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McCarthy James R James R. McCarthy Oct 21, 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 _____ to _____. Where? _____
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? July-Aug 1965 Feb-Mar 1968
3. Rank while in RH? Major Present/retired rank? B/Gen (Ret.)
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? _____ dates? _____
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? 309 Air Commando - Ton Son Nhat - Sept 1965 - Sept 1966
First Flight (M.S.O.G.) NHA-TRANG May 1968 - May 1969
6. If aircrew member:
 - a. Number of missions: RH 2 or 3 Other (specify) 1200+ (C-123, B-52, F-4, KC-135, C-130)
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 3 or 4 Other (specify) 1500+

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 315TH AIR COMMANDO GROUP (TC)(PACAF)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

SPECIAL ORDER
T-654

21 December 1965

The following individuals, 309th Air Commando Squadron, PacAF, APO San Francisco 96307, will proceed at such times as may be necessary during the period 1 January 1966 to 31 March 1966, both dates inclusive, from Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam, to Clark AB, Philippine Islands; on maintenance support flights to Tainan and Taipei, Taiwan; on scheduled passenger flights to Changi RAF Station, Singapore, State of Singapore; and places as may be necessary within Vietnam and Thailand, on TDY to perform crew member duties; upon completion of each mission return to Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. 315 AIR DIV ROUTE SPT TRAFFIC. RETURN TRAFFIC PRIORITY. Travel by 315 Air Div acft directed when available. Authorized ACM aboard all acft under operational control of 315 Air Div. Travel in connection with meetings per AFR 35-14 not authorized by this order. Individuals possess Top Secret scety clearances unless otherwise indicated. *Indicates individuals possess scety clearance of Secret. Each individual auth 100 pounds excess baggage. Auth: AFM 35-11, AFM 39-11 and AFM 10-3. TDN. 5763400 306-7461 P458 21180E 21380E 21580E S595300.

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Peter Diaz
 PETER DIAZ, Major, USAF
 Administrative Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
309TH AIR COMMANDO SQUADRON (TC) PACAF
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Maj Mc Carthy

15 December 1965

SUBJECT: Summary Report for Scheduling Officer &
Supervisor of Flying (Nov 15 - Dec 15, 1965)
TO: Commander, 309ACS

1. The following projects were assigned to the personnel indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Date</u>
Capt Guzman	Flare Boxes	Completed
Capt Van Inwegen	Review Field Folders	Completed
Capt Wilson	Update Recall Plan	Completed
Capt Kopp, Sgt Maples	Clean & Paint Ops	Completed
Maj Castleman	December Schedule	Completed
Maj Ringman	January Schedule	28 Dec 65
10 Duty Officers	Update D.O. SOP	Completed
Capt Thomas	Update Airline Folders	Completed
Capt Mc Cullough	Mission Numbers	Completed
Capt Mc Cullough	Flare Briefing Guide	Completed

2. First priority for flying time during the month was given to students who became eligible for Theater Indoctrination Checks. Second priority was given to upgrading new instructor pilots. Both programs are slightly behind schedule due to the number of aircraft available.

3. Based on the observations of the previous month, I believe the following recommendations will increase our airlift capability.


a. Decrease the number of aircraft assigned to the short shuttles (Dau, Tieng - TDM - LAI KHE, etc.). This permits the aircraft to operate with minimum delays for traffic and loading.

b. Revise airline mission schedule so that our flight connect with flights from other squadron. For example, we could deliver DNG passengers to NHA. Then a 311th aircraft could pick up these passengers and return north. Our plane could pick up the TSN passengers from NHA. With this system we would be flying shorter missions. Also fields such as DLT(C) should be scheduled at the end of a mission instead of the first part of the mission. The amount of ACL that can be taken out of DLT(C) is limited due to the altitude of the field.

c. Attempt to balance the workload by keeping the number of days scheduled to fly as even as possible. Trying to keep the number of flying hours equal does not indicate the amount of duty time for an individual. One crew may spend 20 hours on the ramp and five hours in the air while another crew may spend 5 hours in the air with no ramp time.

d. It is feasible to program a monthly schedule for Duty Officer, Ramp Coordinator, and Flares.

4. By utilizing Maj Silva, it is possible to arrange a Supervisor of Flying schedule so that each officer only pulls two 30 day tours during his 12 month tour in Viet Nam. From personal experience of the past 30 days, I believe two tours per individual should be the maximum performed.


