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Specific Information

Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided. Be specific.

1. Ranch Hand service: From JUN '67 to APRIL '68. Where? BIEN HOA & DA NANG
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? HULBERT AIR FIELD
3. Rank while in RH? CAPTAIN Present/retired rank? COL. (SELECTED)
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? CO-PILOT, PILOT, LEAD-PILOT dates? JUL 67, AUG 67 - NOV 67, NOV 67 - APR 68
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? THAN SON NHUT, 19 ACS APR '67 - JUN '67
6. If aircrew member:
 - a. Number of missions: RH * 728 Other (specify) _____
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 724 HRS Other (specify) _____

* THIS IS TOTAL MISSIONS IN V.N. SOME WERE FLOWN OUT OF SIAOON WITH THE 19 ACS.

Narrative Information

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, please answer the following questions with as much detail as possible. Write too much, rather than too little. Use names and dates, if possible. If you want a name "blacked out" before this goes in the archives, just circle the name. On the sheets, indicate the number of the question you are answering, and put your last name and the form number in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet.

7. Special missions/operations participated in? (name, when, where, what, who else)
8. Decorations? (If Purple Heart, DFC, or above, give date and details of the act. If you have a copy of the narrative justifying the medal, please attach a copy.)
9. Were you present during an attack against the base, Ranch site, or quarters? Explain.
10. Were you present when a Ranch aircraft was shot down or crashed? Give all details.
11. Were you present when a Ranch crew member was killed or wounded? Give as much data as possible, even if you didn't directly observe it or are not sure of date or names.
12. Did you ever see or repair unusual battle damage (more than routine skin holes)?
13. Did you ever help plan RH missions? If so, what was the procedure?
14. How did you get into the Ranch? What did you know about the mission beforehand?
15. What were you told about the chemicals used? In Vietnam? Before Vietnam?
16. Other than something already discussed (or going home), what is your happiest memory of the Ranch (or Vietnam)? What is your unhappiest (saddest)?
17. What unusual, odd-ball, weird, funny, etc., thing happened to you in VN or training?
18. Same as question 17, but you saw it happen to another person(s).
19. What were your quarters like? Your routine day? Your parties? Anything else?
20. We know that the Ranch was unique. What should I tell the reader that will help him understand why this was a special outfit of special people? What or who should I not talk about?

Other data: Do you have any good pictures (especially of RH members), any journals, notes, diaries, letters, briefing notes, maps, etc., that I could copy? If so, DO NOT SEND THEM with this form. Repeat...DO NOT SEND THEM!!!! Describe the items on a separate piece of paper, with your name and form number on it. I will write and give you instructions on when to send them, or how to get them copied, at a later date. All materials will be protected and returned to you!!! Thank you for your help and time.

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7. SEVEN WEEKS IN DA NANG AB DUE TO A LACK OF RANCH QUALIFIED PILOTS. ALSO FLEW IN 13 SHIP DMZ MISSION. DURING TET FLEW WITH ADDY BAUER & BROKE 50 TON DAY RECORD FLYING BETWEEN VUNG TAU AND CAN TAO
8. DFC, 10 AIR MEDALS, & VIETNAMESE WINGS FOR 800 HRS ON RICE CROP DESTRUCTION.
9. DURING TET WHEN BIEN HOA WAS OVER RUN
11. YES, LOST TWO CREWS ONE IN DELTA COMING OF TARGET & ONE ON AIRCRAFT PICK-UP MISSION WITH CMDR OF 19 ACS
12. YES, MY A/C TOOK 57 HOLES WHEN IT FOUND A QUAD 50 IN PROVINCIE ALONG RIVER SOUTH OF DA NANG (NA TRANG PROVINCIE I THINK).
13. YES BUT ONLY AS A LEAD PILOT
14. VOLUNTEERED WITH PAUL CECIL TO LEAVE 19 ACS AND GO FLY MISSIONS OTHER THAN HAULING COAL TO NEW CASTLE.
15. THEY DESTROY TREES, RICE, & OTHER FOLIAGE DENYING COVER TO THE ENEMY.

