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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
 33rd Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)  
 4th Infantry Division  
 APO San Francisco 96273

5 May 1969

SUBJECT: Report of Off-leash Scout Dogs

Commanding General  
 USARV  
 Do. Training Detachment  
 APO San Francisco 96375

I. CASH, Claude M. Jr., US 53 704 724  
 Prince (8N34)  
 Date of arrival this unit: 28 Feb 69  
 Class #269  
 28 Missions - Tracker Team support, perimeter patrols, road clearing,  
 recon, search.

A. For the dense vegetation and rough terrain that the dogs must work in, the off-leash program is best suited. The dog is able to work without being tangled up in his leash and also gives the handler a better chance to defend himself.

B. The off-leash handlers were the first we received that did not need additional training. To keep up the dog's effectiveness, it is imperative to continually give the dog Basic Obedience off-leash. More time has been spent in refresher training to keep the effectiveness of the team up to the highest standards. The off-leash dogs were at this high standard when we received them and have remained that way.

C. The off-leash technique is the best thing that has happened to the Scout Dog program. The off-leash handlers seem to be of the highest caliber and have a great deal of motivation.

D. Prince (8N34) is at Cam Ranh Bay for medical care. The dog and handler were with Task Force 1/69, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf, near An Khe. The team was riding a personnel carrier at the time. The PC slipped against a tree while Prince (8N34) had his front paw over the side. The paw was crushed between the PC and tree. The dog lost the left inside toe but the bones in the foot are believed sufficient to heal back. This team should return to duty within six weeks.

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II. ROWE, Charles C., US 53 529 156

Butch (38M6)

Date of arrival this unit: 28 Feb 69

Class #169

13 Missions - Perimeter Patrols, ambushes, line unit patrols, recon, search.

A. The same information as that contained on the report concerning Prince (8M34) holds true, with the following additional information:

1. On Friday, 25 April 1969, PFC Rowe and Butch (38M6) were on patrol with "A" Co., 2nd Bn, 35th Inf near Ban Ma Thuot and went two days without food or water. Another dog team was also with them. Butch (38M6) and PFC Rowe were on point. The dog had been without water over a day. PFC Rowe lost sight of and could not find Butch (38M6). Shortly after this time the other dog picked up the scent of water. Butch never did return and it is believed he went out after the water they came across a few minutes later. Butch (38M6) is carried as missing in action.

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