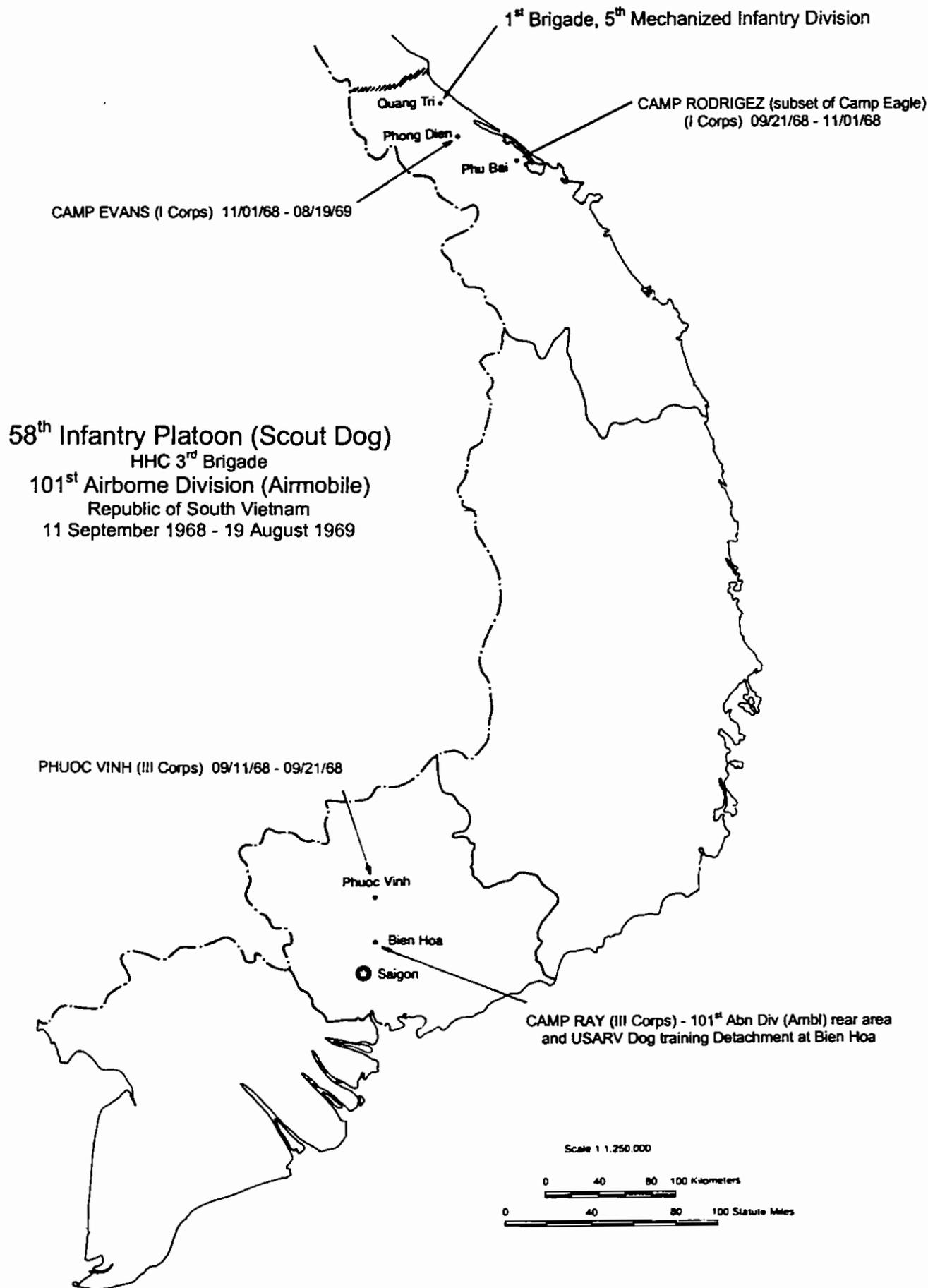
