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RUBEMPRE	1-7-17		<u>PERSONNEL.</u>	
	6 30-7-17		Strength 1 <sup>st</sup> July 10 officers. 301. O.R. - Including 18. Power Bugger personnel.	
			Sick to Hospital during month 11.	
BLERINGHEM.	31-7-17.		Rejoined from Hospital 9.	
			Battle Casualties during month - Killed in Action 1 officer LIEUT. R. J. REID. 31-7-17	
			" 1 O.R. 2014 SPR. J. H. SINCLAIR. 31-7-17	
			Wounded 1 O.R. 31-7-17	
			" remaining on duty - 2 O.R. 31-7-17.	
			Transferred to Unit from 5 <sup>th</sup> Div. Ppty. 2 officers LIEUT. J. TAYLOR.	
			LIEUT. A. J. SWEETMAN } 1-7-17.	
			To Schools :- 2474 Sgt. F. C. DAVIS. to Signal Officers' Training Depot 9-7-17.	
			Presentation of medals:- On 1 <sup>st</sup> July General Birdwood presented military medals to Cpl J. D. Henry and 2/Cpl W. B. Duncan - the awards being forgotten in July 1916.	

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RUBEMPRE	1-7-17		<u>HORSES.</u>	
	5		During the months 7 horses & 2 mules were evacuated.	
	30-7-17		4 as result of mange, 1 Cellulitis, 1 burnt heel and 1 through accidental injury.	
BLERINGHEM	31-7-17		An outbreak of mange occurred among the horses of the Unit whilst at Rubempre. 27 were affected. 19 being very lightly affected were isolated and treated at once and the disease prevented from spreading on the animals concerned. With the exception of 4 evacuated all are recovering under treatment.	
			2 horses in excess of establishment on 1 <sup>st</sup> July, were transferred to 15 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers.	
			2 horses were received by us from Base.	

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RUBEMPRE	1-7-17		<u>MOVES:</u>	
	5		3 <sup>rd</sup> July, Art. H.Q. Sig. Sectn and Nos 1 & 2 Sub Sectns with 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Field Art. Bdes respectively moved from THE DINGLE - near Contalmaison	
	30-7-17		to BEAUCOURT Area.	
BLERINGHEM	31-7-17		1 Cable Sectn attached for duty with Div. Art. rejoined No. 1. Section at Div. H.Q. RUBEMPRE.	
			Personnel of No. 1. Sub Sectn (less sufficient to run Signal Office) joined H.Q.s of Signal Coy for training.	
			10 <sup>th</sup> July, Art. H.Q. Sig. Sectn and Nos 1 & 2 Sub Sectns left BEAUCOURT Area enroute for BELGIUM by road.	
			1 Cable detachment and 1 extra G.S. Lumbered Wagon accompanied Art. H.Q.	
			30 <sup>th</sup> July, Personnel and transport of this Coy, moved by rail from RUBEMPRE Area to BLERINGHEM Area.	
			H.Q. & No. 1. Sectns entrained at PICHEVILLERS on 30 <sup>th</sup> and detrained ARQUES early morning at 1 AM. on 31 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>[Signature]</i>



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RUBEMPRE	1-7-17		<p><u>31<sup>st</sup> July</u> travelling thence by road to BLERINGHEM where an office <sup>has</sup> been established at 12 noon. <sup>29<sup>th</sup> July</sup> Diagram of Commands per Appendix I No 2, 3 &amp; 4 Sections accompanied the 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bdes respectively and are located as follows:-</p>	
BLERINGHEM	31-7-17		<p>No 2 Sectn with 8<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde at B8 A 8.6 near RACQUINGHAM. No 3 " " 14<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " EBLINGHAM. No 4 " " 15<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " Chateau between WALLEN CAPPEL and SERCUS.</p>	
	5-7-17		<p>Art. HQ Sectn and Nos 1 &amp; 2 Sub Sectns remain with HQ. 5<sup>th</sup> Div Art. and 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> Field Art. Bdes respectively, co-operating with 15<sup>th</sup> Imperial Division. <u>5 Jul. Assault at Arms and Competitions</u> were held at HENENCOURT WOOD. A Competitive rapid Communication Scheme between the sections of the 5<sup>th</sup> Div. Sig. Coy, was included. The methods of Communication used were Lucas's Lamp, Buzzer &amp; Horse Dispatch rider.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUBEMPRE	1-7-17 to 30-7-17		<p>12th July A military Tournament was held at HENENCOURT WOOD on the occasion of the visit of His Majesty KING GEORGE V. Among displays given was one by this Unit, the methods of Communication were Lucas Lamp, Semaphore, Bugger, Vibrator and Mounted D.R. A Cable waffon was used to lay the line for the vibrator, they giving a demonstration in Cable Waffon working. The line for Bugger Circuit was laid by Cable laying apparatus from back of Linesman.</p> <p>In the Competitions for best turned out vehicles, prizes as follows were awarded to this Unit.</p> <p>Best turned out Cable Detachment 1st + 2nd prizes.          " " " Lymbird G.S. waffon 3rd prize.</p> <p>24th July A demonstration of Signal Service Forward Communications in the Brigade Area, as per S.S. 148, was given in BEAUMONT HAMEL Area. All forms of Communication were employed and methods adopted exactly as laid down</p>	

