

Radio Lourenço Marques Feb.10, 1972

Destruction of Cabora Bassa explosives lorry In its communiqué No.1/72, the Mozambique Armed Forces GHQ reports: The C-in-C regrets to announce that with the complicity of some members of the population, who have no fixed abode in any village, Frelimo managed to infiltrate a small group of its men and at about 08.30 yesterday carry out an operation as a result of which a lorry with explosives was blown up on the Tete-Songo road [near Cabora Bassa], killing nine people - four civilians and five military - and wounding five military personnel. No major enemy action had taken place on this road since 4th September last year. The national forces went into action on a big scale immediately in pursuit of the infiltrators and are searching for their accomplices. Investigations have already established that the vehicle left the convoy to overtake the leading vehicle, contrary to marching orders, when it was hit. (Lourenco Marques in Portuguese 05.00 GMT 10.2.72)