



Glossary

RTAF	Royal Thai Air Force
RTAFB	Royal Thai Air Force Base
RTG	Royal Thailand Government
RTS	reconnaissance technical squadron
RVN	Republic of Vietnam
S-2 Tracker	Twin-engine propeller-driven, carrier-based, search and attack, antisubmarine aircraft. (Grumman)
SAAC	Strategic Air Command
SAF	Secretary of the Air Force
sappers	Individuals who conduct attacks and sabotage using mines, satchel charges, and/or other demolition devices.
SAR	search and rescue
SAW	special air warfare
SAWC	Special Air Warfare Center (USAF)
Sayasila	An all-Laotian operation in 1971 to recover the Bolovens Plateau.
SC-47	C-47 transport especially equipped for search and rescue missions, and with twice the normal fuel load, stronger landing gear, and jet-assisted takeoff. Later designated HC-47.
scty	security
SEA	Southeast Asia
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SEACORD	Coordinating Committee for United States Missions Southeast Asia
SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
SECSTATE	Secretary of State
secy	secretary
Seed Joy	A program to modify the Bullpup for flak suppression.
Sentinel Lock	A program that produced photomaps referenced to loran beacon locations. Similar to lt gap (loran-targeting, grid annotated photography). Aircraft's computer recorded loran coordinates at the point beneath the aircraft at the instant the photo was taken. From this data a photomap was made with a grid overlay giving exact coordinates of every position on the map.
sess	session
Shadow	Call sign of the C-119G gunships.
Shed Light	A USAF program to improve night attack/interdiction capability.
sheep-dip	(S) Give a military member civilian clothes, civilian identification, and a suitable cover story.
Shining Brass	Shining Brass United States-led South Vietnamese probes into the Ho Chi Minh Trail with Army and Air Force helicopter and aircraft support (renamed Prairie Fire on March 1, 1967). Began September 15, 1965.
short rounds	The inadvertent or accidental delivery of ordnance with resultant injury or death to friendly forces or noncombatants. The term originally described rounds or bombs that fell short of the target.
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SITREP	commander's situation report
Skyspot	See Combat Skyspot.
SL	Steel Tiger
SLAR	Side-looking airborne radar; views at right angles to the axis of the aircraft, producing a presentation of terrain or moving targets.
slicks	low-drag weapons; unarmed troop-carrying helicopters
smart bomb	A bomb with a system allowing internal or external guidance after release.
Snake Eye	A high-explosive bomb with three retarders similar to a four-armed umbrella, thus permitting low-altitude release and enhancing accuracy.
Snare Drum	Air attacks to catch the enemy by surprise, just before dawn and after dusk. A single high-speed pass was made by sixteen to twenty-four F-4s. To produce the most lethal concentration over a wide area, a combination of CBU-24 antipersonnel bombs and 500-pound general purpose bombs were used.
SOIC	sector operational intelligence center
soft target	A target usually acquired by aerial visual or photo reconnaissance in conjunction with ground operations. Suitable for a onetime strike.

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