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Specific Information

- 1965 ¹⁹⁶⁸ Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided. Be specific.
 1966 2 TOURS - 2 YEARS
1. Ranch Hand service: From JUNE 1965 to JUNE 1966. Where? SAISON BEN HOA DANANG
 2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? SEPT 1968 HURLBORT FIELD - LANGLEY AFB VA
 3. Rank while in RH? 559T - TS9T Present/retired rank? MS9T
 4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? FE, STANBOARD dates? 1965-1966 + 1968-1969
 5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? 1962-1963 72 BLACK C-123
AVULP TRAIN C-123 NHA TRANG BIRD FE.
 6. If aircrew member: FLIGHT ENGINEER STANBOARD
 - a. Number of missions: RH Bunches Other (specify) NOT
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 1134.9 Other (specify) COUNTED

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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.

NHA TRANG SAISON RANCH HAND 1965-1966 Flight Engineer Vs. Miller
BIEN HOA - DANANG RANCH HAND. 1968-1969

7. SPRAYED IN - LAOS, CAMBODIA. OPERATED OUT OF THAILAND
U DONN - WORKING NORTH ABOVE THE PLAIN OF JARS. ANOTHER
BASE IN THAILAND TAK-LI OR THO FLOS BASE. ACROSS THE MUKONG.
 8. P.H. 2 D.F.S. 16 Air medals
 9. IN DEC 1965 RANCH HAND FLIGHT ENGINEERS PAD, GNEWADED
IN SAISON - 5 OUT OF 6 WENT TO HOSPITAL. SPENT TIME IN
THE ARMY HOSPITAL SAISON - I WENT BACK TO PAD TO LIVE - THE
REST WENT BACK TO THE CROWDED BARRACKS AT T.S.M. I LIVED
THERE BY MYSELF FOR ABOUT A MONTH - THEN A FEW OF THE GUYS
CAME BACK SGT SHUPPERT ^{xxx} HAD THE PAD TO OURSELVES.
 10. MANY ENGINE OUT HANDINGS ON CONTROLS (AILENONS) WENT INTO
ANY FIELD AVAILABLE.
 11. 1966 CAPT. MITCHELL HIT BY BULLET UNDER NEAR LEFT
FORWARD COCKPIT WINDOW. - LANDED AT QUIN HOA
 12. AILENONS SHOT OUT WITH COL. PESHKIN - HE SAID GET YOUR CHUTES
ON AS WE MAY HAVE TO GO. ARMY CHEM. CORPS. MAJOR ON BOARD - ~~HE~~
I NEVER SEEN A GUY SO SCARED, I HAD TO CHUTE HIM UP.
 13. NO 14. VOLUNTEERED EACH TIME DIRECT. 15. BRUSH KILLER
 16. ALL THE CRAZY BASTARDS 1965-1966 - GUNG HO NO POLITICS. NO. C.S.
 17. TAXIING IN T.S.M. SITTING ATOP C-123B FLYING OVER RANCH HAND BIG
BATTLE FLAG -- GOT TURNED IN BY A CHICKEN SHIT AT BASE OPS FOR SITTING
ATOP AIRPLANE IN MOTION.
 18. 19. NICE SAISON PAD 1965-1966 - LOUSY BIEN HOA 1968-1969
 20. I THINK THE RANCH WAS A SWAMPING OUTFIT - UNTILL WE GOT THEM CRY
BABIES FROM THE MAC OUTFITS C-141 - C-124 - THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE SO
IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE FOR THE RANCH - A PHONEY BUNCH!!
- I HAVE ABOUT 1 1/2 HRS OF 8MM FILM TAKEN 1965-1966 - 1968-1969
ABOUT 1 HOUR ON TARGET SPRAYING - TAKEN OUT THE BACK DOOR ON
TARGET. ALSO STILL PHOTOS OF A-1H SUPPORT ON TARGET.