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			<p><u>down</u> in this publication. It was found that the personnel and equipment of a Brigade Signal Section had to be very much increased to permit of this demonstration, and it is considered the full personnel and equipment as laid down in S.S. 148 would not be available if the Division was actually in attack.</p> <p><u>Classes of Instruction</u> 18 Telegraphists attended Courses of Instruction in Wireless Telegraphy with the Wireless Section of this Unit. 18 Power Buzzer men (6 from each Brigade) attended Classes of Instruction in Power Buzzer and Amplifier working.</p> <p><u>Fullerphones.</u> A change in the establishment of Fullerphones and DTT Telephones was made during the month. The Battalion's now have 5 - DTT Jones and 4 Fullerphones. Two DTT Telephones were withdrawn from each Battalion and</p>	



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			<p>a and with the exception of 4 Pns of the 15<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde issues of Gullphones was completed. The latter Battalions receiving 2 each pending completion of supplies.</p> <p>Signal Office Traffic. Graphs attached Appendix II &amp; III. show Signal office traffic during the month.</p>	

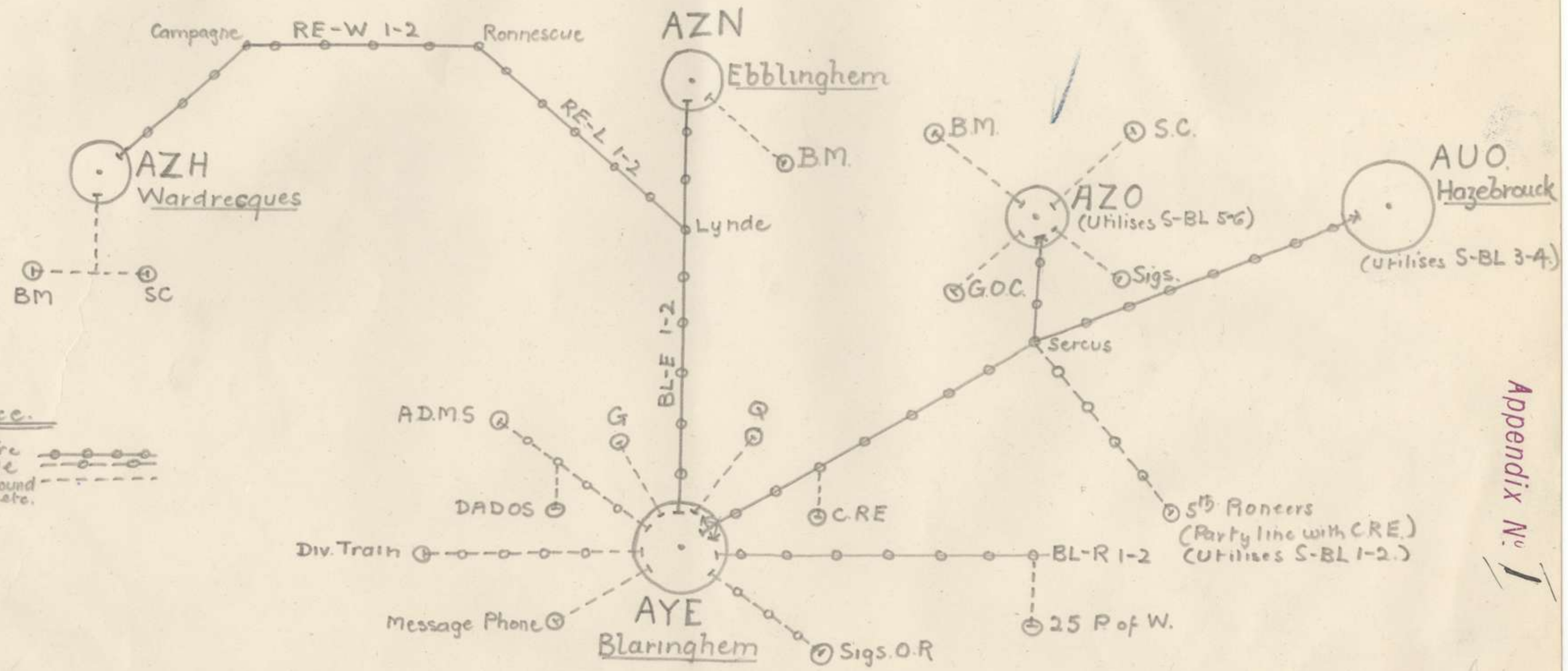
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Telegraph Traffic Chart

