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What happened: Toxic chemicals - over one billion grams of Agent Orange, Agent Purple and Agent White - were sprayed on CFB Gagetown and surrounding communities consisting of 3.3 million litres and kilograms of Picloram, 2,4-D + 2,4,5-T, Dioxin and Hexachlorobenzene.

Were other chemicals sprayed? Yes, at least 23 others.

When? For 28 years from 1956 to 1984.

Who did it? The Canadian Department of National Defence.

How big is the base? The base's territory measures 436 square miles and includes numerous live-fire ranges for infantry, armoured, and artillery units, as well as aerial weapons ranges. From 1956 to 1971, it was the biggest training base in the Commonwealth.

Did anyone else spray CFB Gagetown?

Yes, an open-door policy existed. Canada allowed the US Military to spray Gagetown with a few barrels of Agents Orange, White, and Purple in 1966 and 1967 despite the fact the US military had stopped spraying Agent Purple in Vietnam in 1965 because it was two to three times as toxic as Agent Orange! Payments were recently made to two thousand people for that spraying. We believe the payments were made so the Americans could be blamed for the health problems originating in Gagetown.

Who knew? Virtually no one knew until a May 15th, 2005 newspaper article broke the 50 years of silence.

How many people were exposed? 315,000 Canadian soldiers were stationed at Gagetown during those years along with thousands of wives and children. Civilians working on the base and soldiers training from other countries, the US, Commonwealth countries and Germany were also exposed. Total number at risk is approximately 1,000,000 people.

Illness, disease and deaths: Frequent miscarriages, babies born with spina bifida, the deaths of babies, children, men and women have happened untold times over the years. For those still alive, many have suffered decades of multiple illnesses and disease. Herbicides sprayed on Gagetown have been linked to a host of autoimmune diseases, birth defects, cancers, neurological and mental disorders.

Are Gagetown and Vietnam connected?

When the spray schedules of CFB Gagetown and Vietnam are compared, an unmistakable pattern can be seen. What was first sprayed on CFB Gagetown ends up on Vietnam shortly thereafter. Gagetown wasn't the only place where chemical weapons bound for Vietnam were field-tested, but it was the largest.

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AGENT ORANGE AND CFB GAGETOWN, NEW BRUNSWICK CANADA



Canadian flag with toxic barrels

Websites

www.agentorangecanada.com
www.agentorangealert.com



Q: What happened at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown?

A: A heavily forested part of New Brunswick was expropriated by the armed forces in 1952 so Canada could fulfill its military obligations with the USA and the UK. This meant the forest had to go. An intensive chemical attack commenced in 1956 with 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T (Agent Orange). By 1964 thousands of trees were dead from being drenched with hundreds of thousands of gallons of toxic herbicides. Next, the military had to prevent regrowth so they started spraying Tordon 101 (Agent White) to sterilize the ground. The semi-annual spraying alternated with an annual burn. This gigantic kill-zone called Canadian Forces Base Gagetown is visible from space today as a scar surrounded by green forest. (See photo, right)

Canadian Forces Base Gagetown: Q and A

Q: How has Gagetown's spray program affected people's health?

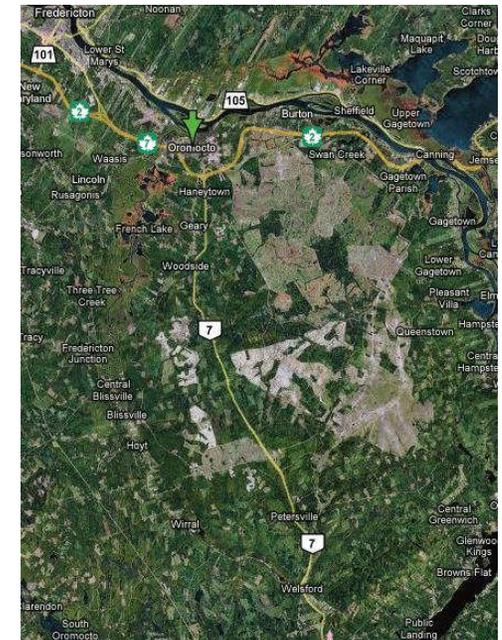
A: Eyewitness accounts vividly testify that insects, birds and baby animals died in the forest after being sprayed. According to hunters, the adult animals left were frequently diseased. According to fishermen, many fish died too. Agent Orange contains dioxin, one of the most toxic substances ever produced, an irremovable chemical that accumulates in the bodies of animals and humans. Agent White contains hexachlorobenzene, which is also bioaccumulative. The effect on humans has been catastrophic. New Brunswick has the highest cancer rate in Canada and the sex ratio (number of males vs. females born) is reversed. WHO figures say a piece of dioxin the size of a small grain of rice is equivalent to the "allowable" yearly dose for 1,000,000 people.

Q: How many generations have suffered the consequences?

A: The damage will continue for untold generations, according to "Genetic Damage in New Zealand Vietnam War Veterans - Participants' Report"

http://imbs.massey.ac.nz/genetic_damage_humans.htm

40 X 60 mile 2007 satellite photo showing the ravages of reckless herbicide abuse.



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