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TRIPPLICATE

1st. Signal Squadron A.E.

1st. - 31st. July 1917.

WAR DIARY

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st Signal Sqon AYH 2 Mid Am

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abacan Kabu	7/43	1	Squadron in bivouac about 1000' N of DESERT COLUMN.	
		2	Ordered that "C" Troop will report for permanent duty at Desert Column N Q. Completed with	
		6	Squadron broke up camp & marched out to TEL EL FARA taking on duties from Aust Mid Am Signal	
Tel el Fara		9	Marched out 10 KM KHASIF this morning at 0600 reaching latter place at 0100. Divisional N Q established there. The following units of communication were established: To 2 nd ALH Bde 1 1/2 miles S of EL GIRHEIR Cable 2 1/2 miles To NZ MR Bde 1 1/2 miles E of EL BUGGAR Cable 3 1/2 miles To A in C's forward observation post on Hill 720 3 miles cable To Heavy Batty to pan at IM SIRI Cable 2 miles To AVA Camp Sig Office Cable 8 1/2 miles To GAMLI Station to AVA Cable 2 miles To 1 st ALH Bde in reserve at KHASIF Cable 1 mile To 3 rd Regt ALH at UM AJVA Visual To Survey party 5 one mile of Hill 720 Visual To Desert Column & East Force 16 miles operation concluded at 1630 Rear Guard marched through KHASIF at 1900	Circuit diagram attached and 9/17

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st Signal Lgn ATML Middle

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel el Fara	9 July	9	Orders to maintain Trench Communication with NZMIR Bde from TEL EL FARA from 0400 0500 0600 0700 0800 0900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 during the hour to be made, on KHASIA district on 2 July 9/10 by that Bde.	
		12	Ordered to lay cable to RUEBIA for use of patrol Squadron working towards ESANI & linking up with DHAQ	
		13	Ordered to carry cable line from DHAQ to a deserted orchard 2 1/2 miles across the WADI GHOLZE on a bearing of 85° from DHAQ for use of patrols working the country round 90% PL BASAL	
	15/19 July		At 1020 ordered to turn out in half an hour. Enemy having been reported advancing in force towards our positions. Moved out at 1045, waited before crossing WADI GHOLZE & 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 DHAQ and DESERT COLUMN. Squadron heavily shelled passing across the open ground E of FARA. Arriving at DHAQ cable was run out to SOMERSET BATTY at IM SIRI another line run out to 2nd ALH Bde HQ. Signals to 1st LH Bde & NZMIR Bde. Position unchanged all day. Red 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.	Circuit diagram attached 19 7 17 20 7 17

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st Signal Squadron ATNZ MIA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EW FARA	19/10	PM	At 10:30 intelligence received that enemy had returned before our patrols. Order to return to camp issued. All lines picked up.	
	21	PM	Ordered to arrange details for tapping enemy line between BERSHEBA - GAZ. Conferred with Ofc Signals Desert Column. Required 575 men to bury line, 15 men 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 F S of IRGEIG & all finished by 0300.	
	22	PM	Blank	
	23/10	PM	Received order at 2400 on the night of 23rd to be formed up across the WADI SHUZZE by 0600 on 24th. ATNZ MIA Div were to carry out a Reconnaissance in force towards BERSHEBA. D HQ 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 operation. Line very good. Excellent visual work carried out by Bden back to D HQ. Motor Cyclist DRs also performed duties splendidly carrying messages right up to front line under fairly heavy fire. Troop returned to camp at 1500 on 24th having clearly established the fact that BERSHEBA was well entrenched for about 3 miles out & strongly held by garrison of all arms. Cavalry apparently in strength towards the more southern portion of the area but would not come out.	Circuit diagram wanted AV & II attached 23 7 17

2353 Wt. W2514/1454 700,000 5/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Fortus/C. 2118.

Summary of Events & Information

Remarks - 5
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Place DATE HOUR
 TEL EL JULY
 FARA 29

Reconnaissance ordered to cover an inspection by the C in C of the Turkish position towards HAREIRA & BERSHEBA cable line laid by the NZM.R. Bde at ATBU SHAWICH, the 2nd NZM.R. Bde at HILL 550 KHASIF & 1st NZM.R. Bde at a point about 1500' on East bank of WADI GHULIE opposite GATMI Xsg. Visual communication also established with all Bdes from Camp Station also from TEL EL FARA

