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STONER, REX K. JR

Rex K. Stoner Jr.

27 Dec 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 Sept. 68 to Sep. 69. Where? Bien Hoa/Ha Long
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? Holbeez June-July 68
3. Rank while in RH? LT. COL Present/retired rank? LT. COL
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? COMMANDER dates? Dec 68 - Sep 69
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? _____
6. If aircREW member:
 - a. Number of missions: RH 247 Other (specify) NO TRASH HAWK
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 770 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.

7. LOSS - JAN. 69 - MAR. 69
Sensitive - S.A. history should
give you details

8. SILVER STAR
D.F.C. OAK cluster
BRONZE STAR.
VICT. CROSS B.S. (Palm and Gold Star)

9. Yes. several Viet. attacks
during period. Some ground
action Feb. 69.

10. Yes. lost #2 in Delta
spring 69. Crew OK.

11. During my period of command
we had several wrecks. Can't
recall specific details

12. Yes. Major gear my aircraft.
Rudder control cable
Throttle power
Windshields

13. Yes. A rather unusual procedure
Sgt. MACV people and
Kriegerme did initial target
selection.
After info was determined -
the guys had them flagged
through MACV

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and we laid them off.
Duty of formation, tables,
Aerial support, etc. was
controlled (delegated) by
me and my staff.

Coordination was critical and
a very close relationship with
7 AF TSCC, MACV and the
Rear admiral I worked. At times we
would try to get into the air
and he would have to keep them
out of it.

14. Valuables from Pentagon.
Expected to Command. Was
completing up on the lesson
and its mission a year before
I finally escaped to it from
Washington.
15. Yes - B-Yol
16. Everyone was a happy time for
me because of Commanded all
most "just so" but felt that we
had to "improve".
Valuing time with the wounded
and the departure of my 195 H.
and several other professional
free people who made this place an
ideal place to live. After we
had a new breed of City
toward the end of my tour, seemed
ent on reorganizing a portion of
our activities.

17. The whole year was odd ball,
unusual and FUN!

18. —

19. Our parties were good because
we made them that way i.e.
in traditional form. We planned
out side of formal supply channels.
Our day started around 4 AM
and the parties started around
noon.

20. The lunch was a group
of you boys, Corp Working
Gals who knew that the
people of many is a man. The
most day for people the
big one had in Vietnam.
Many, the most unrecogized
people, in my way. I could tell
you how difficult it was, to get
them the decorations they deserved.
I kept in Corp Office style
"They have the biggest balls of all!"

To The Corp!
Bob Sauer