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Title: 1st Signal Squadron

July 1917



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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st Signal Squadron ATNZ Mid East

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abasan Kebir	10/4/47	1	Squadron in bivouac about 1000' N of DESERT COLUMN.	
	2	2	Ordered that "C" Troop will report for permanent duty at Desert Column H Q. Complied with	
Tel el Fara	6	6	Squadron broke up camp & marched out to TEL EL FARA taking on duties from Aust Mid East Signals	
	8	8	<p>Marched out 10 KM KHASIF this morning at 0600, reaching latter place at 0100. Divisional H Q established there. The following lines of communication were established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To 2nd ALH Bde 1 1/2 miles S of EL GIRHEIR Cable 2 1/2 miles To NZMR Bde 1 1/2 miles E of EL BUGGAR Cable 3 1/2 miles To Q in C's forward observation post on Hill 770 5 miles cable To Heavy Batty 60 pdr at IM SIRI Cable 2 miles To AVA Camp Sig Office Cable 8 1/2 miles To GAMLI Station tee of AVA Cable 2 miles To 1st ALH Bde in reserve at KHASIF Cable 1 mile To 3rd Regt ALH at UM AJUA Visual To Survey party S one mile of Hill 770 Visual To Desert Column & East Force Winners operations concluded at 1630 Res guard marched through KHASIF at 1900 	Circuit diagram attached dated 8/7/47

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel el Fara	July 9	☞	Ordered to maintain visual communication with NZMR Bde from TEL EL FARA from 0800 to 1000 on 10th during the hour to be made on KHASIA district on ^{night of} July 9/10 by that Bde	
	12	☞	Ordered to lay cable to RUEBIA for use of patrol Squadron working towards ESANI & linking up with DHA	
	13	☞	Ordered to carry cable line from DHA to a deserted orchard 2 1/2 miles across the WADI GHUZZE on a bearing of 85° from DHA for use of patrols working the country round 90% EL BASAL	
	18 th 19 th	☞	At 1020 ordered to turn out in half an hour. Enemy having been reported advancing in force towards our positions. Moved out at 1045, watered before crossing WADI GHUZZE & marched towards KHARM situated between Hill 520 on the N & Hill 550 on the S & E laying cable as we marched to keep touch with Camp DHA and DESERT COLUMN. Squadron heavily shelled passing across the open ground E of FARA. Arriving at DHA cable was run out to SOMERSET BATTY at IM SIRI, another line run out to 2 nd ALH Bde HQ. Visual to 1 st LH Bde & NZMR Bde. Position unchanged all day. 4 horses shelled 5 being injured, one killed, 3 Sappers slightly wounded. Returned to Camp that night arriving at 2230. Ordered to move out again at 0200 & occupy same position. Camp	Circumstances marked A & Q attached 19 7 17 20 7 17

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1st Signal Squadron ATNZ Mabar

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	14 19/10	PM	<p>At 1030 intelligence received that enemy had retired before our patrols. Order to return to camp issued. All lines picked up ordered to arrange details for tapping enemy line between BERSHEERA - GAZA. Conferred with O/C Signal Desert Column Required 575 men to bury line, 15 miles cable wanted. The job to be started from HILL 720 at dark, line to be buried & carried on to HILL 810, thence to a point about 2 miles S of HILL 680 on Railway line + S of IRGEIG & completed by 0300.</p>	
	22/10	PM	Blank	
	23/10	PM	<p>Received order at 2400 on the night of 23/10 to be formed up across the WADI SHUZZE by 0600 on 24/10. ATNZ MIA Div were to carry out a Reconnaissance in force towards BIRSHABA. DHAQ first established at SOZ EL BASAL. At 0830 it was moved on to KHASIF. Communication was established with DESERT COL by cable at 0700 & maintained throughout the operations. Line very good. Excellent visual work carried out by Bdes back WDAQ Motor Cyclist DRs also performed duties splendidly, carrying messages right up to front line under fairly heavy fire. Troop returned to camp at 1500 1500 on 24/10 having clearly established the fact that BERSHEERA was well entrenched for about 3 miles out & strongly held by garrison of all arms. Chabry, apparently in strength towards the more southern portion of the area but would not come out</p>	<p>Circuit diagrams marked AV & II attached 23 7 '17</p>