Cable diagram
 attached AVR
 III attached
 24 7 17

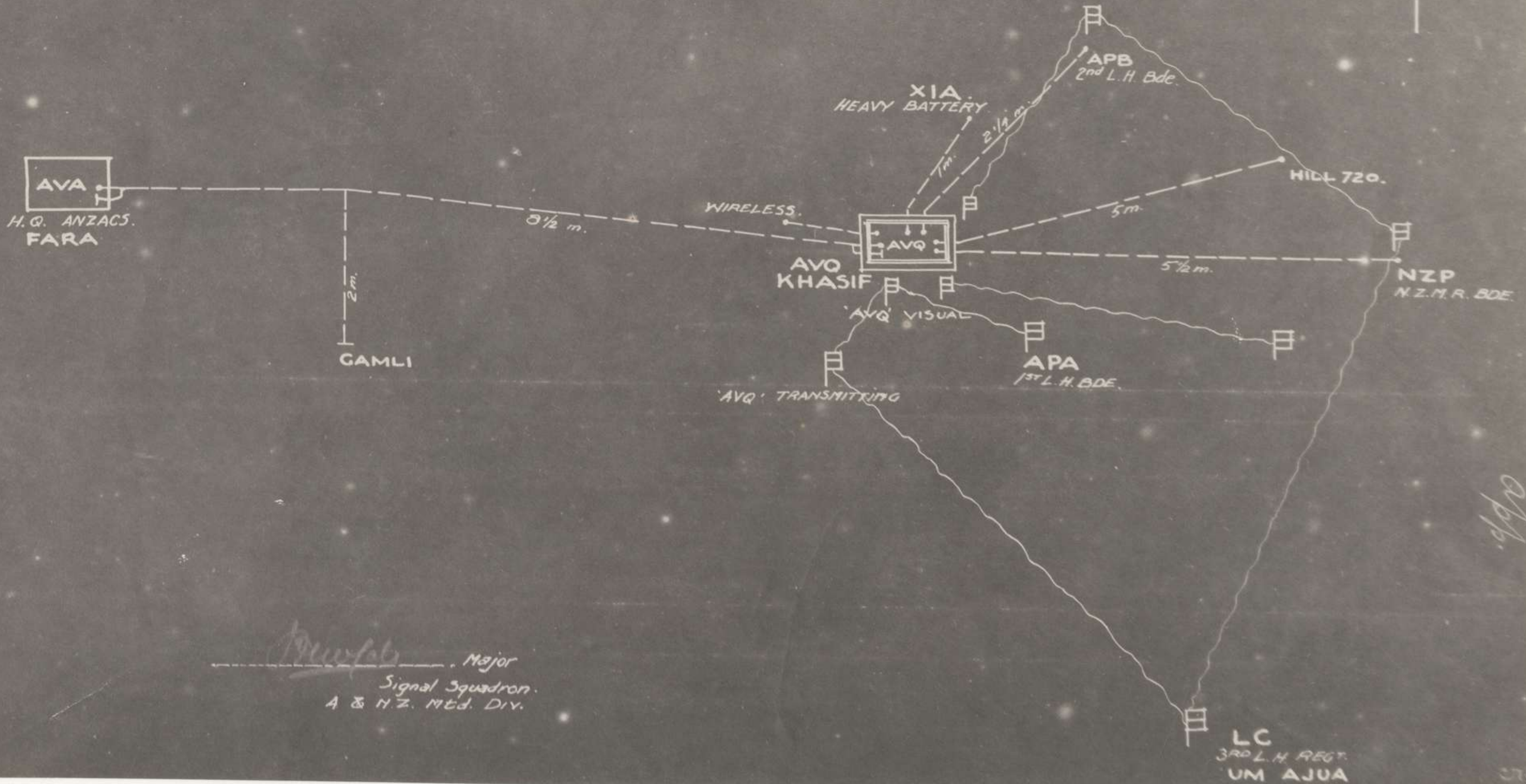
30th Made careful reconnaissance of the ground from GATMI Xsg to KHARM along for the purpose of fixing the exact route of the cable ~~line~~ ^{line} ordered to be extended as a buried line to that point. Route & position of test boxes surveyed & marked

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

31st End of month

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 Communications for operations 8. 7. '17.

