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Any question call me at my [REDACTED] and remember I'm Eastern Daylight Time.

Anchors Away

EMAIL ONTHEGO365@COX.NET

Monday February 27, 2017

1 of 2 pages

To:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Evidence Intake Center
P.O. Box 4444
Janesville, WI, 53547-4444

From:

Name
VA File #
SS#
Service #

Dear Sir or Madam,

I was a Seaman 1ST Class in 1968 serving aboard the USS Vance DER-387. Vance departed Subic Bay Republic of Philippines on May 6, 1968 and steamed toward Vietnam anchoring in Qui-Nhon Harbor on May 8, 1968. Captain M.E. Seiler asked for Volunteers to go ashore to help "Save the Children War Orphanage" painting and doing yard work. **I was one of those in the work party ferried ashore.**

Subject:

Additional Information as requested in February 21, 2017 Letter (attach page 1)

List of information included:

1 VA Hospital Agent Orange Examination - Louis Stokes - November 3, 2016 letter - prostate cancer

2 History of Assignments - YOUR NAME - SERVICE #

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JSS Vance DER 387 - Deck Log - dated - Wednesday May 8, 1968 – From National Archives Maryland (request attached)

Buddy Letter – William Haas – Dated May 8. 1968 -I have his permission *

Vance History 1968 – Dated 14 February 1969 – From Naval Heritage & Historical Command Washington DC ** (request attached)

Ships List identifying - Crew members painted a Vietnamese Orphanage or monument ashore in Vietnam.

USS Esteem MSO-438 - December 1967

USS Finch DER 328 – December 1967

USS Myles C. Fox DD 839 – February 20, 1967

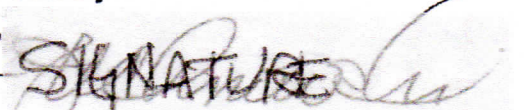
Last Known Address of:

William "Bill" Haas
201 E. Bluejay Bluff Lane
Green Valley, AZ 85614
-520-624-8154

*** See Vance History 1968. Captain M.E. Seiler describes this in Vance History 1968 which he sent to Director of Naval History (OP-09B9) dated 14 February 1969.**

**** Information / Paragraph identified with yellow dot.**

**Appreciate your attention to this matter and service to your country
Veteran United States Navy**

YOUR NAME  **SIGNATURE**

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The below website can be useful in locating information relative to your specific years of service.
There may be cost involved in securing copies*

My Health VA

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/web/myhealthvet/home>

Agent Orange Ship List

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp>

Log Books *

Informational – Vance website has only the 1968 full year.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/logbooks>

Naval History & Heritage Command *

Informational

<https://www.history.navy.mil>

My Health VA

Once your signed up with the VA and you enter information to log into the below website you can see personal information.

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/web/myhealthvet/home>

Number: [REDACTED]

YOUR FILE #
YOUR NAME

What Do We Still Need From You?

We need additional evidence from you. *Please put your VA file number on the first page of document you send us.*

In order for VA to acknowledge that you were exposed to Agent Orange, please send evidence that: (1) you physically served within or visited the country of Vietnam, or its inland waterways, between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. If you were stationed aboard ship, we need the ship's name and evidence that it entered Vietnam's inland waterways or that you went ashore; (2) you served in a unit stationed along the Korean demilitarized zone between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971; or (3) you were exposed to Agent Orange in some other manner, with an explanation of when, where, and how you were exposed. You may include statements of persons who know of your exposure. Any person making a statement should provide as much description of the exposure as possible, and include his or her name, service number (or social security number), unit assignment, and dates of service.

How Should You Submit What We Need?

Please note that the quickest, easiest, and most secure way to submit any documents to us is via the Benefits website. Just visit www.eBenefits.va.gov to register. Please also refer to the 'What Benefits?' section of this letter for more information.

You can also send what we need to the appropriate address listed on the attached *Where to Send Written Correspondence* chart.

How Soon Should You Send What We Need?

We strongly encourage you to send any information or evidence as soon as you can. **If we do not hear from you, we may make a decision on your claim after 30 days.**

Do You Have Questions or Need Assistance?

If you have any questions or need assistance with this claim, you may contact us by telephone, e-

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File Number:



YOUR FILE #
YOUR NAME

If you	Here is what to do.
Telephone	Call us at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal number is 711.
Use the Internet	Send electronic inquiries through the Internet at https://iris.va.gov .
Write	VA now uses a centralized mail system. For all written communications, put your full name and VA file number on the left. Please mail or fax all written correspondence to the appropriate address listed on the attached <i>Where to Send Your Written Correspondence</i> chart, below.

