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Care and Utilization of Military Dogs

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1. During the four months that the trained dogs have been assigned to field duties we have received numerous reports which indicated that these dogs are not receiving adequate medical attention to insure maximum utilization. Some of these reports have been received in writing by means of a report which is supposed to be submitted monthly from each organization having dogs assigned. Other reports have been received verbally from personnel who observed the dogs in the field. Also, CMSgt Pate of this organization visited the Airborne Brigade and 5th Division and observed some of the assigned dogs. A copy of his trip reports was submitted to you previously.

2. It is understood that there are plans to assign Vet personnel to each of the Corps areas to care for assigned dogs but this action is not expected for some time. There appears to be no plans for medical care of the dogs in the interim. In order to provide for some medical attention for these dogs it is suggested that the following action be taken:

- a. Place Veterinary personnel on TDY to the field for the purpose of performing medical inspection of all dogs and treating those dogs requiring attention.
- b. Furnish limited medical supplies to the units where dogs are assigned so that they can provide simple routine treatments at a later date.
- c. Recommend evacuation of dogs that cannot be treated properly in the field.

3. If it is decided that such a program will be undertaken it is requested that Captain Smith or CMSgt Pate (R&D Advisors) be allowed to accompany the group. These individuals will gather data for use in connection with Task 19.

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