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General Dept.

A. J. A.

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referring to letter of 12/3/16 (10985) from
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damaged in any way.

10. Further attempts have been made as follows:-

(a) No. 12 W Live Stock train, 11th instant, one vehicle derailed and damaged, and Permanent Way blown up by enemy mine at Mile 72/5, at about 4.0. a.m.

(b) Permanent Way damaged by enemy mine at Mile 73/5 at about 10.0 p.m. on the 18th instant.

(c) The line at Mile 221/16-18 damaged by enemy mine at about 1.0 a.m. on the 18th instant.

11. These cases are being investigated and I will report further hereon in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/ E. EASTWOOD,

Colonel.

for/ Director of Railways, I.E.P. "B".

8. The above cancels paragraph (c) of my report of the 6th instant, in which the mishap is stated to have occurred at Mile 75 at about 8.0. a.m. on December 31st, 1915.

8. The line at Mile 159/1 between Mtsite Andei and ~~Anga~~ Stations was mined by the enemy during the night of the 21st December, 1915. The mine, however, was discovered by the military patrol and safely removed at about 4.30 a.m. on the 1st instant. There was no damage of any description on this occasion.

7. On the 4th January, 1916, the line at Miles 28-15 to Mile 29/3 between Mackinnon Road and Buchuma stations was blown up by the enemy at about 4.5 p.m. The line was immediately blocked and arrangements made for the road to be repaired. The damage, which was somewhat extensive, was repaired at 6.0. a.m. and the block removed at 8.30 a.m. on the 5th instant.

The approximate cost of repairing the damage was:-
Permanent Way Rs. 340.99/-

8. Enemy mines were discovered on the line at Mile 249/17 and Mile 250/4 on the 7th instant at about 6.0 a.m. in each instance. Fortunately the mines were found in sufficient time to enable landie coolies being sent to stop No. 1 Up Mail, which was running between Sultan Hamud and Kima Stations at the time, and this was safely accomplished. The mines were afterwards removed and destroyed by order of Major General H. J. Price and staff who were travelling on the train.

9. At about 9.0 p.m. on the 2nd instant No. 7 Up Goods from Killiajini to Voi was stopped by the military patrol at Mile 22 and ordered to return to Mackinnon Road owing to the presence of the enemy. As the train was returning it was fired on from the jungle, but fortunately no injury was sustained by the train staff or the train.

The approximate cost of repairing the damage is given below:-

Engine, No. 51B	Rs. 300.00
Rolling Stock	450.00
Permanent Way	<u>313.59</u>
TOTAL:-	Rs. 963.59

3. On the 26th December 1915, the fuel train working between Voi and the Coast was fired on by the enemy at Mile 66 whilst running between Buchuma and Mackinnon Road Stations, at about 11.50 a.m. The brake van was struck in three places but fortunately none of the train staff were injured. A trolley boy who was riding in the brake van became alarmed and fell on to the permanent way. He, however, returned safely to Mackinnon Road station later in the day. The line between Miles 66/5 and 66/7 was afterwards found to have been blown up, the line being mined in thirteen different places. Seven of the mines were exploded by the enemy, the remaining six being removed intact by the military. The damage to the permanent way was very slight, the section being blocked for 3 hours 30 minutes whilst the repairs were being carried out.

The approximate cost of the damage in this case was:-

Permanent Way Rs. 97.45.

4. The line at Mile 73/6 between Buchuma and Maungu Stations was found to have been blown up by the enemy at about 7.7 p.m. on the 30th December 1915. The damage was not extensive and was repaired in about six hours. No train was involved on this occasion.

The approximate cost of repairing the damage was:-

Permanent Way Rs. 139.90.

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In Despatch No. 62 of Jan. 25th 1916

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No. D 16/34a/ 33

Nairobi 22nd January, 1916. 1916

B. E. A.

The Honourable
The Chief Secretary
to the Government,
N A I R O B I .

SIR,

Attempts made by the enemy to wreck trains.

In continuation of my letter No. D 16/34a/4 of the 5th instant, I have the honour to report as follows:-

3. No. 1 Up Mail on the 25th December 1915 ran over and exploded an enemy mine at Mile 152/153, between Kshemai and Kanga stations, at about 10.45 p.m. The train consisted of one bogie covered wagon running in front of the engine for mine sweeping purposes, 2 goods and five coaching vehicles behind the engine. The foremost wagon (N.B.X. No. 2188), engine (No. 518) and the following bogie truck (N.B.X. 743) were badly derailed and considerably damaged. The contents of the leading vehicle caught fire, but this was extinguished by the guard with the assistance of passengers. The Permanent Way was damaged to the extent of two lengths of rails. No injury was sustained either by the passengers or the train staff. A diversion was put in as quickly as possible and the section opened for traffic at 10.15 a.m. on the 26th December, the line being blocked for 11 hours 30 minutes.