

'Doesn't Dig Walking'

DUC PRO (USA) — Duke is a scout dog with the 40th Scout Dog Platoon which is assigned to the 3rd Brigade 4th Infantry Division.

Now, as anyone knows, this involves a lot of walking, so it isn't odd that Duke likes helicopters. Specialist 4 Dennis J. Quinlan, his handler, says that there is more to it than that. "Well first of all, I have to drag him off the helicopters, and as soon as I do that, he starts dragging me to another one. The dog is bats over helicopters!"

Another of Duke's vagaries centers around his diet. Now, from a dog's point of view, horsemeat is good, but every day of the week! So Specialist Quinlan set his ice cream down one night. Being an adventurous and intelligent dog, Duke left his horsemeat and meandered over and sampled the ice cream. Delicious! Ever since, Duke has had a chilly monkey on his back.

"Now I didn't mind the helicopter kick," says Specialist Quinlan. "and the ice cream thing wasn't too bad, but Duke has a new thrill now. The other

night we came back from a patrol and I was getting his horsemeat ready. Well Duke wandered off and found some ham and lima beans. Now that's all he'll eat. I tell you, anyone who likes that has been in the country too long."

And what does Duke have to say in his defense? Well, we must paraphrase, but it sounds something like. "Look, Quinlan's only here for a year; me, I'm a lifer! So give me a break, will you?"