JAMES R. MC CARTHY
Major, USAF

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 315TH AIR COMMANDO GROUP (TC)(PACAF)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

SPECIAL ORDER

M-7

10 February 1966

1. TSGT HUGH B HADDOCK, AF14474558, 310th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96240, is designated as a Standardization/Evaluation Flight Examiner Flight Mechanic in C-123 type aircraft, effective 20 Dec 65.

2. The following individuals, 310th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96240, are designated as instructor flight mechanics in C-123 type aircraft.

SSGT ROBERT E FELCH, AF11259854

SSGT FREDERICK D MARCH, AF12553793

3. SSGT THOMAS T JOBE, AF19293873, 310th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96240, is designated as a Standardization/Evaluation Flight Examiner Flight Mechanic in C-123 type aircraft, effective 3 Feb 66.

4. CAPT RONALD DEEP, FR59189, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as a theater qualified combat ready pilot and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft.

5. SSGT ELVIS B DEVINE, AF17369781, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as a theater qualified combat ready flight mechanic and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft.

6. So much of Special Order M-4, this Hq, 19 Jan 66, as reads "CAPTAIN MARIUS F KEMPF, FV3103245, 309th Air Commando Squadron" is amended to read "CAPTAIN MARIUS F KEMPF, FV3103245, 19th Air Commando Squadron."

7. The following named individuals, organizations indicated, are appointed to investigate circumstances of Major Aircraft Accident involving C-123B, S/N 54-702, 25 Jan 66. Investigation will be conducted IAW AFR 127-4. Verbal orders of the Commander on 25 Jan 66 are confirmed. Exigencies of the service having been such as to preclude the issuance of competent written orders in advance.

COL WILLIAM A MCLAUGHLIN, FR14515, 310AC Sq - Board President

MAJOR DONAVON K LARSON, FV2079870, 315ACGp - Accident Investigation Officer

MAJOR DONALD R TRACY, FV931451, 6250OMSq, with concurrence of Comdr, -
Maintenance Member

CAPT LENNART H BJERKEN, FV3016599, 311AC Sq - Pilot Member

CAPT RONALD E TRICKEY, FR51299, 311AC Sq - Safety Advisor - Non-voting

CAPT JON C SEWELL, FV3143407, 6250 USAF Dispensary, with concurrence
of Comdr - Medical Officer

8. MAJOR STANLEY A CASTLEMAN, FR26551, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is appointed to investigate circumstances of Major Aircraft Accident involving C-123B, S/N 54-0642, 4 Feb 66. Investigation will be conducted IAW AFR 127-4. Verbal orders of the Commander on 4 Feb 66 are confirmed. Exigencies of the service having been such as to preclude the issuance of competent written orders in advance.

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9. MAJOR JAMES R MCCARTHY, FR26621, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is appointed to investigate circumstances of Major Aircraft Accident involving C-123B, S/N 54-636, 27 Jan 66. Investigation will be conducted IAW AFR 127-4. Verbal orders of the Commander on 27 Jan 66 are confirmed. Exigencies of the service having been such as to preclude the issuance of competent written orders in advance.

10. CAPT DELMAR B SPIVEY, FR51313, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as a theater qualified combat ready navigator in C-123 type aircraft.

11. CAPT LEO G JANSSENS, FR63350, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as a theater qualified combat ready pilot and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft.

12. Flying status code of the following individuals, 311th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96337, is changed from FSC 1A to FSC 1B, effective 1 Feb 66. Auth: AFM 60-1.

CAPT TULLOS L FRANKS JR, FR54092

CGAPT WILBUR R BROWN, FR59639

CAPT FRANK N KOVAL, FR73095

1STLT MICHAEL P STRUTZEL, FV3108303

13. A1C CHARLES KOPP JR, AFL7611248, 15th Aerial Port Squadron, APO 96337, is attached to the 311th Air Commando Squadron for flying purposes.

14. SSGT JAMES H BESS, AFL8455585, this Hq, this station, is authorized to perform the duties of Witnessing Official for the destruction of classified material with a classification of SECRET.

15. The following personnel are appointed as members of the 315th Air Commando Group NCO Advisory Board:

Sergeant Major, 315th Air Cmdo Gp, APO 96307

First Sergeant, 8th Aerial Port Sq, APO 96307

First Sergeant, 19th Air Cmdo Sq, APO 96307

First Sergeant, 309th Air Cmdo Sq, APO 96307

First Sergeant, 310th Air Cmdo Sq, APO 96240

First Sergeant, 311th Air Cmdo Sq, APO 96337

16. CAPT JOHN F GULLEDGE, FR55484, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as an instructor pilot in C-123 type aircraft.

