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1. The Viet Minh used 20 "Stalin organs" of 12 rockets each at Dien Bien Phu. These were not put into action until the closing days of the battle. The rockets were not mounted on trucks, but were fired from a platform which probably has wheels and can be erected from a truck. The caliber of the rockets is unknown.
2. A fighter-bomber from Cat Bi on a mission in the Delta area encountered 37mm flack in the vicinity of Hai Duong (N 20-56; E 106-19).¹

1. Comment. The bridges across the river at Hai Duong are the most vulnerable link in the Hanoi-Haiphong supply line. If the Viet Minh plans to attack the area, it might well move in AA in anticipation of French air retaliation. (b)(1)
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