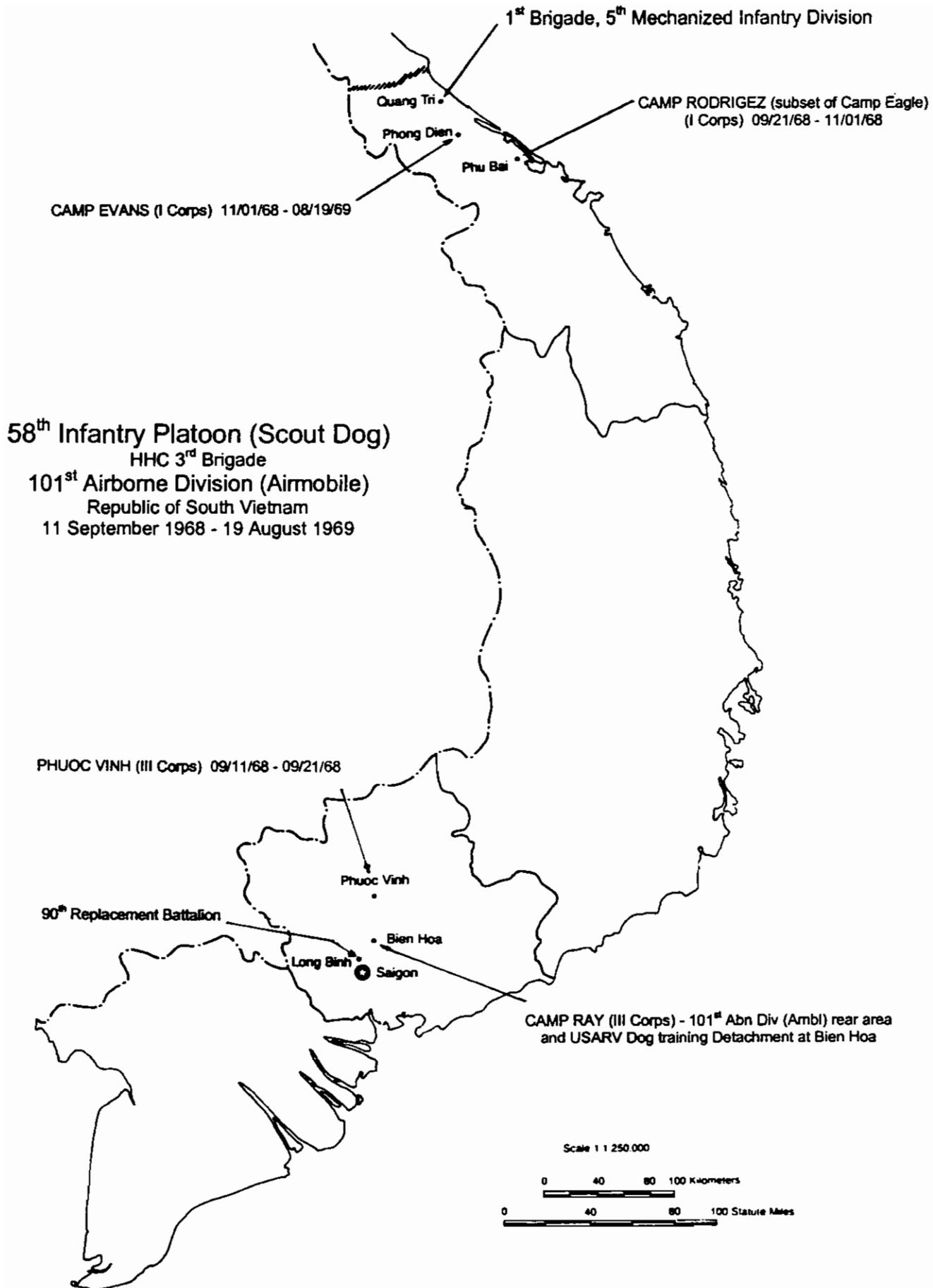


