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Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From NOV 61 - 80 DEC 62 to MAY 63 JLY 62. Where? SAIGON

2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? I WAS A C-123 IP ~~W~~ STATIONED AT ROPE ARB, NC
WHEN THE RANCH WAS FORMED

3. Rank while in RH? CAPT Present/retired rank? MAJ — GOT OUT IN 68

4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? PILOT dates? NOV 1961 - JLY 1962

5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? _____

6. If aircrew member:

a. Number of missions: RH _____ Other (specify) _____

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.

Paul

* Will try to answer the question in your note. Sorry I'm so late!

We tried four or five night spray missions at the outside. The first one or two we used flare ships (a launch) flying above us dropping parahute flares. The next attempts were with full Moon. We picked up heavier ground fire on these attempts. Then the down patrols were scrapped, the idea. We were trying also to get away from the "Down Patrol" pattern we had established. Most of us thought the ground fire was "friendly" as one night the fighters worked over the area & we received many complaints from Army Guards about firing on friendlies.

I don't remember "end of tour" reports and if they were submitted I don't have copies.

John ~~Hodges~~ was the first "Peach Hand Navigator" after departure of original 6 assigned for ferry missions. He was one of the six.

The elevator incident - I think there were three ^{or four} of us in the elevator - Gene Stammer, Dean Smith, Jim

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Bobrik. Long time ago and the
memory isn't as sharp as it once was.

Hodgin & Kidd. Designed the vests &
Kidd was the artistic one. He also took
more photos than anyone else & if you
haven't contacted him ^{you} probably should.

We had one incident when Gene Sturmer
was cornered by an Army L/Cpl
(Green beret type) in the BX and
AF General Anthis quickly put him
in place. We had given honorary status
& a hat to Anthis & Army Cpl. Fred
Delamore (Chemical Corp - affectionately Uncle
Fred to us) who flew with us on most
missions. Still have my Ranch Hand
Beret & don't want to part with it. I
have nothing but fond memories & developed
some lasting friendships during that period.
It's something I would like to do again
but it was sure fun the first time
around.

I too feel that it was the final
outfit I ever served in.

Best of Luck

Mike Deurin

I VOLUNTEERED FOR THE RANGE WHEN
CAPT CARL MARSHALL VISITED POPE AFB, NC.
LOOKING FOR C-123 DRIVERS. WE WEREN'T
TOLD THE NATURE OF THE MISSION OR
THE DESTINATION. AT THE TIME I
WAS A BACHELOR, CAPT., INSTRUCTOR
PILOT WITH APPROXIMATELY 2000 hrs
IN THE C-123. I WAS THE
AIRCRAFT COMMANDER OF 362 (PATCHES)
ON THE FLIGHT FROM POPE AFB TO
CLARK AIR BASE IN THE PHILIPPINES.
CAPT BILL ROBINSON WAS PILOT &
LT. BUD DODKINS CO-PILOT. CAN'T REMEMBER
NAV OR R.E. FLYING TIME ON LONGEST
LEG (TRAVIS - HICKAM) WAS APPROX.
22 hrs. Stops were JOHNSON IS., WAKE IS.,
~~GUAM~~ GUAM IS., CLARK AB.

TESTED DELA NAV SYSTEM INSTALLED
ONE OR OUR AIRCRAFT. SPRAY
MISSION RATHER QUIET & WE
VOLUNTEERED THE A/C FOR NUMEROUS
TEST FLIGHTS.

TESTED AERIAL SPRAYING AT NIGHT
WITH FLARES - FLARE SHIP WAS ALSO
A RANCH-HAND BIRD.

TRIED SPRAYING AT NITE IN
DELTA (FLAT TERRAIN) WITH FULL MOON.

- 8) Many AIR MEDALS
- 9) WAS IN ~~SEAF~~ FOR ALL TAKE
COPS. 1) aircraft strafing ground, overthrow
OF BOTH DIRM + BIG-MINT.
- 10) Present when Flying Crows Flew into Mountain
- 11) NO (Except 10)
- 12) NO
- 13) yes - was commander on 2nd + 3rd
trips. Denial Photos, Intelligence, Wx, Formal
Mission Briefing including Army, ~~WTF~~ - ~~WTF~~ -
FIGHTERS + Helicopters <

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14. VOLUNTEER - NOTHING

15. HARMLESS UNLESS YOU GET COVERED - WASH SOAP + WATER

16. People in Ranch - Country Falling

17. Too Numerous to mention.

18. —

19. STAYED 62 TRAN HUNG DAO (SAKURAI Hi Hung Dao) ALL THREE VISITS. APARTMENT WAS IN MY NAME FROM 1962-65 + MAYBE LONGER. LOTS OF TENNIS + BA KUR BA.

20. DON'T BOther TRYING TO EXPLAIN THEY WOULDN'T Believe ANY OF IT!

Lots of Pictures, movies, ARTICLE WITH PICTURE OF Devlin + Kidd from STARS + STRIPES.

WHILE I WOULDN'T DO IT AGAIN THOSE WERE THREE OF THE BEST AND MOST FONDLY TREASURED yrs OF MY LIFE.