

Cao Bang, the disaster at RC4 and the fight for the delta

Start: October 1950

Victory point = 68

VM victory level = 49

FEF

(1921) Cao Bang	3/3 REI	3 Tabor	BVN (237)	Trench	
(1622) That Khe	1 Tabor	11 Tabor	1/8 RTM	3 BPC	(-1 step)
	1 BEP				
(1522) Dong Dang	3/6 RIC	Trench			
(1423) Lang Son	1/3 REI	Supply d. x 2	Trench		
(1809) Lao Kay	2/2 RTA	3/4 RTM	Trench		
(1312) Nghia Lo	BT	Trench			
(1208) Son La	BT				
(1703) Lai Chau	BT				
(0810) Sam Neua	BCL				
(1401) Phong Saly	BCL				
(0106) Xieng Khouang	BCL				
(0902) Muong Khoua	BCL				
(0101) Luang Prabang	BCL				
(0518) Phu Ly	4/7 RTA	2/1 RTA			
(0620) Nam Dinh	DNA	Trench			
(0319) Phat Diem	10 BPCP	Trench			
(0816) Hoa Binh	1/24 RTS	Trench			
(1016) Hung Hoa	2/24 RTS	Trench			
(1018) Hanoi	1 RCC	Trench			
(0823) Haiphong	RICM	Trench			
(1424) Dinh Lap	2/5 REI	Trench			
Within delta or any coastal hex north of delta	RACM	8 GSAP	3/5 REI	1/5 REI	
Temporary dead box	2/3 REI				

Garrison in these cities/villages have trenches:

(1117) Vinh Yen, (1119) Phu Lang Thong, (1021) Sept pagodes, (0925) Cam Pha, (0520) Bui Chu, (1019) Bac Ninh, (1126) Tien Yen, (0923) Hong Hay, (1229) Mon Cai, (1023) Uong Bi

Special October rule: There are no airtransports during October 1950 due to bad planning

VM

(1721) Dong Khe	209/312		
(1722) 1 hex east of Dong Khe	98/316	246	36/308
	102/308	(-1 step)	
(1621) 1 hex west of That Khe	174/316	88/308	
Between or on Red and Clear river (Montagnard area)	165/312	148	
Within 1 hex of (0218) Thanh Hoa	304 div	320 div	(-2 steps)
Within 2 hexes of (1318) Thai Nguyen or (1416) Tuyen Quang	238	141/312	176/316
South of Ma river in Vietnam	138		
In Vietnam and within 2 hexes of Vietnamese mobilization hexes	12 x VM-gr	12 x dummies	42
Stacked with any regiment part of a division	Uncle Ho		
In Laos and within 2 hexes of Laos mobilization hexes	2 x Pathet Lao	2 x dummies	
Stacked with any unit	2 x Supply dump		
Number of VM friendly urban areas in the Montagnard area	6		
Urban areas, initially friendly to the VM	(1922) Quang Uyen, (1721) Dong Khe, (1619) Bac Kan, (1416) Tuyen Quang, (1313) Yen Bay, (2014) Ha Giang, (1204) Dien Bien Phu, (0218) Thanh Hoa, (1318) Thai Nguyen, (1812) Nghia Do, (1315) Phu Doan		

