Air Police Sqdn. Stages Firepower Demonstration

TAN SON NHUT — A firepower demonstration featuring the M-16 Sub-machine gun in conjunction with sentry dogs, was given here Aug. 5 before a group of 14 USAF Directors of Security and Law Enforcement assigned throughout the Seventh Air Force.

The weapon, a shorter version of the M-16 rifle, and using a standard 30-round magazine for additional fire power, was being tested by the 377th Air Police Squadron for possible use by its sentry dog patrols. The use of a smaller weapon with increased firepower is sought for the patrols who are encumbered with the dog, flashlight, radio and other standard equipment in addition to a weapon.

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The new weapon is only 30 inches long compared with the 40 inch length of the standard M-16. A telescoping stock, however, permits it to be extended an additional several inches if it is desired to use it as a shoulder weapon. Weight remains the same at 14 pounds.

TSgt. Norman Ambrose Jr., kennel master, who performed the demonstration, emphasized the complete control of the dogs by the handlers while the weapons were being fired on both semi and full automatic. The ease with which the new machine gun can be handled in all positions and environments was efficiently shown by A2C Roger Long and A2C Phillip Ezzell and their five-year old dogs Happy and King.

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Demonstrate New

Machine Gun

Jim Stewart and Bill Cummings,

I just came into the possession of another 7th Air Force Newspaper, dated Aug 19, 1966.

It has a couple of articles pertaining to the 377th Air Police Squadron and sentry dogs.

377th SPS, Sentry Dog web page:

- 1. A2C Roger E. Long, April 1966 April 1967
- 2. A2C Phillip Ezzell is not listed

This is just one of two documents that I am sending to you.

Jim and Bill, I just now noticed a conflict. On the sentry dog web page I have listed:

- 1. HAPPY 498F
- 2. KING 498F

Both of them can not have the tattoo number

Bill can you check to see if HAPPY is really 498F or if KING is realy 498F?

Your friend,

Charles Penley



UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL — "King" and "Happy," sentry dogs team with 377th Air Police Squadron handlers A2C Phillip Ezzell (left) and A2C Roger Long, display perfect form and control while exposed to the noise of the M-16 Sub-machine gun fired on full automatic. The dogs were part of a recent demonstration at Tan Son Nhut AB featuring the capabilities of the new weapon in conjunction with sentry dog patrols. (U.S. Air Force Photo)