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**1914-18 War**

Signals

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**Title:** 2nd Signal Squadron

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# WAR DIARY

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABASAN	1/9/17		4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bde moved to GAMLI in support of Yeomanry Division. Communications by telephone via WELI SHEIKH NURAN and Railway wires to GAMLI. - 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde returned to ABASAN the same day.	
"	1/9/17		} Training cable detachments including the carrying out of small schemes.	
"	7/9/17			
"	8/9/17			Practice 'Turnout' - Orders received 0430. - Advance party left camp 0520 - Remainder at 0545.
"	9/9/17		} Training cable detachments including the carrying out of small schemes.	
"	17/9/17			
FARA	18/9/17		Division moved to the Outpost position at FARA. - 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde. Outpost Bde. Line laid to S.S.O. - Lines to 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde overhauled. Pair used to S.S.O. Yes. Div. reeled up. All lines being overhauled.	
	20/9/17		Karm pair looped at KARM and tested. - ii Lt. C.F. THRELFALL reported from 21 <sup>st</sup> Corps for duty.	
	21/9/17		Squadron less Lt THRELFALL, Hd. Qrs, 2 office reliefs and W25 W/T detachment, leave for RESHID BEK to provide communication for 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. and 7 <sup>th</sup> Intd Bde encamped near there and to establish DHQ for following day. - Work to rear sent over buried cables at ESANI. W3. Pack W/T Station and two trench W/T sets accompanied Sqn. to RESHID BEK.	
	23/9/17	1300	DHQ at RESHID BEK - Division covering reconnaissance to KHALASSA, ASLUS etc. Cables thro' to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde near EL BUGGAR and 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde at Hill 910. GOZ SHEHEILI. Visual established with 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde, & 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. - W/T Communication with 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bdes, Desert Corps & G.H.Q. - Sounder & telephone to Desert Corps.	
	24/9/17	0600	Communication broken off 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. and 7 <sup>th</sup> Intd Bdes commence return to FARA - 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bde	224
		1000	D.H.Q., Signal Squadron, bivouac at ESANI, communicating to Desert Corps by sounder.	
		1700	Sig. Sqn. return to camp.	
		1730	Authority received for the following amendments to establishment of Squadron:- Hd. Qrs. 6 Horses to replace 6 Bicycles B. Troop Add 1 L.G.S. wagon & 4 horses, 2 mounted linemen; deduct artillery telephone wagon, 14 OR. artillery detachment and 6 riding animals 12 draught animals - D Troop - 1 motor van & driver for motor cyclists tools & petrol. General Substitute 2 L.G.S. wagons for 2 L.R.E. wagons, & provide 8 donkeys for batmen.	
	22/9/17	10.46.		

