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1. On 30 March 1966, Company 1, Battalion 7, Regiment 18B captured four U.S. prisoner's of war (POWs) during a battle near the YAMO River in Central GIA LAI Province (PLEIKU Province), SVN. The company political officer said that the POW's were members of the U.S. Army "1st Airborne".
2. The POW's were uninjured and appeared to be in good health. They were light complected, ranged in height from 1.8 to 2 meters and weighed from 80 to 90 kilograms. They had brown hair. Two of the POW's had striped rank insignias on the sleeves of their green uniforms and two wore insignias on the shoulders of their shirts.
3. The POWs were being led southward in the direction of CAMBODIA by four guards. Their hands were tied at the wrists. The political officer later said that the POWs would probably be taken to CAMBODIA and, from there, would be flown to NVN by helicopter.
4. SOURCE COMMENT. It was common knowledge that NVN used helicopters between NVN and CAMBODIA although he had never seen one. He believed that the POW's would be well treated.

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