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Summary of Events & Information

Remarks - 5
No 4 1/2 p.m. etc

Place DATE HOUR

TEL EL FARA July 29

Reconnaissance ordered to cover an inspection by the C in C of the Turkish position towards HAREIRA & BERSHEBA cable line laid by the NZMR Bde at ABU SHAWICH, the 2nd ALM Bde at HILL 550 KHASIE & 1st ALM Bde at a point about 1500* on East bank of WADI GHULLIE opposite GAMLI Xsg. Visual communication also established with all Bdes from Camp Station also from TEL EL FARA

Circuit diagram marked AVR III attached 29 7 17

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Had careful reconnaissance of the ground from GAMLI Xsg to KHARM along for the purpose of fixing the exact route of the cable ~~route~~ ^{line} ordered to be estimated as a buried line to that point. Route & position of test boxes surveyed & marked

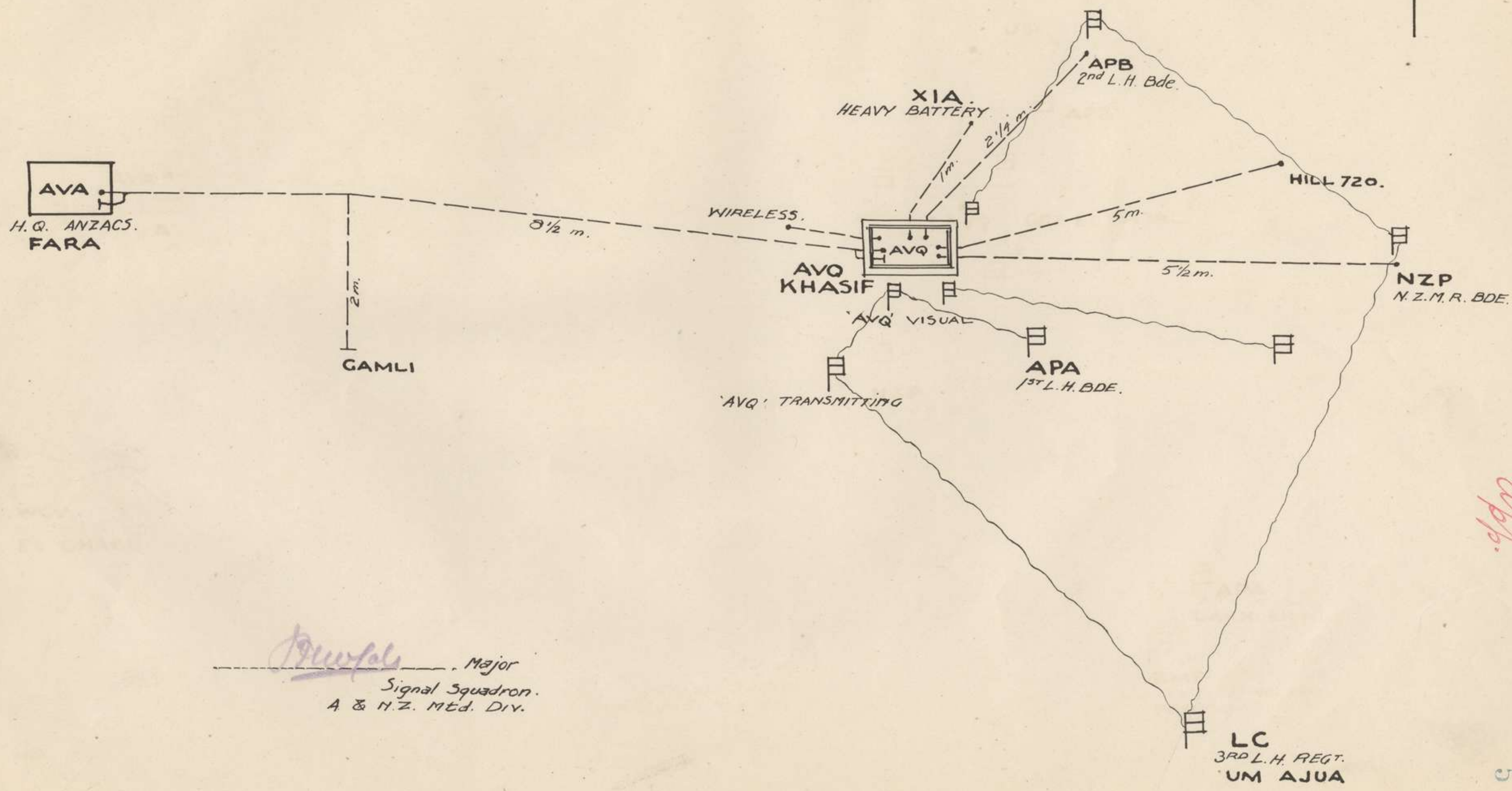
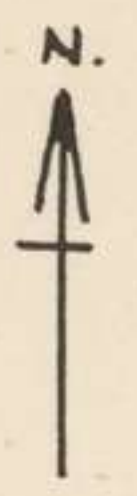
By order from Desert Column "C" Troop are to be struck off our Establishments upon marching out to Desert Column when they come under the direct order of the GOC Column. Store tables ordered to be amended accordingly.