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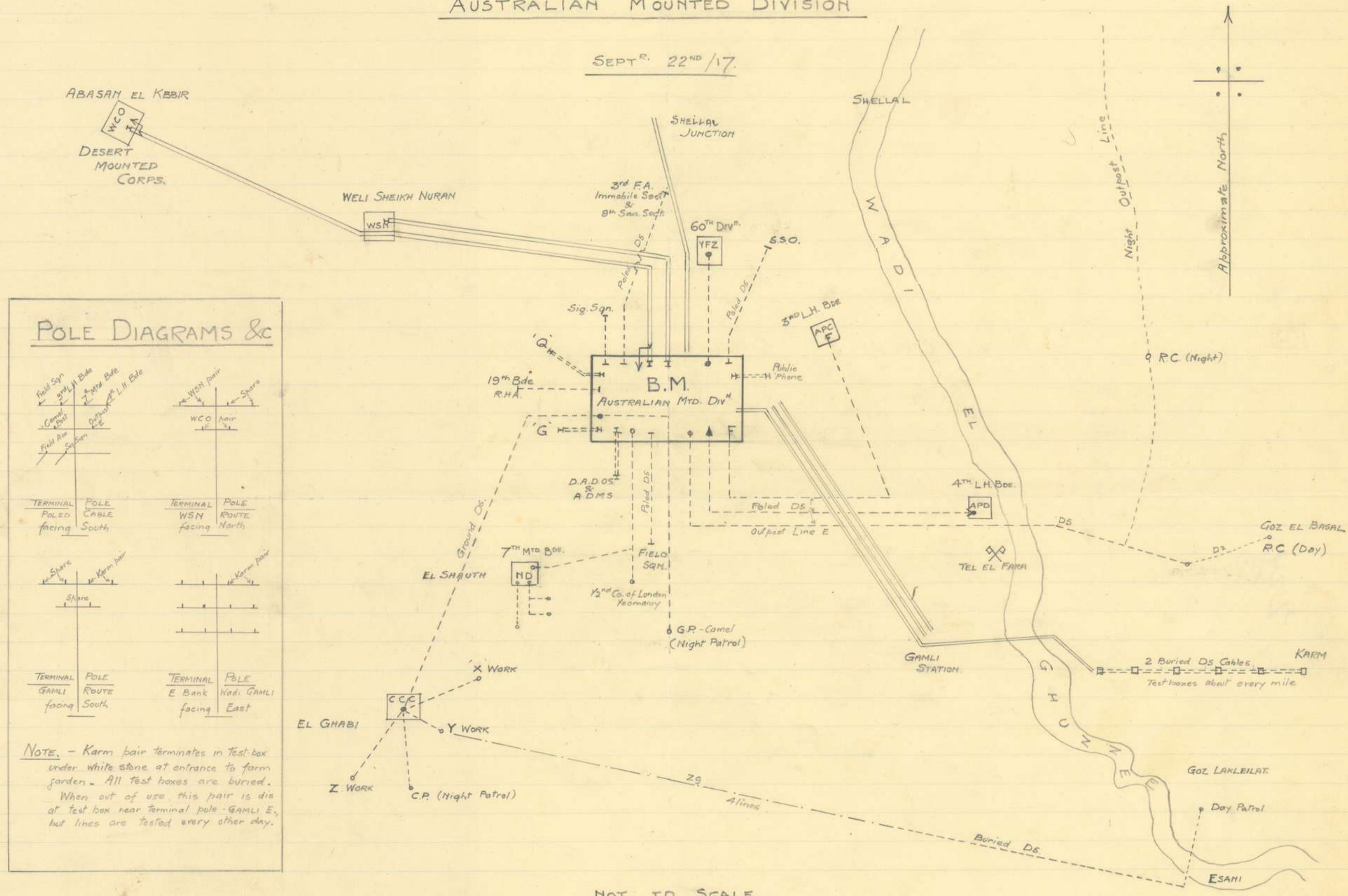
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FARA	27/9/14 28/9/14 29/9/14 30/9/14		<p>Working Souther to 4<sup>th</sup> Bde } B Troop reeling up 'dead' cables in FARA area.                      Fullerphone to 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde }                      Lt THRELFALL to Des. Corps &amp; RFC. for instruction in signalling to aircraft.                      Capt J.S.L. MILLAR returned from Home leave. Lt THRELFALL returned from Des. Corps.                      KARM lines on test found dis. Party discovered break in buried line 1 mile west of KARM.                      Circuit Diagram of FARA area and for operations of 24<sup>th</sup> inst attached                      End of Diary for September 1917.</p>	<p>Appendix No 7.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <i>J. Hill</i>                      Major R.E.                      O.C. Sig. Squ.                      Aust. Mtd Div.                 </p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">22/4</p>

