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 date

Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From MAY 68 to MAY 69. Where? BIEN HOA, DANANG
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? ANGLEY, MAR 68
3. Rank while in RH? FIRST LIEUTENANT Present/retired rank? O-4 (O-5 SELECTEE)
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? SQUADRON PILOT dates? 68-69
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? TDYs TO THAILAND (UTAPAO AB) 70 & 71
6. If aircrew member:
  - a. Number of missions: RH 125 Other (specify) AIRLIFT 100
  - b. Combat flying hours: RH 350 Other (specify) 200

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.

Please return this form and the narrative sheets in the enclosed envelope to Texas A&M.

7. All normal spray missions
8. DFC - I don't remember details, all my info has been stored in storage until I return from overseas.
9. Who wasnt!, Ranch pts at both DaNang and Bien Hoa were hit by shrapnel from VC rocket attacks.
10. Not shot down but forced to land right after spraying due to battle damage, a second ship went in and landed picking up the crew of the disabled Aft. Maint. went in few days later and found it and the aft was blown back to Bien Hoa.
11. Two members were wounded during a spray mission. One Colonel Joch Gentry was hit in the neck area but was protected by the horse collar we used. The Second, Capt Harry Nehrig was hit in the buttocks but was not hurt.
12. Who didn't, this one had the elevator cables shot out, only one strand was remaining when crew inspected for battle damage.
13. No, was to junior at the time
14. Volunteered when I was going through C-123 T-34 at Hubert, knew very little of the mission prior to volunteering.
15. Nothing, basically harmless chemicals that would only destroy the foliage.

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16. Probably the best unit I've ever been in for  
Esprit de Corp, Comradery, friendships  
etc. Saddest was probably just being  
separated from loved ones.

17. -

18. -

19. - Very adequate, air conditioned but the  
power usually went off during the day.  
Lots of free time, finished flying  
around 1200 or 1300. Nothing more to do  
than party or drink, exercise until the  
next day's mission.

20. That's your conclusion