

NYT  
8-22-70

...at  
...e north  
...ghtly and re-  
... a low level in the  
... of the country.

No major ground actions involving Americans were reported anywhere in South Vietnam in the last 24 hours.

**Laos Incursion Reported**

**KHAMDUC**, South Vietnam, Aug. 21 (AP)—Some crewmen of United States helicopters that have ferried South Vietnamese troops into this high and densely jungled region at the Laotian frontier say that a South Vietnamese force as large as a battalion—about 400 men

—crossed the border into Laos.

The said their helicopters recently carried the troops into landing zones just short of the frontier, and that the South Vietnamese walked across. The soldiers returned a few days later, after looking for enemy supply caches, the pilots said.

The helicopter landings were so close to the border, they said, that some aircraft could not help being carried across the frontier by their flight patterns as they arched up and away from the dropoff zones.

A battalion of the United States Americal Division is providing security for Khamduc, a base 13 miles east of Laos and 360 miles north of Saigon.