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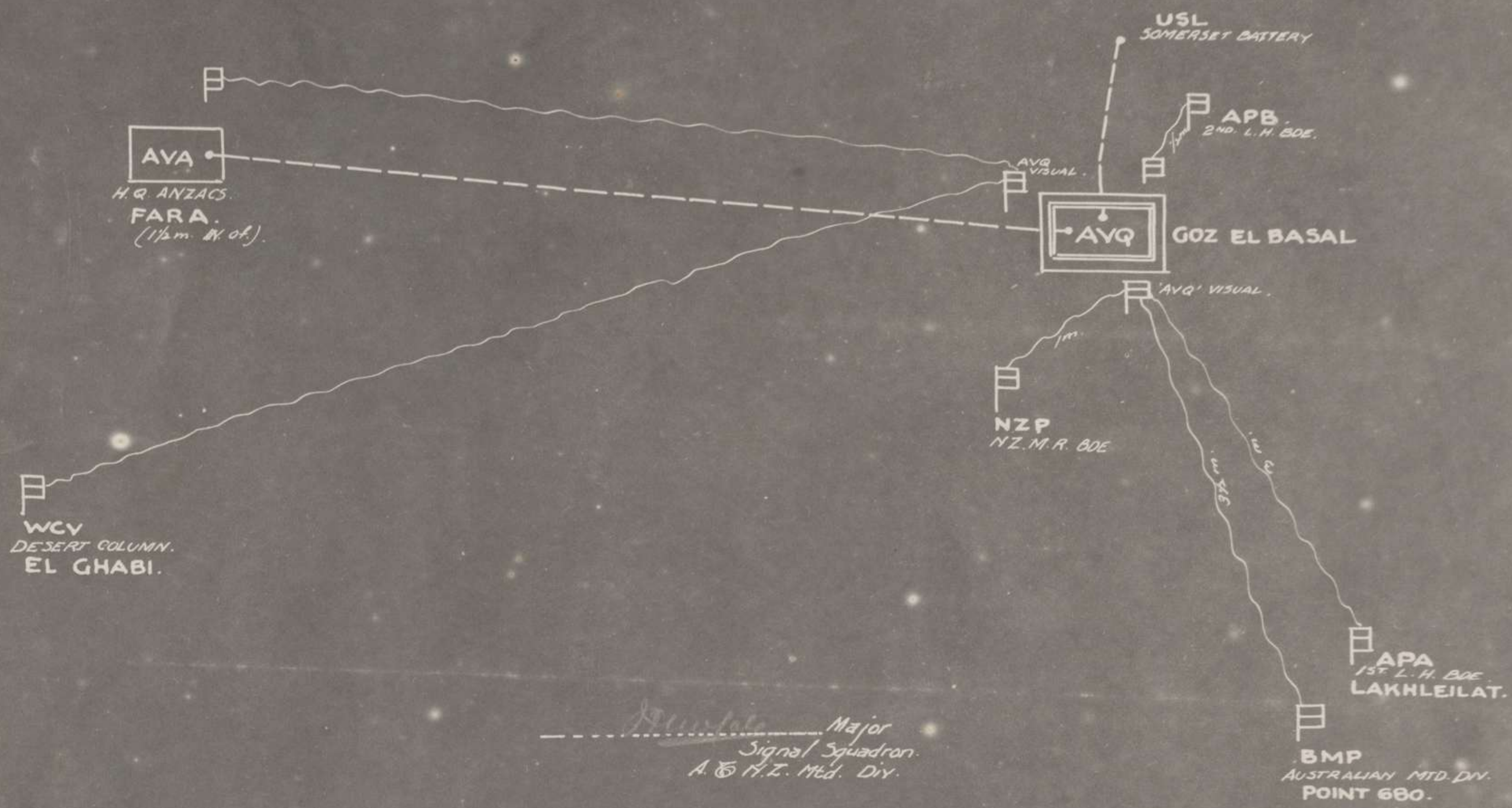
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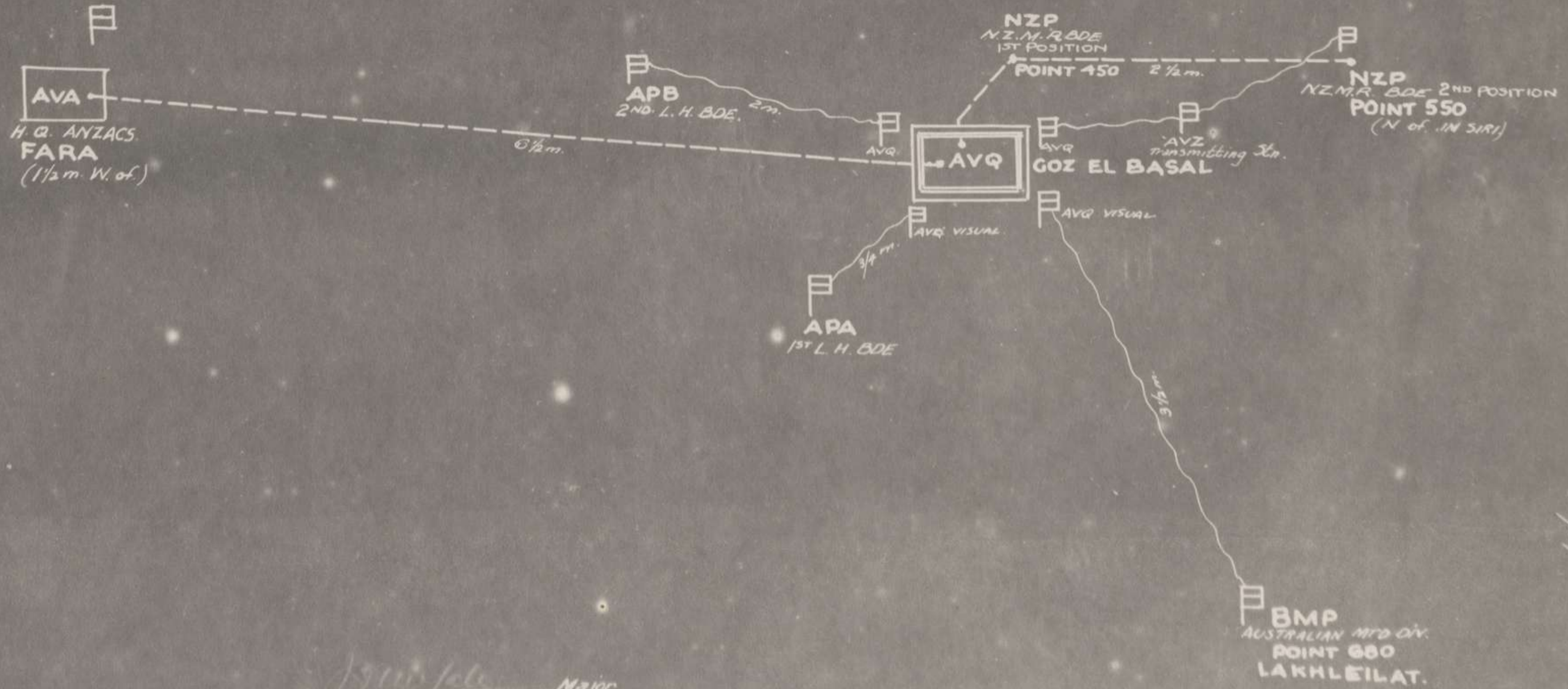
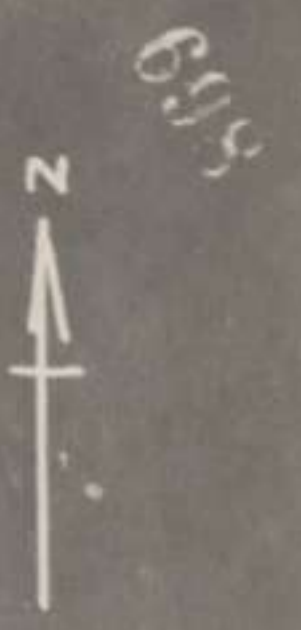
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SUPPLEMENT TO "AVA" DIAGRAM FOR JULY
Communications for operations 20.7.17.

