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I was in Saigon at this time and flew a support mission for the security police who were guarding the airplane. We went into someplace like Ubon or Udorn and picked up a crate of apples. I had heard rumors of the value of apples in Thailand and this confirmed the rumor. Their commander smiled as he gave them to me and said this is all they will need.

The crew was going into Roiet (sp) which was a smooth buffalo pasture in Northern Thailand. They mistook the center of a race track for the field and were landing at the wrong place. When the pilot realized how short the field was he reversed in the air. The nose wheel was buried in the ground and served as a can opener to split the aircraft down the center. Pilot was a Major Warner. Most of this is extremely accurate but I can gather more info from others of those who were there.

John C. Attebury Mule Train, and 310th April 1963 to January 1964