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Phil Marshall


Dear Phil:

In one of the Viet Nam Helicopter newsletters, I ran into your article about donations to the National Air and Space Museum. I understand a new gallery, dedicated to the Viet Nam Airwar, is under consideration.

I was an army helicopter pilot, initially based at Qui Nhon, later at Ban Me Thuot, during the year 1965. What I have to offer is the map I used as a pilot. The map is covered in clear flexible plastic to protect it from the Viet Nam weather. The map even has the red dust from the central highlands impregnated into the reverse side and edges. What is unusual about this particular map, I marked ALL of combat assaults and landing zones on the front side. In addition, I have marked the location of a few prominent landmarks such as a hazardous power line, some French derelicts, and some useful code name locations with the radio frequency for the operation.

I have a second map that is not covered with plastic but joins the southern end of the original map, same type of markings on this map also.

In addition to the two maps, I have, in chronological order, photographs of my aviation career in the military. The pictures begin with initial training at Ft. Worters in the Hiller OH-23; then to Ft. Rucker, training in the Sikorsky H-19 and Bell UH-1A, and onto the Eleventh Air Assault and Viet Nam. The Viet Nam photos show unusual configurations of the UH-1B with 50 caliber machine guns installed, a tiger striped paint job on a UH-1B, picture of Puff The Magic Dragon, and much more.

I feel I have kept my collection long enough. If I can be assured of their proper display, I will donate all or part.

Please respond.



Sandy Kaplan

Sandy Kaplan - Viet Nam Veteran
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