



Originally a Guide Dog for the Blind named ‘Cobber’ that had proven to be too boisterous for the task, tracker dog D6N07 Cassius was trained in Australia by Pte Norm Cameron and they were both deployed to South Vietnam with 7RAR in 1967.

Cassius was one of the first trial tracker dogs deployed to South Vietnam. He quickly proved his ability during Operation Lismore locating Vietcong fighters and enemy installations.

Cassius died of heat exhaustion on 12 May 1967, after collapsing on a training run in the sand dunes near Vung Tau.

He was the only Australian tracker dog to die on active service during the Vietnam War.

<i>Battalion</i>	<i>Handler</i>	<i>Year</i>
7RAR	43921 LCpl Norman Cameron	1967