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 Communications for operations 8. 7. '17.

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 A & N.Z. Mtd. Div.

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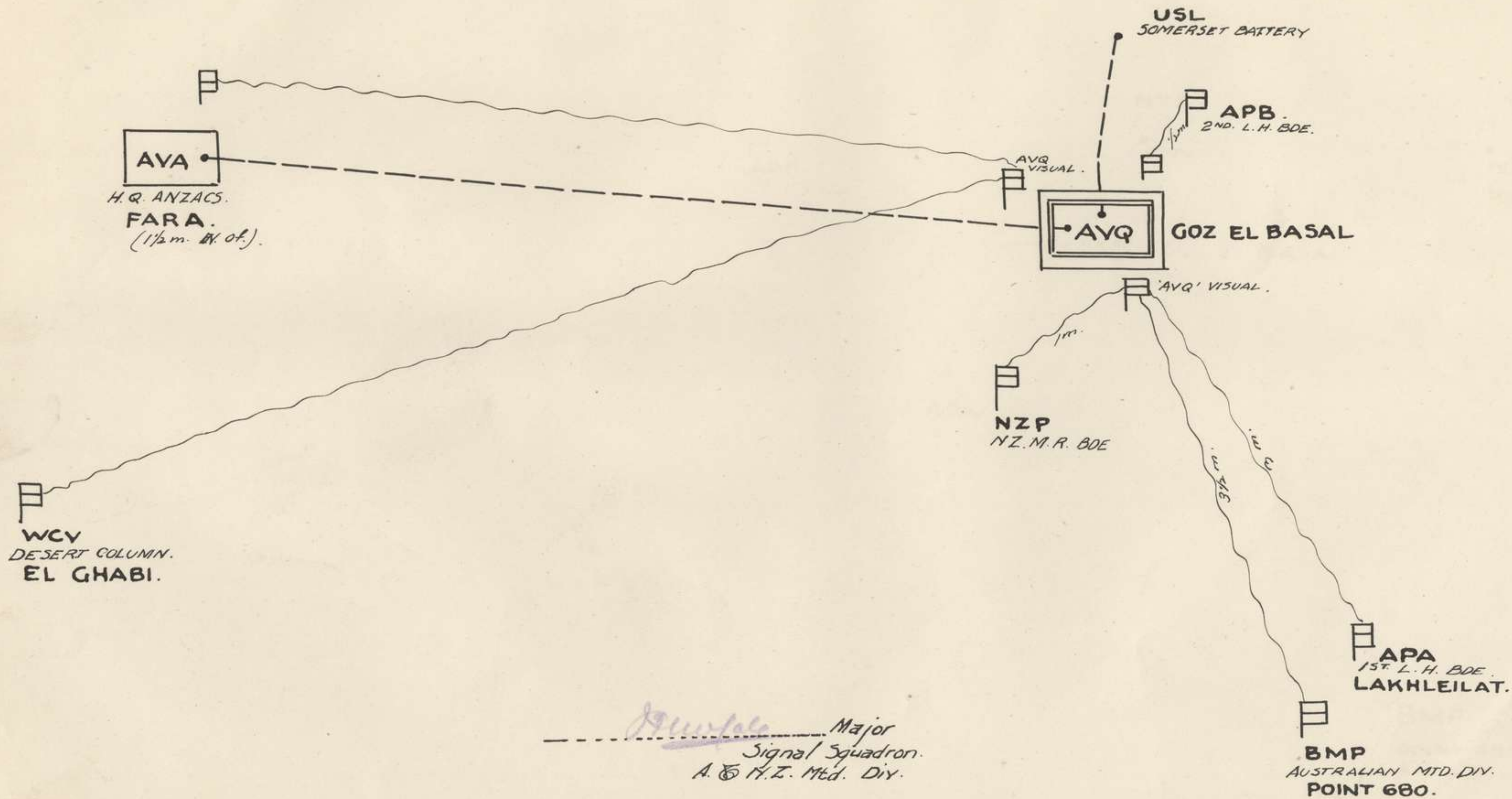
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Communications for operations 19. 7. 17.

