

Recommendations submitted as a result of evaluation of RVNAF Military Dog Program 1 September 1962 through 1 March 1963.

1. Scout Dogs: That the current reduced program be continued with modifications as enumerated below:

a. Reduce the number of scout dog platoons from thirteen (13) understrength to five (5) full strength platoons; these platoons to be assigned on the basis of one (1) per corps and the CMA.

b. That excess dogs resulting from the above action be absorbed by the sentry dog program and/or be used as replacements for scout dogs.

c. That dogs, dog handlers and veterinary specialists be recycled through the dog training Center for retraining in order to improve tactical and technical proficiency.

d. That once reorganization is complete, all requests for use of scout dogs be processed through respective Corps Hqs and that U.S. Advisors promote the employment of scout dogs in all cases where conditions are suitable.

e. That one US Dog Training Advisor be assigned to each of the above five platoons.

f. That existing plans for construction of permanent-type kennels for scout dog platoons be held in abeyance pending relocation of the five Corps kennels.

2. Sentry dog Program:

a. That seven (7) sentry dog platoons be maintained in the Sentry Dog Program.

b. That dogs rendered surplus by modification of the scout dog program be absorbed into the sentry dog program.

c. That the advisor effort for the sentry dog program be provided from the dog Training Center on a field visit basis.

REORGANIZED SCOUT DOG PROGRAM

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>AUTHORIZED DOG STRENGTH</u> |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1st Scout Dog Platoon | I Corps | Da Nang | 21 |
| 2nd Scout Dog Platoon | II Corps | Pleiku | 21 |
| 3rd Scout Dog Platoon | III Corps | Bien Hoa | 21 |
| 4th Scout Dog Platoon | IV Corps | Can Tho* | 21 |
| 5th Scout Dog Platoon | CMP | Saigon (GoVap) | 21 |
| 1st Sentry Dog Platoon | 511th Ammo Depot Co) 311th POL Depot Co) 41st Air Base) | Da Nang | 21 |
| 2nd Sentry Dog Platoon | 523rd Ammo Depot Co) POL Sub Depot) 62nd Air Base) | Pleiku | 21 |
| 3rd Sentry Dog Platoon | 531st Ammo Depot Co) 30th POL Main Depot) 33rd POL Depot Co) | Go Vap | 21 |
| 4th Sentry Dog Platoon | 50th Ammo Main Depot) ARVN Mil Dog Trng Ctr) | Thanh Tay Ha | 21 |
| 5th Sentry Dog Platoon | Presidential Depot) RVN Navy Hqs) HQS Co, ARVN) | Saigon | 21 |
| 6th Sentry Dog Platoon | 25rd Air Base | Bien Hoa | 21 |
| 7th Sentry Dog Platoon | 30th Air Base | Tan San Huet | 21 |

known locations; presently at Ky Tho and Soc Lieu