

Indo-China Fight Seen As Pacific War Over Again

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 With French Forces in the Mekong River Delta, Indo-China, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—This battle in the South Pacific war all over again, with the same equipment, the same heat, the same green hell. I went along on a dawn amphibious attack against an estimated 300 Vietminh rebels holding an island in this great delta.

American veterans of the Pacific would have recognized everything except the language, which was French.
 This is the French fight against the communist-led guerrillas of Ho Chi-minh.
Pincers Movement
 The operation by French and native troops was a pincers movement, with attempted landings on opposite sides of the four-mile-wide Bassac Island supported by aerial reconnaissance and naval fire.
 Troops boarded the same landing craft and barges on which thousands of Americans made similar excursions. There was that familiar muzziness of the tropical dawn and throbbing of diesels as the barges moved down river.
 Your LCI noses cautiously through three miles of jungle-bordered canal and you have the feeling that every move of the invasion flotilla is being watched. This is Vietminh territory, and their ambushes have blocked the canal, which the

French are attempting to clear. The LCI butts its bow into a slimy budbank, the gang plank is lowered and the troops "hit the beach" just at sunrise.
 The area apparently was a guerrilla bivouac. It is pitted with trenches and foxholes. Now it is deserted and the landings are unopposed.

Sends Out Scouts
 You attach yourself to a squad of black-shirted Cambodian natives in short pants, commanded by tall, bereted Master Sgt. C. Chesmaix of Boulogne. Chesmaix forms a point, sends out bare-footed scouts, and starts inland. Within an hour the squad is dripping wet, partly from struggling through knee-deep swamps but mostly from the pressure-cooker heat that steams out of the ground as the sun gets higher.
 Once you flop in the shade for five minutes but get up covered with stinging ants.
 Hour after hour the squad pushes through the swamps and you pity the machine gunners and mortar-men with those heavy pieces.
 There is no sign of guerrillas. The squad returns to the beach-head.

There is a lengthy exchange of rifle and machinegun fire from the interior, and through your binoculars you see tiny figures maneuvering and shooting into a banana grove on the far side of the swamp a mile and a half away. A puff of blue-grey smoke sprouts from the grove and the crack of bursting artillery shells drifts across the heat-drenched delta.

Guerrillas Withdraw
 Army Commander J. Finck of Paris radios that he has engaged some rebels inside a fortified village. The guerrillas withdrew when subjected to artillery fire. Now he is going to burn their fortifications.
 French officers explain that village-burning is done only in extreme cases such as this, when troops are fired on from the villages.
 You sit on a log—first making sure it is antless—and watch the distant clouds of heavy smoke as the village goes up in flames.
 A philosopher could write eloquently about that smoke, using it as a symbol of all wars and the misery and suffering accompanying them.

GOOD IDEA
 Seattle, Wash., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—The last-day rush at the collector of internal revenue office brought a man who wanted to know if he could deduct the cost of his marriage license from his income tax.

Oregon's population of deer, elk, antelope and bear is estimated by wildlife officials at 654,000.



TEMPORARY HAVEN—Child actress Lora Lee Michel beams contentedly as she finds a temporary haven with Rev. Eford Sundstrom after running away from her foster parents in Hollywood. The 9-year-old blonde film player said she ran away from her foster mother, who is accused of starving her to keep her small enough for film roles, because "I was hungry all the time."

Wagner Creek

Wagner Creek, Mar. 16—Wagner Creek school has received several new pieces of equipment. Among them is a telephone, ditto printing machine, weighing machine and large world globe. The plan now is to buy a new radio-phonograph combination.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hild are serving as janitor and cook at the school while Vera Wolber is undergoing a major operation. It is hoped that Mrs. Wolber may be back before end of the school term.

The new science room equipment has arrived and there is hope of having the room completed for the coming school term.
 Livestock 4-H club held a meeting March 3 to discuss the ham dinner. Rope for making halters was given out. Carlos Goddard and Glen Bradley are to serve refreshments next meeting. Verlee MacDowell and Nora Bailey are chairmen for the entertainment committee for the next meeting. There will be a

special livestock meeting March 17.

The 4-H Cooking club girls and boys had a cooked food sale in Talent at the Valley Locker, March 11.