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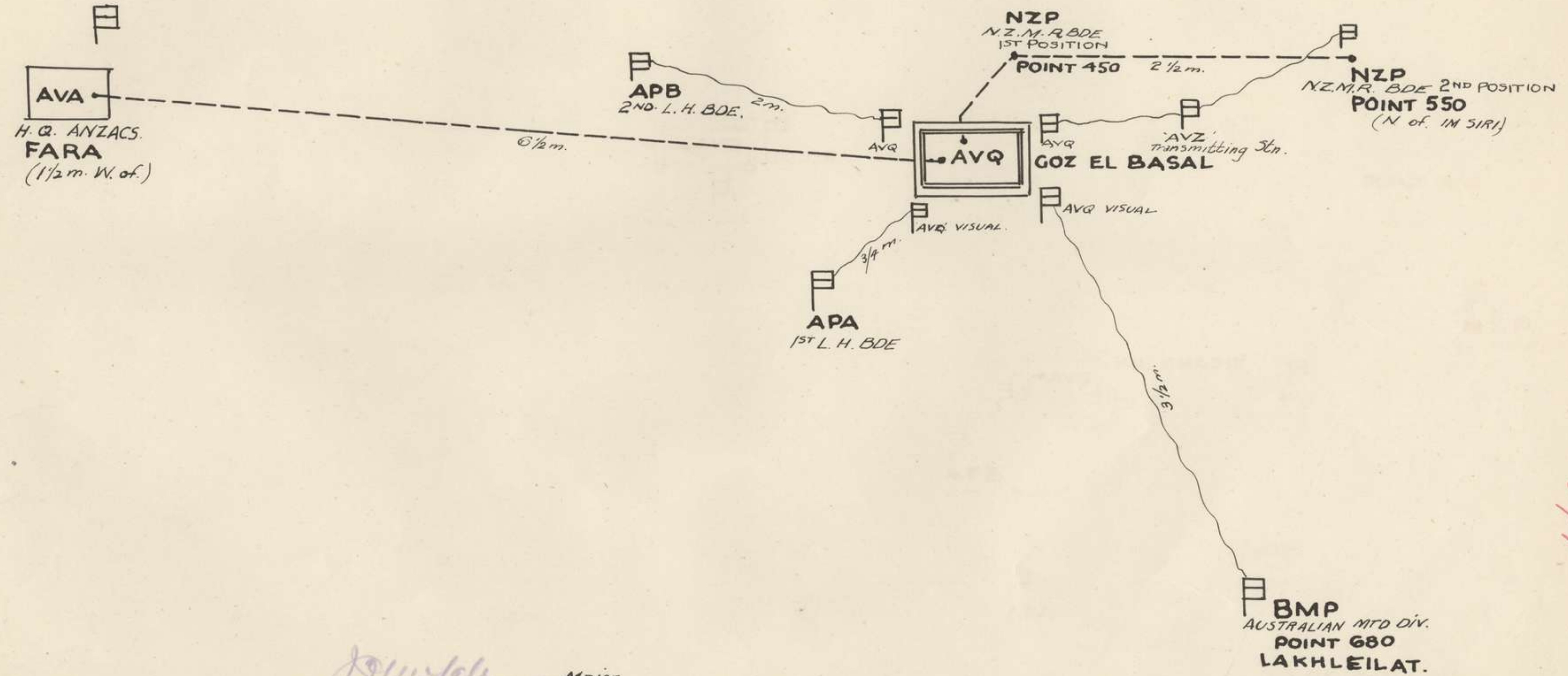
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Communications for operations 20. 7. '17.

