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FROM

: AMG REGION II

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ATTENTION: Communications - Line Sabotage.

TO: R.C.A.C., Region I.
R.C.A.C., Region II.

1. Quoted herewith in part is letter, R.C.A.C., dated 23 December 1943:
Subject: "Communications - Line Sabotage", dated 23 December 1943:

"1. This Headquarters is concerned at the continued instances of wire cutting and interference with signals communications in Sicily and on the mainland.

2. It is essential that the utmost vigilance be exercised by the Civil Police in this connection. All offences must be carefully investigated and prosecuted vigorously. The prosecution must insist on calling any evidence which it may assist the court in coming to a conclusion, particularly where sabotage is suspected. The prosecution must not be deterred by the serious penalties necessarily involved in a conviction for that crime. In cases where it is not proved that wire cutting amounted to sabotage, prosecutors will be instructed to press for salutary penalties, in view of the serious military consequences of damage to signal installations."

3. The offences abovementioned are clearly within categories defined in paras. 3a and b of letter from Legal Commission, this HQ, dated 6 December 1943, subject "Office of Director of Special Prosecutions". The procedure therein outlined (paras. 4 to 7 inclusive) will be complied with.

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TO: H.Q.A.C., Region I.
H.Q.A.C., Region II.

1. Quoted herewith is part of letter, A.C.I., dated 20 December 1943, subject: "Communications - Mine Sabotage", dated 20 December 1943.

2. This Headquarters is concerned at the continued instances of wire cutting and interference with signals communications in Sicily and on the mainland.

3. It is essential that the utmost vigilance be exercised by the Civil Police in this connection. All offences must be carefully investigated and prosecuted vigorously. The prosecution must insist on calling any evidence which it may assist the court in coming to a conclusion, particularly where sabotage is suspected. The prosecution must not be deterred by the serious penalties necessarily involved in a conviction for that crime. In cases where it is not proved that wire cutting amounted to sabotage, prosecutors will be instructed to press for salutary penalties, in view of the serious military consequences of damage to signal installations."

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4. The offences abovementioned are clearly within categories defined in paras. 1a and b of letter from legal sub-commission, this HQ, dated 6 December 1943, subject "Office of Director of Special Prosecutions". The procedure therein outlined (paras. 4 to 7 inclusive) will be complied with.

5. Civil Police agencies subject to your jurisdiction will again be impressed with the importance of exercising maximum vigilance in the security of signal communications and of investigating offenders with complete thoroughness.

By Order of Commanding Officer:

R. J. C. [Signature]
Lt. Colonel R. J. C. [Signature]
Malone, A.C.I.
D. C. C. [Signature]

Discontinue on reverse.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

3 January 1944.

Admin. Dir.

In connection with attached, suggest communication to RGAO's I & II quoting paras 1 & 2 of AFHQ letter, and adding following:-

"The offenses above-mentioned are clearly within categories defined in paras 3a & b of letter from Legal Sub-commission this Hq. dated 6 Dec. 1943, Subject:- "Office of Director of Special Prosecutions." The procedure therein outlined (paras 4 to 7 inclusive) will be complied with.

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I also recommend:-

1. That Lt. Correa, Director of Special Prosecutions, now at Palermo, be transferred to Naples. Legal Sub-Commission should of course be asked to approve.
2. That tactical or service agencies be requested to report incidents of this character to CAO's or CAPO's as soon as possible. Latest report from RGAPO, Region II would indicate that such reports had not been received.

P.G.K.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

*Legal. But that they do not agree. This office has the
important work to complete in Region I and will be so
impeded for some time to come.*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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28 December 1943

SUBJECT: Communications - Line Sabotage.

TO : HQ. ACC.
AMG 15 Army Group.
HQ. AMG.

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3. Copy of recent report to this Headquarters is enclosed for information.

D.S. Jackling
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Lt Colonel

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SUBJECT:- Communications- Line Sabotage

No. 52

MG.,
AA & CD, AFHQ.

1. The following are instances of line sabotage, in which the culprits have been caught and tried by civil courts, with punishments awarded.

- (i) 535 S/L Bty.
Caught an offender in MISTER HIANCO area. His name is unknown but he was tried by civil court on 5 Oct and awarded 6 months hard labour.
- (ii) 31 LAA Regt.
Two civilians were caught cutting wire outside RHQ on 12 Sep handed over to AMCOF at LENTINI and were tried on 16 Sept. One was given the option of a fine of 5000 lire or 6 months imprisonment and paid the fine immediately. The other was severely reprimanded.
- (iii) 31 LAA Regt.
Two more civilians caught on Sep 20 in almost the same position. Handed over to AMCOF at LENTINI and given the option of 6 months imprisonment or a fine of 5000 lire. As both civilians were later seen at liberty it is assumed that they paid the fine.
- (iv) 18 AA Ops Room.
Caught a man cutting lines on the SYRACUSE - CASSIETTA road on 10 Aug. He was taken to the Pd Security Section SYRACUSE. Result of trial is not known.
- (v) 104 HAA Regt.
A Sicilian was caught by 329 HAA Bty interfering with telephone lines on 6 Oct 43. He received 2 years hard labour at CATANIA.
- (vi) 104 HAA Regt.
Two Sicilians caught by 329 HAA Bty on 9 Oct 43 cutting telephone wire. Tried at CATANIA. One sentenced to 2 years hard labour, the other fined 5000 lire with 6 months suspended sentence.
- (vii) On 17 Oct two Sicilians were caught by Signallers from RHQ cutting telephone wires. Each sentenced to 2 years imprisonment at CATANIA.
2. Other units report numerous cases in which culprits were not caught.

Field.
14 Dec 43
A. H. H. C.

/s/ E.C.M. Haiker
Brigadier
Comd 73 AA Brigade

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Brigadier
Comd 73 AA Brigade

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