

As a result of the investigation carried out at Boun Neua, it was gathered by the Fixed Team from Phong Saly that Vietnamese People's Volunteers troops, about 50 men strong, were at Boun Neua at the end of August. On 22nd September, 1954, however, they were no longer there.

9) At Ban Nam Dou, Lower Laos, 2 Vietnamese People's Volunteers soldiers were outside their Assembly Area, guarding a rice dump.

The Fixed Team from Pakse found that 1 Vietnamese People's Volunteers soldier was present looking after the rice dump which was on the official transfer route.

10) On 20th November, 1954, a Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" detachment, about 200 strong, was in an area 8 kms. south of Ou Tam Khay, Pakse province. The detachment was alleged by the Franco-Laotian side to carry out strong propaganda activity and to obtain supplies at Ban Veune, and to have fired some rounds on 19th November, 1954.

The Fixed Team from Pakse, after carrying out investigation, stated that there were no Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" soldiers armed or otherwise in the area, and came to the conclusion that the complaint lodged was baseless and that it was made without making any prior inquiries.

GROUP B

1) In the Lao Ngam area the "Pathet Lao" forced the population to pay taxes designed to defray the expenses of the soldiers going to Sam Neua and requisitioned supplies.

According to the report submitted by the Fixed Team from Pakse, the evidence given by the inhabitants showed that no taxes were imposed and no requisitions were made.

2) Vietnamese People's Volunteers troops in the Nam Ngum valley requisitioned rice from the population.

After investigation, the Mobile Team from Vientiane came to the conclusion that the allegation was not substantiated.

GROUP C

1) At Ban Pha Nop on 15th November, 1954, the "Pathet Lao" delegate and the interpreter of the Joint Sub-Commission, Mahaxay, presided over a meeting of the population, thus exceeding their competence as members of the Joint Sub-Commission.