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Operations in Laos
Army Pict. See material
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~~Positive developed; 90 meters x 180 ft~~

Dupenegative developed; 54 meters - 180 ft

shots of the air-bridge over the Plaine des Jarres
for equipment, food and ammunition to surrounded garrisons in operation
against Viet-Minh invading Laos.

MAY 1953 : operations on the MEKONG RIVER in Laos

Despite unfavorable weather conditions (the rain season
began with 15 days advance on previous years), parachutage
for equipment food and amunitions to surrounded troops in
LUANG PRABANG goes on night and day. 15 kilometers north of the
town, on the Mekong banks and the embankments of the Nam Mou river
the 6th Battalion of colonial paratroops have established solid
defenses on a hill. Each day patrols are sent in missions
scouting in a cercle of 25 kms on the Mekong banks, inside Viet Minh
occupied territory for contact with the enemy.

On May 1st, a patrol sighted the enemy forces opened fire, but
ever since it seems Viet Minh troops are leaving the country as
no other contact with them could be established.