

Please type or use pen to provide the requested information. This data will be used for the Ranch Hand History Project and then placed in the Archives at Texas A&M. It is your information. If you wish to restrict any part of this material, please indicate so:

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W. Hopper Marion WD W. Marion 20 Oct 1981
Name (last) first middle signature date

Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From 1968 May to 1969 May. Where? Benton
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? Zone
3. Rank while in RH? Sgt Present/retired rank? Sgt
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? Anti-Defensive Herbicide Section dates? May 68 May 69
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? Zone
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.

Mr. Cecil.

Well try and answer some of your questions.
I have one question.

Well we left your planes & guns while I was
with the Ranch Hand.

I was ship from Tinker AFB okla city
to Bismarck on a short notice which was
17 day. I got on the bus there and was
again to the Ranch Hand. We took
Rockit fire from 2 to 3 times a week
every

I was told that the chemicals wouldn't
harm any one if you could drink it.

I was in charge of ~~the~~ getting the
storage tank full and the pump
that was we to load the tank
and the one that we had to
suck the clean out of the
barrel. I have been wet from my
head to my toes. The tank would
get mess up a stop and so on
it was a mess to get the clean
out again work 6 days here & 12 hr

a day or more. I take the saddle
was when we left the 3 guns.

The plane took hit almost
over here they went on million

I don't think any of it was fun or funny
& that's the hole thing was a waste of
(time) with no purpose. I have a tape
that I may need a tape deck
to send tape home one time while
I was make a tape we took Rocket
fire. you can make to much and
if at that but it will still make
the skin crawl. Sir I hope you can
Read this I don't write on spell real
good I hope I have help a little bit

Good luck to you Sir.

Wayne Higgin