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Signal Squadron
A. & N.Z. Mtd Div.

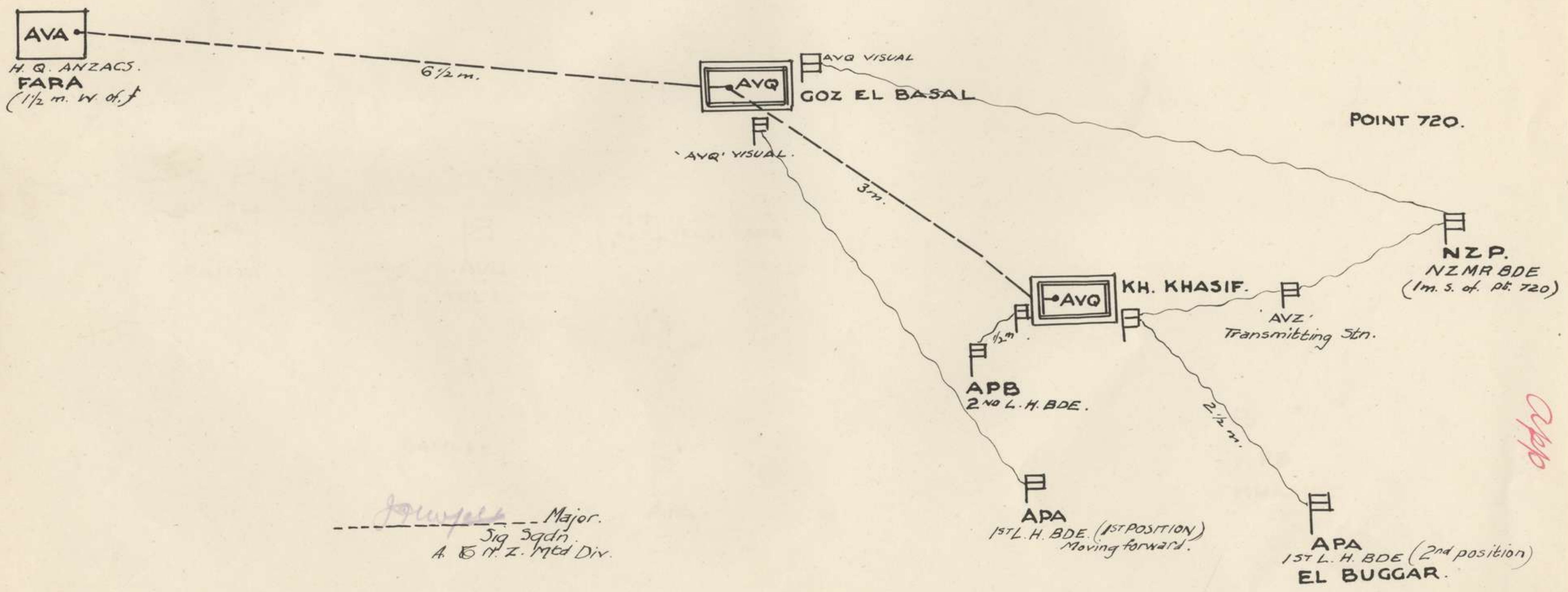
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Thompson Major.
 Sig Sqdn.
 A. & N. Z. Mtd Div.

