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UC-123 aircraft on Operation Ranch Hand spray mission (USAF photo)

"The term *Operation Ranch Hand* was the military code name for the spraying of herbicides from U.S. Air Force aircraft in Southeast Asia from 1962 through 1971."

"Between 1962 and 1971, Ranch Hand sprayed about 19 million gallons of herbicide, 11 million of which consisted of Agent Orange. The spray fell mostly on the forest of South Vietnam, but some was used in Laos, and some killed crops to derive Vietcong and North Vietnamese troops of food. The military purpose for using herbicides on noncropland was to remove the vegetation cover used by Vietcong and North Vietnamese forces for concealment."

"Operation Ranch Hand: Herbicides in SEA"

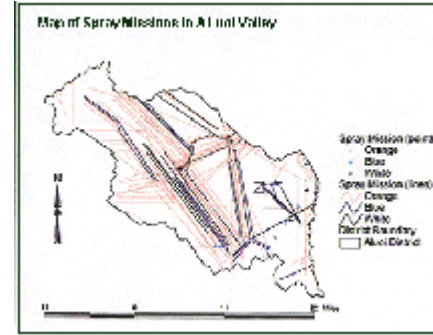
William A. Buckingham, Jr.

Air University Review, July-August 1983

Ranch Hand and Agent Orange Resources

[*The Air Force and Herbicides in Southeast Asia 1961-1971*](#) (e-book)

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[Map of Spray Missions in the A Shau Valley *](#)

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