17. CAPT FREDERICK H PATTERSON, FR72001, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as an instructor navigator in C-123 type aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Peter Diaz
PETER DIAZ, Major, USAF
Director of Administrative Services

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LOCATION	GROUND COMMUNICATIONS						FLIGHT FOLLOWING			R.ACONS				
	TOWER	FREQUENCIES	GCA	RAPCON	APP	GND	ARR	DEP	FM	UHF	VHF	FREQ	SGN	OPNS
CAPITOL CENTER									36.3	378.0	130.7			
SOC TRANG	45.8	118.7	241.0	42.9	35.1							289	EFM	CONT
TAN HIEP	32.7													
TUY HOA (NORTH)	45.6								40.0			410	TKR	DAY/OR
TUY HOA (SOUTH)	36.2	131.3	241.0											
VINH LONG	45.8	118.1	241.0									405	SVH	CONT
VUNG TAU	35.7	118.1	241.0	327.5	35.7							235	XVL	CONT

EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES

Aircraft: VHF 121.5 UHF 243.0
 Combat Action:
 Air-to-Ground
 FM 38.9 VHF 142.74 UHF 273.0
 Air-to-Air: FM 47.8 UHF 339.6

HF ARFC FREQ (AM MODE)

BANGKOK RADIO 8837
 SAIGON RADIO 6619.5
 UBON RADIO 6765

SSB PHONE PATCH (TAN SON NHUT)

4.732 USB (USAF)
 11.179 USB

VOR FREQ IDENTIFIERS

DANANG 114.7 XVI
 NHA TRANG 112.0 MCG
 SAIGON 115.5 XVH

AREA RADAR CONTROL CALL SIGNS

BAN ME THUOT	PYRAMID CONTROL	278.4	142.74
CAM RANH	PORT CALL CONTROL	325.8	280.5
CAN THO	PADDY CONTROL	339.4	119.1
DANANG	PANAMA CONTROL	278.4	142.20
PLEIKU	PEACOCK CONTROL	278.4	142.74
SAIGON	PARIS CONTROL	278.4	142.20
DONG HA	WATERBOY CONTROL	375.7	269.6
TRANG SUP	PENTHOUSE	278.4	271.8
CAMAU	PLAYBOY	278.4	366.3

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372.2 UHF

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GROUND COMMUNICATIONS						FLIGHT FOLLOWING					BEACONS			
LOCATION	TOWER	FREQUENCIES	CCA	RAPCON	APP	GND	ARR	DEP	FM	UHF	VHF	PRNG	SGN	OPNS
AN KHE	30.3	301.9 121.3	227.3	226.3	44.2	127.9		226.3				465	AND	CONT
SAN KHE (GOLF COURSE)	35.2	241.0												
AN LOC												318	AC	CONT
*BAC LIEU	37.3													
BAN ME THUOT (EAST)	118.3											212	PD	DAY/OR
BAN ME THUOT (CITY)	45.6	118.1 241.0	43.5	367.6	(DF/RADAR-PYRAMID-278.4)			40.0	241.0	118.1				
BIEN HOA	118.3	341.4	324.0	312.0		229.3						272	BA	CONT
			112.0	125.0	(CTX DOVER KEEPER 39.7 ARTY INFO PHUOC VINH)									
BIEN HOA HELIPORT	35.2	230.5 132.9	(CTX RATTILER	CONT	46.9	FOR PARKING SNAKE PIT)								
BINH LONG												226	BG	DAY
CA MAU									35.6	282.2	131.2	346	TWN	DAY/OR
CAM RANH (AFB)	229.3	118.1	225.4			285.5						310	CRB	
COASTAL CENTER	(ARMY STRIP 38.1)								40.0	241.4	131.3			
CAN THO (DELTA CENTER)	45.8	341.4 118.3	40.1						35.6	233.5	131.0			
CAN THO (BINH THUAN)	312.0	236.6 118.1										254	BY	DAY/OR
CHU LAI	118.3	340.2					315.6	321.0						
DALAT (LIEN KHANG)	118.7											385	DL	DAY/OR
DALAT (CAM LY (FCC))	241.0	131.3							40.0	241.0	131.3	350	HYD	DAY/OR
+DANANG	118.7	236.6	(DF/RADAR	363.8	121.9			134.1	42.0		130.75	248	XVJ	CONT
			PANAMA 278.4)	127.9	275.8			270.6				350	AT	CONT
												295	DN	CONT
DANANG (MARBLE MT.)	281.2	337.8												
DONG BA THIN	45.6	241.0 118.3	43.5											
DUONG DONG												278	PQ	DAY
*GIA NGHIA									40.0	233.5		282	NEH	CONT
HUE (PHU BAI)	118.3	241.0										393	HU	CONT
KONTUM	45.6	371.6 241.0							40.0	241.0		323	KT	DAY/OR
+NHA TRANG	118.3	236.6	335.8									400	KH	CONT
			134.1											
PHAN RANG	257.8	136.8										340	PRG	
PHAN THIET	45.6	241.0 131.3							40.0	241.0	131.3	355	PT	CONT
PHU LOI	44.8	241.0 122.0												
+PLEIKU (AFB)	118.3	236.6	134.1	355.8	118.7	(DF/RADAR PEACOCK 278.4)						333	PK	CONT
			289.4											
PLEIKU (HOLLOWAY)	45.6	118.1 241.0	43.5	37.8					40.0	233.5	131.3			
			367.6											
QUANG NGAI	42.0	241.0 118.3							42.0	241.0		369	IGN	DAY
QUI NHON	40.0	118.7 236.6	43.5			275.8			40.0			262	XVJ	CONT
SAIGON	118.7	236.6	289.4		363.8	275.8	270.6	261.4				305	SV	CONT
						121.9	119.7	125.5				326	SC	CONT
			(DF/RADAR-PARIS-278.4)											
SAIGON HELIPORT	236.0	35.5												