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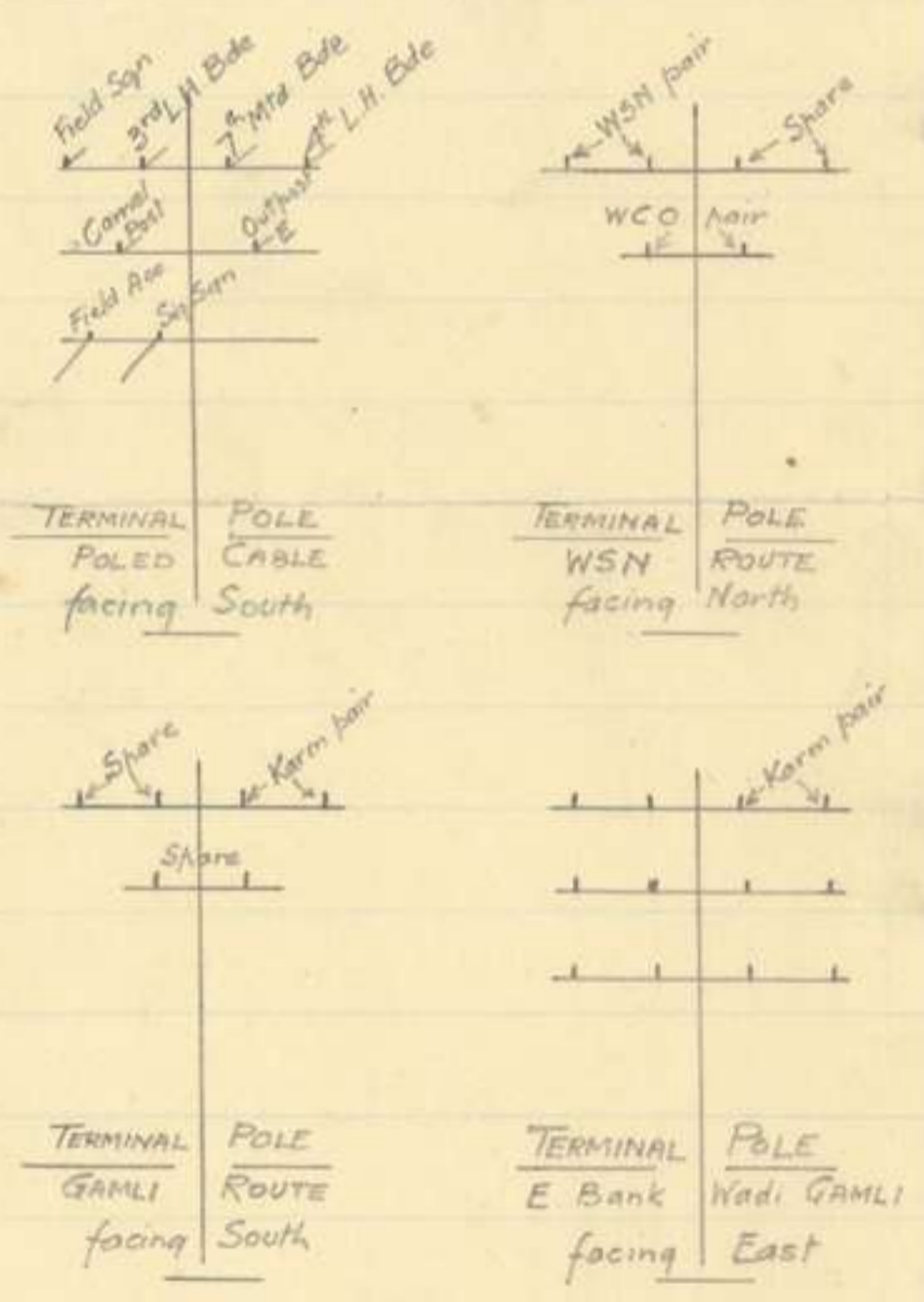
# COMMUNICATIONS

## AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

SEPT<sup>R</sup>. 22<sup>ND</sup> /17.



### POLE DIAGRAMS &C



**NOTE.** - Karm pair terminates in test-box under white stone at entrance to farm garden. All test boxes are buried. When out of use, this pair is dia at test box near terminal pole - GAMLI E, but lines are tested every other day.

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*F. Hill*  
 MAJOR RE  
 O.C. SIGNALS  
 AUST<sup>N</sup> MTD. DIV<sup>N</sup>.

