

Red Dog

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RED DOG. The code name used by mercenary David Taputapu, born in Pago Pago, Samoa. Red Dog may have had a pro football career as a barefoot placekicker if a defensive lineman hadn't ground his cleat into his exposed toe. Red Dog's violent reaction gave the opposing player a concussion and a broken helmet, and got Red Dog suspended for excessive roughness. He worked as a movie stuntman before working as a mercenary with a group known as "Renegades," working with the G.I. Joe team on occasion. Today, like many Joes, he is a reserve member of the team. Red Dog was stationed in Sudan during the conflict known as World War III. One of many Joes listed on World War III member assignment map first seen in AE #28.

Red Dog's only appearance in the Marvel Comics series was a profile in The G.I. Joe Order of Battle. (OB 1; AE 25 (cover); Figure: 1, 2)