

Larry & Dee Woodson

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 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, Moug 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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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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