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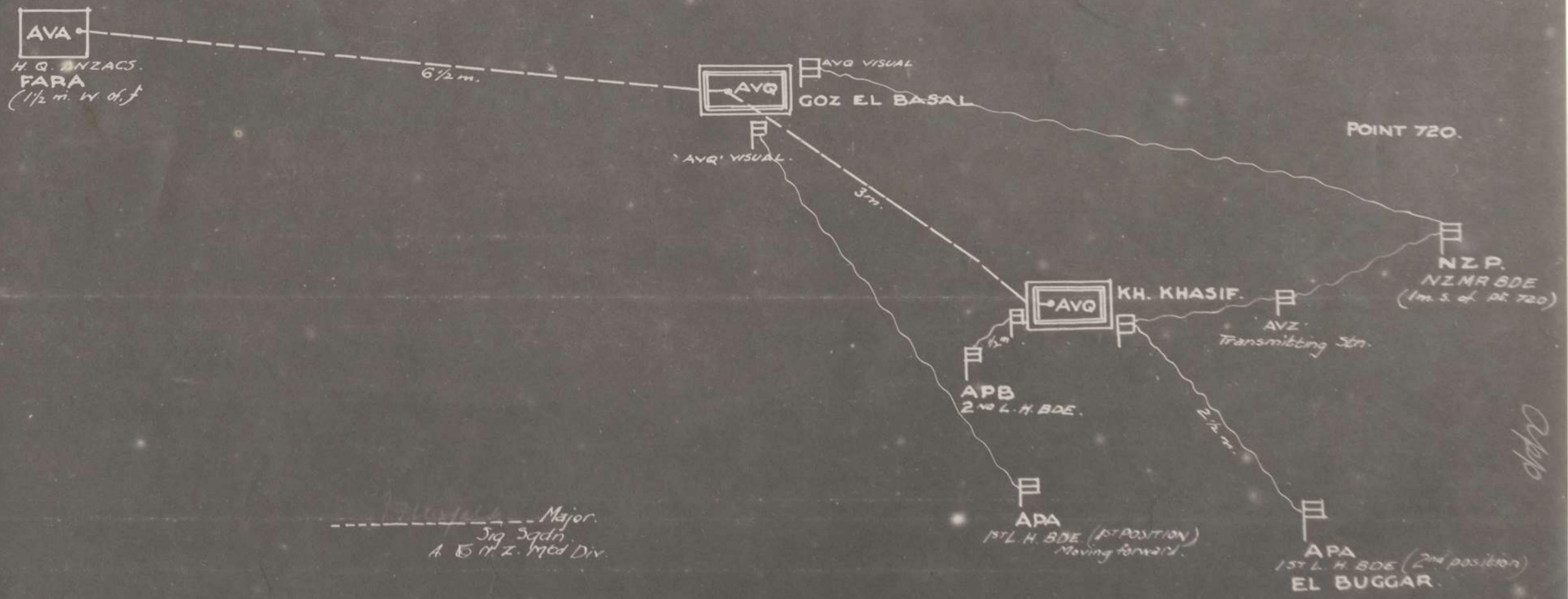
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