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March 3rd, 1916.

Sir,

*Your
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In continuation of my despatch N°62

From D. of R.
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of the 25th of January, I have the honour to
transmit herewith a further letter from the
Director of Railways on the subject of the
attempts made by the enemy to wreck the Uganda
Railway.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

[Signature]
GOVERNOR'S Deputy

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BOWEN LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
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General Manager's Office.

D.18/344/76

Nairobi 1st March 1918.

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.18/344/33 of the 22nd January 1918, I have the honour to report as follows:-

2. On the 11th January the line at Mile 78/8 between Buchuma and Masaga was blown up by an enemy mine at about 4-0 a.m. No. 12 up live stock train from Kilindini to Voi was passing at the time, and the leading mine-sweeping truck, a high sided open bogie vehicle, was completely derailed and considerably damaged as a result of the explosion. The engine, Mallot No. 112, sustained slight damage but was not derailed. The permanent way suffered to the extent of some 30 ft. rail, 100 steel sleepers, and a number of steel keys and fish bolts damaged. The section was blocked for six hours and 30 minutes whilst the necessary repairs were carried out. Fortunately no injury was sustained by the train staff. In this instance the mine was apparently an observation one, fired electrically, as the wire was afterwards discovered.

The approximate cost of repairing the damage was:-

Engine No. 112 M	Rs. 25.00
Rolling Stock	Rs. 180.00
Permanent Way	<u>Rs. 507.69</u>
TOTAL:-	<u>Rs. 682.69</u>

3. At 10-0 a.m. on the 16th January the line at Mile 71/8 between Masuma and Mackinnon Road Stations was blown up by an enemy mine. The damage, which was negligible, was discovered in sufficient time to prevent danger to passing trains, and caused no delay to traffic.

The approximate cost of repairs was:-

Permanent Way	Rs. 33.73
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4. At about 12-30 midnight on the 18th January the line at Mile 221/17 between Simba and Kibaka was damaged by enemy mines. Three mines had been placed on the rails attached to three consecutive joints, and a fourth mine fastened to telegraph post No. 221/17. All the mines (which were ignited by fuses) with the exception of one which had been fastened to a rail joint, exploded, causing slight damage to the Permanent Way and fracturing the telegraph post. The necessary steps were at once taken to warn the train staff of No. 10 Down Goods from Nairobi to Makindu, which was then in the section, and the train returned to Simba. No. 1 Up Mail was at Makindu at the time, and this train proceeded cautiously on its journey after the unexploded mine had been removed by the military and passed safely over the spot.

The delay to traffic on this occasion was very slight and the approximate cost of repairs was:-

Permanent Way	<u>Rs. 122.12</u>
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5. A further attempt by the enemy to mine the line was made on the night of the 21-22nd January at Mile 224/12

between Kiboko and Simba stations. The presence of the
smuggly party was, however, discovered by a military patrol,
who drove them off and captured a quantity of explosive
material which had been left behind by the raiding party.
No damage of any description was sustained on this occasion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonel.
Director of Railways,
I.C.F. "B"