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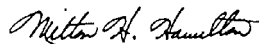
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The Military Working Dog Program

Section I

Purpose and References

1-1. Purpose

This pamphlet explains policies, procedures, and responsibilities for the direction, management, and control of the U.S. Army Military Working Dog (MWD) program. This pamphlet complements, and must be used with, AR 190-12 which prescribes Army policy and requirements. Other primary sources of information include AFR 400-8/AR 700-81/OPNAVINST 10570.1/MCO 20570.1 (hereafter referred to as AR 700-81). This pamphlet provides extensive guidance, standards, and information regarding training and utilization of MWD teams, controlled substances and explosives training aids, veterinary care, kennel facilities, dog handling equipment, and inspections. It provides the commander, the kennelmaster, and the handler with the information needed to maintain a proficient and operationally effective unit MWD program.

1-2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this pamphlet are explained in the consolidated glossary.

1-4. Waivers

When provisions of this regulation cannot be met, major Army commands (MACOMs) may request a waiver, as appropriate. Requests for waivers will be forwarded in writing to HQDA(DAMO-ODL-S), 400 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0400. Waivers normally will be granted for a period of one year and may be extended only after a review of the circumstances necessitating the extension. Requesting activity will maintain a record of approved waiver.

Section II

Program Concept

1-5. Historical basis

Dogs have been used by people to help protect themselves and their property since ancient times. Trained dogs have been used by most of the world's military forces since the first military units were organized. From these ancient beginnings, the MWD's training has been continuously refined to produce a highly sophisticated and versatile extension of the soldier's own senses. Even the most complex machines remain unable to duplicate the operational effectiveness of a properly trained MWD. The MWD's unique capabilities are used by the military police (MP) to:

- a. Secure installation and property.
- b. Help enforce military laws and regulations.
- c. Increase the effectiveness of the combat support provided by the MPs.

1-6. The role of the military working dog

Like other highly specialized items of equipment, MWDs complement and enhance the capabilities of the MP. When used by existing MP organizations, MWD teams enable the MP to perform their mission more effectively and, in many cases, with significant savings of manpower, time, and money. MWD teams also provide a strong psychological deterrent to potential offenders.

- a. The patrol dog is tolerant of people and can be used in almost any area of an installation including airfields, housing, shopping, and industrial areas. Patrol dog teams are used with law enforcement and security patrols to:
 - (1) Enhance the rear area protection capability.
 - (2) Search, scout, and track.
 - (3) Observe from listening or observation posts.
- b. Detection dog teams are trained to detect controlled substances or explosives used to construct explosive devices that threaten, damage, or destroy personnel or property.
- c. The MWD team's specialized capabilities make it one of the most effective tools available to the commander for combat support, security, and law enforcement. As the only live equipment employed Army-wide, the dog's continuing proficiency depends on realistic daily training and care. Skills which are not practiced or used can be lost. The assignment of dogs and handlers together as active teams is critical to their continuing effectiveness.