Corrections

Two lines of text at bottom of next to last page were repeated at top of last page - here is corrected last page with repeated text omitted. Map now includes Long Birch where Stewart and I processed in through, on our way to the 101st and processed out through on our way to the U. S.





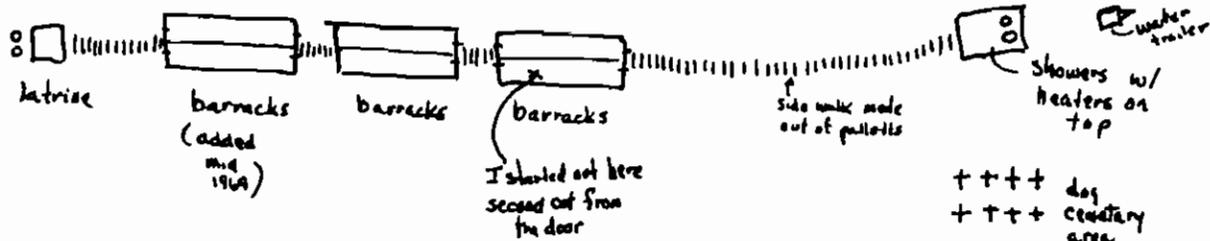
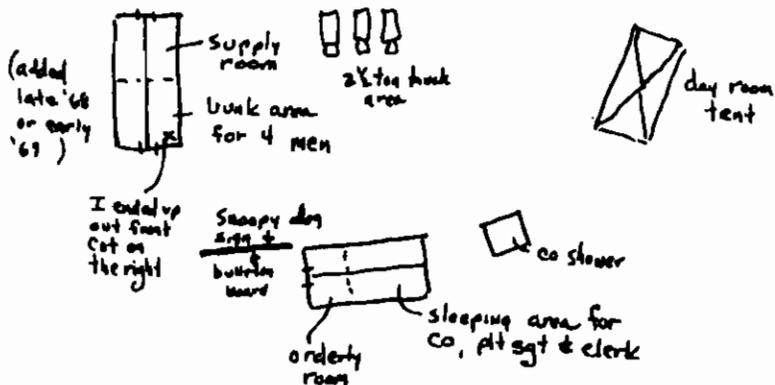


58th INFANTRY PLATOON (SCOUT DOG)

101st AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)



August 1969



The month of September 1970 brought an end to operation "Texas Star" and began "Jefferson Glen". We started out the month with a continuous call for dog teams. At one point, the dogs and dog handlers were getting a 24 hour break before returning to the field for a mission. The calls for dog teams suddenly stopped and during the last week and a half of the month, there were no calls for dog teams. The month of September 1970 ended with 111 support days.

During the first half of the month of October 1970, the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) sent no teams to the field. There was no apparent reason for the non use of dogs. However, there did appear to be a slow down in the 3rd Brigade's tactical operations. The calls for dog teams during the last two weeks of October were at a relatively fast pace. On October 31, 1970, PFC Benjamin Rivera lost his dog "Heidi" due to a booby trap. PFC Rivera was unharmed by the explosion. October 1970 ended with 80 support days. During the last week in October, the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) received a new platoon sergeant, SFC John F. Benson. SFC Howard W. Rayno, who spent a year as platoon sergeant, left as a result of normal DEROS. SFC John F. Benson had previously been with the 40th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) in 1968.

November 1970 was an active month for the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog). We had a continuous call for dog teams throughout the month. The month ended with 173 support days. Due to the bad weather conditions caused by the Monsoons, the effectiveness of the dog teams lessened considerably. Many times the dog teams were not used at all during a five day mission in the field.

PFC Arthur Christian and his dog Tramp undoubtedly saved the 3rd platoon of A Company, 3/187th from walking into an ambush. The dog's actions did not go unheard. The 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) received a call from the company commander of the unit as well as from the battalion commander of the 3/187th, praising the dog and dog handler.

The month of December 1970 was, again, a busy one. There was limited contact in the 3rd Brigade's area of operation, but this did not slow up the use of scout dogs. During the last week of December 1970, the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) had a well deserved stand down. The dogs, as well as the men, were deserving of a rest. Even with a week off, the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) closed out the month with 183 support days.

In reviewing the year, the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) worked a total of 1059 support days for 1970. We finished out the year supporting operation "Jefferson Glen".

NOTE:

The USARV Dog Training Detachment was at Bien Hoa, not Saigon. Although the narrative identifies scout dog "Palo" I am certain that the correct name is "Polo". The narrative history, on file with the US Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, PA. ends here, in December 1970. Perhaps the history for 1971 is lost, or was never written, According to conversations with 1st Lt Francis H. Hills Jr., and his successor, 2nd Lt Leo M. Werten, the changeover in command occurred around March 1971. Werten arrived at the 58th IPD in February 1971. Hills stayed on until June 1971, but not in command, working at 3rd Brigade headquarters. Per the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) Statement of Service, issued by the US Army Center of Military History, at Fort McNair, DC, the unit was inactivated, in Vietnam, on July 21, 1971.



UNIT SIGN AT CAMP EVANS
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SAME VIEW WITH NEW BARRACKS AT FAR LEFT



58th INFANTRY PLATOON (SCOUT DOG) AREA AT CAMP EVANS, LOOKING WEST. NOV. 1968 - AUG. 1969
I LIVED UNDER "C" NOVEMBER 1968 - MAY 1969, THEN IN TOPMOST BLDG. MAY 1969 - AUGUST 1969.
2nd SECTION KENNELS LEFT - 1st SECTION KENNELS RIGHT.