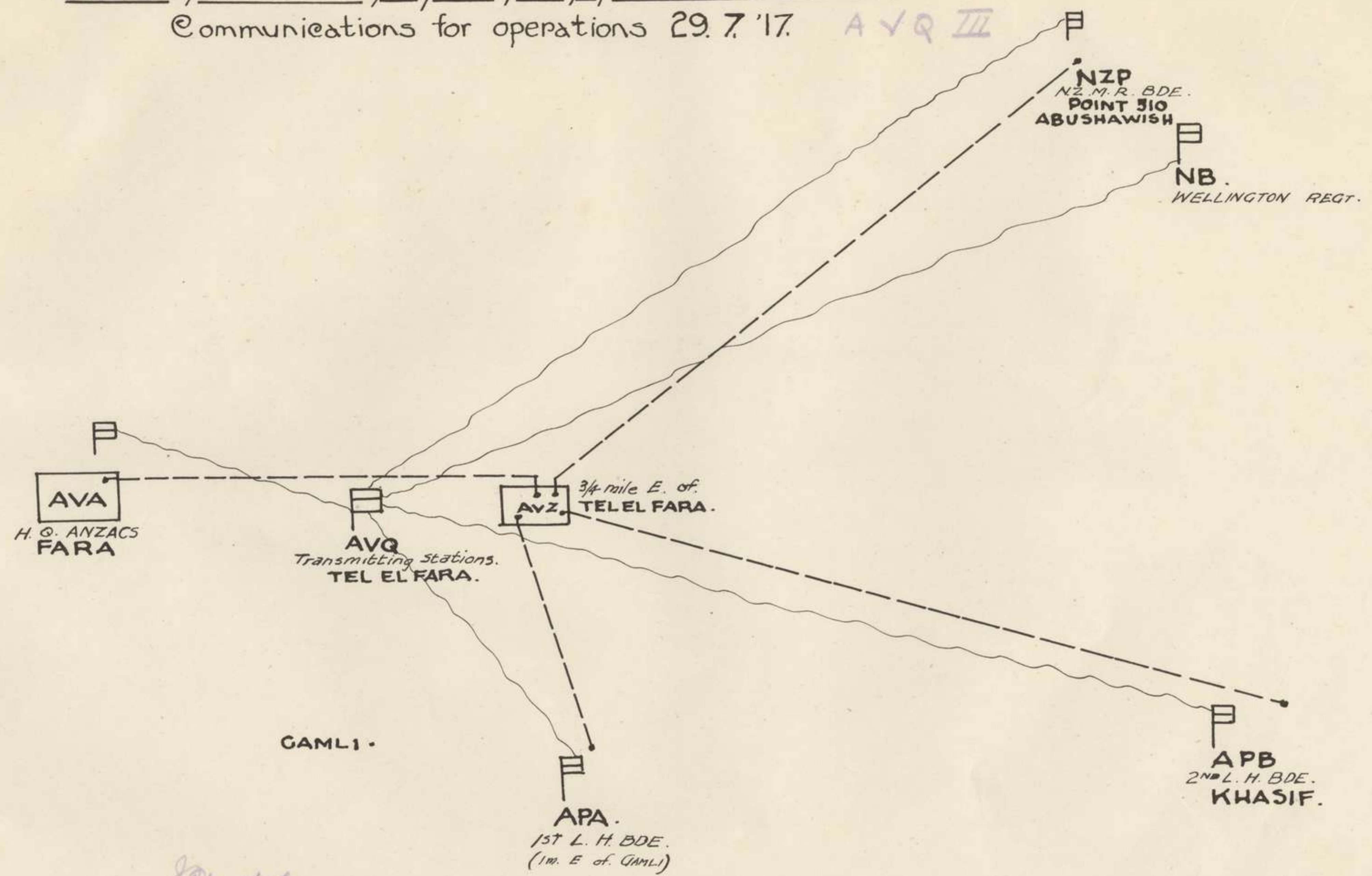
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Communications for operations 29.7.17. AVQ III