In all cases, be sure to refer to your VA file number



YOUR FILE #

If you are looking for general information about benefits and eligibility, you should visit our web site at <https://www.va.gov>, or search the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at <https://iris.va.gov>.

What Is eBenefits?

eBenefits provides electronic self-service resources to Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families. Use of these resources often helps us serve you faster! Through the eBenefits webs you can:

- Submit claims for benefits and/or upload documents directly to VA
- Request to add or change your dependents
- Update your contact and direct deposit information and view payment history
- Request a Veterans Service Officer to represent you
- Track the status of your claim or appeal
- Obtain verification of military service, civil service preference, or VA benefits
- And much more!

Enrolling in eBenefits is easy. Just visit www.eBenefits.va.gov for more information. If you submit a claim in the future, consider filing through eBenefits. Filing electronically, especially if you participate in our fully developed claim program, may result in a faster decision than if you submit your claim through the mail.

Where to Send Your Written Correspondence

In order to properly determine where to send your written correspondence, please first identify your benefit type (Compensation, Veterans Pension, or Survivor Benefits); then, locate the corresponding address based on your location of residence.

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For correspondence relating to all **Compensation** claims:

Location of Residence	Address
<p>All United States and Foreign Locations</p> <p>*Note: For foreign Veterans Pension and Survivor Benefits please refer to the below addresses.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Department Of Veterans Affairs Evidence Intake Center P.O. Box 4444 Janesville, WI, 53547-4444</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or fax your information to: Toll Free: 844-531-7818 Local: 248-524-4260</p>

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YOUR VA LETTERHEAD

Louis Stokes
Cleveland Department of
Veterans Affairs Medical Center
8787 Brook Park Rd
Parma, OH 44129

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2016

TO: Veterans Benefits Administration

FROM: [REDACTED] YOUR NAME

Re: Veteran Requests for Assistance with DBQ Completion

Please accept this letter as verification that Mr. Edward Joseph Juchnowski was seen here at the Parma VA Compensation and Pension for assistance in completion of Disability Benefits Questionnaire (DBQ) at his request, in support of a claim for VA disability benefits. The DBQ was completed in the CAPRI electronic format and can be found in the Veteran's VHA medical treatment record; it is viewable under the Clinical Documents tab in CAPRI or under NOTES in CPRS.

The DBQ(S) completed include- C&P Referral Clinic (GU) Prostate Cancer.

Thank you,

Department of Veterans Affairs

Parma CBOC

Compensation and Pension Department

216-739-7000 Ext. 2503 or 2509

Veteran to complete the following information upon submitting document to VBA:

Claim or SS#: [REDACTED] YOUR SS #

Address: [REDACTED] YOUR ADDRESS

Telephone: [REDACTED] YOUR TEL #

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EXAMPLE

NS:

- ENLISTED
- REENLISTED
- EXTENDED ENLISTMENT
- RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY
- RECEIVED FOR DUTY
- RECEIVED FOR TAD
- RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY
- RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION
- RECEIVED FOR DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION

- RECTADUINS - RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION
- RECTREAT - RECEIVED FOR TREATMENT
- RECCFO - RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH FITTING OUT

- LOSSES:
- RELACDU - RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY
- DISCH - DISCHARGED
- TRAN - TRANSFERRED

1. TYPE AND DATE OF GAIN ENTRY	2. ACTIVITY	3. DUTIES	4. TYPE AND DATE OF LOSS ENTRY	5. INITIALS
REC DUT 4 FEB 66	NAV CRUIT STA	RECRUIT	FEB 03 1966 TRAN	J.R.H.
REC DUT MAY 66	NTC GREAT LAKES, ILL. RTC, USNTC, GLAKES, ILL SPECIAL TOUR OF SHORE DUTY OF RATE(12GICK)SN AS COMPANY COMMANDER AIDE TOUR COMMENCED MAY 66 AND EXPIRES MAY 67	RECRUIT TRAINING	18 APR 1966 TRAN	J.R.H.
REC DUT JAN 67	Changed Status from ONRD RTC, NPC, GLAKES, ILL TEMDU as Company Commander Aide to TEMDU NavAdcom, NPC, GLAKES, ILL. for completion of tour. Tour completion date estab- lished as MAY 67		29 MAY 67 TRAN	J.R.H.
REC DUT 6 JUL 67	USS VANCE DER 387	SDCD JUL 67 OF RATE SN, SM 3 (ZDER25)	29 AUG 69 TRANS	J.R.H.
REC DUT SEP 69	USS TAKELMA (ATF 113)	OF RATE SM3	24 OCT 69 TRAN	J.R.H.
REC DUT 1 OCT 69	US NAVSTA TI SFRAN	SEPROS SM3	RELACDU 30 OCT 69	J.R.H.

