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(S) The squadron did maintain the escort role in DCSA and Prairie Fire helicopter infiltration and exfiltration missions. The Hobos were particularly effective in Operations Leap Frog and Counterpunch.²⁸

(S) During July all Sandy Qualified pilots participated in active SAR operations. August and September did not require their services. The Hobos continued to participate in Sandy Alert at both Ubon and NKP.²⁹

(S) The 1st Special Operations Squadron used the availability of time and aircraft to exceptional advantage in the area of training. During the quarter five pilots were upgraded to Instructor Pilot, 15 H model checkrides were given and 8 H model night checkrides given.³⁰

(S) On July 20 Major Peter B. Lee was shot down by enemy 37mm AAA fire while leading a night strike mission, over the Ho Chi Minh Trail. He was successfully recovered the following day.³¹ See chapter III Search and Rescue Efforts, for full narrative description. Steel Tiger:

(S) The major efforts of the 1st Special Operations Squadron were directed toward support of friendly forces in contact with opposing enemy troops. The greatest action recorded was in the

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