



REBEL M421

Born in February 1965 in Automba, Minnesota.

Donated by William Cloose, P.O. Box 114, Bagley, Minnesota, 56621.

Arrived at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, on 22 July 1967.

Accepted for service as a scout dog on 25 July 1967.

Assigned to the Scout Dog Training Detachment at Fort Benning, Georgia, on 1 October 1967.

Assigned to PFC Robert B. Shaffer, of Flint Creek, Oklahoma, at Fort Benning and trained as part of the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog).

Arrived in the Republic of South Vietnam, via a C130-Hercules aircraft, with Shaffer, six other scout dog teams, a jeep, and a 2½ ton truck, landing at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, in the middle of a ground attack, during Tet 1968. The 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) actually arrived in increments of one squad per week, while it's official entry in South Vietnam as a complete unit is listed as 20 February 1968.

Actually worked off-leash by PFC Shaffer because of his tendency to walk through trip wires.

Wounded by shrapnel, while guarding a bridge near Phouc Vinh in III Corps, and required stitches. Phouc Vinh was the base camp for the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), and was also home for the 58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog).

Separated from his handler, when PFC Shaffer was wounded in the legs while on operations near Cu Chi, in July or August 1968. Rebel was not wounded as he was working off-leash and was not near Shaffer at the time.

Assigned, at Phouc Vinh, to replacement scout dog handler, PFC Robert A. Kollar, of Dubuque, Iowa, on Friday 13 September 1968.

Transferred, with the 58th IPSD, from Phouc Vinh to Camp Ray in I Corps on 21 September 1968.

Camp Ray was a sub-section of Camp Eagle, base camp for Headquarters and 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile).

Transferred, with the 58th IPSD, from Camp Ray to Camp Evans in I Corps on 1 November 1968.

Camp Evans was the new base camp for the 3rd Brigade.

Assigned to Sp/4 Leroy Boyce, of the Virgin Islands, in May 1969 when Sgt. Robert A. Kollar was taken off active handler duty.

Died of heat stroke at Camp Evans on 6 September 1969.

<u>original owner:</u>	<u>first handler:</u>	<u>second handler:</u>	<u>last handler:</u>
WILLIAM CLOOSE P.O. Box 306 Automba, Minnesota 56341	ROBERT B. SHAFFER P.O. Box 170 Kameo, Oklahoma 74537	ROBERT A. KOLLAR 280 Old Nelson Road Dunkertland, Rhode Island 02944	LEROY BOYCE Virgin Islands

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... in front of our unit sign at Camp Evans

designed and painted by Robert Keller

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Next page is a very sharp
EX10 image scanned from
this polaroid - using 110
negative - the sharpest
photo of Rebel that I have



58th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)
101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)

Photo sent to me from
Vietnam - Rebel died
3 weeks after I came
home.



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Phuoc Vinh - September 1968



Give me five, Rebel



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Soy, it's raining and I'm not very happy!



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Dog Tired!



"I DON'T LIKE TO COMPLAIN, SIR, BUT THEN I DON'T LIKE BEIN' OUT-RANKED BY A DOG NEITHER."



... in his kennel area



"YOU SPEND MONTH AFTER MONTH HOLDING THE LEASH OF A HUNDRED AND TEN POUND SCOUT DOG, AND YOUR ARM'D LOOK LIKE THIS."

*all cartoons by Hal Atkins
in Leatherneck magazine*