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1- Positive developed : 40 m = 135 ft
2- Positive developed : 38 m = 127 ft
78 m = 262 ft

1- Medical supplies and food parachuted for Dien-Bien-Phu wounded

After the dramatic fall of DIEN BIEN PHU fortress, the French High command immediately tried to help thousands of wounded men left in the ruined place.

Until further developments of conversations with the Vietminh Commandement and negotiations for evacuation of the most seriously wounded men, Dakotas of the AirForce, with a RED CROSS painted on their body, flew day after day over the DIEN BIEN PHU grounds, and parachuted medical supplies and food for our men.

Shots : A Dakota bearing a RED CROSS, in flight
Dakota, with a Red Cross, in flight over the DIEN BIEN PHU low grounds (several shots)
Medical supplies and rations are parachuted over Dien Bien Phu several views of DIEN BIEN PHU former fortress, showing how badly damaged is the airstrip which would have permitted direct landing of heavier aircrafts for evacuation of wounded. Pilote and Radiomen ready to start on new flights.

2- American equipment arrives in Indochina.

Following repeated and dramatic appeals to the United States for urgently needed equipment, in HAIPHONG a rushed shipment arrives bringing Jeeps, Four by Fours, GMC trucks, and airplanes in cases. Picture shows the unloading and storage of equipment arriving in HAIPHONG harbor which will immediately be sent to fighting front.

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FIRST DIEN BIEN PHU WOUNDED EVACUATED
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Positive developed : 51 meters - 170 ft

Following negotiations between the French and Viet Minh Military Commands in Indochina, negotiations which were opened by a French delegation headed by Professor HUARD, in Dien-Bien-Phu, the first badly wounded were evacuated on May 14th.1954.

Under difficult weather conditions, and heavy rains, the first helicopter bringing back three wounded men lands on LOUANG PRABANG airfield and the wounded men on stretchers are immediately transferred to a waiting DAKOTA which will bring them to Hanoi Hospital for medical care.

On the 14th of May only 8 men were sent back by the Vietminh command and none of them know why they were chosen in the thousands still lying in the ruined Dien-Bien-Phu former fortress. Arriving later at LANESSAN Hospital in HANOI, all medical personnel immediately take charge of the heroes of Dien Bien Phu,
Picture shows : -

- shots of helicopter in flight
- helicopter landing, at LOUANG PRABANG muddy airfield, Professor HUARD and the French delegation alight from helicopter.
- Helicopter landing, bringing wounded men
- wounded on stretchers are transferred to waiting Dakota
- Red cross painted on Dakota which will bring the wounded to Hanoi

- In Hanoi LANESSAN Hospital, wounded men are brought from ambulances to hospital room, where medical personnel immediately take charge.