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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM FEB 44
TO MAY 44
CATALOGUE.

SOCIETÀ MERIDIONALE DI ELETTRICITÀ

Memorandum for Col. Growdon

We have been reported that from 1st to 6th May inst. there will be exercise-shelling in the Piedimonte Area. We fear that damages might be caused to our Matese Plant 1st Stage, namely to penstocks, transmission lines and towers.

Major Page has been made aware of the above.

Naples, the 1st May 1944

MCu/pz
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SOCIETA MERIDIONALE DI ELETTRICITA

Memorandum for Col. GROWDON

Another tower (Number 21) of the 60 KV line Matese-Benevento has been cut by the Army.

We have also received news that bolts are being taken from other towers. We have sent this morning patrols in order to check the above new.

Naples, the 19th February 1944

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SOCIETA MERIDIONALE DI ELETTRICITA

Memorandum for Col. GROWDON

In the last days some towers of the 60 KV line Matese-Benevento have been cut and brought away. Our patrols sent on the place have reported that the towers are 4:

Number 31-32 near the village of San Potito

" 56-57 " " " Gioia Sannitica

Two of the above towers (31-32) were in good conditions, the other two were damaged but could have been repaired. They have been cut with oxygen and acetylene. According to the reports of men of the place the work would have been done by soldiers of the Army.

We are now trying to investigate where the towers have been used.

This evening we have received news that about 20 poles of the telephonic line Fratta-Liri (now under repair) have been taken away. We have sent patrols to investigate about the exact number of poles and their locations.

16 near the cemetery of S. Marcellino
2 " Frattamaggiore (at about 2 km)

Naples, the 17th February 1944
TM/pz

SUBJECT :- Misuse of Weapons.

(10)
HQ. ACMF (Adm Ech),
CMF
ACMF/3112/4/A (PS).
29 Feb '44

Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian).
Board for Electric Power Committee.
ACMF Central Electricity Board.
Works.

Herewith copy of this HQ letter 3112/4/A.2 of 25 Feb
'44.

7266
John
Brigadier,
D.A.G.

AEW/AH.

Copy to :- 'Q' - with two copies of above mentioned
letter. (Your 73/8/Q2 of 28 Feb
'44 refers).

73/8/Q
12 March

DA

SUBJECT:- Misuse of Weapons.A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech,
C.M.F.

3112/4/A.2.

25 Feb 44.

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H.Q. No. 2 District.
H.Q. No. 3 District.
P.B.S.XII A.F.S.C.
XV A.F.S.C.
M.A.A.F.
A.B.D.G.
A.C.C.
D.G .M.R.

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H. J. J. 7265

RFW/AEW.

Major-General,
D.C.A.O.Copy to:- Q.
G-4.

cc. Where did this come from WMS

797

Subject:- Damage to Overhead Lines

Directorate of Works,
HQ. ACFT (Admin Ech),
C.M.F.

2051/DDT

11 Mar 44

Vice Chairman,
C.M.F. C.E.B.

Enclosed please find copy of letter, 3112/4/A.2 dated 25 Feb 44,
emanated from D.C.A.O., AMK Adv Adm Echelon, as a result of Minute 8 of
the second meeting of the C.E.B.

J/CoB

W.A.R. Smith
W.A.R. SMITH,
Lt. COL., R.E.
for Brig.,
D.D.W.

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SUBJECT:- Misuse of Weapons.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Rep
C.M.F.

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John L. ...

Major General,
D.C.A.O.

RFW/AEW.

Copy to:- Q.
G-4.

A.O.M.F.
CENTRAL ELECTRICAL BOARD

29 February 1944

SUBJECT : Theft of electrical conductor and material
TO : Chief Commissioner - A.O.C.

1. The theft of transmission line conductor and other electrical material continues to increase. This is seriously interfering with the war effort. Unless it is stopped the supply of power for military and essential civilian requirements will be seriously curtailed and the transmission of power to Rome prevented.

2. It is requested that action be taken ^{to} stop such thefts and to apprehend and punish the thieves. Immediate action is required on the transmission line Prattomaggiore-Liri in the vicinity of Villa Lirio and Cellole Crocolla.

J. P. G.
JAMES P. GORDON
Colonel CE
Vice Chairman.

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DD (7)
Memorandum for Lt. Col. COOLEY

In the last days other 7 wood poles have been cut from the telephonic line Fratta-Minturno in the area of Cancellò Arnone. It seems that poles have been charged on a military truck.

Naples, the 7th March 1944

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A.C.M.F.
CENTRAL ELECTRICAL BOARD

7 March 1941

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SUBJECT: Destruction of Electric line by soldiers :

TO : C.E. A.C.M.F.

1. Within the last two or three days - (exact date unknown) ?
Wooden poles on the telephone line paralleling the transmission line from
Naples to Rome have been taken down and carried away. It is reported to have
been done by soldiers using military transport. The poles were removed in the
vicinity of Cancelli Arnone which is 5th Army Area.

