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SUBJECT: Officer & Senior NCO Dog Training

All Concerned

1. Purpose: To qualify officers and senior NCO's to conduct and supervise the training of a scout dog platoon in support of the scout dog team mission, silent early warning of enemy presence.

2. Standard of Performance:

a. Officers and senior NCO's will become proficient in obedience handling with a dog.

b. Officers and senior NCO's will become proficient in basic scouting procedures with a dog.

c. Officers and senior NCO's will become familiar with training techniques utilized by instructor personnel.

3. Training Requirements:

a. Officers and senior NCO's will each be assigned their own dog for training. *LATER OUR NCO'S WOULD BECOME TRAINERS*

b. Officers and senior NCO's will satisfactorily complete two weeks obedience training with their dog and assigned class.

c. Officers and senior NCO's will satisfactorily complete two weeks of scouting procedures with their dog and assigned class, to include maintenance of the dog while in the bivouac area.

d. Upon completion of the above training officers will be in charge of their respective classes for hours not covered by instructors. They will revert to an administrative capacity and be responsible for all aspects of classes to include disciplinary paper work and action on instructors problems in training with students.

4. Attendance Requirements:

a. Basic obedience and basic scouting with a dog.

(1) Officers and NCO's will attend all basic obedience training unless specifically assigned duties prohibit this.

(2) They will not be excused from training until 1200 hours

~~except in the event of an emergency in which case the training missed will be made up.~~

b. Officers will be called on to instruct classes on assigned subjects.

c. Officers and NCO's will spend a minimum two nights per week in the field with their respective units.

(3) Officers and senior NCO's may be excused from training to perform administrative duties between 1200 and 1700 hrs if prior coordination has been accomplished through the training officer.

5. Training Records:

a. During obedience and scouting, individual training records will be maintained by the squad instructor and reviewed each week by the Training Officer and Executive Officer.

b. At the completion of the dog handling phase individual records will be modified to reflect only training attendance. These records will be maintained by the Team Chief and reviewed as in 5a above.

6. Status reports submitted to the LSG and Chief Instructor will reflect the officers and senior NCO's (ie. PRESENT FOR TRAINING 2 & 66).

7. Scout dog team support of the USAIS involving student participation is considered mandatory training for officers and senior NCO's. Emphasis will be placed in the following areas:

a. Adequate coordination with higher headquarters ref utilization, transportation and all phases of logistical support.

b. Proper employment of personnel.

c. Knowledge, confidence and professional attitude of dog handlers necessary to properly brief supported personnel and to insure utilization in accordance with the team mission of silent early warning.

8. The above paragraphs outline the minimum training necessary to qualify the scout dog platoon commander and platoon sergeant for their positions.

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