

Larry & Dee Woodson

From: "MacAlan Thompson" [REDACTED]
To: "Larry & Dee Woodson" [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2005 10:51 PM
Subject: Re: Springdale Hmong New Year

Larry

What were the dates on that Thursday and Friday?

I have Les Strouse's log book, at least a copy of that portion. Les flew Pop out on 10 May, in a CASI Porter, this was a Friday.

Les then flew the evac in a CASI C-46, 12, 13, & 14 May, Sunday through Tuesday.

Al Rich's log book copy has same dates for 20A evac. Al also participated in evac from Phnom Penh and Saigon earlier on.

Dave Kouba was at 20A on 14 May to pickup VP and Jerry, down to LS-113, Moung Cha, then to Udorn.

Jack Knotts and his Bird Air Jet Ranger didn't even keep a log book.

And I've never been able to run down any logs for the C-130 that Matt Hough was flying.

A Q for you. Why didn't you just depart via Thaduea to Nong Khai? That's what I ended up doing, but then I had my VW Camper down there already. I also took out Beyrl Blacka and her kids that way, she was scared of the evac flight from Vientiane for some reason.

Mac

On 10/18/05, Larry & Dee Woodson [REDACTED] wrote:

- > Will visit with Yang Yee regarding 20A. Briefly, I recall the arrival of the
- > unfriendlies at Muong Cha and we were sleeping lightly with our boots on
- > Thursday and Thursday night. Was ready to head out for the chopper pad.
- > The Hmong were watching General Vang Phao and Jerry for any indication of
- > what to do or where to go. Some were already in travel status.
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- > We were told to stay calm and travel down on a Friday as though it was a
- > normal Friday weekend of returning to Vientiane.
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- > Upon arrival in Vientiane, I met with my supervisor and he suggested that I
- > cash in my chips and head on back to the States. With a pile of cash, I
- > went and spent the remaining time with my ex-mother-in-law and other
- > friendly members of the ex-family. I had just gone through a divorce within
- > the month.
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- > In Vientiane, the P.L. troops were walking around That Luang in squads near

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- > the house I helped build. The locals were selling household items for cash.
- > Dollars if at all possible. I was unable at first to get a ticket out of
- > Thai Airlines. Early in the week, one of the wives of a Lao Officer
- > challenged the P.L. at Wattay and she found out who was in control at the
- > airport. By Friday, there was plenty of room on the airplane. My
- > ex-relatives took me to the airport and bid me a tearful farewell.
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- > Of interest, my ex-wife, who was Vietnamese with a Lao step-mother, was
- > turned in by her family as being caught being guilty of adultery. I went to
- > the joint police station and the P.L. officer asked me what my intention
- > was? I told him that it was obvious that the marriage was going South and
- > it was best to terminate the marriage. He asked me what about the house,
- > property, animals, etc. that I basically owned. I told him that everything
- > was to go to my ex-mother-in-law and the rest of the family. He was
- > surprised but was supportive of the situation. My divorce decree was signed
- > by six police officers, including the ranking party. Three were Lao and
- > three were P.L. The Lao document is still in my safety lock box at the bank
- > here in Kansas.
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- > One of the Hmong that worked with Yang Yee and I took off from Long Chieng
- > and was headed for Thailand. He and his family was attempting to circumvent
- > the check points and was shot by the P.L. I did not know if they also
- > killed his family or not. (I will visit with Yang Yee and see what he
- > recalls.)
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- > Will send more Tuesday, as I will have county commission meetings on Monday.
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From: "Larry & Dee Woodson" [REDACTED]
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From Vang Geu
 ----- Original Message -----
From: grandpa vang
To: Larry & Dee Woodson
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2005 1:23 PM
Subject: Re: 20-A

Larry,

Good to hear from you. I have no time to write my book yet. I'm still working full time and run the Association Hmong & Lao.

Every thing was set up by US & Vietnamese communist on the accord in Paris 1973. US know that US must pull back and have no control of South East Asia, but let Vietnam communist give some time not to attack several important point in Vietnam and Laos. If the Vietnam communist want to attack Longtieng L20A then not last until December 1974. Jan 1975 North Vietnam and the Pathet Lao troop attacked Route 6 from Plaine of Jars to Salaphoukhoun all the way to Vang Vieng and attacked from Xiengkhouang to Paksane. February 1975 Vietnam communist incircled Longtieng from all side North from Thantableung. West from Samthong, East from Moug Cha and Pha khao, South from Nasou and Bansone. Mars 1975 Gen. Vang Pao went to see Souvannaphouma to report all activities by the communist but got blame by him for wanting war. Gen Vang Pao must come home quickly and call for meeting " what we should do to resist or to go and how to resist and where to go." Final decision he went to see US's Ambassador and report all the decision and potentiel but US's Ambassador questioned Gen. Vang Pao that " how many people you see if stay then will get kill" Gen Vang just shaking his head in few minutes and said 3,500. US's Ambassador said OK he will send the plane to pick up. April 1975 was the month Gen. Vang Pao send all his family out to Thailand. He just stay at Longtieng with civil suit no more military suit and make all the list people he want to be out. May 10, 1975 He send me to Thailand at Oudorn to lead choper Charly Greene to liftup people at night in Longtieng L.20A, but when I arrived Oudorn Sky's people said no, no more Charly Greene fly over 20 parallel. Sky told me to stay there and I never go back to Laos since then. I heard people said May 12, 1975 Communist started to enter Phakhao and even Longtieng but in civiliam suit not military suit. May 14, 05 communist already in the Skyline the Mountain North of Long Tieng. That Gen. Vang Pao and Jerry must leave on the May the 14, 1975 around 10 AM by car to the Mountain South side and then by USAID helicopter.

I feel guilty about we had left the position like Bouam Long LS 32 surrounded by communist for longtime and never be able to attack them Now is the time for the communist to finish with them without pitie. LS 05 Phou Phaxay, LS 01 Moug Mok. It is too sad to see my fellow fought hard with the communist and we left without giving them any help or warning. Bouam Long LS32 had around 14,000 troop and family now not even 800 remain and still persuit by the communist. Last month I saw a video from FFC French show me in the email and make me cry. I will write a book but need your help to write in good english. Can you help me. Talk to you again. I heard said Gen. Vang Pao will be in your area for meeting about Hmong farming is it true? I hope he can do some thing to help Hmong people because the hmong still have a lot of thing to learn form their new life and new friends, new business.

Larry & Dee Woodson [REDACTED] > wrote:

Vang Geu:

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A couple of Mac Thompson's friends are putting together some facts regarding the last week or so of the situation in Long Chieng.

I departed on Friday and I recall being told that the P.L. were as close as Muong Cha?

Yang Yee had told me that the other person who worked with us with the cattle had walked towards Thailand but was shot trying to go around a check point. I did not hear about his family.

Have you talked about what was going on at Long Chieng during those days? You may have already written your own book about Long Chieng?

Talked to Yang Yee and will drive to Arkansas for the Hmong New Year. They will be meeting with the Farmers before the banquet that night.

Regards. Larry

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