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(S) The last SAR the Hoos participated in during the quarter was for a downed F-4 crew in the southern STEEL TIGER area. Lt. Col. Dale E. Downing and Maj. Lawrence E. Knox were on a helicopter escort mission near the area with the Pony Express helicopters from Udorn RTAFB, Thailand. Colonel Downing escorted the helicopters into the immediate area of the survivors and orbited in the area while the FAC brought the helicopters in for the pickup. Both downed crewmen were pulled out of the area, but the aircraft commander fell off the penetrator before he could be pulled inside the helicopter.

(S) Of a total of 1,318 sorties scheduled during this quarter, Hobo pilots flew 1,137 with 181 cancelled for various reasons. This total number of sorties marked a slight decrease over the previous quarter. In flying this number of missions, the unit's pilots accrued a total of 2,856.25 hours flying time.

(S) Targets struck with conventional ordnance included truck parks, 128 storage areas, 18 caves, 86 troop areas, 59 military structures, 20 bunkers, one trenchline, nine roads, seven bridges, nine fords, 353 trucks, two wagons, eight barges, two bulldozers, three military pack animals, 154 gun positions and two downed U.S. aircraft.

(S) These strikes by Hoos pilots resulted in 416 secondary fires, 280 secondary explosions and seven enemy troops KBA.

(S) The squadron was credited with destroying 86 trucks, one barge, one wagon, one truck park, seven military storage areas,

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