Hanoi, the fight for the delta

Start: January 1951

Victory point = 50

VM victory level = 49

FEF

(1312) Nghia Lo	BT	Trench			
(1208) Son La	BT				
(1311) Tu Le	BT				
(1703) Lai Chau	2/2 RTA	Supply dump			
(0917) Ha Dong	1/24 RTS	Trench			
(1017) Son Tay	2/24 RTS	Trench			
(1117) Vinh Yen	10 BPCP	4/7 RTA	2/1 RTA	Trench	
(1018) Hanoi	8 GSAP	1 RCC	2 BEP	1 BPC	6 BPC
	7 BPC	Trench			
(0920) Ban Yen Nhan	1/3 REI	2/3 REI	Trench		
(1023) Uong Bi	1/5 REI	Trench			
(0923) Hong Hay	2/5 REI	Trench			
(1126) Tien Yen	3/5 REI	Trench			
(0823) Haiphong	RICM	3/6 RIC	Trench		
(0620) Nam Dinh	DNA	Trench			
(0810) Sam Neua	BCL				
(1401) Phong Saly	BCL				
(0106) Xieng Khouang	BCL				
(0902) Muong Khoua	BCL				
(0101) Luang Prabang	BCL				
Within delta or any coastal hex north of delta	3/4 RTM Supply dump	RACM	3 Tabor	11 Tabor	1 Tabor
Temporary dead box	1 BEP	1/8 RTM	3 BPC		
Permanent dead box	3/3 REI	BVN (237)			

Garrison in these cities/villages have trenches:

(1119) *Phu Lang Thong*, (1021) *Sept pagodes*, (0319) *Phat Diem*, (0925) *Cam Pha*, (0520) *Bui Chu*, (1019) *Bac Ninh*, (1229) *Mon Cai*

VM

(1217) 1 hex northwest of Vinh Yen	312 div		
(1218) 1 hex northeast of Vinh Yen	308 div		
(1418) 1 hex northwest of Thai Nguyen	304 div	(-2 steps)	
Within 1 hex of (0218) Thanh Hoa	320 div	(-2 steps)	
Within 2 hexes of (1318) Thai Nguyen or (1416) Tuyen Quang	238	246	176/316
	Supply dump		
(1123) 1 hex northeast of Uong Bi	98/316	174/316	
South of Ma river in Vietnam	138		
(1809) Lao Kay	148		
In Vietnam and within 2 hexes of Vietnamese mobilization hexes	12 x VM-gr	12 x dummies	42
Stacked with any regiment part of a division	Uncle Ho		
In Laos and within 2 hexes of Laos mobilization hexes	2 x Pathet Lao	2 x dummies	
Number of VM friendly urban areas in the Montagnard area	15		
Urban areas, initially friendly to the VM	"Cao Bang" scenario plus: (1921) <i>Cao Bang</i> , (1622) <i>That Khe</i> , (1522) <i>Dong Dang</i> , (1423) <i>Lang Son</i> , (1424) <i>Dinh Lap</i> , (1910) <i>Pakha</i> , (1809) <i>Lao Kay</i> , (0816) <i>Hoa Binh</i> , (0916) <i>Tu Vu</i> , (1016) <i>Hung Hoa</i>		

Hoa Binh, the empire strikes back

Start: December 1951

Victory point = 59

VM victory level = 51

FEF

(1312) Nghia Lo	BT	Trench			
(1208) Son La	BT				
(1703) Lai Chau	2/2 RTA	BT	BVN (237)	11 Tabor	17 Tabor
	Supply dump				
(0816) Hoa Binh	3/13 DBLE	2 BPC	2 x BVN (237)	Trench	
(0817) 1 hex east of Hoa binh	3/1 RTM	1 Tabor	8 BPC		
(0917) Ha Dong	1 RCC	8 RSA	RICM	1/24 RTS	2/1 RTA
	4/7 RTA				
(0916) Tu Vu	1 BPC	1/1 RTM	3/5 REI	Trench	
(1016) Hung Hoa	1/5 REI	4 RAC	Trench		
(1116) 1 hex northeast of Hung Hoa	1/2 REI	7 BPC			
(1017) Son Tay	BVN (247)	2/24 RTS			
(1117) Vinh Yen	2/2 REI	3/2 REI	2/3 RTM	2 ACF	
(0810) Sam Neua	BCL				
(1401) Phong Saly	BCL				
(0106) Xieng Khouang	BCL				
(0902) Muong Khoua	BCL				
(0101) Luang Prabang	BCL				
(1023) Uong Bi	1/3 REI	2/3 REI	22 BTA		
(0823) Haiphong	3/6 RIC	2/13 DBLE	1 AOF	BVN (247)	
(0620) Nam Dinh	1/4 RTM	3/2 RTA	DNA	3/4 RTM	
(1018) Hanoi	10 BPCP	HQ	1 BEP	2 BEP	1 BPVN
	5 BPC	32 BMTS	DNA	3 BPC	
(setup after the VM) Montagnard area	GCMA	(within 2 hexes of a friendly urban area in Mont. area)			
Within delta or any coastal hex north of delta	3/2 RTM	3/3 REI	RACM	13 BMTS	BVN (247)
	4/2 RTM	2/5 REI	41 RAC	5/7 RTA	Supply dump
Saigon zone	6 BPC	BVN (237)	8 GSAP	3 Tabor	2/4 RTT
	1/3 RTM				
Temporary dead box	1/8 RTM				

