

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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Luke, Harold W [Signature] 15 Oct 81  
 Name (last first middle signature date)

### Specific Information

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

- Ranch Hand service: From Oct 65 to Nov 67. Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- RH/C-123 training: Where/when? Hurlburt + Langley - July, Aug, Sept 66
- Rank while in RH? Major Present/retired rank? Major
- Duty(s) while in Ranch? Pilot dates? Oct - 25 Nov 66
- Other Vietnam service? Where/when? \_\_\_\_\_
- If aircrew member:
  - Number of missions: RH 20 Other (specify) WWII, Korea
  - Combat flying hours: RH 40-50 Other (specify) 500 est

### 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.

- Special missions/operations participated in? (name, when, where, what, who else)
- 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.)
- Were you present during an attack against the base, Ranch site, or quarters? Explain.
- Were you present when a Ranch aircraft was shot down or crashed? Give all details.
- 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.
- Did you ever see or repair unusual battle damage (more than routine skin holes)?
- Did you ever help plan RH missions? If so, what was the procedure?
- How did you get into the Ranch? What did you know about the mission beforehand?
- What were you told about the chemicals used? In Vietnam? Before Vietnam?
- Other than something already discussed (or going home), what is your happiest memory of the Ranch (or Vietnam)? What is your unhappiest (saddest)?
- What unusual, odd-ball, weird, funny, etc., thing happened to you in VN or training?
- Same as question 17, but you saw it happen to another person(s).
- What were your quarters like? Your routine day? Your parties? Anything else?
- 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.

# Thanks for ride to Airport

- 10 Oct 65, Prop can hit - Flat ~~blade~~ -  
Left lost - Crew picked up by chopper  
immediately -
- 11 Windshield shot out - Plexiglass frags in chest  
of Pilot - Minoar - Flying in 2 days - Name?
- 14 Facts of RH before going to Huntboat 65  
Sounded too good not to Vol. for
- 15 ? Purple Bananal - TREES  
white - Rice
- 16 ~~All~~ Happy
- 17 Fellow Crew Members

Paul my tour in RH too short  
to help you much.

Sgt Booth; RH attachment, Brooks AFB has  
all <sup>RY</sup> info on RH, Agent Orange, Clipping  
etc.

Col Lathrop & Sgt Booth have more info  
than I've seen anyplace else.

Sgt Booth seems like a hell of a nice  
guy - trip to Brooks to see then has  
info might prove beneficial, ~~that's~~ as  
Release signed - use it anytime.

Lathrop

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## RELEASE FORM

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I agree that, at Paul Cecil's discretion, these tapes may be kept in the Archives of Texas A&M University and will be made available for historical research and study after a period of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s).

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