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I arrived PCS at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base in May 1969, Assigned to the 8th Tac Fighter wing/ and assisting the 16th SOS. Upon my arrival I was assigned to a Detail, which involved Defoliating the perimeter of the base. The Defoliant was contained in 55 gallon drums with an orange stripe on it. There was a tremendous amount of foliage within the wire and it needed to be kept clear for security. I was told we had high value targets on Base, both AC-130 Spectre Gunships and F-4 fighters. This detail was given to all new arrivals E-4 and below. I worked on this detail for about a week to 10 days outside the wire During my year at the base, spraying continued and nearly always permeated the air.

We were attacked by Viet Cong Sappers July '69 & Jan.'70 and given combat status for those two months. Fortunately their missions failed and we lost no Planes. The Base Commander had set up a rouse by placing two C-47 "Gooney Birds" in plain sight that were illuminated at night and that attracted the VC who were obliterated by Security Police Machine fire and failed.

I was processed into the Agent Orange registry at the Northport VA and was examined by the female Doctor in the Yellow clinic for same

I developed type two Diabetes at about age 45. I was 190 lbs. at that time. I now have become Insulin dependent and have gained a tremendous amount of weight. I have had several Surgeries for Lypoma removals which one Surgeon attributed to Dioxin exposure My hearing has deteriorated as well, as a result of Military Flight line and proximity of my Barracks to the F-4 engine test pad (opposite the Gym) Engine run ups and Afterburner tests were SOP day and night. My DROS was May1970

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