All FEF urban areas in the delta and along the coast north of the delta have trenches

VM

(1115) 1 hex northwest of Hung Hoa	308 div		
(1313) Yen Bay	312 div	45/351	
(1219) 1 hex southeast of Thai Nguyen	316 div		
Within 1 hex of (0218) Thanh Hoa	320 div	304 div	
Within 2 hexes of (1318) Thai Nguyen or (1416) Tuyen Quang	238	246	
South of Ma river in Vietnam	138		
(1809) Lao Kay	148		
In Vietnam and within 2 hexes of Vietnamese mobilization hexes	12 x VM-gr	12 x dummies	42
Stacked with any regiment part of a division	Uncle Ho		
Within 1 hex of Uncle Ho	46		
In Laos and within 2 hexes of Laos mobilization hexes	2 x Pathet Lao	2 x dummies	
Stacked with any unit	Supply d. x 2		
Number of VM friendly urban areas in the Montagnard area	13		
Urban areas, initially friendly to the VM	As in the "Cao Bang" scenario plus:		

(1921) *Cao Bang*, (1622) *That Khe*,
 (1522) *Dong Dang*, (1423) *Lang Son*,
 (1424) *Dinh Lap*, (1910) *Pakha*,
 (1809) *Lao Kay*

Na San, invasion of the northwest

Start: October 1952

Victory point = 52

VM victory level = 35

FEF

(1312) Nghia Lo	BT	Trench			
(1208) Son La	BT				
(1109) Na San	BT	Supply dump			
(1703) Lai Chau	2/2 RTA	5 Tabor	9 Tabor	BVN (237)	Trench
(1012) 3 hexes southwest of Yen Bay	3/1 RTM				
(0810) Sam Neua	BCL	1 BPL			
(1401) Phong Saly	BCL				
(0106) Xieng Khouang	BCL				
(0902) Muong Khoua	2 x BCL				
(0101) Luang Prabang	BIL				
(1017) Son Tay	2/24 RTS	1/4 RTM	28 BMTS		
(1117) Vinh Yen	32 BMTS	2 ACF	2/3 RTM		
(0620) Nam Dinh	22 BTA	DNA	1 REC	2 BPC	
(0822) Ninh Giang	DNA	3/2 RTA			
(0823) Haiphong	3/6 RIC	17 Tabor	RICM	1 AOF	
(1019) Bac Ninh	3/3 REI	1/5 REI	5/7 RTA	BVN (247)	
(0920) Ban Yen Nhan	2 x BVN (247)	3/2 RTM			
(1018) Hanoi	2/1 RCP	HQ	1 BEP	2 BEP	1 RCC
	5 BPC	6 BPC	8 BPC	3 BPVN	3 BPC
	8 RSA	2/1 RTA			
(setup after the VM) Montagnard area	4 x GCMA	(within 2 hexes of a friendly urban area in Mont. area)			
Within delta or any coastal hex north of delta	4/7 RTA	3 x BVN (237)	1/2 REI	2/13 DBLE	RACM
	1/1 RTM	1/24 RTS	2/2 REI	3/13 DBLE	4 RAC
	4/2 RTM	13 BMTS	1/3 REI	2/5 REI	41 RAC
	3/4 RTM	Supply dump	2/3 REI	3/5 REI	
Standby zone	BVN (235)				
Saigon zone	10 BPCP	2/1 RTM	8 GSAP	3 Tabor	2/4 RTT
	7 BPC	1/3 RTM	3/2 REI	1 BPVN	1 Tabor
	11 Tabor				
Temporary dead box	1/8 RTM	1 BPC			