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) YOUR NAME SERVICE NO. YOUR SERVICE #

#3

10400-104-1000

USS VANCE (DER-387) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM SUBIC BAY, R.P. TO MARKET TIME AREA THREE

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>14° 04' N</u>	BY 2-4	
M <u>110° 25' E</u>	BY 2-4	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>13° 46.5' N</u>	BY 2-3	
M <u>109° 15.5' E</u>	BY 2-3	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>14° 07.3' N</u>	BY 2-4	
M <u>109° 25.3' E</u>	BY 2-4	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY FROM SUBIC BAY, R.P. ENROUTE TO MARKET TIME AREA THREE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONVENTIONAL QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE, FOURTH QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 1968, ON COURSE 265°T, SPEED 12 KTS. NUMBERS TWO AND THREE MAIN ENGINES ARE ON THE LINE. THE ELECTRICAL LOAD IS SPLIT BETWEEN NUMBERS ONE AND THREE. SHIP'S SERVICE GENERATORS CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE ARE SET. SOPA AND OTC IS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THIS SHIP. THE SHIP IS SHOWING BRIGHT NAVIGATION LIGHTS. 0159 C/S 8 KTS. 0236 C/C 273°T. 0243 C/C 271°T. 0248 COMMENCED BATHYTHERMOGRAPH DROP. 0256 COMPLETED DROP. 0303 C/S 12 KTS.

G. D. Love
G. D. LOVE
LTJG, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0440 PUT NUMBERS ONE AND FOUR MAIN ENGINES ON THE LINE. 0450 C/S 17 KTS. 0513 C/C 266°T. 0535 OBTAINED RADAR LANDFALL ON SOUTH VIETNAM BEARING 258°T, RANGE 4 1/2 MILES. 0636 C/S 17.5 KTS. 0710 C/C 250°T. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS, ABSENTEES: NONE.

T. L. Erickson
T. L. ERICKSON
LTJG, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0804 C/C 245°T. 0820 C/S 8 KTS. 0825 C/C 270°T. 0826 MANEUVERING TO TAKE PCF ALONGSIDE. 0830 LYING TO. PCF-87 ALONGSIDE STARBOARD QUARTER. 0832 PCF AWAY. 0838 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ARE ON THE BRIDGE. OOD IS CONNING. 0919 ANCHORED IN ANCHORAGE C-3, QUINHON HARBOR, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, IN 6 FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD AND SAND BOTTOM, WITH 30 FATHOMS

EXAMINED
Det. Commisshield Det. U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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BILL HAAS LETTER
DATED MAY 8, 1968
IT IS ON VANCE
WEBSITE

[Faint, illegible handwritten text]

COMING APRIL
1968

[Faint, illegible handwritten text]

BILL HASS
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ON VANCE WEBSITE
MAY 8, 1968

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by the process of reviewing
General letter Campbell. Each
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From: Commanding Officer, USS VALICE (DER 367)
 To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9)
 Subj: Command History (OPNAV Report 5750-1)
 Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12A of 31 October 1968
 Encl: (1) VALICE History 1968

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.


 M. E. SEILER

Copy to:
 CINCPACFLT
 CHINFO
 COMCRUDESPAC
 COMSEVENTHFLT
 CTF 70.2.1.1
 COMNAVFORJAPAN
 COMNAVPHIL
 COMUSDTG
 COMNAVBASE SUBIC
 COMNAVSUPACT DANANG
 COMNAVFORVIETNAM
 COMDESFLT FIVE
 COMCORTRON FIVE
 COMCORTRON SEVEN
 CTF 72

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1 - 17 JAN	Holiday leave & upkeep. Change of Command. 11 Jan LCDR M. E. SEILER relieved LCDR R. S. SWAN
18 JAN - 2 FEB	Enroute to West Pac
30 JAN	Brief fuel stop Guam
3 FEB - 4 MAR	Taiwan Patrol duties
4 MAR - 10 MAR	Tender availability, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
11 MAR - 12 MAR	Enroute to Market Time
13 MAR - 10 APR	Market Time operations
11 - 12 APR	Enroute to Hong Kong
13 - 18 APR	Hong Kong R&R visit
19 - 20 APR	Enroute Subic Bay
21 APR - 5 MAY	Upkeep Subic Bay
6 - 7 MAY	Enroute Market Time
8 MAY - 10 JUN	Market Time operations
11 - 12 JUN	Enroute Kaohsiung, Taiwan
13 - 25 JUN	Taiwan Patrol duties
26 - 27 JUN	Inport Kaohsiung
28 JUN - 5 JUL	Taiwan Patrol duties
6 - 8 JUL	Enroute Market Time
9 JUL - 10 AUG	Market Time operations
10 - 11 AUG	Enroute Subic Bay
12 - 14 AUG	Inport Subic Bay
15 - 17 AUG	Enroute Guam via San Bernardino Straits
17 AUG	Brief fuel stop Guam
17 - 29 AUG	Enroute Pearl Harbor
29 AUG - 12 SEP	Pearl Harbor, leave and upkeep