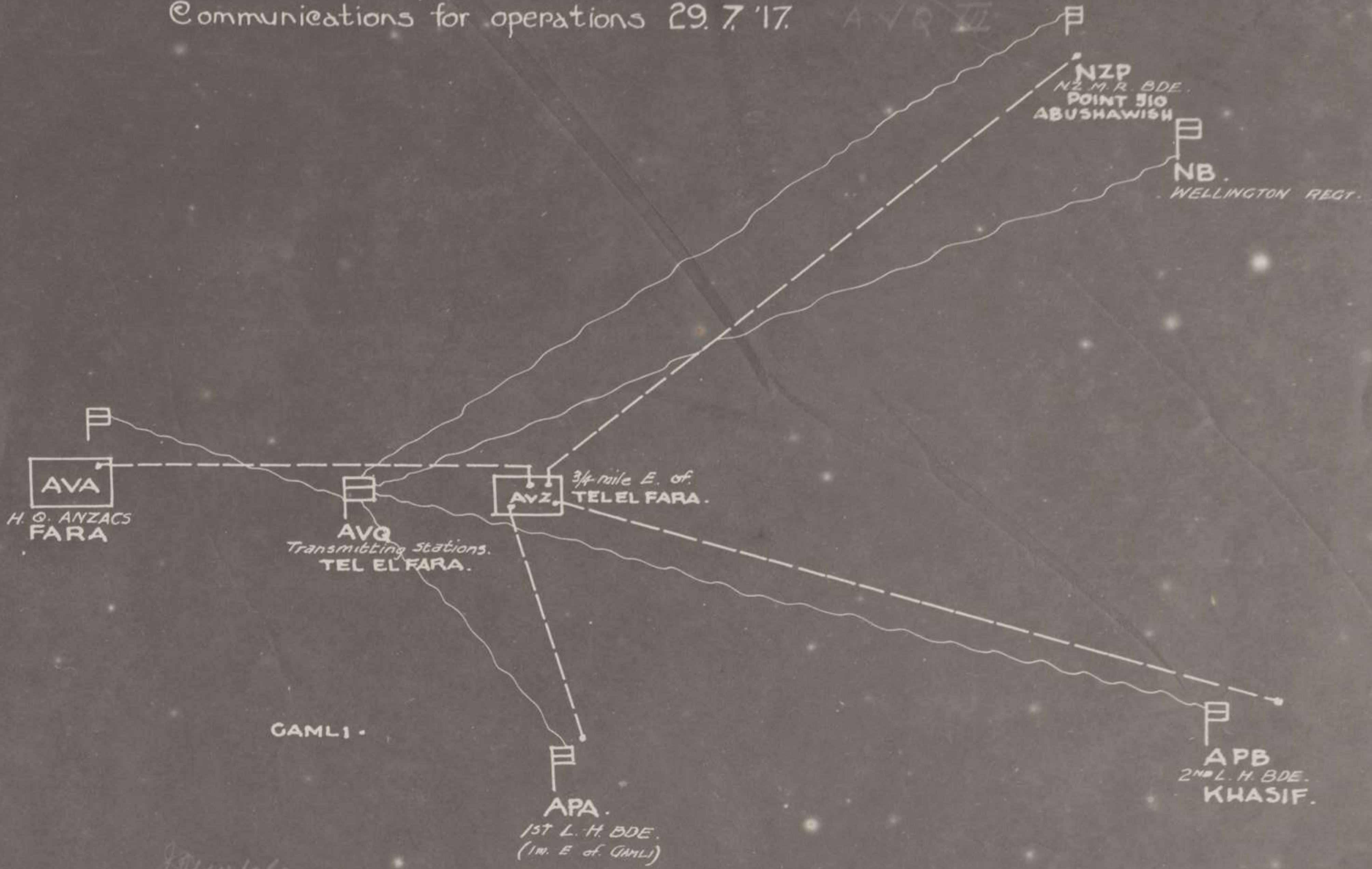
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Communications for operations 29.7.17.

