

LESSON PLAN

INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT: Viet Cong Village

TYPE: Lecture/Discussion/Demonstration

TIME ALLOTTED: Fifty (50) Minutes

CLASS PRESENTED TO:

TOOLS, EQUIPMENT & MATERIAL:

PERSONNEL: Three (3) Assistant Instructors

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS: Blackboard & VC Equipment

REFERENCE: Para 83, 84 FM 31-30

STUDY ASSIGNMENT: None

STUDENT UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT: Duty w/all Dog Equipment

TROOP REQUIREMENTS: Two (2) SDF's One (1) Sqd friendly, Three (3) Aggressors.

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2. EXPLANATION:

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- b. Have patrol remove all inhabitants from the houses, etc., and place them down wind.
- c. Check all houses with his dog to discover if any of the enemy are hidden between double walls, or in houses.
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WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED AS ADVISOR TO THIS ARVN PLATOON, THIS HANDLER WAS THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE PLATOON. HIS DOG WAS VERY AGGRESSIVE NO CONTROL AND WANTED TO RAT EVERYONE UP. AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME TRAINING WITH HIM WE GOT HIS DOG TAMED DOWN. GRADUALLY THIS TEAM SHOWED A LOT OF IMPROVEMENT THAT

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I DIDN'T HAVE TO ACCOMPANY THEM ON PATROLS ANY LONGER. BY THE TIME I ROTATED TO COME HOME THIS ARVN HANDLER WAS RECOMMENDED FOR THE US BRONZE STAR WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR. LIKE ALL PLATOONS I WORKED WITH I HATED TO COME HOME - BUT I DID HAVE A FAMILY BACK HERE.

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(2) Results:

Some good examples of this are where scout dogs have been used in support of Search & Seizure type of operations against the Viet Cong are as follows:

a. 1st Tactical Zone (RVN)

An American Marine Advisor with the 2nd Bn, 1st Regt. 1st Div (ARVN), during operation (Lam San 129) 23-30 Sept 63, reported that one SDT made contact outside a village. He could not remember the name of the village or the particular SDT involved. From his account, as the patrol approached the village with the scout dog working off leash, the dog alerted and ran into a pig pen. In the pig pen he started to growl and dig into the pig dung. The handler went to the dog, attached the leash and led the dog away. The patrol then uncovered a hole and discovered 1 VC, 3 grenades, 1 AWOL ARVN soldier, and valuable documents.

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c. On the 24th of Feb 65, during (Iam Son #154) near Hound Dog Village, Houng Tra District, SDT Seppi and handler detected one VC female agent hidden in a hole in a house. This house had previously been searched by members of the patrol with no results. It is well to mention that the woman agent was concealed behind a false wall in the (fox hole).

3. SUMMARY:

a. Provided that the SDT's are properly employed and the handler realizes his dogs capabilities, there is no reason the scout dogs cannot be employed on any type of operation now in existence in RVN.

b. Answer any question.

c. Introduction to next class.

# DISPOSITION FORM

(AR 340-15)

REFERENCE OR OFFICE SYMBOL

SUBJECT

STANDARDIZATION OF TRAINING

TO

FROM

Commanding Officer  
26th Inf Plat (SD)  
Fort Benning, Georgia 31905

DATE 1 Nov 66

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1. Purpose of this schedule is to insure that the maximum of training is accomplished during the training cycle.

## BASIC OBEDIENCE

a. The first (1) & second (2) weeks of training are devoted to basic obedience. Prior to conclusion of second (2) week of Basic Obedience, a performance measurement (Obedience Examination, PE) will be conducted.

b. Third (3) week: Intro to Scouting

- a. Point to point (50 meter) patrol.
- b. One (1) decoy.
- c. Remain in assigned area, change position's of decoy.
- d. Scent, sound, and sight alerts.
- e. No Booby traps
- f. Problems will run on a continued basis.

c. Fourth (4) week: Intro to Scouting

a. Monday & Tuesday

1. Point to point (75 meters)
2. One (1) decoy
3. One (1) piece of equipment
4. One (1) body guard for scout dog team (SDT)
5. Problems will run on a continued basis regardless of number of times all dogs have been worked.

b. Wednesday

1. Point to point (100 meters)
2. Two (2) decoys
3. One (1) piece of equipment (detection)
4. One (1) body guard for SDT
5. One (1) patrol member (Scout Recon)

c. Thursday

1. Point to point (100 meters)
2. Two (2) decoys
  - a. One (1) for scent alerts
  - b. One (1) for sound alert.
3. One (1) piece of equipment (detection)
4. One body guard for SDT
5. One (1) patrol member for (Scout Recon)

d. Friday

1. Point to point (100 meters)
2. Two (2) pieces of equipment
3. Two (2) trip wires (Introduction - detection)
4. One (1) Body guard
5. One (1) patrol member (Scout Recon)
6. One (1) Reserve SDT

d. Fifth (5) week: Intro to Scouting

a. Monday

1. Point to point (200 meter Patrols)

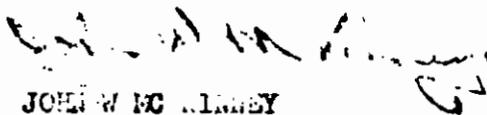
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SUBJECT: Standardization of Training (Cont'd)

**\*HELICOPTER TECHNIQUES INTEGRATED**

- h. Ninth (9) week
  - a. Long range patrols
    - \* SWEEPS INTEGRATED, AMBUSH, COUNTERAMBUSH, MOUNTED AMBUSH TECHNIQUES INTEGRATED
- i. Tenth (10) week
  - a. Long range patrols
  - b. Each platoon will perform at VC Village one (1) night
  - c. \*VC Village integrated in training
  - d. \*Scheduled OBT
- j. Eleventh (11) week
  - a. Monday - Long Range Patrols
  - b. Tuesday - Long Range Patrols
  - c. Wednesday - Long Range Patrols
  - d. Thursday - Long Range Patrols and Written Test
  - e. Friday, Rifle Range
  - \*Selection of Honor Student

  
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