2. This telephone line is essential for the construction and operation
of the transmission line to Rome.

JAMES P. GROWDON
Colonel C.E.
Vice Chairman A.C.M.F. - C.E.B.

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SUBJECT:- Misuse of Weapons.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Echelon,
C.M.F.

3112/4/A.2.

25 Feb 44.

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RFW/AWW.

Major-General
D.C.A. 725

Copy to:- Q.
G-4.

File 7049
 SUBJECT:- Destruction of Telephone Line

Headquarters
 A. A. I.

2550/1/RE

13 March '44

Central Electric Board,
 A.A.I., Adm Echelon

1. Reference your letter dated 7 March '44 regarding the removal of poles from the Telephone Line paralleling the power transmission line from NAPLES to ROME.
2. The Signals Officer this H.Q. feels that these poles were removed for operational communications in the forward area due to a shortage of poles there.
3. Poles in considerable quantities are now being railed forward so that such cannibalization of disused lines should not be necessary in future. The Signals Officer is, however, issuing an instruction that this line is not, as far as possible, to be interfered with.

H. Stevens

Major, R.E.,
 for Brigadier,
 Chief Engineer.

Copy to:- "X" Branch - (ref conversation Jones - Stevens)

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

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Ref: 319/3/CA.

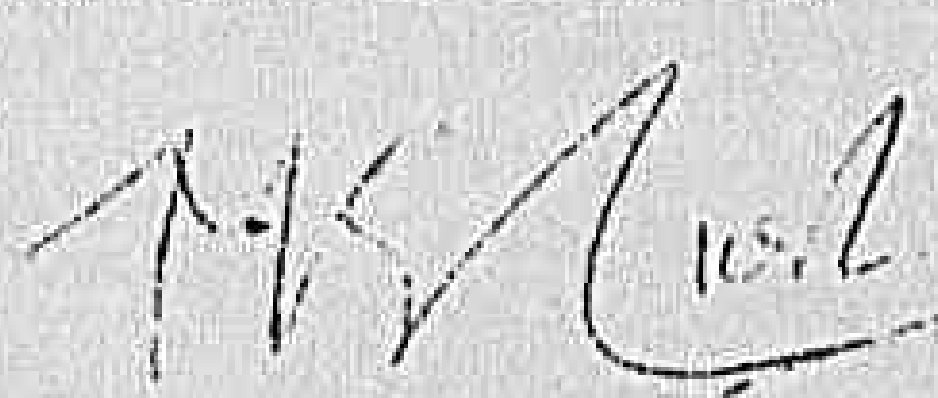
12th March 1944.

Subject: Theft of Electrical Conductor and material.

To : Regional Commissioners,
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX.
S.C.A.O., AMG, 5 Army.
S.C.A.O., AMG, 8 Army.

1. The Chairman of the Central Electrical Board, A.C.E.B. has brought to the attention of the Chief Commissioner the increasing incidence of theft of transmission line, conductor and other electrical material connected with electrical supply.
2. These incidents are seriously interfering with the war effort and unless they are stopped the supply of power for military and essential civilian requirements will be seriously curtailed and the transmission of power to Rome and the North prevented in the future. Cases of theft are particularly bad from the transmission line Frattamaggiore-Liri in the vicinity of Villa Literno and Cellale Crocella.
3. Regional Commissioners will take immediate action to prevent these incidents. Directions or advice should be given to the CC.RR and the courts in order to ensure that rigorous punishment is meted out to convicted offenders. The question of collective punishment should be considered and everything possible should be done to bring this type of theft to an end.

MSL/JG.


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: A.C.E.B.
HQ. No.1 District
HQ. No.2 District
HQ. No.3 District
Central Electrical Board, A.C.E.B.

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- Please find out if there is what Col. Frederick wants. Put up to 'A' a draft Action Order on page 8.

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C.M.F.

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W. J. Johnston

Major-General,
D.C.A.O.

RFW/AEW.

Copy to:- Q.
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CSO A.A.I. Technical Instruction No. 15 15 March 44.

 Utilisation of Power Transmission Lines
 for Telephone Communications.

1. Instances are occurring of unused or damaged power transmission lines being employed for telephone communications.
2. This practice is dangerous as such lines are being repaired and re-energised as rapidly as possible.
3. Where such lines are utilised, a special report will be made to CSO AAI in order that the Power Authorities may be informed.

REJ/RL

Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.Distribution

Signal Officer, Fifth Army
 CSO Eighth Army
 CAFSO (CLO) MAAF
 CSO L of C ITALY
 Signal Officer, FDS
 CSO 1 District
 CSO 2 District
 CSO 3 District
 CSO Air Formation Signals, MATAF
 OC 15 HQ Signals
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-Col. Gordon
Vice Liaison G.E.B.A. from CE. AAI.

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