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COMBAT DEVELOPMENT AND TEST CENTER, MAAG VIETNAM

TITLE: Patrol Dogs  
Project No. 19

1. Project History:

Analysis of the combat operations of the past year reveal a pre-dominance of cases of ambushing of patrols and sentry posts. Due to the absence of electric lighting facilities and other simple preventative measures, there is a requirement for some locally acceptable system to prevent such actions.

2. Objective:

To provide trained dog handlers and dogs capable of performing patrol, scouting, sentry, or other duties during daylight or night-time conditions.

3. Approach:

Dog handlers and various breeds of dogs will be trained and integrated into Ranger, Paratroop, and Infantry Units. The initial program will be to train man/dog teams to be used as the point of a patrol to inhibit ambushes. German shepherd dogs will be used for this program. Subsequently, a similar arrangement will be made for use of various appropriate breeds of dogs and dog handlers for other security and combat operations.

4. Management and Executive:

a. U.S. Advisor: Lt. Col. Julius R. Langley.

b. Contractor: None.

c. Supporting Agencies: USAF, Lackland ~~AB~~ AFB, T/Sgt Pitts  
ARVN Ranger Company  
ARVN Infantry Company  
ARVN Paratroop Units

d. Significant Milestones:

- (1) Request for German Shepherd dogs.
- (2) Arrival of German Shepherd dogs.
- (3) Training of German Shepherd dogs.

(4) Integration and training of Combat Patrols with dog handler and dog participating.

(5) Actual Combat Patrol.

e. Training Program (Reference 4.d. (3), (4), (5) above).

(1) Training of Dog Handler and Scout Dog in basic obedience--2 weeks.

(2) Advanced obedience training--2 weeks.

(3) Training of Dog Handler and Scout Dog in scouting exercises--2 weeks.

(4) Training of Dog Handler and Scout Dog in security problems--2 weeks.

(5) Training of Dog Handler and Scout Dog in night exercises--1 week.

*Weeks of 78 July  
Should be about 1000 this week*

(6) Orientation of Combat Unit (Ranger or Infantry Company) in the capabilities and limitations of using Dog Handler and Scout Dog in patrol actions--1 week.

(7) Training exercises in combat patrols using Ranger or Infantry Units with Dog Handler and Scout Dog--1 week.

(8) Actual combat patrol using the team of Ranger or Infantry Patrol with Dog Handler and Scout Dog as part of the patrol--Test as necessary.

NOTE: Reference: FM 20-20, Chapter 4

f. Related Development Projects.

(1) Procurement of 5 female German Shepherd dogs for breeding purposes.

(2) Train native dogs.

5. Programmed RDD&E Funding:

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Unknown

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