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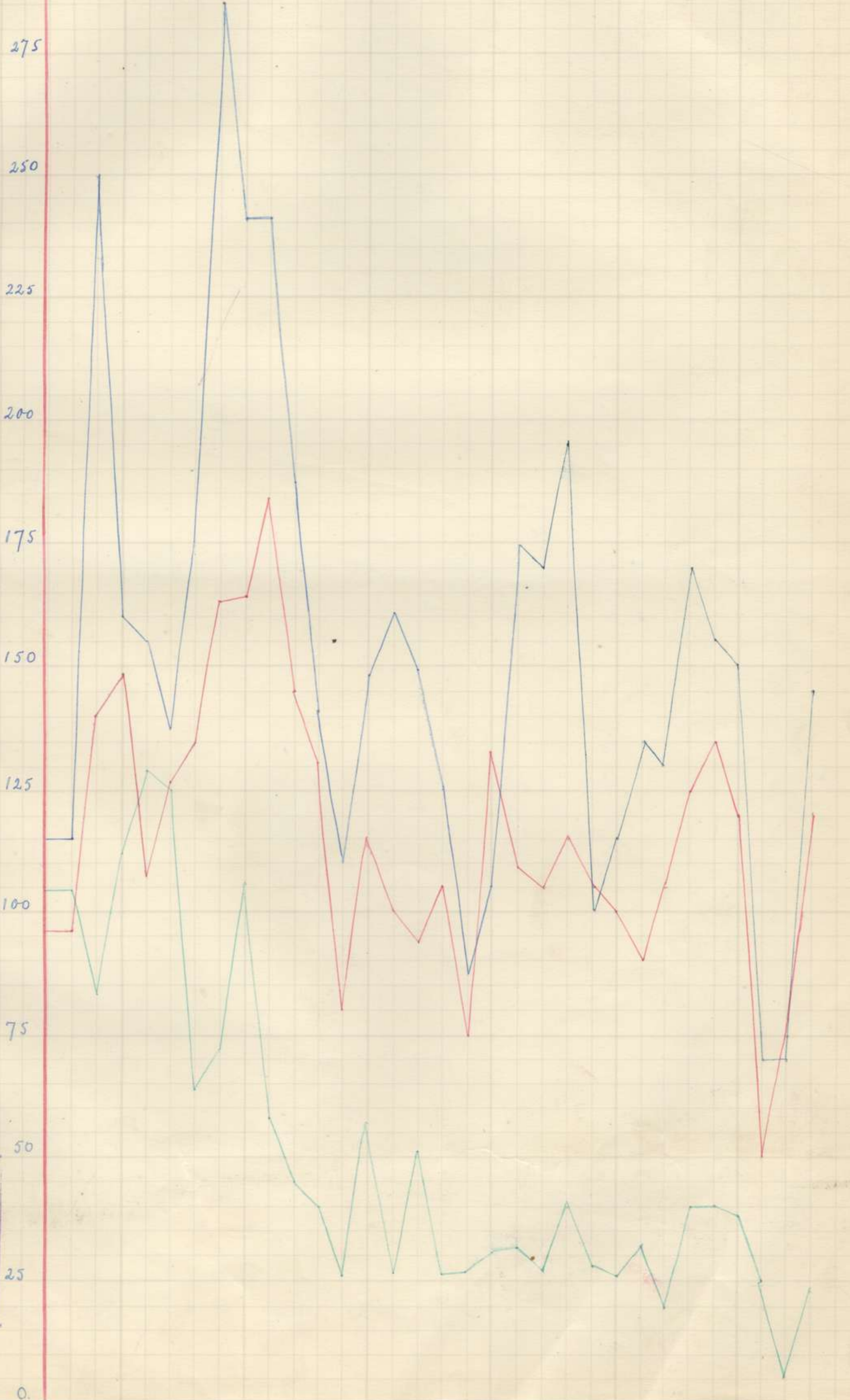
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"B" Forms

