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Dear Mr. Lemish

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I am responding to your request for information regarding combat tracking teams. As part of my first tour of duty in Viet Nam I was sent on temporary duty to a Jungle Warfare School in Malaysia. The British ran the school and my role was to be a track layer to train U.S. Combat Tracking Teams which were later sent to Viet Nam. The teams were trained in tracking and jungle survival skills by British Marines and Gherkas serving in the British Army. I do have some pictures of the teams and maybe able to answer some questions. I spent about five months in Malaysia as a track layer running through the jungle (not really running) which was a very unique experience.

On my return to Viet Nam I was not placed on a combat tracking team (I was originally a cook) however, I do have my orders which has the names and social security number of some of the guys who were assigned to tracker teams in Viet Nam. Through a little investigation you may be able to contact them. Maybe I'll help you. I haven't seen or heard from them since Viet Nam.

To add a little touch of covert operations, we were issued passports which stated "abroad on official government business" and traveled in civilian clothes at all times. We wore no signs of rank or units. I don't recall wearing name tags.

Well, you asked for some information and I've given a little of what I know. I'm pleased you are researching the role of Combat Tracking Teams. I've looked but haven't seen much information on them (nothing substantial). If you would like to see the pictures I have we could make arrangements and you are welcome to copy them. I do remember some guys having the small Brownie cameras in the jungle which would be excellent pictures.

This was a unique experience which may have never been documented. I know there was one other class after mine and then the rumor was the classes ended in Malaysia and the teams were trained at Fort Benning Georgia. The rumor also stated the teams were far inferior to the ones trained in Malaysia. I still have my passport and a picture of the entrance of the Jungle Warfare School to document this story.

So if you would like to contact me, I'll be glad give you more information and copies of the pictures.

Respectfully

 Clifford Clement