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Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From Aug '67 to Aug '68. Where? Biem Hoa
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? Hurlbut
3. Rank while in RH? Lt. Col Present/retired rank? Col
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? Targeting Officer dates? Oct - Feb
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? none
6. If aircREW member:
 - a. Number of missions: RH 256 Other (specify) _____
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 450 Other (specify) _____

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.

7. None
8. Bronze Star, DFC for leading the Song Bee road missions twice.
9. At Bien Hoa during TET offensive.
10. No
11. No
12. No
13. Yes, the planning started with a visit to the province with the MACV Chemical Warfare officers. Target areas were approved by the Province Chief then specific targets were planned in detail and given a priority. Tactics were coordinated with the FACs and Fighters the day before the mission. Missions were "by the numbers" with no "opportunity" targets.
14. I was assigned at the end of a missile tour and no, I had no experience qualifying me for the assignment.
15. I knew the chemical ~~Xxxxxx~~ "orange" from my association with brush eradication in West Texas. I was told nothing really.
16. The happiest moment was when Lt. Col. Charles Avery (Ops Off) rotated.
17. The funniest thing was the appearance of a stateside joker to check out this defoliation thing for himself. The expression on their faces at the end of a run on target was priceless.
18. We had a good "Hooch" ⁺¹ and a rocket completely destroyed it. After that it was hand to mouth and not pleasant.
19. The "Old Pros" did a beautiful job with a mission of dubious value in a lost cause. Characters were tested.