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AVR IV

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 Sig Sqn.
 A. & N.Z. Med Div.

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SIGNAL SQUADRON — A & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

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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	6	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	
NZP	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																											12	
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	823	
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	35	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	95	
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	5	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		152	
TOTAL	83	98	119	89	131	109	154	125	92	99	144	152	98	114	115	87	56	97	134	99	132	184	179	116	117	170	143	134	99	104	114	3684	

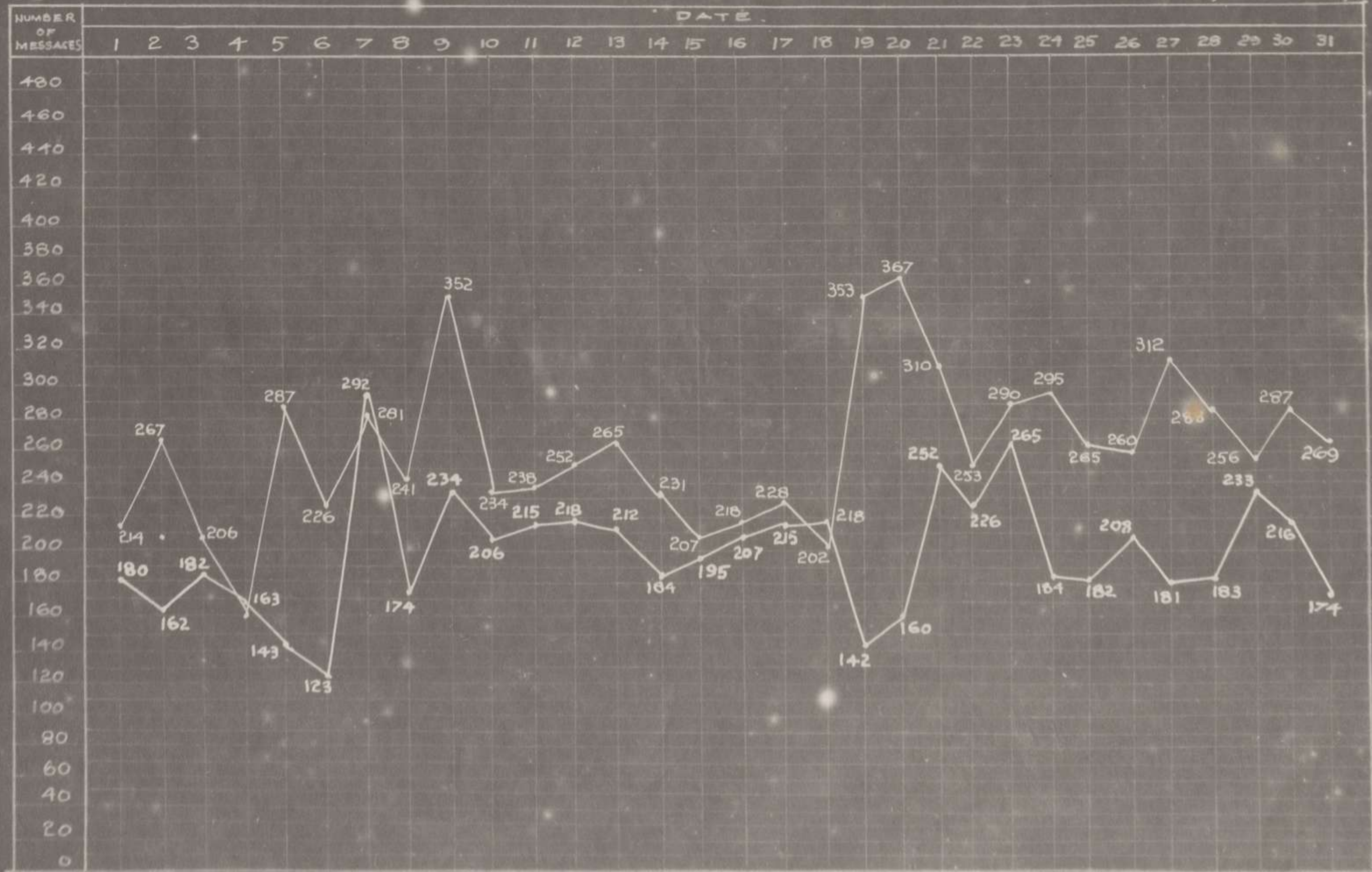
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SIGNAL SQUADRON - A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

GRAPH OF MESSAGES DEALT WITH.

JULY 1917.



—•— Telegrams
 - - - Despatches.

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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	52	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	89	37	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	126	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, LF, LA)									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	263	290	275	262	260	313	288	256	287	267	8111

