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HORN DAVID ROY ALLEN David Allen Horn Oct 18, 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 MAR 64 to MAR 64. Where? SAIGON
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? POPE AFB N.C. Aug 63 - <sup>C-130A</sup> Ranch Training
3. Rank while in RH? 1LT Present/retired rank? LT Col (Ret)
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? NAVIGATOR dates? MAR 64
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? NOV 63 - OCT 64 C-123 SAIGON, OCT 64 - JUN 67
6. If aircrew member: C-130A NANA OKINAWA, CONTINUOUS 7DY RUN  
MAR C-141 JUN 67 - 1975
  - a. Number of missions: RH 2 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Combat flying hours: RH 5 Other (specify) 900 900

### 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.

RTI Box 146  
Complete OK 74429  
Oct 18, 1981

Dear Paul

I am not your normal ex-rancher. Line of sight scheduling drafted me into flying two missions in early 1964, March I think. Both were from Saigon. My answers to your questions are therefore limited.

At the time Ranch Hand was the fifth flight of the 309th T.C.S. At least on paper. They were assigned to us for administrative support only and worked for Group. They only had one navigator. I can not remember his name or find it. He received minor wounds on a mission but got some small fragments in his eyes. One had to be surgically removed.

This started a search for a replacement. Requirements were for 4-6 months in country. Everyone was encouraged to try it. After only 2 missions and got off the hook when Dale Svarnerud (SP?) volunteered. I then became involved with the special ops unit forming in N Trang and didn't fly any more spray missions.

For your records: From the 309th TCS in Saigon I went to NAAA Okinawa & flew C-130 A's. - 3 YR of TDY to RVN + 97 missions over N. Vietnam. Then

MAC C-130 + C-141 at McGuire 67-72

MAC C-141 ALTUS RTU INSTRUCTOR 72-79

Dec 79 Retired at Lt Col and became a special act for the General Manager of a large independent oil company.

Paul, I'm sorry I can be of more help.  
If there is anything I can do for you just  
ask.

By the way, I just noticed you a 1967  
Poncher. You must know Bob Flicker, He  
was there then. He was my next door  
neighbor at McBain.

Good luck  
Dave Horn

7. NONE
8. Normal - 1 single action A.M. but not ranch related. - None ranch related.  
~~The~~ The single action A.M. Come from a mission looking for Downed B-26, that the B-26 <sup>NAV</sup> earned the first A.F. Cross awarded to a navigator. This was Dec 1963
9. No major attacks but lots of mortar & rocket attacks.
10. NO
11. NO
12. Not with Ranch - hit a tree in BAWDOP in AC-123 B that got some attention.
13. YES But not really. The mission was worked out by the other Pilots. I worked up timing ect. PRT Rorie the group Nav did most of the nav part the mission planning - I was only a temp - Replacement.
14. Drafted to fly missions for wounded navigators. I knew full well the mission.
15. Both before and in Vietnam. Use normal precautions, avoid exposure.
16. N/A
17. One mission (of 2) We took a 50 Cal hit that the round can change the side of the airplane caught the edge of the Trash Can deflected & spun it self racing around the inside the Can.

18 - N/A

19. lived in a villa in Saigon -

20. This was the closest bunch of guys I have ever seen. I was an outsider watching them. They only had four crews then. Lately I was working with special ops missions and night armed recon in North Vietnam. we never got as close as the ranch crews did.