AVQ III



J. M. J. Major
Major
Sig Sqn.
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MONTHLY CHART OF TELEPHONE CALLS

JULY 1917

SUBSCRIBER.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL	
'APA'	6	4	4	.	.	7	5	8	6	3	4	1	5	4	5	4	1	3	6	1	5	9	7	9	5	10	7	8	1	3	3	146	
'APB'	1	6	7	5	6	2	6	1	7	8	7	1	6	5	2	3	1	4	5	.	4	6	11	4	4	11	11	3	2	4	2	145	
'N.Z.P.'	3	2	4	4	5	4	3	8	3	4	4	6	4	9	3	3	1	6	4	4	5	10	9	4	6	9	7	5	2	3	4	148	
'PV'	2	1	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
'WCP'	20	17	29	38	42	43	32	26	28	23	31	38	22	23	27	16	16	21	23	22	23	37	34	20	21	24	29	27	18	25	27	822	
'A' BRANCH	18	11	34	14	17	12	42	14	19	16	17	23	12	16	18	12	10	17	15	16	14	17	15	15	11	23	20	10	11	12	23	524	
'G'	7	21	11	8	19	18	22	9	13	10	21	17	13	20	18	11	10	15	25	12	22	24	23	29	16	22	19	20	20	19	19	523	
'C.R.A.'	8	5	5	5	10	4	8	8	3	11	3	3	3	1	2	4	3	4	10	3	8	8	12	4	7	17	2	2	5	3	4	175	
'C.R.E.'	7	5	6	1	6	6	9	11	2	5	11	6	5	7	3	8	2	4	5	4	6	6	8	8	8	8	3	10	7	8	4	189	
SIGNAL SQUADRON	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	2	5	11	5	4	6	5	.	2	3	11	6	2	11	6	1	3	7	4	8	4	2	1	123	
CLEARING STATION	6	6	7	6	7	.	.	.	.	1	4	2	.	5	.	.	1	2	6	5	10	7	5	4	2	.	4	3	2	3	98	
'A.D.M.S.'	4	11	8	.	6	4	4	5	7	3	6	4	7	6	4	6	3	5	5	4	6	7	8	8	7	6	4	7	5	6	5	175	
PUBLIC PHONE	.	6	1	4	6	2	4	.	.	4	14	10	2	3	2	5	2	4	3	4	4	6	4	9	3	6	5	8	3	1	1	126	
'TEE' A.A.GUNS	.	.	.	.	.	6	16	8	2	7	8	10	5	3	8	3	2	3	9	6	5	9	7	1	6	10	5	3	5	3	3	153
'KK' CABLE SECTION	23	23
A.S.C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	10	4	6	3	5	3	6	4	4	4	4	3	9	4	3	10	11	11	6	4	6	119
D.A.D.O.S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	4	5	10	7	.	1	7	7	19	21	11	5	13	5	16	8	7	9	9	182	
TOTAL	83	98	119	89	131	109	154	125	92	99	141	152	98	114	115	87	56	97	134	99	132	184	179	116	117	170	143	134	99	104	114	3684	

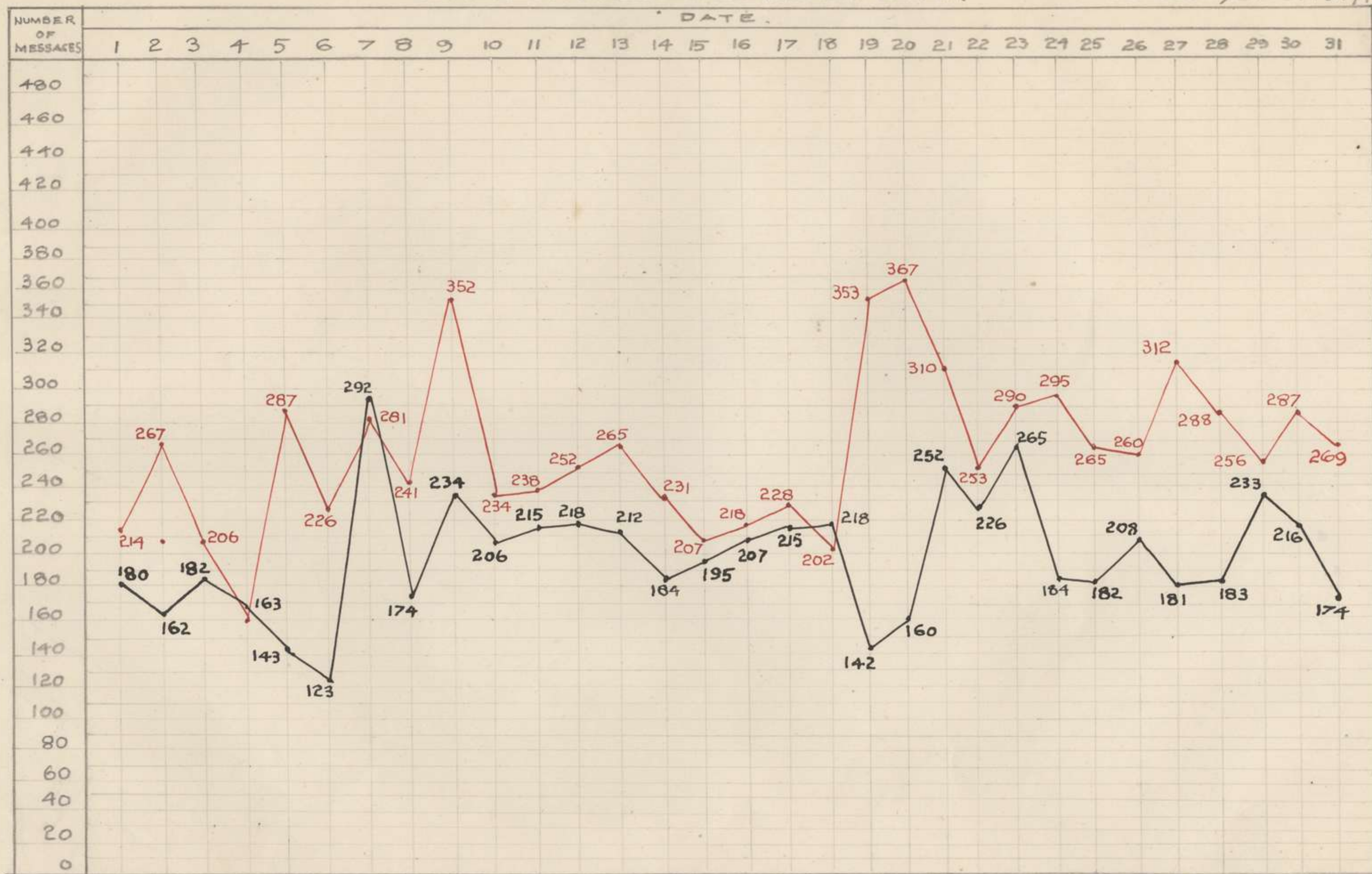
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GRAPH OF MESSAGES DEALT WITH.

