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## Remarks of Platoon Commander (cont)

PFC William A. Latham, , and PFC Terrance R. Jaynes, arrived at this unit 14 September 1969 with dogs Duke I and Sarge. Both handlers have been out on one mission and should prove to be a definite asset to this unit.

SP4 Roland J. Townsend, , was given a hardship discharge on 21 September 1969 due to his father's illness and the financial condition of his family. He was on emergency leave and was never here at the unit before he was required to return home.

PFC Charles R. Williams, , returned from reenlistment leave on 23 September 1969 and was a reassignment loss on 1 October 1969. He was assigned to the 1st Aviation Brigade APO 96384. Upon his return PFC Williams was presented the Army Commendation Medal.

SFC Theodora Smith, , arrived at this unit 24 September 1969 and assumed the position of Platoon Sergeant. He has proven himself to be very capable and reliable, and I am sure that he will continue to fulfill his duties in the same manner in the future.

This unit underwent its annual AGI Inspection on 29 September 1969. It received an excellent rating in the areas of administration, supply, reenlistment and vehicle maintenance log books. It is the opinion of the commanding officer that the unit did a superior job in preparing and conducting the inspection. A written and official statement of the inspection should reach this unit within 45 days.

Scout Dog Hugo, X646, died 10 September 1969 in the field due to acute HHS.

Scout Dog Blaze, 15A5, died 14 September 1969 at 936 Vet Detachment in Saigon due to acute HHS.

Scout Dog IKE, 4ND4, was euthanized on 23 September 1969 at 936th Vet Detachment due to acute HHS.

Missions have been reduced this month due to the number of missions the 60th IPSD has been carrying and the onset of the monsoon. The number of missions we conduct is due to increase in the latter part of October when the bulk of handlers from the 60th IPSD DEB IS.

Every dog assigned to this unit is an HHS suspect, and all have bled at least once. I feel that the ticks are the only means this disease can be transmitted and only through repeated spraying of the kennel area can the situation be alleviated. Malathion appears to arrest ticks for a short period, but the effects of the pesticide are short-lived. We have been dipping the dogs at two-week intervals and spraying the kennels bi-weekly and yet ticks still appear daily. Any new and additional information which will aid in the treatment of HHS will be welcomed.

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Remarks of Platoon Commander, C INFD

Scout dog Dix, serial number M064, left this unit in excellent physical condition. Upon his return to this unit he has been declared an IHS suspect and is currently being treated for FVO. So also for the other three suspect dogs.

Scout dog Rebel, 43X4, was sent to this unit as a replacement dog this past month. Scout dog Rebel is in a subclinical IHS condition. His WBC is 6700, hemocrit 31%. Such a dog would not be accepted by the USAFV admittance standards at the DTD. I have read of this dog, however, I would have appreciated a delay in his arrival considering his present condition. This dog should not have been transported to this unit as he falls below the basic transportation and acceptance standard YOU created, implemented and enforced.

At the present time there is a dog food shortage. A large quantity of dog food has been declared to be unfit for canine consumption by the Divisional Veterinarian, aggravating and accelerating the problem. In approximately one (1) week food substitutes will be necessary to supplement the dog food on hand.

The Air Force is interfering with the transport of scout dogs on passenger flights again. Contrary to existing regulations, they have repeatedly refused in a belligerent, rude and condescending manner to transport my personnel and dogs. When presented with the regulation itself, they have defied my personnel to try and board their aircraft. This unbecoming conduct extends from the most junior airman to crewchiefs to aircraft commanders. Some of these individuals - To include Lieutenant Colonels - have acted in an extremely reprehensible manner without regard for my personnel, my dogs or their mission, in defiance of Air Force Regulations, which were quoted to them.

I would like to make it clear that I am not censuring the entire US Air Force. However, due to a few strategically placed individuals, my personnel and dogs are subjected to unnecessary hardship, frustration, delay, embarrassment and harassment.

A problem concerning the effective employment of scout dogs and the proper security and support required of supporting infantry units has been resolved.

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