

Milk in SVN

Info from the US.....

If you drank milk in Vietnam between 1965 and 1972 you ingested Agent Orange and a variety of other herbicide residues.

As you may know, the Foremost Milk Company (now out of business in the US) based in Los Angeles held the DOD contract for the US military's milk supply in So'east Asia. Before and after shipping packaged 'finished milk' in its distinctive orange/white containers, Foremost shipped a milk concentrate to ' Nam which was to be mixed with water. Unfortunately the water used was taken from the Saigon River which, DOD belatedly learned, was infested with herbicide drainage. Foremost USA went defunct several years ago but Foremost Vietnam is still in operation.

Milk became an essential export by the USG to Vietnam after 1967 after doctors in the States discovered they were treating large numbers of Vietnam vets suffering from gastroenteritis and other colon inflammatory illnesses due to lack of the enzyme used by the intestines to digest milk. If a person continues to drink milk their body will continue to produce the enzyme (kind of like a wet nurse who continues to manufacture breast milk for decades after giving birth as long as her milk continues to be suckled.)

However, if a person stops drinking milk their body stops producing the enzyme. Because milk was not as available in 'Nam during America's early deployment thousands of Americans assigned to Vietnam gradually stopped producing the enzyme... But when they returned back to The World the first thing they consumed in large quantities was milk... Which made them sick because they could no longer adequately digest it.

As a result, Foremost was contracted to ensure there was always a large supply of milk for GI's to consume. Unfortunately, the high demand resulted in its Vietnam production being mixed with tainted water. Hence, many American's who served in Vietnam but had no direct contact with herbicide distribution or deployment contracted the chemicals through the milk they drank.