13 - 27 SEP

TAV, USS BRYCE CANYON

27 SEP - 4 OCT

RAV B-20 Pearl Harbor

4 OCT - 25 OCT

Drydock, Marine Railway Number 2, Pearl I

25 OCT - 23 NOV

RAV B-22 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

14 NOV

Dock Trials

19 NOV

Sea Trials

21 NOV

Prepare for overseas movement inspection

22 NOV

Training Readiness Evaluation

24 NOV - 1 DEC

ISE

2 DEC - 19 DEC

REFTRA

19 DEC - 26 DEC

Christmas leave period

27 DEC - 31 DEC

Enroute West Pac

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The first week of January was a busy one for all hands aboard VANCE as decks were waxed and brass polished to have her "Ship-Shape" for the big change of command inspection and ceremonies on 11 January. On the big day all hands turned out in full dress uniforms to see LCDR M. E. SEILER take command from outgoing skipper, LCDR R. S. SWAN.

We deployed for West Pac on 18 January. New hands aboard were quickly initiated to the comforts of the Destroyer Navy when we hit high winds and heavy seas enroute to Guam for our first fueling stop; and even the "Old Salts" got a fresh taste of salt water as we set the sea and anchor detail pulling into Apra Harbor--twenty foot swells were breaking over the fore-castle! A few short hours of hard work in Guam bringing aboard stores and fuel, and VANCE was underway once more. On 2 February we arrived in Kaohsiung for the first liberty in 19 days and 4,652 miles. A good time was had by all.

During February VANCE was assigned duties with the Taiwan Defense Command. It was our job to patrol the notoriously rough Taiwan Straits between the Republic of China and the Chinese Communist held mainland. On 13 February VANCE took time off to make a good will visit to Hualien, R.O.C., a city of some 80,000 people seldom visited by U.S. ships. Our visit coincided with celebrations of the Chinese New Year and the ship was met by many dignitaries in the vicinity and an authentic

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a Western wonder--the motion picture. For each of the three nights we were in Hualein our "I.C. Men" showed American movies against the side of the ship and hundreds of children turned out for the free show. Each day it was "Open House" aboard VANCE and more than 1500 visitors were given a tour of our ship. While we were in Hualien, a local tax office team challenged the VANCE basketball team to a game, and, embarrassing as it is to report they murdered us! On 15 February we left our new found friends in Hualien and resumed Taiwan Patrol until 4 March when we were relieved by USS LOWE (DER 325).

From 4 to 10 March we were alongside the repair ship USS HECTOR for an upkeep period in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and then again we were underway. We arrived in Da Nang, Viet Nam on 13 March to assume Market Time Patrol duties as Commander Task Unit 115.1.1 in Area One. It was our duty to serve with the Navy's counter-infiltration force in Viet Nam, and to assist the Vietnamese Navy in patrolling the 1000 mile coastline between the 17th parallel and Phu Quoc near the Cambodian border, in doing this we searched over 1000 junks. On 26 March VANCE participated in a successful search and rescue mission along with a number of PCF's, two helicopter pilots were rescued. On 11 April VANCE was relieved by USS FORSTER (DER 334), and VANCE sailors (combat pay in hand) set out for

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sights from Victoria Peak. The entire cruise can't be spent
R & R however, so on April we shoved off for Subic Bay and an
upkeep period to get ready for more Viet Nam duty.

During our upkeep period in Subic Bay, we were chosen by
Commander Escort Squadron Seven to host a change of command.
Commander MURPHY relieved Commander MILLIGAN aboard VANCE in
spite of an ill timed Philippine monsoon. Toward the end of
our upkeep period, the VANCE welfare and recreation fund
treated the crew to a ship's party on Grande Island. It was
a day in the sun for us all, and we enjoyed sports from base-
ball to beer chugging until evening. On 6 May we were off to
Viet Nam again.

