

Operation Brochet was off to a noisy start south-east of Hanoi.

Object of the assault was a Rebel stronghold on the fringe of the Red River Delta. The French Union Forces are now skilled in fighting amongst the swamps and rice fields, which used to give the Reds a big advantage, ~~the French wounded~~ *though 6 wounded*

~~the French wounded~~ were brought back with great difficulty. 60,000 Reds were spread amongst the Delta villages. With spike traps strewn over the ground they hoped to delay the French advance.

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Nevertheless at the cost of light casualties the French killed more than 800 of the enemy, took 600 prisoners and questioned more than 2,000 civilians. Altogether a successful operation.