

# TOOTH AND FANG

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TAN SON NHUT (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT HOLLAND)

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The Tan Son Nhut K-9 Section plans on occupying it's permanent kennels on or about 15 April 1966. This move will culminate months of hard work and effort on the part of all TSN K-9 personnel. This new kennel facility will house a maximum of 64 dogs and will be equipped with separate offices, tack-room, food storage, CQ Office, general purpose and medical treatment rooms. In addition to the new kennels, TSN has entered into a joint agreement with the U.S. Army Sentry Dog Unit located immediately adjacent to the TSN AF kennels for construction and joint use of a training yard. Such cooperative efforts speak well for the TSN supervisory personnel.

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**TAN SON NHUT, CONT'D:**

**News is out that SSgt (Catfish) Craft has instituted a new training program for the TSN K-9 section. This could be of possible value to other sections, so why not check into it.**

**BIEN HOA (CONTRIBUTOR: TSgt Casey):**

**The Sentry Dog Section, 3APRON, is equipped to house 70 dogs. 43 teams are presently assigned with new arrivals expected at an early date. A large tent serves as the kennel support building and 2 bunkers (one defensive and one mortar) afford protection for personnel.**

**High outside temperatures continue to plaque Bien Hoa but is being fought in various ways. The K-9 section has planted 38 banana palms for natural shade and beauty and has erected camouflage netting over approximately 25% of the kennels.**

**Bien Hoa uses a K-9 SAT which usually consists of an A1C leader and 2 to 3 K-9 teams (dependent upon post requirements.) The SAT leader serves as a vehicle operator, guides the K-9 SAT and keeps CSC informed of the situation. All K-9 SAT members are equipped with portable radios and upon responding to a K-9 alert, will deploy from 10 to 20 yards apart, keeping in a straight line to back up the team going in. The SAT leader is also equipped with spare flares for use if needed. Bien Hoa also uses a special K-9 team for posting in previous trouble spots and sometimes is worked close to Vietnamese Nationals for deterrent purposes.**

**On 22 February 66, A2C Run Rutherford and his do Hans followed thru on an alert and in the process received fire from the parties they were chasing. A1C George Miller and A1C John Berry, K-9 SAT members joined A2C Rutherford in the chase and also received fire from unknown sources. A total of 240 rounds of ammo was expended by the three during this 45 minute incident. No injuries to either the men or their dogs.**

**THANKS: A vote of thanks from Bien Hoa to the Tan Son Nhut K-9 section (TSgt Holland and SSgt Bootle) for twice delivering newly assigned dogs to Bien Hoa.**

**NEW ARRIVALS: Welcome to A1C Paul H. Vito and K-9 Thor from Lockbourne AFB and A2C Ygnacio D. D. L. Diaz and Zip, Walker AFB, both arriving on 2 March 66.**

**WANTED: A good recipe for catfish stew. How about it some of you Southern boys?**

**Three unlucky Bien Hoa handlers recently returned from miserable (?????) trips to Japan to pick up replacement K-9's. Heads up men, we sympathize with you (%\$#@!^&\*).**

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**PLEIKU (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT FRANLIN):**

Seems that things have been quiet up Pleiku way since the 3 and 16 February probes. 3 and 16 February found the Pleiku boys locked in tight with Old Charlie. On the night of the 16<sup>th</sup> over 2,000 rounds of incoming small arms fire, with not a man nor dog scratched. Darn fine job men, they did not get closer than 150 yards.

Wonder when they are going to move those tanks from the Montagnard Village located to the immediate rear of the K-9 facility. Yeah, I mean those two that fire away all night. Did you ever try to sleep with a 57MM cannon going "whang - whang" every 30 minutes, right over your head.

Pleiku has a new "wonder-dog". Seems that someone chained him too close to a tin-sided building and he commenced to chew a 4 foot square section out of the building. Gads, don't let him get hold of me. Better yet, let him take it out on Charlie.

Regret to report that 1LT Collins' reassignment to the 505<sup>th</sup> TAV Control Group at Tan Son Nhut. Welcome to Captain Altieri, the new CSLE.

**NHA TRANG (CONTRIBUTOR: SSGT KLIMAKOWSKI):**

The recent installation of a K-9 swimming pool meets with the approval of our hairy friends, serving a two-fold mission of giving a refreshing dip and ridding our K-9's of those pesky fleas.

With regret we report the loss of SSgt Lawrence J. Housand who was air evacuated to Lackland AFB on 26 March, due to unknown illness.

**QUESTION TO NHA TRANG:** How goes it with all those bikini clad, sun tanned beach girls up your way. What a life !!! -- The beach, girls, surfing, cold beer, etc.

**BINH THUY (CONTRIBUTOR: SSGT MAGEE):**

Happy to announce that the 3 K-9's wounded in the 20 February mortar attack have been returned to full duty. You can not keep a good man (or a good dog) down.

All major damage to the kennels as a result of the 20 February mortar attack has now been repaired, including the refrigerator (which has also been restocked --- with soda pop). The kennel facility took over 300 hits by mortar fragments. No personnel injuries, however, one brave K-9 handler 75 yards distant from a bunker made it to the bunker at the same instant as the CQ who was only 20 feet from the bunker. Buddy, that's moving.

Binh Thuy K-9 personnel are now receiving valuable night firing at the recently completed base firing range. This firing range was designed and constructed by the Air Police unit (especially TSgt Freeman) with

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**BINH THUY, CONT'D:**

the aid of a RMK bulldozer.

