

SPs Get Larger Network

TAN SON NHUT — The first four-channel non-tactical radio network in the Republic of Vietnam recently became operational here.

An 1876th Communication Squadron project replaced the 377th Security Police Squadron's two-channel networks with a completely new four-channel system.

The \$3.3 million system incorporates many new features designed to improve law enforcement and security operations. It has increased both range and reception on security police radios.

The radios are more compact and 30 per cent lighter and equipped with an optional, external speaker-microphone that clips on the outer garment which permits quick accessibility.

One of the most important features is the capability to select and operate on any of the four available frequencies. This ability provides the security forces with a back-up capability in the event primary frequencies become over-crowded.

Another new feature is the special unit designed for sentry dog handlers. The "K-9" unit radios are fully transistorized and include a helmet-mounted, voice-actuated microphone. The set is designed to free the operator's hands to handle both weapon and dog while still having instant communication with the command post.