

INDO CHINAREPORT FROM LAOS

In Indo-China, French troops move up the Mekong River into Laos to strike against Viet Minh forces. As patrols footslog their way across country, guns give cover.

Jungles and swamps, like those facing British boys in Malaya, have to be negotiated. Ahead are some of their own men, surrounded by the enemy and without sufficient supplies to keep going. Dakotas fly in with extra ammunition and food.

Reports reveal that French efforts to quell the Reds are faring badly. Already much of Laos has been over-run and still the Viet Minh are advancing. Until more troops are sent to combat these highly organized forces, it seems certain that the Reds will hold the whip-hand in Indo-China.