JULY 1917.



—●— Telegrams
—●— Despatches.

W. J. G. G.
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ANALYSIS OF MESSAGES DEALT WITH.

July 1917.

SIGNAL OFFICE.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL	
'APA' 1 ST L.H. BDE.	19	22	16	14	13	33	40	29	53	44	41	46	46	29	17	27	29	21	61	42	42	53	50	42	41	38	54	54	46	36	39	1137	
'APB' 2 ND " "	28	46	23	31	42	18	36	38	50	26	29	22	32	39	38	37	44	29	40	50	50	26	26	38	29	34	54	43	27	39	39	1083	
'NZP' N.Z.M.R.	24	25	27	16	45	30	54	44	58	43	38	47	61	25	31	24	37	32	37	41	29	16	31	30	36	25	34	36	41	40	58	1115	
'PV' 22 ND MTD.	22	22	10	11	23	9																										97	
'WCP' DESERT COLUMN	113	138	125	80	154	122	120	107	137	94	100	99	102	118	86	98	105	91	138	138	152	126	136	142	137	137	140	129	110	139	108	3721	
'YEC' 53 RD DIV.							5	6	10	5	7	7	9	6	6	13	8	5	7	10	8	5	8	10	8	7	7	8	7	12	4	188	
'AVQ'									9										40	33			6										88
Out posts (NA, LFLA)									3							13			9	8	14	12	12	13	8	16	9	5				122	
MISCELLANEOUS	8	14	5	8	10	14	26	15	44	22	23	31	15	14	29	6	5	24	31	45	15	15	21	20	3	3	14	13	25	31	21	560	
TOTAL	214	267	206	160	287	226	281	241	352	234	238	252	265	231	207	218	228	202	353	367	310	253	290	275	262	260	312	288	256	287	267	8111	

PROPORTION OF ABOVE MESSAGES TRANSMITTED OR RECEIVED FOR -----

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL
'A' BRANCH	30	32	56	40	72	31	57	33	71	44	54	59	33	30	35	26	41	18	35	57	60	36	24	47	40	27	39	47	27	88	61	1330
'G' " "	24	39	16	20	28	53	78	85	111	74	74	80	95	76	81	65	76	68	138	154	92	67	118	69	55	69	96	66	64	53	64	2248
A. D. M. S.	3	9	4	4	17	10	6	6	5	7		2	3	3	5	8	5	13	14	7	5	6	8	15	6	12	6	1	3	7	1	200
TOTAL	57	80	76	64	117	84	141	124	187	125	128	141	131	109	111	99	122	99	157	318	157	109	150	131	101	108	141	114	93	118	126	3778

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DIAGRAM OF "AVA" COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MONTH - JULY 1917.