We entered Qui Nhon Harbor to relieve the USS CAMPBELL as
CTU 115.2.1 for more market time Ops on 8 May. While in Qui
Nhon, we discovered that the "Save the Children War Orphan's
Hospital" was in sore need of some yard work and painting.
It was arranged for a working party of VANCE sailors to be
ferried into Qui Nhon each day to remedy the situation. We
may be amateurs at Yard Work, but when it comes to painting-
-tin can sailors know their stuff! On 10 June we welcomed

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USS FORSTER (DER 334) on Taiwan Patrol, and on the seven-teenth we stopped in Keelung, Taiwan for supplies. While in Keelung the crew was privileged to entertain thirty children between the ages of seven and thirteen from the Ri-Ning orphanage. The kids were treated to a tour of the ship, and later on, to ice cream and cookies on the VANCE mess decks. Some of them took home priceless treasures in the form of polaroid snapshots taken by VANCE sailors. VANCE also took home a prize of her own. We received seven kudos for our Elint collection and reporting during this patrol.

During our patrol from 24 - 30 June VANCE participated in ASW exercises with USS ROCK AGSS274. These included single ship attacks in the Taiwan Straits as well as coordinated training sessions at the ASW Attack Trainer in Tsoying, Taiwan. On 1 July the VANCE radio gang received word of a typhoon approaching. For four days we ran from the storm. Finally it abated and VANCE returned to Kaohsiung to be relieved by USS WILHOITE (DER 397). The crew had its sights set on a scheduled stop in Japan, but that was not to be as our help was needed in Vietnamese waters again. The ship left Kaohsiung for Market Time Area One on the sixth of July, not to visit a port again for forty days and nights.

On 9 July VANCE relieved the Coast Guard Cutter CAMPBELL on Market Time Ops. Three days later we bid good bye to our shipmate and Executive Officer, LCDR G. W. CROWNINSHIELD, and welcomed aboard a new XO, LT W. J. FULTON. Twice during this patrol we

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welcomed the Coast Guard Cutter OWASCO as our relief and VANCE set out for home.

On 15 August VANCE made a stop in Subic Bay to give the crew to spend the money they saved on Market Time Patrol. After buying presents and souvenirs for friends and family at home the VANCE crew sailed the ship through the San Bernardino Stra. toward Pearl Harbor. The fifteen days enroute to Pearl gave VANCE an opportunity for training again, and we took advantage of it with exercises with our sister ship, FORSTER. Then on 23 August we received word of an aircraft in trouble in our area. For four tense hours we reversed course and steamed for her position but thankfully the crippled plane made Wake Island under her own power and we were able to turn for Pearl once more.

At 0930 on 29 August VANCE was home. Moored starboard side to Pier Bravo 28, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. For two weeks the crew enjoyed early liberty and we began taking our leave in rotation. Ours was a short rest, however, for on 13 September it was time to start getting the ship ready for another Westpac deployment.

First item on the road to overhaul was a two week Tender Availability with USS BRYCE CANYON (AD 36) moored at Ford Island. On 30 September the ship commenced a restricted availability a

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seven every morning. All was not work, though, as we hosted the Canadian Destroyer MACKENZIE. Her time in Pearl Harbor October 11 - 17 was spiced by a week of enlisted and officer get togethers and highlighted by a softball game and picnic held on 16 October. During this period we also hosted the British Destroyer Escort CAPRICE.

On the afternoon of 25 October VANCE slid off the keel blocks and into the sea. Moored finally at Berth B-22 we spent three weeks painting, overhauling and preparing for dock trials.

On 14 November VANCE's engines, overhauls complete, sprung to life for the first time since 13 September. The dock trials were successful. On 19 November VANCE conducted successful sea trials which were followed by a brief week of ISE before commencing Refresher Training. In between VANCE received her POM and TRE inspections on 21 and 22 November respectively. On 2 December VANCE commenced three weeks of rigorous Refresher Training. On 19 December we passed our final Battle Problem and were pronounced fully ready to deploy. After a ship's party on 20 December and a few days of well earned Christmas rest and celebration, VANCE sailors again said goodbye to their families and friends to return to Westpac and their job of patrolling the seas in defense of the Free World.

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Navy and Coast Guard Ships Associated with Service in Vietnam and Exposure to Herbicide Agents

Alphabetized Ships List as of 1 JAN 2012

To search for your ship, look under the first letter of the formal ship name. For example, if your ship is Dennis J. Buckley, look under the letter "D" for Dennis. Ships will be regularly added to the list based on information confirmed in official records of ship operations. A Veteran must file an Agent-Orange related claim **before** VA will conduct research on a specific ship not on this list. This requirement also applies to parents and children with birth defects. VA does not have the capacity to research ships when no compensation claim has been filed.

