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Date

CHARLES H. HUBBS

Printed Full Name

7103

Interview Tape Number

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City and State

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Please type or use pen to provide the requested information. If you wish a particular answer to remain confidential (i.e., for my use only), place an asterisk (*) before the number of the question or that particular portion of your information and the answer will be blacked out before this form is deposited in the archives.

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Name HUBBS CHARLES Henry Charles H Hubbs 12 Aug 81
last first middle signature date

Questionnaire

Be as specific as possible. On the back of this form, and on as many additional pages as you care to use, please amplify any of the following items. What I need are your feelings and impressions.....about people and events.....both humorous and serious.

4. Ranch Hand service: From Jun '66 to MAY '67. Where? SAIGON
BIEN HOA
DANANG
5. Other Vietnam service? Where? When? No
6. Ranch Hand/C-123 training: Where/when? HURLBURT - LANGLEY 4 Mos 1966
1 Mo 1966
7. Rank(s) while in VN / present/retired rank. MAJOR / LT COL
8. Duty(s) while in Ranch. FLT CDR - Sqn Ops OFF. - Det. Cdr (Danang)
9. Decorations? (If Purple Heart, DFC, or above, please give date and details of event.)
DFC's Purple Heart 13 Air Medals -
10. Special missions/operations participated in? (Give as much detail as possible.)
Pink Rose - 1st Spray of DMZ (CDR) - LAOS etc -
11. If aircrew member:
a. Number of missions. RH 411 Other (specify) _____
b. Combat flying hours. RH 415 Other (specify) _____
12. Were you present during an attack against the base, Ranch site, or quarters? Explain.
TET-DANANG - MORTARS (OFTEN) DANANG
13. Were you present when a Ranch aircraft was shot down, crashed, or crew members were killed or wounded? Explain. YES AT LEAST 3 TIMES
14. Were you present during any planning meetings with US and/or Vietnamese officials for spray missions? When/where/who? Explain.
YES - MANY TIMES -

(next page)

15. Did you take part in any civic action projects? (Orphanages, parties, etc.) Explain.

PARTIES - Yes

16. Did you ever observe the effects of Ranch Hand missions from the ground?

Yes

17. Did you ever discuss the effectiveness of Ranch missions with personnel who had operated on the ground in mission areas? If so, how much help did they feel it was?

No Complaints

18. Did you ever observe or help repair unusual battle damage (more than just routine small arms damage? Details?

Yes - 104 hits From A DUM-DUM who Jettisoned his CBU on me!

19. How did you get into the Ranch? What did you know about the mission beforehand?

Volunteer -

20. What were you told about the chemicals used? Before Vietnam? In Vietnam?

N/A - NOTHING

21. What other things should I tell about that would help the reader understand and know the uniqueness of our outfit? What people, events, etc. deserve special mention?

22. What were your living quarters like? Your typical day? Your in-or out-processing to Vietnam or to the Ranch? Your days off? What kept you sane...or drove you nuts?

TENTS - IN-OUT NON-EXISTENT - 3 days every 21 days - ?

23. There are a thousand questions that I have not thought of. Please tell me the good and the bad things we should remember about Vietnam.

People - (i.e. Ranch People)

24. Other data: Do you have any good pictures (especially of Ranch Handlers), journals, notes, diaries, letters, briefing papers, maps, etc., that I could copy and return to you? 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 on it, and I will give you instructions on when to send them at a later date.

(Use the below space, the back of the forms, and as many additional pages as you like to expand on the answers to the questions. Annotate with question number to identify.)

Good Luck PAUL - it will make a GREAT BOOK -

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:

I hereby authorize the scholarly use of the following information, except as indicated.

HUBBS, Charles Henry Charles H Hubbs 22 OCT '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 JUN 66 to MAY 67. Where? TAN SON NHUT
BIEN HOA
DANANG
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? FEB-Apr 66 HURLBURT / MAY 66 LANGLEY AFB
3. Rank while in RH? MAJOR Present/retired rank? LT COL
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? Ops OFFICER, FLT CDR, Det. CDR dates? _____
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? NONE
6. If aircrew member:
 - a. Number of missions: RH 411 Other (specify) 7-F-100 (OBSERVE/COORD)
2-FAC 0-1
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 465 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.

7. PINK ROSE, Search & Rescue China Sea, DROPPING BURNED OUT 20MM
barrels in Sea (on sampans)
8. 2 DFC's, 1 Purple Heart (See PKG ALREADY SENT)
9. DANANG — (See PKG)
10. (a) KUBLEY shot down, JAN 67, Out of Country, 5 KIA, QUAD 50 CAL
ACFT WENT IN INVERTED — BILL KNOFE ON WING — HAS DETAILS
- (b) Tom Davey, Bill Dougherty, JR. Winstead SHOT DOWN, ALL
RESCUED.
11. Tom Davey shot in jugular vein — Russ Ragland was C/P.
12. 104 holes on one pass — The holes came FROM F-100
THAT SALVOED his CBU LOAD ONTO US. 3RD TFW AIDED
IN overnight repairs
13. Yes, AT DANANG WE TRIED NOT TO GO TO PRIMARY TARGET
SINCE COMMUNICATIONS WERE ALWAYS COMPROMISED AT
SAIGON AND THEY ^{VC} ALWAYS KNEW WE WERE COMING.
14. Volunteer. KNEW IT WAS A Sierra Hotel operation.
15. Nothing. Ever.
16. The esprit d'corps.
17. (See PKG ALREADY SENT)
18. " " " "
19. (a) QTY'S VARIED FROM tents to RENOVATED FRENCH Legionnaire
STABLES — ALL ABOVE FULL OF RATS.
- (b) DAY STARTED BY FLYING 2 SORTIES
Next came the partying
" " The next day — SAME SAME
20. One of a kind org. — There is nothing I can think
OF THAT CAN'T BE openly discussed.

* HAVE you ASKED FOR Cronkite (CBS) TV (MAY 1967) FILM CLIPS
AND commentary by JOHN HART — 1ST DMZ MISSION