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Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Appeals Board

Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

I served in the Air Force in 1967, 1968, and 1969, and I was sent TDY to Guam three times. I was assigned to supplies, and my job consisted of supervising the supply yard. Supplies were sent to Guam, and then loaded on planes to send to Vietnam. These supplies included Agent Orange. I frequently used a fork lift, and drove a tractor trailer to transport the drums of Agent Orange.

Agent Orange was shipped to Guam, and the Air Force unloaded the ships, hauled the chemicals to the stock yard, and later loaded the air planes to send Agent Orange to Vietnam. We also used Agent Orange to spray around Andrews Air Force base to contain the weeds. We did not know the health hazards that these chemicals could cause, so we did not take precautions. We were not given protective clothing, and due to the heat, we often took our shirts off. It was not unusual for the fork lifts to puncture drums, causing the chemical to spray out on us.

I suffer from numerous health problems due to my exposure to Agent Orange. I have had throat cancer, skin cancer, chloracne, and lung disease. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Burgett

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