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TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH WIRES IN THIS WAR AND THE LAST

Difference of 16,000,000 miles

One difference between the first world war and the second world war is an extra 16,000,000 miles of wire in the Post Office telephone and telegraph system in this country.

During the first war there were about 3,000,000 miles: now there are roughly 19,000,000.

More than 17,000,000 miles of this wire is underground - safe from storm damage. Cables, however, run beneath many of the main thoroughfares and in consequence some have been fractured by enemy bombs and repaired.

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