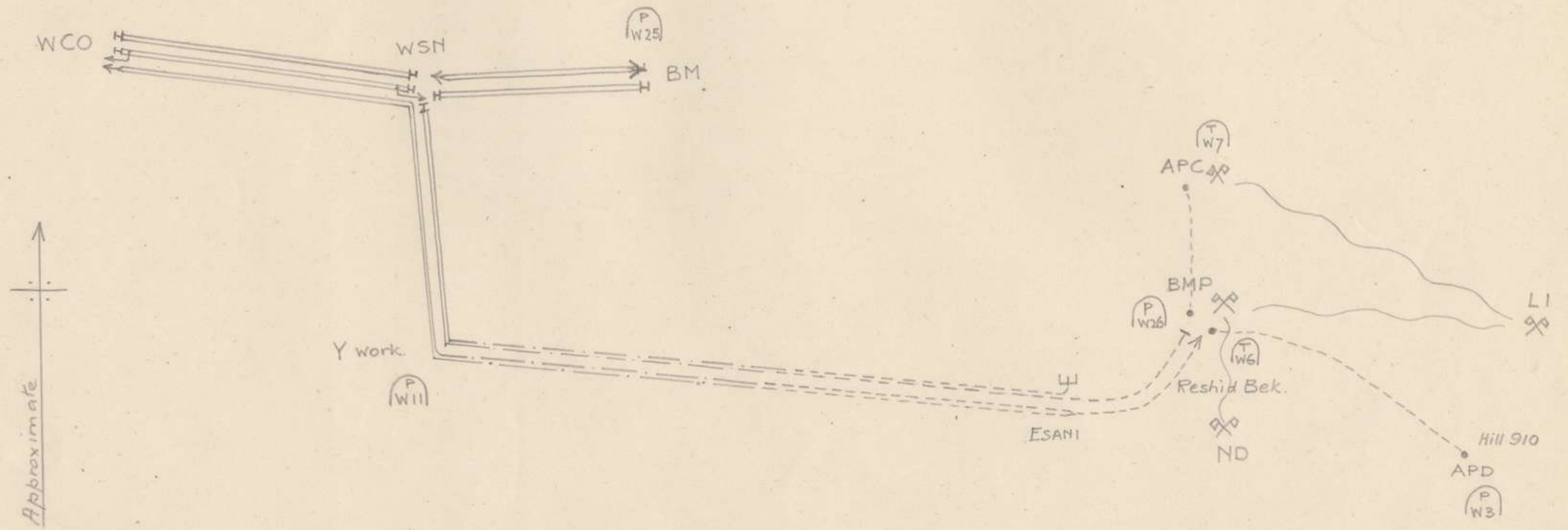
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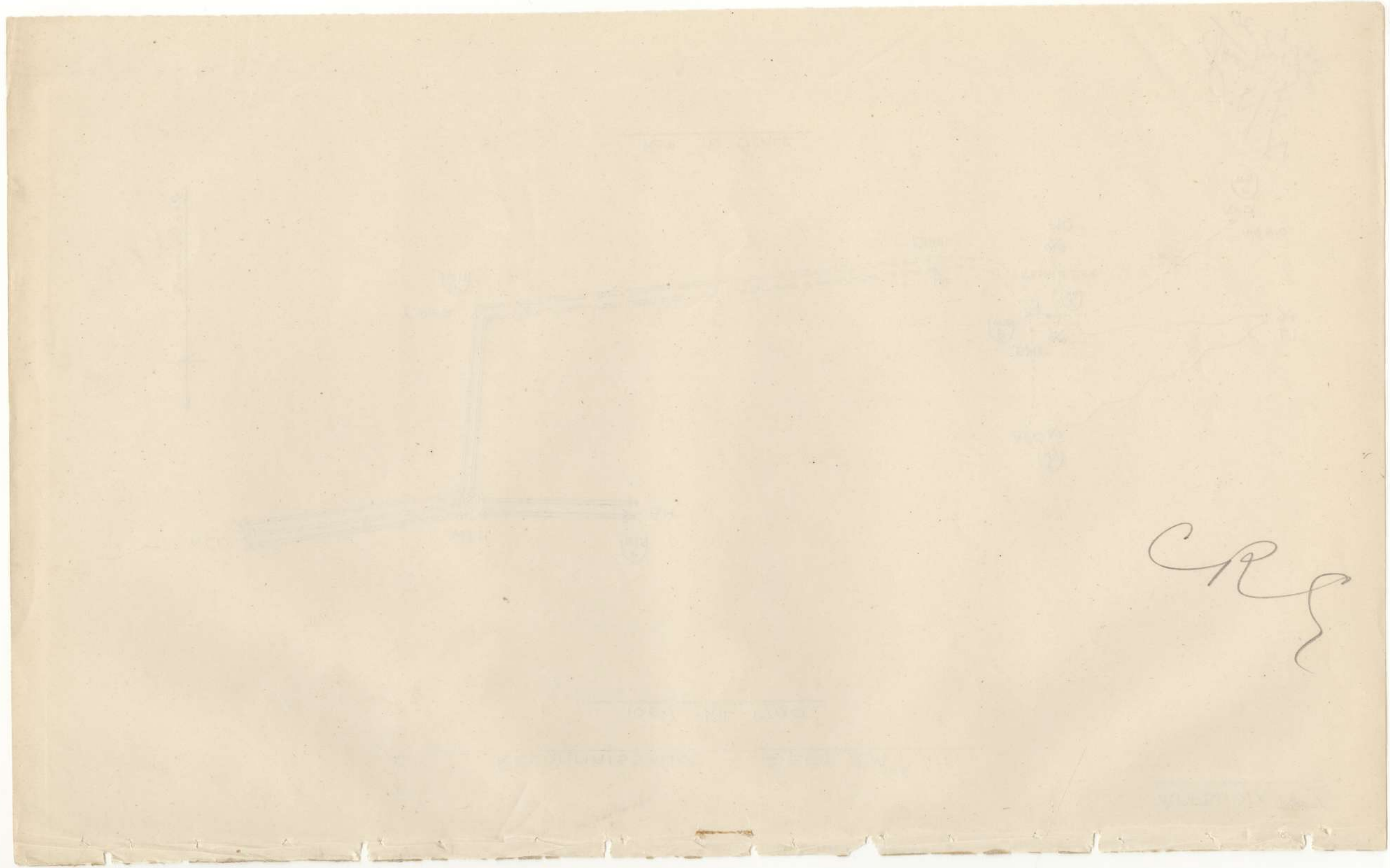
RECONNAISSANCE - SEPT. 24<sup>th</sup> /17

1000 till 1700



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