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1. In February 1968 a prisoner of war camp with American officers was on a hilltop one kilometer west of Binh-son hamlet, Xuan-tien village, Chuong-Ky District, Ha Tay Province, North Vietnam. The hill, which was thickly forested, was also the site of some of the offices of the Ha Tay provincial government.

2. The camp housed approximately one-hundred-fifty prisoners, mostly majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels. The prisoners were divided into three categories: unwounded pilots who ejected from damaged aircraft; wounded pilots who ejected from damaged aircraft; and pilots, whether wounded or unwounded, whose aircraft caused casualties before being shot down. The two former groups were treated alike and were allowed free movement inside the camp. The latter group were restricted to an inner compound within the camp.

3. The daily food ration of the prisoners cost 1.20 dong. In the morning they received bread with milk or sugar. At 1000 hours and 1700 hours they received their rations of rice. In the evening they were given coffee. Every two weeks they saw motion pictures. For recreation the prisoners played volley ball, basketball and table tennis.

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