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Snell Harold R Harold R Snell 1-11-81
Name (last first middle signature date)

Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From Oct 65 to Oct 66. Where? DaNang & Saigon
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? Hurlburt Fld Flm & Langley AFB
3. Rank while in RH? SSgt Present/retired rank? SSgt
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? FH Mech dates? Oct 65 - Oct 66
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? _____
6. If aircrew member:
 - a. Number of missions: RH 300+ Other (specify) _____
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH unk 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.

- 2 Above DMZ. Spraying Truck Parks, + Trucks
- 8 Normal decorations Air medals etc Viet Nam Cross Gallantry
- 9 Yes DaNang Air Base, ~~Major~~ Small arm + med. rocket. Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Rocket + mortars
- 10 N/A
- 11 N/A
- 12 No Routine ~~Battle~~ Battle damage
- 13 No
- 14 Volunteer, Where mission was, escape routes and if zone was hot
- 15 Nothing, Nothing
- 16 Arriving in Country, leaving Country
- 17 A. Gung Ho Chacka Col Air Force Type ordering me to wash vehicle. When I was filthy from lack of wash water. He disregarded my appearance. More concern over vehicle.
18. N/A
- 19 Apt and barracks in Saigon Tent in DaNang Up before daylight Mission brief, Pre Flight Fly 2 missions done by noon. Party all day + 1/2 night. Ranch Parties, Fantastic times
- 20 As you have stated we where and still are a unique group of men We trained as a group

We lived laughed and cried as one close unit of men. I was fortunate to have trained with men such as (at the time)

May R. Dresser. Capt. D. Peskin 1st R. Kubly (KIA)
2nd Lt. P. Clanton. Airman, McCabe, Winstead, Cain, Mann. We ferried 3 UC123Bs from Hurlburt to Tan Son Nhut VII. I cannot remember all that were present.

We were all cowboys and elite.

I am sorry that I cannot give you anymore information, but years have a way of dulling ones memory both the good and the bad parts.

If I had my time to do over, I would once again join the elite group of men that I served with in VN.