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 315TH AIR COMMANDO WING (TC)(PACAF)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

SPECIAL ORDER
M-17

4 April 1966

1. CAPT ROBERT R PARMAN, FR58008, 315th Air Commando Wing, APO 96307, is assigned additional duty as Security Officer for the 315th Air Commando Wing Airlift Control Center.

2. The following individuals, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, are designated as theater qualified combat ready pilots and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft:

CAPT ALBERT R TETRAULT, FR69403
1STLT PAUL L CLANTON, FR63776

1STLT PETER M GREEN, FR79180
1STLT ROY R KUBLEY, FR77661

3. CAPT LOWELL V THOMAS, FR64170, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated an instructor pilot in C-123 type aircraft.

4. A1C LAURENCE E LAGE, AF17422240, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated an instructor loadmaster in C-123 type aircraft.

5. The following individuals, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, are designated as theater qualified combat ready pilots and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft:

CAPT CAL E GREER, FR67554
1STLT JEREMY D HILL, FV3136483

6. CAPT ALLEN B MUSICK JR, FV3082409, 315th Air Commando Wing, APO 96295, is assigned additional duty as Unit Historical Officer for TMC, APO 96295.

7. 1STLT DANIEL L MCCONNELL, FV3108760, 19th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as theater qualified combat ready pilot and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft, effective 25 Feb 66.

8. The following individuals, 19th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, are designated as instructors in crew position indicated in C-123 type aircraft, effective dates indicated:

CAPT EDWIN W HACKENBERG, FR74633, 11 Mar 66, pilot
SSGT ANSON L KELLEY, AF18430287, 5 Mar 66, loadmaster

9. CAPT MIGUEL A GUZMAN, FV3064873, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as an instructor pilot in C-123 type aircraft.

10. CAPT HADEN E HELTON JR, FV3056157, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as an theater qualified combat ready pilot and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft.

11. The following individuals, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, are designated as instructor pilots in C-123 type aircraft:

MAJOR JAMES R MCCARTHY, FR26621
CAPT RICHARD H LALLY, FR30089

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12. The following individuals, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, are designated as theater qualified combat ready pilots and authorized to perform functional check flights in C-123 type aircraft:

CAPT FREDERICK O HUTCHINSON, FR69204
CAPT WAYNE F WOOTTON, FR31673

13. CAPT DELMAR B SPIVEY, FR51313, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as an instructor navigator in C-123 type aircraft.

14. CAPT FRANK H EVANGELIST JR, FR73864, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as a theater qualified combat ready navigator in C-123 type aircraft.

15. SSGT RAYMOND H VIALPANDO, AF17370332, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, is designated as an instructor flight Mechanic in C-123 type aircraft.

16. The following individuals, 309th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96307, are designated as instructor leadmasters in C-123 type aircraft:


TSGT RICHARD P PELLERIN, AF21290977
A1C ROBERT J COSGROVE, AF15627214

17. Paragraph 4, Special Order M-56, this Hq, 15 Dec 65, pertaining to the authorization for 311th Air Commando Squadron personnel to perform functional check flights, is rescinded.

