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Name (last) WOLF first RICHARD middle E Signature Richard E. Wolf Date 26 Oct 81

Specific Information

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

1. Ranch Hand service: From JAN 69 to Jan 70. Where? BOEN HOA DA NANG
2. RH/C-123 training: Where/when? HURLBURT FIELD Fla DEC 1968
3. Rank while in RH? Air SGT Present/retired rank? MSgt USAFR
4. Duty(s) while in Ranch? CREW CHIEF dates? _____
5. Other Vietnam service? Where/when? None
6. If aircrew member: NOT RATED - CREW CHIEF
 - a. Number of missions: RH 5 Other (specify) Flight Thailand Support
 - b. Combat flying hours: RH 3 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.

11 February 1982

Dear Paul,

Sorry I hadn't sent you the information on my year in Nam sooner, but I have been meaning quite a bit for the Reserves and Air Force Sergeants Association.

Question 7. Aug 31, 1969 to Sept 9, 1969

TDY to THAILAND for spray missing
Letter of Commendation enclosed (I have 2 more)

Question 9. I have a list of dates which the base at Bien Hoa was hit, times and where damage was.

Question 10. I have Stars and Stripes pictures and articles about one aircraft shot down then carried to Saigon for repair.

Question 14. Was sent to UC-123 school in December 1968 then to Ed Rach after that school.

Question 15 - told about the chemicals while working with them in Nam.

heard more after Nam than in.

16.) Being the young Crew chief and passing the crew chief, refuel/defuel tow and engine ~~rog~~ run ~~up~~ test with the score of 95-100. after being in Nam only four weeks. The saddest was coming back from BTR and finding I was being sent to California instead of Indiana.

19) have some pictures of quarter will have copies made and send them to you.

20. ~~The class has not sent a man of~~

Date Hit	Start	Over
22 Feb 1969 Rockets & mortars	0215	0715
23 Feb 1969 Rockets & mortars	0100	2210
29 MARCH 1969	0215	0300
1 APRIL 1969	0230	0030
12 May 1969	0100	0230
21 May 1969	2000	2100
23 May 1969 Rockets & mortars	0130	0230
28 May 1969 Bunker EAST SIDE DamAGED	2220	2330
5 June 1969 Rockets & mortars - 16 damage	3045	2115
6 June 1969 Rockets & mortars - 16 damage	0300	0430

9 June 1969
Rockets & Mortars

2115 - 2153

13 June 1969
Rockets & Mortars

0001 0100

16 June 1969
Rockets - Mortars

2000 2030

18 June 1969
Rockets & Mortars

0800 0230

20 June 1969
Rockets & Mortars

2200 2345

Sgt Admins Pco Sgt Jones a/c
Both ~~10~~ feet

10 July 69 0700 0800

7 AM Rockets

~~10 July~~ 18 July 0030 0215

All kit off base today

20 July 0600 0700

0600 - 0700

several days ~~10~~ later

11 Aug 0200 0300

Rockets & Mortars off base

25 Nov 69

0530 - 0630

Rockets & Mortars on base

12 Dec 69

0620 - 0715

Rockets & Mortars

1500 destroyed in retreatment.

21 Jan 70

0430 - 0530

6 Rockets

C-1 - Photo Lab Damage
C123

Richard Wolf
Ranch '69

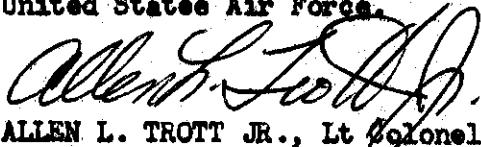
FROM: 12th Special Operations Squadron (O)

1 October 1969

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO: Sergeant Richard E. Wolf, FR 272-48-4115

1. Sergeant Wolf's performance as assistant crew chief on UC-123K aircraft serial number 54-693 during the TDY period of 31 August 1969 thru 9 September 1969 was outstanding. His knowledge of the aircraft was excellent and his willingness to accomplish the job demands recognition.
2. While deployed TDY to a forward operating location requiring him to function with minimum maintenance support, Sergeant Wolf daily delivered his aircraft in an operational readiness status. During the period Sergeant Wolf's aircraft sustained 13 hits by hostile ground fire, necessitating extensive sheet metal work as well as replacement of an aileron cable and an associated functional check flight. Despite long hours and this heavy workload he accomplished his work in a highly professional manner.
3. Sergeant Wolf's devotion to the performance of his maintenance duties and his motivation and determination to successfully complete these duties is truly a refreshing example to all his contemporaries and superiors alike. It was truly a pleasure to have a person of his calibre under my command. Efforts such as his contributed immeasurably to the success of this higher headquarters directed mission thus bringing great credit upon himself, 12 SOS, 7th Air Force, and the United States Air Force.



ALLEN L. TROTT JR., Lt Colonel, USAF
Mission Commander

1st Ind to Ltr, 12th Sp Ops Sq (O), APO 96227, 1 Oct 69, Subj: Letter of Commendation

12th Sp Ops Sq (C), APO 96227

13 October 1969

TO: Sgt Richard E. Wolf, FR272-48-4115

1. It is a great pleasure to forward this letter concerning your outstanding performance on behalf of the squadron during the TDY of 31 August 1969 thru 9 September 1969. This reflects great credit upon you and the squadron.
2. This correspondence will be forwarded to your supervisor so it can be included in your next performance report.
3. Please accept my personal congratulations for a job well done.

Warren P. Fisher

WARREN P. FISHER, Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander