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RANCH HANDS SPRAY 4,000,000TH ACRE

On Tuesday, July 9, the Ranch Hands of the 12th Air Commando Squadron, (Defoliation), set a milestone by spraying their four millionth acre. This different kind of warfare, designed to open up enemy lines of communication, possible supply routes, base camps, and ambush areas has been waged against the VC since 1962. Instead of deadly bombs the VC-123 crews of the 12th ACS use "24-D", a commercial herbicide solution used by millions of Americans.

DCM PRESENTS QUARTERLY AWARDS

Lt Col Paul G. Kauffman, 3rd TFW Acting Deputy Commander for Materiel, made the quarterly presentation of Maintenance awards to line wing personnel on 10 July.

The awards were presented for outstanding performance during the period Apr-June 1968 to the following personnel:

TSgt James E. Luther, 30JMS, Munitions Man of the Quarter; TSgt James W. Cudauck, 30TFS, Wing Mechanic of the Quarter; Sgt Paul H. Dehne, Jr., 30TFS, Crew Chief of the Quarter; Sgt Herbert M. Holder, 30TFS, Field Maintenance Man of the Quarter; and Sgt Richard A. Fock, 30TFS, 30TFS Maintenance Man of the Quarter.

The Outstanding 30JMS Lead Crew of the Quarter consisted of SSgt Billy H. Willis, Sgt Tommy Robinson, Sgt Robert E. Becker, and AIC Paul Vincent.

The crew of the record setting aircraft, which was the fifth aircraft in a five ship formation, consisted of Major Joe C. Boyer, aircraft commander; Colonel Noble F. Greenhill, 315th Air Commando Wing commander at Phan Rang, headquarters for the 12ACS, pilot; TSgt Paul G. Badgers and SSgt Richard C. Bennett, Flight engineers.

Lt Col Arthur F. McConnell, Jr., 12th ACS commander greeted the crews upon completion of the mission.

The unofficial motto of the 12ACS is "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forests," and the enemy, to the pilots of the squadron, is the green cover below, hiding the VC in the three-level canopied jungle and eight foot tall elephant grass.

Flying in flights of from 2 to nine aircraft, in echelon formation, the Provider crews take-off loaded with 1,000 gallons of the plant killer. Each aircraft is capable of spraying an area 80 yards wide by 10 miles long.

This is done while skimming over the terrain from 100 to 150 feet at 130 knots!

The unsung heroes who fly these dangerous low-level, slow-speed missions are extremely vulnerable to enemy ground fire. One aircraft, fondly known as "Patches" has received more than 546 hits.

VA VOLLEYS

Those who joined the service prior to 1 January 1965, and who are still carrying their National Life Insurance on a five-year term basis, should at least consider converting to a permanent policy.

Present National Life Insurance keep going for every five years, and these premiums never expire as long as you carry the insurance on this plan. Consequently, as you reach middle age or beyond, these premiums may become prohibitive in cost and force you to drop your coverage.

There are several permanent policies to convert to. These policies,