

# Highway Hit By VC Ambush

CHU LAI (39th Bn) - A blown bridge and an ambush have been the Viet Cong's most recent attempts to block the flow of important supplies along National Highway 1 near LZ Bronco. Company A, 39th Engineer Battalion (Cbt), has been involved in both incidents.

Recently, sappers managed to blow the north abutment of Bridge 399. Fast thinking and hard work resulted in the removal of the clot in Highway 1's mainstream that sameday, as a bypass was constructed to allow traffic to move around the demolished bridge.

In another incident, rockets and heavy automatic small arms fire greeted Staff Sergeant James Snelling and his south minesweep team near LZ Lowboy. RPGs claimed one Armored Personnel Carrier and a jeep, causing eight casualties among the infantrymen who were providing security for the team. The engineers escaped with only frayed nerves and continued the sweep. Two days later, another APC was put out of action when it detonated a mine just off the shoulder of the road.

*This article was posted on Facebook by Rudi E Kingma in 2019. The time frame for the incident above is believed to be around 1969/1970.*