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Claims Surface That Agent Orange Was Buried On Camp Page, Korea

by: GI Korea

Here we go again with yet another Agent Orange claim:

The Ministry National Defense said yesterday it will soon investigate another allegation that the U.S. military buried the highly toxic defoliant Agent Orange at one of its former bases in South Korea, amid growing concerns over possible environmental contamination.

Since mid-May, Korea and the U.S. have undertaken a joint probe into a U.S. military base in Chilgok, southeast of Seoul, where some retired American soldiers claimed that they helped bury drums of leftover Agent Orange there in 1978.

The claims of Agent Orange being buried at Camp Carroll have sparked a series of allegations by former U.S. soldiers and local residents that the U.S. military dumped other chemicals at its former or current military bases in South Korea.

Last week, some retired American soldiers raised a second allegation that Agent Orange was buried at a former U.S. base, Camp Page, in Chuncheon. Camp Page was turned over to South Korea in 2005.

"We will open a further investigation on suspicion that the defoliant was buried at Camp Page in Chuncheon," Vice Defense Minister Lee Yong-gul told reporters.

"After reviewing other allegations that Agent Orange was buried at other former U.S. military bases, we will consider expanding our investigation if necessary."

Ministry officials said the investigation at Camp Page would start as early as next week.

This claim actually has a little more creditability than Camp Carroll claim which has since been debunked. This is because Camp Page is closer to the DMZ where Agent Orange was sprayed. However, Camp Page is a helicopter base and from what I have read about Agent Orange it was sprayed by fixed wing aircraft. Possibly back in the 1960's Camp Page was used to support small fixed wing aircraft for these spraying operations. It has a large enough airstrip to support such an operation. Possibly ROK Drop readers who were stationed at Camp Page back during this time frame can provide further information about this latest claim like the ROK Drop community was able to do for the Camp Carroll case.

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