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VM

(1315) Phu Doan	308 div	316 div	
(1313) Yen Bay	312 div	Supply dump	
Within 1 hex of (0218) Thanh Hoa	320 div	304 div	Supply dump
Within 2 hexes of (1318) Thai Nguyen or (1416) Tuyen Quang	238	246	45/351
	675/351	Supply dump	
South of Ma river in Vietnam	138		
(1809) Lao Kay	148		
In Vietnam and within 2 hexes of Vietnamese mobilization hexes	12 x VM-gr	12 x dummies	42
Within 2 hexes of (0720) Thai Binh	46		
Stacked with any regiment part of a division	Uncle Ho		
Within 1 hex of Uncle Ho	50	35	254
In Laos and within 2 hexes of Laos mobilization hexes	2 x Pathet Lao	2 x dummies	
Stacked with any unit	Supply dump		
Number of VM friendly urban areas in the Montagnard area	15		

Urban areas, initially friendly to the VM
As in the "Hoa Binh" scenario plus:
(1016) Hung Hoa, (0916) Tu Vu,
(0816) Hoa Binh

Dien Bien Phu, the final showdown

Start: December 1953

Victory point = 43

VM victory level = 30

FEF

(1703) Lai Chau	2 Tabor	BT	BVN (237)	9 Tabor	Trench
(1204) Dien Bien Phu	2/1 RCP	1 BEP	5 BPVN	GM/35 RALP	HQ
	8 BPC	1 BPC	BT	Supply dump	
(0106) Xieng Khouang	BCL	1 Tabor	2/3 REI	Trench	
(0902) Muong Khoua	BCL	5 Tabor			
(0101) Luang Prabang	BCL	BCL	BIL	3/2 RTM	Trench
(0620) Nam Dinh	22 BTA	DNA	1 REC		
(0823) Haiphong	RICM	BT	1 AOF	2/1 RTA	
(0822) Ninh Giang	3/2 RTA	DNA			
(0419) Ninh Binh	1/5 REI	3/1 RTM			
(1117) Vinh Yen	32 BMTS	2 ACF	27 BTA	2/1 RTM	1/3 RTM
	2/3 RTM				
(0917) Ha Dong	3/6 RIC	1/24 RTS	2/2 RTA	3/3 REI	2/13 DBLE
	3/3 RTA				
(1019) Bac Ninh	5/7 RTA	1/3 REI			
(1017) Son Tay	2/24 RTS	28 BMTS	1/4 RTM		
(1018) Hanoi	1/13 DBLE	BVN (247)	2 BEP	3 BPVN	4/2 RTM
	7 BPVN	6 BPC	1 RCC	8 RSA	
(setup after the VM) Montagnard area	7 x GCMA	(within 2 hexes of a friendly urban area in Mont. area)			
Within delta or any coastal hex north of delta	4/7 RTA	1/1 RTM	2/2 REI	RACM	2/5 RTM
	BVN (237)	3/4 RTM	2/5 REI	4 RAC	3/5 RTM
	2 x BVN (247)	1/5 RTM	3/5 REI	41 RAC	3/13 DBLE
	13 BMTS	Supply dump	1/2 REI		
Standby zone	BVN (235)				
Saigon zone	10 BPCP	2/2 REI	3 Tabor	11 Tabor	17 Tabor
	2/4 RTT	3/2 REI	5 BPC	3 BPC	7 BPC
	8 GSAP	1 BPVN	2 BPC		
Temporary dead box	2 x BVN (237)	BCL	BPL	1/8 RTM	

