

INDO CHINA: FRENCH LAND 2,000 IN MASS RAID

Infiltrating rebel country in a surprise landing behind Viet Minh ~~line~~ outposts the French pushed 40 miles inland from Qui Nhon. By well-chosen, hidden routes they remained undetected for the first two days, pushing on towards the mountain strongholds of the enemy. Despite misty weather the raiders were air-supplied with guns and ammunition, too heavy to be dragged ^{up} from the coast.

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5-4 (GV Mountain) This was the biggest raid so far in Indo China. 2,000 men, many of them Moroccan troops skilled in mountain warfare, penetrated country from which the rebels had been making heavy raids on the French. The enemy had now fled, after conscripting all fit men and taking the local stores of rice. The French raid put an end to the Red menace for the time being. Without loss the force was withdrawn to the coast and re-embarked.