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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? BEN HOA/Haung
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? Hulbert 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 HAUL
 - 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.

Please return this form and the narrative sheets in the enclosed envelope to Texas A&M.

7. LOAS - JAN. 69. MAR. 69
Sensative - SAN. History should
give you details
8. SILVER STAR
D.F.C. 1 OAK Cluster
BRONZE STAR.
VIET. Cross GAL. (PALM AND GOLD STAR)
9. Yes. Several rocket attacks
during period. Some ground
action Feb. 69.
10. Yes. Boat #2 in Delta
Spring 69. Crew OK.
11. During my period of command
we had several ~~attacks~~. Can't
recall specific details
12. Yes. Main spar my aircraft.
Radar control cable
Therapie tower
Whit skulls
13. Yes. -
A rather involved procedure
Sgt. MACV people and
Vinhnam did initial target
selection.
After maps were determined,
the plane had them "prayed"
through race

and we laid them on.
 Dept. of Information, Tactics,
 Logistics, Support, etc. was
 controlled (dominated) by
 me and my staff.

Coordination was critical and
 a very close relationship with
 7 AF, TACC, MACV and the
 Squadron needed. At times they
 would try to get into the act
 and we would have to keep them
 out of it.

14. Volunteer from Pentagon.
 Expected to Command. Was
 coming up on the land
 and its mission a year before
 I finally escaped to it from
 Washington.

15. Yes - By the way

16. Every day was a happy time for
 me because I commanded the
 most "guy to" outfit that was
 there in Vietnam.

Happy times were the wounded,
 and the departure of my ops off.
 and several other professional
 crew people who were there before me.
 And a new breed of guys
 toward the end of my tour, seemed
 to be replacing me in position of
 the activity.

17. The whole year was red hot, unusual and FUN!

18. —

19. Our quarters were good because we made them that way. i.e. air conditioning, fan, etc. obtained outside of 'normal' supply channels. The day started around 4 AM and the parties started around noon.

20. The Ranch was a group of gun loving, hard working folks who primer foot their sense of humor to a man. the most fearless people the big force had in Vietnam. Surely, the most unrecognized people in any war. I can't tell you how difficult it was to get them, the decorations they deserved. I hope for some official state "They have the biggest balls of all"!

TO THE RANCH!
Red Star