



Veterans Affairs

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AGENT ORANGE OUTSIDE OF VIETNAM

The VA has received a listing from the Defense Department of locations outside of Viet Nam where Agent Orange was used or tested over a number of years. VA will develop for proof of exposure for claims for disabilities resulting from Agent Orange exposure outside of Vietnam. Benefits for veterans who qualify for herbicides exposure in the following circumstances are the same as veterans who served "in country" in Viet Nam.

Korea (1968 to 1969)

VA does have significant information regarding Agent Orange use in Korea along the DMZ. DoD has confirmed that Agent Orange was used from April 1968 up through July 1969 along the DMZ.

Units in the area during the period of use of herbicide were as follows: The four combat brigades of the 2nd Infantry Division. This includes the following units: a) 1-38 Infantry b) 2-38 Infantry c) 1-23 Infantry d) 2-23 Infantry e) 3-23 Infantry f) 3-32 Infantry g) 109th Infantry h) 209th Infantry i) 1-72 Armor j) 2-72 Armor k) 4-7th Cavalry. 3rd Brigade of the 7th. Infantry Division. This includes the following units: a) 1-17th Infantry b) 2-17th Infantry c) 1-73 Armor d) 2-10th Cavalry. Field Artillery, Signal and Engineer troops were supplied as support personnel as required.

Unlike Vietnam, exposure to Agent Orange is not presumed for veterans who served in Korea. Claims for compensation for disabilities resulting from Agent Orange exposure from veterans who served in Korea during this period will be developed for evidence of exposure. If the veteran was exposed the presumptive conditions found for Agent Orange exposure apply.

These units were added (25 Sep 06) for time frame, April 1968 through July 1969:

- 1st Battalion 12th Artillery
- 1st Battalion 15th Artillery
- 7th Battalion 17th Artillery
- 5th Battalion 38th Artillery
- 6th Battalion 37th Artillery
- 1st Battalion 31st Infantry (7th Infantry Division)
- 1st Battalion 32nd Infantry (7th Infantry Division)
- 2nd Battalion 32nd Infantry (7th Infantry Division)

- United Nations Command Security Battalion-Joint Security Area (UNCSB-JSA)
- Crew of the USS Pueblo

Thailand (1961-1975)

The VA has determined that Viet Nam era veterans who served on specific Royal Thai Air Force Bases (RTAFBs) were also exposed to herbicides if they performed certain duties. The herbicides were sprayed around the perimeters of the bases to provide greater visibility for security.

The bases where herbicides were sprayed include:

- U-Tapao
- Ubon
- Nakhon Phanom
- Udorn
- Takhli
- Korat, or
- Don Muang

To qualify for benefits the veteran must have patrolled base perimeter as one of the following:

- Security policeman, MP (Air Force)
- Security patrol dog handler (Air Force)
- Member of the security police squadron, (Air Force) or
- Worked near the air base perimeter as shown by evidence of daily work duties, performance evaluation reports or other credible evidence. (Army, Air Force) Army veterans must also provide a statement that they were involved with perimeter security.

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