If you think your ship should be on the list and **you are not filing a claim**, you may conduct your own research and submit documentary evidence to VA. Documentary evidence includes deck logs, ship histories, and newspaper clippings. You may obtain ship deck logs from the National Archives at College Park, Maryland. Refer to <http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/college-park/researcher-info.html>. This evidence must show the ship in inland waterways of Vietnam, docking in Vietnam, or otherwise sending crew members ashore. A ship simply anchored in an open water harbor, such as Da Nang Harbor, is not sufficient evidence for the presumptive Agent Orange exposure. You must scan your documentary evidence and email it to the Veterans Benefits Administration Compensation Service at 211_AOSHIPS.VBACO@va.gov. Emails sent to this email address are **not** confidential and personal data should not be included.

Ships will be regularly added to the below list based on information confirmed in official records of ship operations. Refer to <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp> for the most current list. Currently there are 214 ships on this list. If you have questions about your eligibility for compensation or benefits, refer to <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits.asp> or contact your nearest VA benefits office which can be located at <http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/division.asp?dnum=3>.

Ship Name	Activities in Vietnam
Ajax (AR-6)	Anchored in Vung Tau area for repair duties with evidence of shore repairs during June 1968, September to October 1969, April to May 1970, August to November 1971
Alamo (LSD-33)	Conducted numerous troop, supply, and equipment landings with shore parties at Da Nang and elsewhere between 1965 and 1972 with evidence that crewmembers went ashore for beach parties
Aludra (AF-55)	Conducted in-port replenishments at Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau and Da Nang during March 1969 and docked to pier at Da Nang April 17-18, 1969

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SHIP NAME	ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM
(Amphibious Cargo Ship)	and September 7, 1970
Dyess (DD-880)	Operated on Saigon River and Rung Sat Special Zone from June 19-July 1, 1966
Eldorado (AGC-11) (Amphibious Force Flagship)	Sent crewmembers ashore for beach party at Cam Ranh Bay during July 1970
Elkhorn (AOG-7)	Operated primarily or exclusively on Vietnam's inland waterways
Epperson (DD-719)	Docked to Da Nang Pier on October 4, 1970
Epping Forest (MCS-7)	Conducted "goodwill" tours at Cam Ranh Bay and Nha Trang with crewmembers going ashore and Vietnamese coming aboard during September-October 1964, and mine sweep of Cua Viet River using smaller vessels from main ship during May 1968
Esteem (MSO-438)	Crewmembers painted a Vietnamese orphanage while docked at inland waterway Qui Nhon Bay/Harbor during December 1967
Estes (AGC-12)	Anchored in mouth of Mekong River during January 1967 Conducted troop and supply beach landings during March and July-August 1965, at Chu Lai, Da Nang, and Qui Nhon and conducted small boat landings and a beach picnic at Vung Tau during April 1968
Eversole (DD-789)	Sent motorized whaleboat ashore to Chu Lai from offshore anchorage to transfer two crewmembers on July 25, 1972
Finch (DER-328)	Crewmembers painted a Vietnamese orphanage while docked at inland waterway Qui Nhon Bay/Harbor during December 1967
Fiske (DD-842)	Operated on Mekong River, June 16-21, 1966
Floyd B. Parks (DD-884)	Operated on Saigon River and Ganh Rai Bay during February and March 1968