Mrs. Hopkins was present at the last P. T. C. meeting to talk about organizing a Girl scout club at Wagner Creek. Many are interested.

The Livestock 4-H club will give a ham dinner and have some entertainment March 23 at the school house from 5:30 to 9 p. m. Wagner Creek school had a patriotic program February 24. Two plays were given, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Refreshments were served by the 4-H Cooking club. Pop and ice cream were sold with the other refreshments.

Delbert Goddard, who has been ill with pneumonia in a Medford hospital, has improved and will be able to return home within a few days.

Mrs. Blanche Robinson spent March 12 at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ormy Goddard.
 Visitors at the Howard Work home March 12 were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reh, Talent; Mildred Taylor and Lenore Cuthbertson, Medford, and friends from California. Penny Taylor spent the week-end with her grandparents.

Mrs. Wilma Arnett and a friend from California have charge of Wagner Creek Sunday school and services while the Rev. J. C. Arnett presides in the pulpit of Medford Assembly of God church until arrival of the regular minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Kokomo of Medford visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Galbraith, here, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clift spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gleim. Clift is a machinist at Crater Lake government camp.

Eighteen relatives were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lockwood March 12 at a dinner in honor of Marie and Betty Abbott, who were up for the week-end from Gridley, Cal. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sommer, Mr. and Mrs. William Sommer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sommer and daughter Debra, Miss Goldie Abbott, Mrs. Glen Abbott and daughter Betty, and Grady Simmons, a friend who came with them from Gridley, Cal.

Mrs. Audrey Clupney, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Long, Talent, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Nicholson, Medford, were visitors at the Dave Brabbin home March 12.
 Mr. and Mrs. Layton MacDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie MacDowell and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rapp and twins visited at the Ralph Green home March 12.

Over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hopper entertained relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dollard, owners of Rogue Food shop, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Hopper's sister, Ann Stewart, who has been visiting the Dollards the past few months. Mrs. Stewart is returning soon to her home in Glendale, Cal.

Two groups from the school went on skating parties to Ashland Skateway March 11 and 12. Dave Brabbin accompanied the group that went Saturday and Mrs. Hild with the second group Sunday.

Robert Hild, C. Ph. M. Naval hospital, Oakland, Cal., and his friend, Mr. Grant, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hild.

A shower given recently in honor of Mrs. Natalie Buseman at the home of Dorothy Mason

Yamhill County Wins 4-H Honor

Boys and girls in Yamhill county who took part in the National 4-H better methods electric program last year and had a hand in winning the handsome bronze and green plaque recently presented to the County Extension office by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation. Yamhill



was selected by the state club office at Oregon State college for doing the most outstanding job in the project. Every year one county in each state is given this recognition.

Typical farm jobs which were analyzed and better methods put into practice were washing and ironing clothes, canning and freezing foods, barn chores and

was attended by many from here.

Mrs. Ella Abbott is leaving soon for Gridley, Cal., where she will be a guest in the home of her daughter, Euell Rogers.

home heating, reported William M. Perry, county extension agent. Results in cooking and home heating were most gratifying, stated Perry, since the improvements became permanent and did much to bring about better living on the farm. Members took a great deal of interest in their individual problems and were very proud of their accomplishments in the program, according to the report.

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FISH 'N' CHIPS (Serves 4 people)

1 lb. boneless fresh fish or frozen fresh fillets	Cold water to make total ¾ cup liquid
1 cup Fisher's Pancake Mix #27*	½ tsp. salt
1 egg	Deep fat for frying, or hot fat at least 1 inch deep

Cut fish in finger-size strips. Put Fisher's Pancake Mix in mixing bowl and coat fish strips well on all sides. Lift out fish and lay well apart on board or paper. Beat egg with salt in cup and add cold water to make total ¾ cup liquid. Add this mixture to remaining Fisher's Pancake Mix and stir just enough to make smooth. Dip each piece of fish in this batter and lower carefully into deep fat which is heated to 385°F. (Inch cube of bread will brown in 60 secs.). Fry 3 minutes. Keep fat above 370° (inch cube of bread will brown in 60 secs.) while fish is frying. Drain fish on crumpled paper and serve hot with suitable sauce. **FRYING PAN METHOD:** Use same temperature in hot fat 1 inch deep. Do not crowd.

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