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BIEN HOA—The 8th Special Operations Squadron's A-37 Skyraiders flew a record-breaking 1,309 missions during May, according to base officials recently.

Amidst signs of decreased activity for some personnel here, ground crew pilots and maintenance personnel have been kept busy with a stepped up number of sorties.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Frank K. Sloan, the 8th's record is one of the best in the Seventh Air Force fighter squadrons, delivering thousands of rockets and flares on enemy targets.

Working for the pilots assigned to the 8th, Colonel Sloan said, "Our success in getting airborne, reaching the target and delivering the goods is the result of the joint efforts of our ground crew personnel, those maintenance and munitions men assigned to the 251st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and many other personnel here."

Extensive aircraft modifications were accomplished during the month and manning cuts experienced



Bien Hoa's Pedro rescue helicopter was on the spot when 1st Lt. Carl O. Walinski was forced to land his OV-10 Bronco with the nose gear up recently. A little

shaken but unhurt, the lieutenant remarked, "Pedro was a comforting sight."

U.S. Air Force Photo by MSgt. Sam Sears

Picked up twice in 16 days

FAC pair rescued near Dak To

DA NANG AFLD — "I was thinking maybe we had run out of luck," recalled Capt. Arthur S. Moxom after he and Maj. Samuel R. Ross were rescued from an enemy trap during a

mission in the tri-border region where the boundaries of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam meet, they developed problems in the left engine of their twin-engine OV-10.

ground, I spotted him. It was then that I realized I had no idea where I was going to land, and I looked down and saw I was headed towards water.