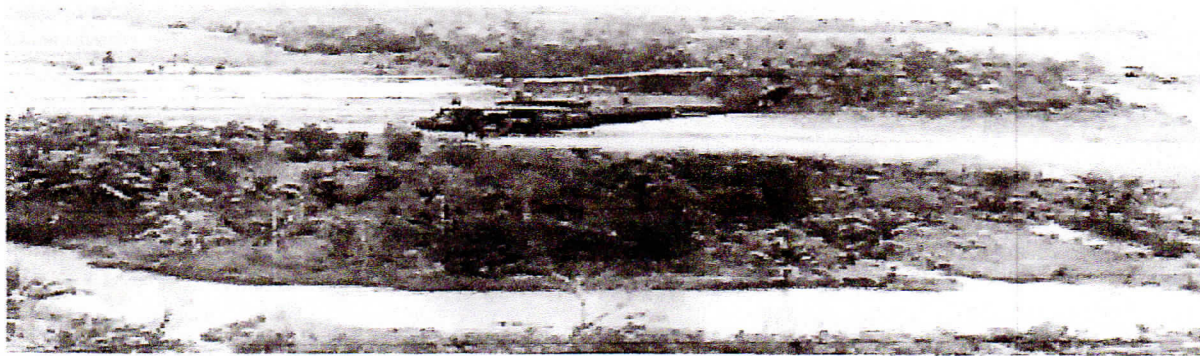


Marathon (PG-89)	Operated primarily or exclusively on Vietnam's inland waterways
Mark (AKL-12)	Operated primarily or exclusively on Vietnam's inland waterways
Mars (AFS-1)(Combat Stores Ship)	Operated on Mekong River July 8, 1966 Conducted numerous on shore supply replenishments at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, and An Thoi from May 1965 to November 1972 with evidence of crewmembers going ashore
Mathews (AKA-96)	On loaded supplies at Da Nang and delivered them up to the Cua Viet River to Dong Ha with "mike boats" from August through December 1967
Maury (AGS-16)	Conducted surveys of Mekong River Delta and other coastal area and rivers from November 1965-1969
McKean (DD-784)	Operated on Mekong and Saigon River Deltas during March 14-15, 1967
Mercer (APB-39)	Operated primarily or exclusively on Vietnam's inland waterways
Merrick (AKA-97) (Attack Cargo Ship)	Participated in Operation Jackstay amphibious landings while on inland Saigon River Delta during March 1966 Conducted troop and cargo beach landing with small boats at Hue, Chu Lai, Saigon River Delta, and Da Nang from July 1965 through November 1968
Montrose (APA-212)	Operated on Song Hue River December 1965, operated on Long Tau River during March 1967, and operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha during May 1967
Morton (DD-948)	Operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Saigon River during April 1966 and February 1969
Mullinnix (DD-944)	Operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Saigon River from August 5-6, 1966
Myles C. Fox (DD-829)	Anchored off Qui Nhon and Nha Trang with crew members going ashore from February 5-20, 1967



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AGENT ORANGE QUESTIONNAIRE.2 UPDATE



Last name: _____ First name: _____ Initial: _____
Current marital status: Single ___ Married ___ Separate ___ Divorced ___
Name the branch of service you served in: _____

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS (ROS):

This is a review of Systems and pertains to how you are feeling NOW. If you have these problems check or otherwise leave blank.

<p>HEENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches <input type="checkbox"/> Swollen Glands <input type="checkbox"/> Blurred Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent Sore Throats <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal Congestion <input type="checkbox"/> Hoarseness of the voice <input type="checkbox"/> Goiter (a neck mass) <input type="checkbox"/> Itchy Watery Eyes (Allergies) <input type="checkbox"/> Rhinorrhea (a runny nose) <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Tinnitus (ringing in the ears) <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in vision <input type="checkbox"/> Epistaxis (nosebleeds) <p>CARDIAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chest Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Palpitations <input type="checkbox"/> PND (This is a sudden, severe shortness of breath at night that awakens a person from sleep). <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopnea (shortness of breath when LAYING FLAT) <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath at REST <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath on exertion <input type="checkbox"/> Angina (chest pain) <p>LUNGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath at REST <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath on EXERTION 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wheezing <input type="checkbox"/> Hemoptysis (coughing up blood) <input type="checkbox"/> Problem with Sputum Production (phlegm in throat) <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <p>GASTROINTESTINAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with a Poor Appetite <input type="checkbox"/> Heartburn or Reflux <input type="checkbox"/> Hemorrhoids <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Dyspepsia (Indigestion) <input type="checkbox"/> Dysphagia (actual problems with swallowing food) <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Constipation <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in bowel habits/patterns <p>GENITOURINARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with Urinary Retention (not being able to empty your bladder) <input type="checkbox"/> Dysuria (pain with urinating) <input type="checkbox"/> Hematuria (blood with urinating) <input type="checkbox"/> Polyuria (excessive urination) <input type="checkbox"/> Nocturia (urinating at night) <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in libido (desire for sex/sexual intercourse) <input type="checkbox"/> Erectile dysfunction <input type="checkbox"/> Back pain 	<p>VASCULAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulties with Claudication (cramps in the legs when walking or ambulating) <input type="checkbox"/> Leg Ulcers <input type="checkbox"/> Varicose veins <input type="checkbox"/> Edema (swelling of the legs) <p>NEUROLOGICAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulties with seizures or Loss of Consciousness (blacking out) <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia or memory problems <input type="checkbox"/> Tremors <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with Motor or Sensory to include paresthesias (Paresthesias are tingling, crawling, and or burning sensations) <input type="checkbox"/> Weakness <input type="checkbox"/> Vertigo (This is the sudden sensation that you are unsteady or that your surroundings are moving) <input type="checkbox"/> Lightheadedness (A feeling like you are going to faint) <p>ENDOCRINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulties with heat intolerance <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulties with cold intolerance <input type="checkbox"/> Excess Sweating <input type="checkbox"/> Wt. Gain or Loss (unintentional)
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<p>SKIN:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficulties with rash(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Xerosis (dry skin)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pruritus (itching skin)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Color Change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Hair/Nails</p>	<p>GENERAL:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sleep difficulties or disturbances</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fevers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chills</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Changes in sleep pattern</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Night sweats</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Body aches</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weight Changes (sudden loss or gain)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anorexia</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Snoring</p>
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YOUR MILITARY HISTORY:

Your current age: _____ Place of birth: _____

Work experience: _____

Present Employment: _____

Branch of service: _____ from: MM/YYYY /19 to: MM/YYYY /19

Overseas Duty date(s) in Vietnam from: MM/YYYY / 19 to: MM/YYYY / 19

Age on entrance: _____

Wounded: YES NO

Hospitalized for illness or injuries while on combat duty: YES NO

Hospital admissions for injuries/illness when in the service: YES NO

- Captured: _____
- Time in Captivity: _____
- Departure Date: _____

ANY KNOW CHEMICAL EXPOSURES:

Include asbestos: YES NO UNKNOWN

- If yes where: _____
- If yes when: _____
- If yes duration of exposure: _____

Include mercury: YES NO UNKNOWN

- If yes where: _____
- If yes when: _____
- If yes duration of exposure: _____

Do you have any health issues or concerns you feel may be related to Vietnam, Korea, or Thailand?

- If yes what: _____
- Date of onset: _____
- Still present: _____

CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES:

Chicken pox:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Measles:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Pertussis (whooping cough):	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Mumps:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Mononucleosis:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Scarlet Fever:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Rheumatic Fever:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Have you EVER had ANY form of hepatitis:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Have you ever had any exposure to blood products:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Have you ever had any blood transfusions:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
Have you ever used any illegal drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Do you have any tattoo(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• If (yes) when did you get it or them?	_____		

HABITS:

Do you currently smoke: YES NO

- if so at what age did you start? _____
- what age did you stop smoking? _____

Have you quit: YES NO

- If so when did you quit and at what age? _____

Do you currently drink alcohol: YES NO

- if so at what age did you start? _____
- what age did you stop drinking alcohol? _____

Have you ever had any problems with drugs or alcohol: YES NO UNCERTAIN

YOU'RE PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Past surgical history: _____

Please list you CURRENT Medications: _____

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY:

Does anyone in your immediate family (bloodline) have any of the following? (This includes mother, father, grandparents, brothers, and sisters regardless of whether they are now living or deceased. *(Check and select all that applies to your family medical history.)*)

Hypertension

Stokes or transient ischemic attacks (mini strokes)

Tuberculosis

Diabetes

Cancer (to include colon prostate and breast cancer)

Heart disease

Lung disease (to include emphysema/asthma/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease Asbestosis Black lung Silicosis Sarcoidosis)

Liver disease (to include hepatitis)

Kidney disease (to include kidney stones)

Vascular disease (peripheral vascular disease/ Claudication)

Thyroid disease/disorders (to include hypothyroidism)

Arthritis degenerative/osteoarthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis

Connective tissue diseases (i.e. Systemic lupus erythematosus – this is a chronic autoimmune connective tissue disease)

Inflammatory bowel diseases (i.e. Ulcerative colitis or Crohns disease)

Anemia

Mental illness

Multiple sclerosis

Muscular dystrophy

benign prostatic hypertrophy (enlarged prostate)

Alzheimer's disease/Parkinson's/Dementia

seizure disorders

Glaucoma

Ulcers/history of peptic ulcer disease to include gastrointestinal bleeding and

gastroesophageal reflux disease

Alcohol abuse

Drug abuse

Cholesterol problems

Gout

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Evidence Intake Center

Talked to Ronnie in Arizona 0730

Provide VA Claim #

Provided First-last name

Brought upf claim

Stated I sent Register Mail on 3-7 additional info as requested by 2-27 letter

To Janesville WI

Time sensitive to date received.

Was told her system down though others are signed in

Call back in one hour

Wednesday 3-15-17 1139am

Talked to Genteelly?

Provided SS number – VA claim #

She asked what type of info I sent

Assignment Sheet-Ships log from 5-8-68

I was told not logged in at this time

Takes 7 to 10 days to process

Brought to her attention that is was beyond 7 days (9 days)

Gave USPS Registered Mail #

Told her I would call back in a few days.