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Name (last first middle signature date

Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From 5 Dec 67 to 8 Sep 68. Where? Bien Hoa AB
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? Hurlburt AFB FL/5 Sep 67-30 Nov 67
3. Rank while in RH? Major Present/retired rank? Colonel
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? C-123 Aircraft Commander/ Instructor/Examiner dates? Mar-Sep 68
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? Danang AB/Aug-Oct 64
6. If aircrew member:
 - a. Number of missions: RH 349 Other (specify) HU-16 Air Rescue Service
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 490 Other (specify) 131 hours

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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8. DFC Mar 68
DFC Apr 68
Air Medal (8 OLC) Aug 68

9. Yes. Numerous mortar and rocket ^{attacks following} Tet offensive, Feb 68. Quarters burned to ground following rocket hit.

10. Yes. C-123 crashed after spraying southern tip of RVN in 1968.

11. Yes. (a) Crew killed (see item 10 above).
(b) Navigator wounded from small arms fire while on spray mission, Aug 68.

12. Yes.

13. Yes. Decline to discuss procedure.

14. Selected by Air Force Military Personnel Center. Had not heard of mission prior to assignment.

15. Chemicals would defoliate trees and destroy crops.

16. Ranch Hand Dining Ins; 1968 Tet offensive.

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18. -

19. 6-8 person wooden hooch; early morning flights.

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Other Data: Prefer not to furnish pictures, journals, notes, etc.