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VM

(1805) 4 hexes west of Lao Kay	316 div	Supply dump	
Within 1 hex of (0218) Thanh Hoa	320 div	304 div	Supply dump
Within 2 hexes of (1318) Thai Nguyen or (1416) Tuyen Quang	238	246	35
	308 div	312 div	351 div
	Supply dump		
South of Ma river in Vietnam	138		
(1205) 2 hexes east of Dien Bien Phu	148	(-1 step)	
In Vietnam and within 2 hexes of Vietnamese mobilization hexes	12 x VM-gr	12 x dummies	42
Within 2 hexes of (0720) Thai Binh	46	254	
Within 2 hexes of (0822) Ninh Giang	50		
Stacked with any regiment part of a division	Uncle Ho		
In Laos and within 2 hexes of Laos mobilization hexes	2 x Pathet Lao	2 x dummies	
Stacked with any unit	Supply dump		
Number of VM friendly urban areas in the Montagnard area	20		
Urban areas, initially friendly to the VM	As in the "Na San" scenario except: (0902) <i>Dien Bien Phu</i> . But add: (1312) <i>Nghia Lo</i> , (1311) <i>Tu Le</i> , (1208) <i>Son La</i> , (1109) <i>Na San</i> , (0810) <i>Sam Neua</i> , (1401) <i>Phong Saly</i>		

Reinforcement chart

FEF

oct-50	7 BPC	6 BPC			
nov-50	2 BEP				
dec-50	1 BPC				
jan-51	1/1 RTM 22 BTA 2/13 DBLE	1/3 RTM 17 Tabor 3/13 DBLE	1/4 RTM 2 BPC 1/2 REI	3/2 RTM 1 AOF	2/3 RTM 2/4 RTT
feb-51	BVN (237)	32 BMTS	4 RAC	With Para	
mar-51	8 BPC DNA	BVN (237) Withdraw x 2	2 ACF	8 RSA	
apr-51	3 x BVN (247)	3/2 RTA	HQ		
may-51	5 BPC	5/7 RTA			
jun-51	2/2 REI	3/2 REI	Withdraw x 2		
jul-51	1 BPVN	Withdraw			
aug-51	13 BMTS	BVN (237)			
sep-51	4/2 RTM	3/1 RTM	With Para		
oct-51	GCMA	41 RAC			
dec-51	2/1 RTM	BIL	3 x GCMA		
feb-52	28 BMTS				
apr-52	9 Tabor	BPL	Withdraw x 2		
jun-52	5 Tabor	Withdraw			
jul-52	Withdraw				
aug-52	2/1 RCP	BVN (235)	1 REC	With Para	
sep-52	3 BPVN	With Para x 2			
nov-52	Withdraw				
dec-52	3/3 RTA	2 Tabor	3 x GCMA		
feb-53	With Para				
jun-53	With Para	Withdraw			
sep-53	7 BPVN	5 BPVN	With Para		
oct-53	1/13 DBLE	27 BTA			
nov-53	GM/35 RALP	1/5 RTM	2/5 RTM	3/5 RTM	
jan-54	3 x GCMA				
feb-54	10 Tabor				
apr-54	8 Tabor	Withdraw			

VM

jan-51	3 Equipment replacements			
may-51	3 Equipment replacements			
sep-51	45/351	46		
sep-52	675/351	50	254	35
mar-53	34/351			
sep-53	237/351			

VM-groups mobilization hexes	2014	1922	1809	1416	1423
	1313	1318	1204	1208	1115
	1117	1119	1017	1019	0917
	0921	0816	0819	0822	0720
	0620	0518	0419	0218	
Pathet Lao mobilization hexes	1401	0902	0810	0106	