 dog WIA's and 1 KIA. 18 scout dog teams were available with 10 operational. PFC Davis received an ARCOM w/ "V" and was credited with 1 enemy KIA.
- Aug 69 - Dec 70 - Operations IDAHO CANYON and WOLF MOUNTAIN I & II.
- Jan 71 - Jul 71 - Operations DEWEY CANYON II & LAM SON 719
- 1-31 Jan 71 - Supported 253 missions for a total of 275 support days. Mine dog teams supported 54 missions for a total of 103 DT days. Suffered 1 man KIA and 1 dog KIA.
- 1-28 Feb 71 - Supported 125 missions for a total of 201 support days. Mine dog teams supported 47 missions for 91 support days. Suffered 1 man KIA, 2 men WIA, and 2 dog KIA.
- 1-31 Mar 71 - Supported 81 missions for a total of 171 support days. Mine dog teams supported 50 missions for 107 support days.
- 1-30 Apr 71 - Supported 137 missions for a total of 168 support days. Mine dog teams supported 46 missions for 96 support days.
- 1-31 May 71 - Supported 161 missions for a total 189 support days. Mine dog teams supported 64 missions for a total of 164 DT days.
- 1-30 Jun 71 - Supported 175 missions for 139 support days. Mine dog teams supported 37 missions for 80 support days.