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 Hqs 1/9 Cav, 1st Air Cav Div
 HAMMOND AFD (BR883558) RWN
 130730 November 1966

FRAG ORDER 22-66 (CRESCENT/THAYER II)

2. (C) MISSION: 1/9 Cav continues aerial reconnaissance of THAYER II AO with special emphasis to the SUOI CA Valley and CROWS FOOT Area. Supports 3d Bde and ARVN Forces on a mission basis, secures LZs for 5/7 Cav and screens flanks of CRESCENT AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: Air Cav Troops continue aerial reconnaissance of assigned sectors of THAYER AO with first/last light and midday surveillance flights, screen north flank commencing D-1 and south flank commencing D-Day of CRESCENT AO, 0650 D-Day siezes LZs at BR888861 and BR872846 and secure them until arrival of 5/7 Cav, provide air cover for convoys on Rte 1 and supts 3d Bde and ARVN elements on request. Ground Cav Troop secures Engr and Log convoys on Route 1 D-1, maintains Sqdn reserve force and prepares to conduct Ground Cav operations in CRESCENT AO.

(2) Fires: TAC SKYSPOT and FAC air strikes available on request. Preplanned strike requests coordinated with S-3 0800 on the day preceding the requirements. Troop commanders will maintain alternate targets on a continual basis to insure proper utilization of all available strikes during periods of poor weather. Normal 3d Bde DS and GS tube and ARA artillery available. Naval destroyer and Swift Boat fire support available through normal artillery channels.

b. Troop A:

(1) Continue first/last light and midday recon of Trp sector of THAYER II AO.

(2) Commencing D-1 screen north flank of CRESCENT AO with special emphasis to southern CAY GIEP Mtns.

(3) Provide air cover for Engr and ARVN convoys on Rte 1 on D-1.

(4) D-Day secure LZ vic BR888861 by 0650 hrs. Lift aircraft orbit west of ridge line and extract Rifle Platoon as soon as 5/7 Cav elements assume control of LZ.

(5) Be prepared to support 3d Bde and ARVN units in CRESCENT AO on a mission basis.

c. Troop C:

(1) Continue first/last light and midday recon of assigned troop sector of THAYER II AO.

(2) D-Day secure LZ vic BR872846 by 0650 hrs. Lift aircraft orbit west of ridge line and extract Rifle Platoon as soon as 5/7 Cav elements assume control of LZ.

(3) Screen south flank of CRESCENT AO commencing D-Day.

(4) Be prepared to support 3d Bde and ARVN elements in CRESCENT AO on a mission basis.

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d. Troop D:

- (1) Secure Engrs on Route 1 on D-1.
- (2) Provide one plt as Sqdn reserve reaction force at HAMMOND eff 0630 D-Day.
- (3) Be prepared to secure Log convoys on Rte 1.
- (4) Be prepared to execute ground cav operations in CRESCENT area on order.
- (5) Be prepared to support Sqdn operations with additional airmobile platoons as required.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) D-Day tentively 14 Nov 66.
- (2) Following Points of Origin applicable for Opn CRESCENT:
8985- BOATS
9281- BEERS
8979- WATCHES
- (3) Curfew in effect for all Vietnamese civilians during the hours of darkness.
- (4) Fire coordination line between 1/9 Cav and 2d ARVN ABN TF effective D-Day. (See Overlay 1).

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS: Forward refuel and rearm points opens D-Day at Psn ENGLISH.

5. (C) COMMAND & SIGNAL

Signal: ARVN Airborne Advisor can be contacted on 40.10 primary, on 45.80 alternate FM frequencies:

Sr Advisor 2d ABN TF	"TROOPER"	48
Advisor 6th ABN BN	"TROOPER"	6
Asst Advisor 6th ABN BN	#TROOPER"	61
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Advisor 9th ABN BN	"TROOPER"	9
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