

## BRITISH TEAM ADVISES GORDON TRACKER-DOG PROGRAMME

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Five British soldiers established a first at Fort Gordon this month. They became the first foreign advisor team to be stationed here.

The two officers and three NCOs are here to advise in the establishment of a combat tracker-dog training programme for the United States Army and to assist in the running of the programme.

The five men, Major Huia Woods, Capt. Donald Hall-Smith, Sgt. Joe Little, Sgt. Bob Wilson and Sgt. Ron Adie, are assisting in the establishment of the pilot-programme, per invitation of the Secretary of the Army and agreement of the United Kingdom and the British Army.

Of the five, all but Capt. Hall-Smith are members of the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment. Capt. Hall-Smith, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, was in charge of the British Army's Dog Training School before coming here. While here, these five experts will contribute the expertise and experience required to establish the programme.

The "tracker dog" programme is being established here to train United States military personnel and Army dogs in the techniques of visual tracking and the use of tracker dogs in combat tracker teams in Army operations. These teams are to be used wherever they are needed throughout the world.

These five men have served all over the world: Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Germany, Malaya, Aden, Borneo, Kenya and Guiana.

Major Woods, the group's commander, was originally from New Zealand. He was a professional school teacher there for three years and served in the New Zealand Army for six years, before going to England. He joined the British Army three months after he arrived in England.