MSgt Moon and SSgt MaGee paid a courtesy visit to the IV Corps ARVN Scout Dog Platoon, Can Tho, on 31 March 66. SFC DeVaney, US Army Advisor, informed that scout dogs of the unit perform scouting activities in the entire Delta Region. The ARVN dogs are housed in bamboo huts with concrete floors. Daily meals consist of rice, vegetables, 1 lb of beef and 1 packet Prime.

A3C Lucero is a recent returnee from the Japan dog center, where he picked up a replacement K-9. Seems he has had a contented smile on his face ever since his return. Maybe he has a secret, huh?

**CAM RANH BAY (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT EDWARDS):**

Location for permanent kennel construction was selected during March 66. Construction should begin at an early date.

With regret we report the departure of SSgt Billy Brown to the ZI for medical reasons.

A1C Smith and A2C's Russell and Lessard recently returned from junkets to Japan to pick up replacement K-9's.

Hear that the surf is really fine at CRB and that the fish are hitting like mad. Wow, how do they stand it ???

**PHAN RANG (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT ROBERTS):**

TSgt Roberts (commonly referred to as the Jolly Green Giant) to Cam Ranh Bay for medical examination on 6 April. Diagnosis: Rigor mortis of an extremity (?????). Actually had a minor infection. Glad all is OK?

Phan Rang received it's final increment of dogs during March 66, with an on-hand total of 66 K-9's (largest section in Vietnam at present.)

SSgt James V. Nelson (commonly referred to as Big Jim) had a short convalescence in the Cam Ranh Bay hospital. Diagnosis: Possible heart attack. Cause: Wine, women, song and tongue loose at both ends. Better cut out some of the singing Jim.

Phan Rang is slated to occupy it's permanent kennel facility in July 66. Full steam ahead.

Hear tell that the Jolly Green Giant is an expert on catfish stew. Robbie, how about getting together with Caskey at Bien Hoa. Maybe a good trade in the making --- catfish stew recipe for 3 banana trees.

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**PHAN RANG, CONT'D:**

**The Modern Day Buffalo Bill: A1C Hackert, Phan Rang K-9 handler now holds the title of Number 1 Buffalo Man in RVN. 15 rounds of M-16 into a charging water buffalo without a miss. The critter fell dead 3 feet from the dog and handler. 1,900 pounds of cow makes a lot of steaks.**

**Sorry to hear of the loss of A2C Kofoed's dog. Another of those trips to Japan for someone to face.**

**Three cases of snakebite (2 viper, 1 cobra) at Phan Rang in last 30 days. No dead dogs, thank goodness.**

**DANANG (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT RICE):**

**All seems to be quiet up Danang way these days. No information received for publication in the April Tooth and Fang. Maybe next month.**

**HQ 7th AF (CONTRIBUTOR: MSGT MOON):**

**AWARDS SECTION**

**BEST TRAINED K-9 OF THE MONTH: Goes to A2C Edward Cottrell and his dog 554F at Binh Thuy. A2C Cottrell and his dog were observed on post during the night of 31 March 66 and they displayed training of 554F reflects credit upon the man, his dog, the Binh Thuy K-9 Section and the K-9 Corps.**

**BEST KENNEL FACILITY OF THE MONTH: Goes to Danang Air Base. This facility was constructed virtually 100% on a self-help basis and carries the sweat stains from all the Danang AP's to include Lt Col Phillips. It seems that Col Phillips dug the first post hole, mixed the first concrete and drove the first nail, etc. Those who work so hard should well be proud of their achievements.**

**PROPOSED SENTRY DOG TEAM OF THE MONTH AWARD: This directorate proposes the establishment of a Sentry Dog Team of the Month Award. Selection of the winner will be at HQ 7<sup>th</sup> AF, based on letters of recommendations submitted by the individual sections. Request all sections forward their ideas in respect to this program.**

**EIGHT-BALL AWARD OF THE MONTH: Goes to an unnamed K-9 handler at Phan Rang. After a strong "man alert," the handler fired shots at two individuals observed running from the area. **HE MISSED !!!** Shoot'm and/or bite'm.**

**INFORMATION SECTION**

**STAFF VISITS: MSgt Moon paid staff visits to Tan Son Nhut, Binh Thuy, Cam Ranh Base and Phan Rang during the period 1 March - 7 April 1966. These staff visits indicated that a lot of hard work and dedicated effort had been put into individual sections. We have come a long way but must not stop to rest on our laurels. We have a continuing responsibility to both the**

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program and our people to strive to maintain professionalism and esprit de corp.

**PERSONNEL ARRIVALS:** Lt Col Colley to replace Lt Col Black as Deputy Director. Lt Col Black will return to the Land of The Big BX and 'roundeye" women during May. Sorry to see you go Colonel but Bon Voyage (every one that leaves just puts you and I closer and closer to our magic date.) Sgt Abbot to replace Sgt Taylor in the Law Enforcement Branch. Sgt Taylor left early due to a medical emergency back home (wife had cancer but all is now well.)

**PROGRAMMED INCOMING DOG SHIPMENTS:** Programmed to receive a shipment of 17 dogs during April, with a follow-on group of 60 in May. No base of assignment has yet been identified.

**EXCHANGE OF IDEAS:** All units are encouraged to exchange ideas, new programs etc., with other sections, **EXAMPLE:** TSN has word of a new chemical agent very effective in ridding drain pipes of dog hair. Seems that this is an item of possible RVN-wide use. All units are also encouraged to visit and exchange ideas and support with other US and Vietnamese K-9 units. We may all benefit thru the knowledge of others.

**NO 7TH AIR FORCE K-9 POST HAS YET BEEN PENETRATED**

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