BLUE - 3 1/2 HRS - RICE	} PURPLE
ORANGE - 3 1/2 WEEKS - TREES	
WHITE - 3 MONTHS - BORDER AREA	
16. THE PEOPLE IN IT WERE LIKE IN MASH. PROFESSIONALS TO THE BONE, BUT REAL INDIVIDUALS THE BEST MORAL I'VE EVER SEEN. I SHOULD HAVE STAYED FOR A SECOND TOUR.
17. I COULD TALK FOR HOURS ON THIS ONE PAUL BUT I'M GOING TO ICAF IF YOU NEED ANYTHING ON TAPE CALL ME, 1-703-455-0714.

18.

19.

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SAME AS #17

PAUL I HAVE SOME PICTURES AND OLE CREW LIST ETC IN MY SCRAP BOOK; IF YOU NEED'EM LET ME KNOW.

- REMEMBER THE LCOL AVERY JEEP AFFAIR.
- SNUFFY SMITH'S I'M THE GREATEST BUT MY NUMBER IS UP, SO I DON'T WANT TO FLY.
- THE BIG MAJOR WHO USE TO BUST HIS TOE ON THE ROCKS TO STAY DOWN (SCARED TO FLY).
- THE LITTLE MAJOR NAV WITH THE HARMONICA WHO WORE SHORTS & TIE SHIRT & FLIP FLOPS MADE OF CAMOUFLAGE MATERIAL (NOTHING ELSE - WENT NUTS)
- THE BIG DINING INN BIEN HOA WITH F-100 JOCKS. THE MISSION THE NEXT DAY.
- THE 45° ANGLE FIRING PASS BY F-100S. WE GOT SHOT. ERIC SLATTER'S CLOSE AIR SUPPORT.
- AT-37'S ONE ENGINE ESCORT AT 130 KNOTS.
- THE HONDA TRIPS TO BIEN HOA TO EAT CHINESE/VIETNAMESE FOOD.
- THE 122 ROCKET ATTACKS. DANANG & BIEN HOA
- THE FAMOUS AVERY MISSION WITH PROPS IN REVERSE AS THE LEADER.
- THE BRAMBLE MISSION OVER THE RIDGES AT 94 KTS WITH A FOUR SHIP AT DANANG.

- TACTICAL DEPARTURES FROM PHU CAT BUSE THE TOWER WITH SMOKE TRAILING.
- DRAG CHUTES ON LANDING - THUNDER TURKEYS PITCH OUT ON RETURN FROM MISSION - FORMATION WITH OVERLAPPED WINGS - FLYING IN TOPS OF TREES (CONTOUR FLYING WITH AVEARY - THE GRAY GHOST) FIGHTIN' WITH FIGHTER PILOTS BIEN HOA & DA NANG PROUD PROFESSIONALS - MACHO IMAGE.
- RUNNING INTO THE ARMY TANK RETURNING FROM SIAGON DURING A FIRE FIGHT WITH V.C. WHILE BEING WITH TWO PHILCO FORD REPRESENTATIVES.
- THE NORWEGIAN GIRL THAT LIVED FROM HUT TO HUT FOR 2 MOS.
- O'CLUB BARBER WHO WAS V.C. COMPANY COMMANDER.
- CLAMOR MINES FOUND IN A/C AFTER CARRYING LITTLE OLE V.I.D. LADIES DURING XMAS.
- THE TAPE "WHAT THE CAPTAIN REALLY MEANS, RANCH HAND" INTERVIEW BY B.B. UNDERHILL PRESS AGENT
- GETTIN' KISSES FROM PAN AM STEWARDES FOR A RANCH HAND SCARF.
- RAINEY SEASON DEPLOYMENTS BIEN HOA - DA NANG - PHU CAT - DA NANG - PHU CAT.
- TIAPIE TRIP - 23 DAYS - HQAD, HAF. MSGE SENT TO 12 ACS COMMANDER EVERYDAY HELL OF A DEAL NOT HAVING ANY FUN.
- GETTIN' OUT OF TIAPIE WITH A PLANE LOAD OF RATTAN FURNITURE, AIR CONDITIONERS ETC
- FLYIN' IN TROPICAL STORM TO CLARK.