"C" Forms

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Telegraph and Sealed Packet Traffic Chart - July 1917 10

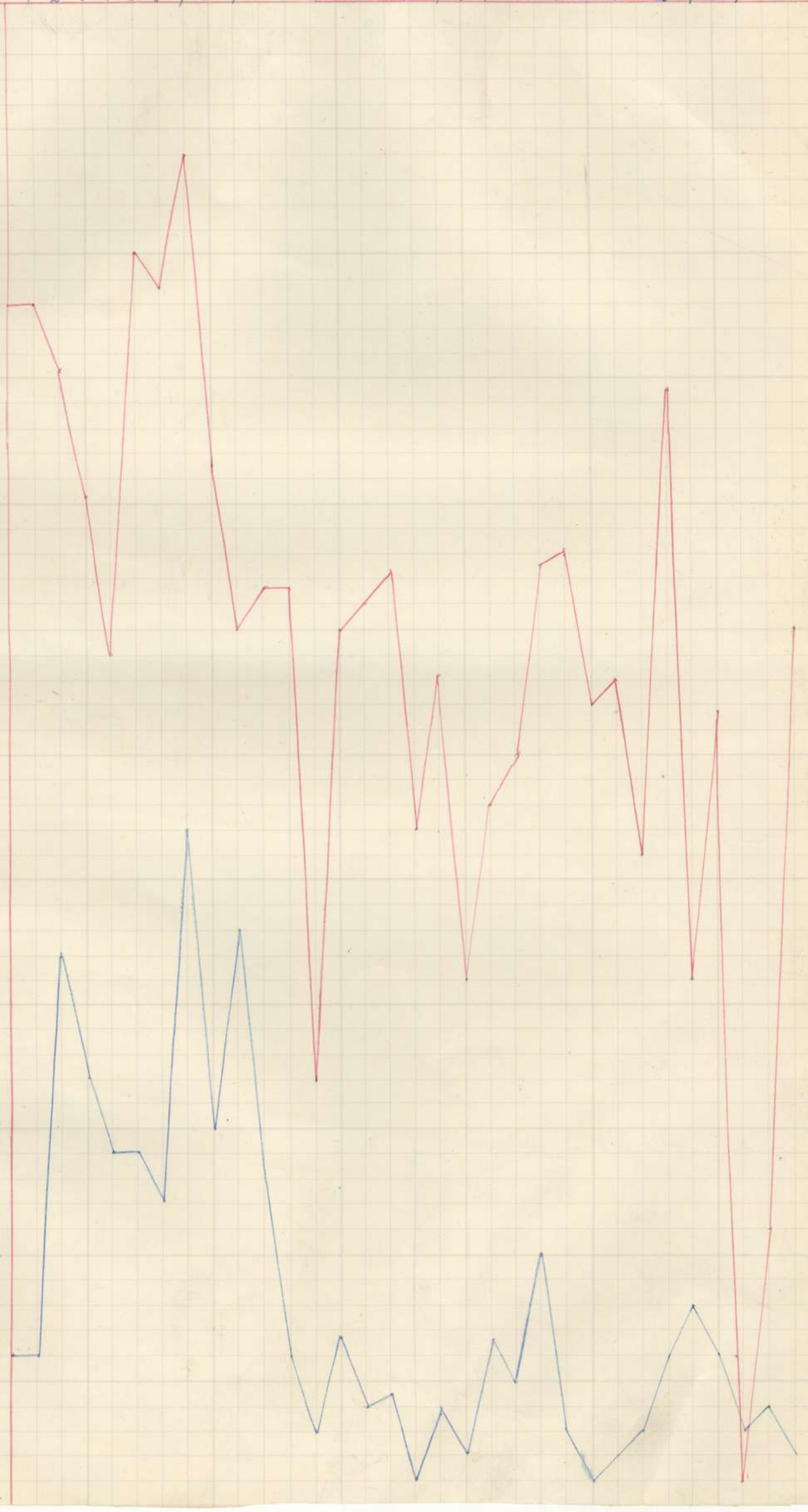
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