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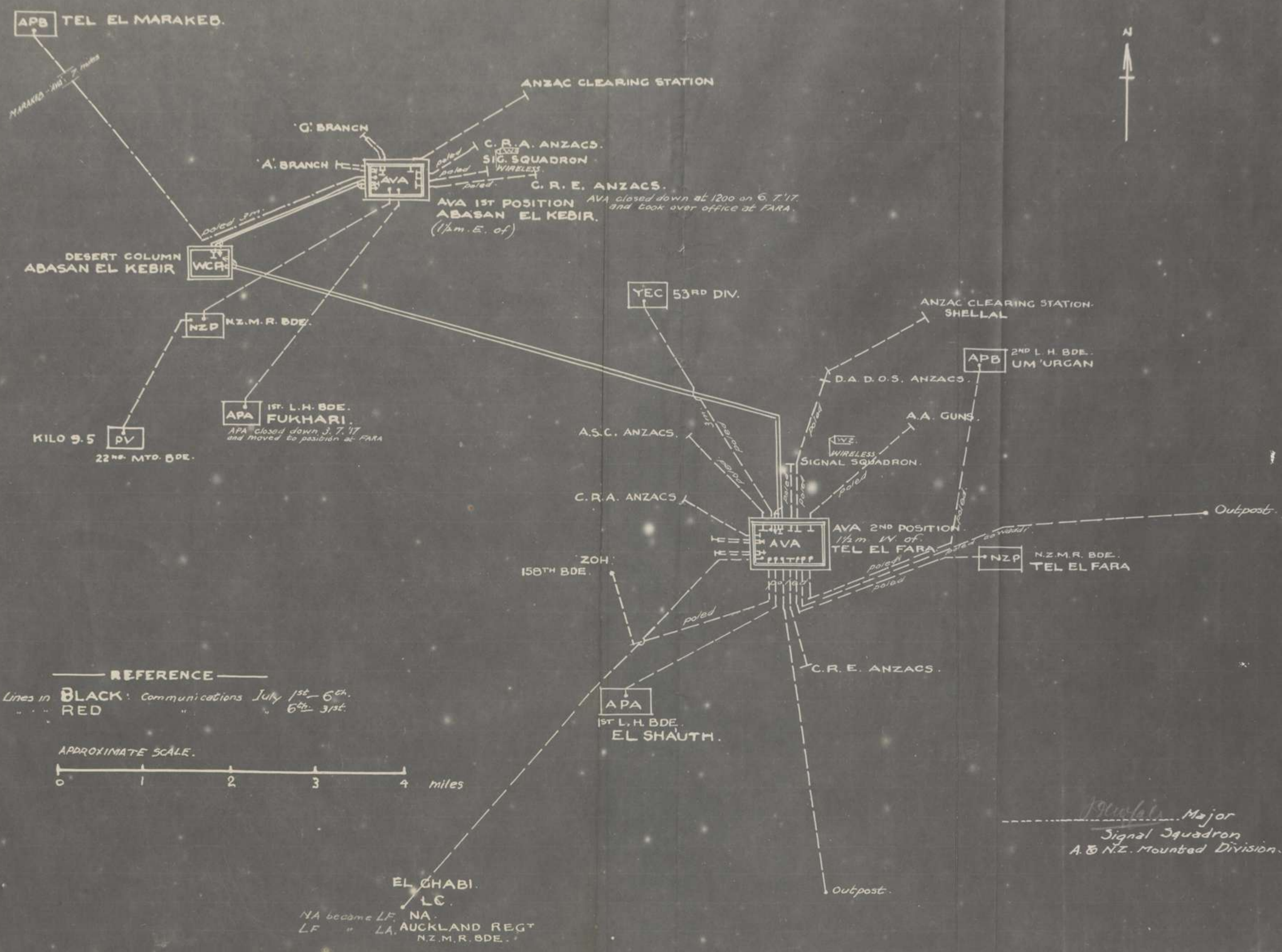
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A BRANCH	30	32	56	40	72	31	57	33	77	44	54	59	33	30	25	26	41	18	35	57	60	36	24	47	40	27	27	47	27	88	61	1380
C "	24	39	16	20	28	53	78	85	111	74	74	80	95	76	81	65	76	68	138	154	92	67	118	69	55	69	76	66	64	53	64	2248
A. D. M. S.	3	9	4	4	17	10	6	6	5	7		2	3	3	5	8	5	13	14	7	5	6	8	13	6	12	6	7	3	7	1	200
TOTAL	57	80	76	64	117	94	141	124	187	125	128	141	134	109	111	99	122	92	157	208	157	109	150	131	101	108	141	114	93	148	126	3778

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



REFERENCE
 Lines in **BLACK**: Communications July 1st - 6th.
 Lines in **RED**: " " " " 6th - 31st.

APPROXIMATE SCALE.
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 N.Z.M.R. BDE.

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