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DABBERT, EDWARD H. Edward H. Dabbert 11-18-81
Name (last first middle signature date)

Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From NOV. 1961 to MAY, 1962 Where? VIETNAM
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? POPE AFB, N. C.
3. Rank while in RH? A/IC E-4 Present/retired rank? T/SGT
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? CREW CHIEF dates? _____
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? 1966-67-NHA TRANG 1971-72 PHAN RANG
6. If aircrew member: YES
 - a. Number of missions: RH _____ Other (specify) APPROX. 90 MISSIONS
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH _____ 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.

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

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7. None. I was a ground crew chief.

8. None.

9. No

10. No, I was in the Philippines when the first one went down. I went to Glass as the second one that went down north of Hue.

11. No

12. No

13. No

14. I volunteered. I was going to Viet Nam to spray the jungle.

15. I was told the chemicals were safe and not to worry about a thing.

16. Building projects - Merry-go-round for the school, washing machine for the Ranch members, swimming pool, etc.

17. Can't remember right now.

18. Catching the crabs on the base Johns.

19. Tents. It was either work, party, or sleep.

~~20.~~ 20. Ranch Hand was one of the best!

outfits I was ever in. The whole gang was one tight unit. When volunteers were needed, there were more than enough. If something needed building or something had to be scrounged up, it was done. If the enlisted troops needed a few bucks, the officers passed the hat. It was a great outfit.

I have pictures of people, places and projects, but at this time I have no time to dig them out. Give me until after the New Year and I'll dig them out.
Sincerely,

Ed Dabbert
TS&T Retired.
Ranch Hand
(An Original)