

at his request, on his return and is scheduled to go to the 47th IP D, 101st Airborne Division. Sgt George Anderson is listed as having no dog because he was a 30 day loss, and has now Deros'd. Rex K001, Anderson's former dog, and Hugo X648 are listed as extra dogs. SP/4 Celler's dog, Duke 92X5, was on profile most of the month. Sgt Marshall's dog, Cinder 1X21, who is close to seven years old, with three years in Vietnam, lost interest in scouting when her handler went on R & R, and is listed as bad. SP/4 Copeland's dog, Duke X125, F10 with INF and was euthanized by the 936th Veterinary Detachment. Copeland is now training with E-8 14, Sgt Robinson's former dog, since Robinson went on extension leave and will be out of the field on his return. Three new handlers were received, PFC Austin and Ducky X307, PFC Inel and Lucky X316, and PFC Lee number 3239. Lee reported here with Major X374, who was rejected by the 15th IP D, 9th Div, as incompetent on the by traps. When informed of the error USARV switched Prince for Major. I found out that the dog I rejected at the end of last year, Teddy 11X7, who was the old and you don't count, was shipped to the 41st IP D as a replacement. They were unable to get him to work. USARV should pay stricter attention to what they do with reject dogs since the training they have been giving replacements is grossly inadequate for any evaluation of a reject. Major trained with his handler under two hours and yet was classified sufficiently trained to return to the field. This unit requests that it be permitted to train its own replacements direct from 30th Replacement Battalion, picking up dogs for the on transfer from USARV when the handlers arrive in country, and preferably new dog, not rejects.

Section could be made of 3/4 of band loose 702 who have carried three "U" and three "F" for saving US patrol from VC ambushes. Loose with the off leash dog who needs extensive retraining because he is so shy and wouldn't get out in front of his handler. Their success is due to the handler's hard work and the intelligence of the dog.

During the month, no low coordination occurred with Co A, 6/21st INF, however conditions have improved. The handlers are not happy working with them because of their excessive use of the same trail and the same places to set up. Also several conditions have been warned by local people and that the VC are trying to get scout dog handlers in particular with their by traps. One handler reportedly has a price on his head.