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Hqs 1/9 Cav, 1st Air Cav Div  
LZ HAMMOND (BR883552) RVN  
23 1700 Dec 66  
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## OPORD 27-66 (THAYER II)(4)

Reference: Maps SVN Series L7014, 1:50,000 Sheets 6536 I-IV, 6636 III &amp; IV

## 1. (U) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces - Current INTSUM
- b. Friendly Forces: No Change
- c. Attachments and Detachments: No Change

## 2. (C) MISSION:

1/9 Cav performs intensive aerial reconnaissance and surveillance to detect any enemy initiatives during the Christmas truce period 240700 Dec-260700 Dec.

## 3. (C) EXECUTION:

## a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Maneuver: 1/9 Cav utilizes two Air Cav Troops and one Cav troop to conduct intensive aerial recon in Bde AO. To locate and isolate any enemy initiative. Air Cav Troops conduct aerial recon assigned AO. Ground Cav Troop acts as squadron reaction force.

(2) Fires: Brigade normal artillery. Bde reinforced by medium heavy aerial rocket artillery. Tactical air on call.

## b. A Troop:

(1) Conduct intensive aerial recon in eastern sector Bde AO.

(2) Be prepared to secure downed aircraft in sector.

(3) Be prepared to reinforce squadron reaction force if committed.

c. C Troop:

(1) Conduct intensive aerial recon in sector.

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(2) Be prepared to secure downed aircraft in sector.

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(3) Be prepared to reinforce squadron reaction force if committed.

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(4) Maintain close coordination with Brigade and ARVN units in sector.

d. D Troop:

- (1) Squadron reaction force.
- (2) Maintain one platoon in airmobile status on (30) minute alert.
- (3) Re-constitute reaction platoon if initial platoon committed.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Conduct Troop indoctrination on need-to-know basis on "Guide Lines for Christmas Truce".
- (2) The Christmas Truce is not a holiday and the time available will be considered as an opportunity to perform needed maintenance, improve base defence positions, etc.
- (3) No weapons will be fired except for illumination and conduct of defense.
- (4) Ground to Air fire will not be returned. Aircraft will maintain surveillance at a safe distance to any enemy sightings. Squadron will be contacted for further instructions.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Squadron SOP.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
- b. Command: Sqdn CP at HAMMOND.

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