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MULLINAX, JOHN CHRISTOPHER  
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John Mullinax  
signature

Oct. 20, 1981  
date

Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From JULY 21, 1969 to JULY 10, 1970. Where? BIEN HOA / DA NANG
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? EG LIN A.F.B., FLA. / JUNE 15, 1969
3. Rank while in RH? S/SGT Present/retired rank? T/SGT (RET)
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? CREW CHIEF dates? 7/21/69 - 7/10/70
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? NONE
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.

12- While I was at Da Nang I saw a lot of  
bullet damage, it sort of seemed routine.  
Can't remember date or A/C No. I was with  
the detachment at Da Nang until they  
moved all the planes back to Bien Hoa.  
Seems like I had to change a lot of  
fuel cells while I was there!

Once the pilot said that his ailerons  
were sloppy. I looked up and saw the cables  
hanging loose. The pulley bracket for the  
control cables located below and to the left  
of the pilot's seat had been shot away.

A couple of rounds of AK-47 mosed  
up the hydraulic lines at the hyd. reservoir  
with a loss of all the fluid.

While pulling a post flight once I  
found an AK-47 bullet had penetrated  
the #1 engine prop control, the control  
had continued to work and did not  
leak until the bullet was removed.  
Thought I would find a hole in the prop  
but did not.

14- I was stationed at R.A.F. Northolt England as a flight engineer on a VT-29 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> A.F. VIP flight.

Or I was stationed with James Perot at Charleston A.F.B., S.C. when he was assigned to the Ranch and we wrote to each other for awhile & knew a little about the Ranch. There was an article in the Stars & Stripes about the Ranch that I read while I was stationed at Northolt.

15- All I knew about the chemicals before Viet Nam was that it (they) were defoliant, which didn't mean much to me.

In Nam the only thing I learned about Agent Orange was what I read in the state side papers that the troop received from home.