18. The following individuals, 311th Air Commando Squadron, APO 96337, are authorized to perform functional check flights in crew position indicated in C-123 type aircraft:

LTCOL HUGH L BAYNES, FR49233, pilot	CAPT CHARLES H KIKLIS, FR72688, pilot
MAJOR JAMES W FREY, FV733866, pilot	CAPT ALBERT G MONGEAU, FV3093941, pilot
MAJOR THOMAS A JULIAN, FR23389, pilot	CAPT JOSEPH R ROGOWSKI, FV3036242, pilot
CAPT BRUCE B ALTER, FV3102187, pilot	CAPT CHARLES B RUBLE, FR56714, pilot
CAPT CHARLES T ANDREWS, FR72964, pilot	CAPT JERROLD J SHEA, FV3005290, pilot
CAPT JOHN K BERRY, FR61891, pilot	CAPT JAY R SOUKUP, FR72437, pilot
CAPT HERBERT M BUSBY, FR69484, pilot	CAPT RONALD E TRICKEY, FR51299, pilot
CAPT LEONARD E CLARK JR, FR68112, pilot	1STLT MARC L BORNN, FV3108942, pilot
CAPT WILLIAM C DEVOE, FV3026344, pilot	1STLT STEVEN A DANIELSON, FV3107839, pilot
CAPT ROBERT W FARLAND, FR55996, pilot	1STLT GARY W KELLY, FR82872, pilot
CAPT JAMES P GIBBS, FR59658, pilot	MSGT LEIGHTON D GEHRES, AF19440189, flt mech
CAPT WILLIAM A GILLIS, FR59224, pilot	SSGT DOUGLAS R CREEL, AF14548798, flt mech
CAPT THOMAS HILL JR, FV3102195, pilot	SSGT JOHN C HAMILTON, AF17392183, flt mech
CAPT FRANK D JOHNSON, FV3036188, pilot	SSGT DONALD S WELCH, AF39149927, flt mech

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PETER DIAZ, Major, USAF
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Oct 22, 1981

Dear Paul

Reference your letter.

^{Jack Smith}
Died Becking ^{and} plus a few other Ranch
Handlers went thru C-123 training
together during the summer of
1965.

I was assigned initially in
Sept of 1965 as ~~of~~ a Flight Commander
in the 309th Air Commando Sq. at
Tan Son Nhut. I progressed up to
Asst Sq. Operations Officer and then
Sq. Operations Officer in early 1966.

During this time Ranch Hand
was a flight within the 309th
As you might expect I got to
know a lot of them very well
We use to party and raise hell
together.

Ralph Dwyer was the flight
commander then. I told all my ~~top~~
troops in the Air Commando units to

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Give the Ranch Hand 110% of their effort. This they did with outstanding enthusiasm. If a ranch hand had was broke for parts on a remote strip, the Air Commanders made sure the parts got delivered over after top priority cargo. ^{We would also carry a load of Agent Orange when they got that at a forward operating location.}

I flew a couple of times with the Ranch Hand troops to observe the operation. I was very impressed with their professional flying skills.

Shortly before I completed my tour an incident happen in which I had to make an emergency ~~strip~~ takeoff from a strip that was overrun with Vientcong. ~~It~~ It was a very short strip and we ~~could~~ did not have time to get rid of our cargo of MOCAS.

On Takeoff we were too

heavy to clear the palm trees at
the end of the runway. My left
wing hit a palm tree and the
upper 10 feet of the tree stayed
lodged in the wing. From that
point on it became a rather
exciting flight. As a going away
present at the end of my tour the
Ranch Hand Group presented me
with a framed cartoon that in
effect said "McCarthy you stick
to the Air Commando Bunnies and
we will take care of the obnoxious".

Just before I left Vietnam Ranch
Hand was made a separate squadron.

I have enclosed some pictures and
other memories from that period. If
they are no use to you or your project
I would like to have them back.

Sincerely,

P.S. Reference question #15.

We were told that Agent

Reed McCarthy
B/Gen USAF (Ret)

Orange was completely harmless
to humans. We were shown pictures of someone drinking
it and others with their arms in it. That's why we
didn't think too much about it when in the troop
carrier whenever we use to offload and unload heavy loads
of it.



NOW LOOK MCCARTHY @*#! YOU STICK
WITH CARGO... WE'LL GET THE FOLIAGE!

FROM TRAF INFO
OFFICE - G. CHAMBERS

