

VOEUNSAI INCIDENTS, AUGUST 1955Observations by Mobile Team, Stung Treng.LIAISON:

1. On 26 August, the Mobile Team proceeded in a helicopter to Pakse (Laos) for liaison and to plan a joint reconnaissance of Siempoy where five battalions of regular Viet Minh troops were reported to have concentrated.
2. On 28 August at 0900 hours the team flew over the area and landed at Voeunsai. The Chauvaysrok had gone to Stung Treng. Captain Chan-Saby, the Sub-Sector commander who was there on a visit was examined. The team landed at Siem-Pang and interrogated Sub-Lieut. Nou-Touch, Commander of the local Khmer Military Post. The team flew over Siempoy and along the inter-State boundary but observed no untoward movement.
3. The Pakse Team flew over Siem-Poy on 29 August but due to unfavourable weather and landing difficulties could not land. The team observed nothing of interest.
4. The team returned to Stung-Treng on 30 August. Again on the same day, the Team decided to visit the affected area north of Voeunsai. The weather was rough and the helicopter was twice caught in the storm. The risk was considered too much and the pilot decided to land at Voeunsai. The alarm bell was sounded twice which gave the team quite a few moments of anxiety.
5. At Voeunsai the team met the military post commander who had already been interrogated by the Special Team on 24 August.
6. On 31 August at Stung Treng the team examined Nou-Phit, a school teacher who had been a member of the former Khmer Resistance Forces. He surrendered to the Cambodian Government authorities at Siem-Pang on 20 August, 1955 only.

OBSERVATIONS

7. As a result of flying over the area north of Voeunsai and Siempoy (Laos) the team makes the following observations:-
 - (a) No movement or concentration of groups of persons was observed.
 - (b) Two new settlements were seen between village B. Lock and B. Lalay. They consisted of about a dozen long huts set in a circular pattern with a tower in the middle. This unusual pattern appeared to have been built only recently. The distance between them was approximately 8 to 10 kilometers.