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WAR DIARY



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PALESTINE.	October			
Abasan el Kebir.	1		Squadron Routine Work.	Map. Ref. BEERSHEBA 1/125000.
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	16		Routine Work. The Commander in Chief presented decorations to members of the A.N.Z. Mounted Division. No. 1496. Driver Alfred Wright COPLEY of this Squadron being presented with the Serbian Silver Medal for "when acting as Squadron Stretcher bearer at BIR EL ABD on August 9 <sup>th</sup> 1916, he assisted Trooper Livingstone, 8 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H., who was severely wounded through thigh and lower part of stomach, to a place of safety; subsequently bandaging Livingstone's wound, and assisted to bring him safely in."	OCT 1917
	17		Routine work.	
	18			
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abasan el Kebir	21.		Cable detachment joined up with 2nd A.L.H. Brigade and marched with them at 5 p.m. to ESANI.	Maps ref. BEERSHEE 1/125000
	22.		Routine work.	
	23.		Routine work.	
	24.		Cable detachment with 2nd L.H. Brigade laid line at ESANI to S.S.O. ANZACS. This detachment then moved forward at 5 p.m. with 2nd L.H. Bde to ASHUT.	
	25.		Advanced office and Cable detachment left Abasan el Kebir for ESANI at 8 p.m.	
	26.		Advanced office established at ESANI at 2.30 p.m. Lines laid to N.Z.M.R. Brigade and 1st A.L.H. Brigade.	
ESANI	27.		Squadron marched at 5 p.m. from Abasan el Kebir for ESANI. Arrived Esani 1.30 a.m. Lateral line laid between N.Z.M.R. and 1st A.L.H. Brigades.	} App. 2
	28.		Advanced office left Esani at 10.30 a.m. and arrived at ASHUT at 4.30 p.m. and established. Line laid to 2nd A.L.H. Brigade. Squadron left ESANI at 5 p.m. for ASHUT.	
ASHUT	29.		Squadron arrived ASHUT at 2 a.m. Laid lines to 1st A.L.H. Bde and N.Z.M.R. Bde.	} OCT 1917 } App. 3
	30.		Picked up line laid to 2nd A.L.H. Bde. Squadron marched with Division at 6 p.m.	
	31.		Commenced to lay line for Desert Mounted Corps at 3 a.m. from Road Junction. F.10, North West through KH SHEGEIB - G. KH. SHEGEIB - ISWAIWIN - to 1180, S. of KHASHIM ZANNA, where line was handed over to Corps Headquarters.	} App. 4 and 5



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3. E29/3

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Place October	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
near Khashim Zanna	31.	3.A.M.	<p>Laid line with 2nd A.L.H. Bde from Road junction F.10. N.E through BIR ARARA, then N.W through G. IMITMAN, on track leading through 1330, 1140, across to 1130 on E.7.</p> <p>after capture of TEL EL SABA Squadron moved with Division to Bawouac on S. side of that hill. Laid line then to 1st L.H. Bde at 960. D.7.</p> <p>During days operations were in visual communication with 1st L.H. Bde from Khashim Zanna to 1030 (E.7); N.Z.M.R Bde at BIR SAHIM ABU IRGEIG; 2nd ALH Bde at 1130 (E.7) 8<sup>th</sup> L.H. Rgt at <del>1180 (E.8)</del> 1180 (E.8). 7<sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade at 1210 RAS GHANNAM. 3rd ALH Bde at 1150 (E.7). and Australian Mounted Division about 1 1/2 miles S.W of 1180. KHASHIM ZANNA.</p>	<p>Map. Ref Beersheba 1/225000</p> <p>App. 4 and 5</p>

J. L. Capt.

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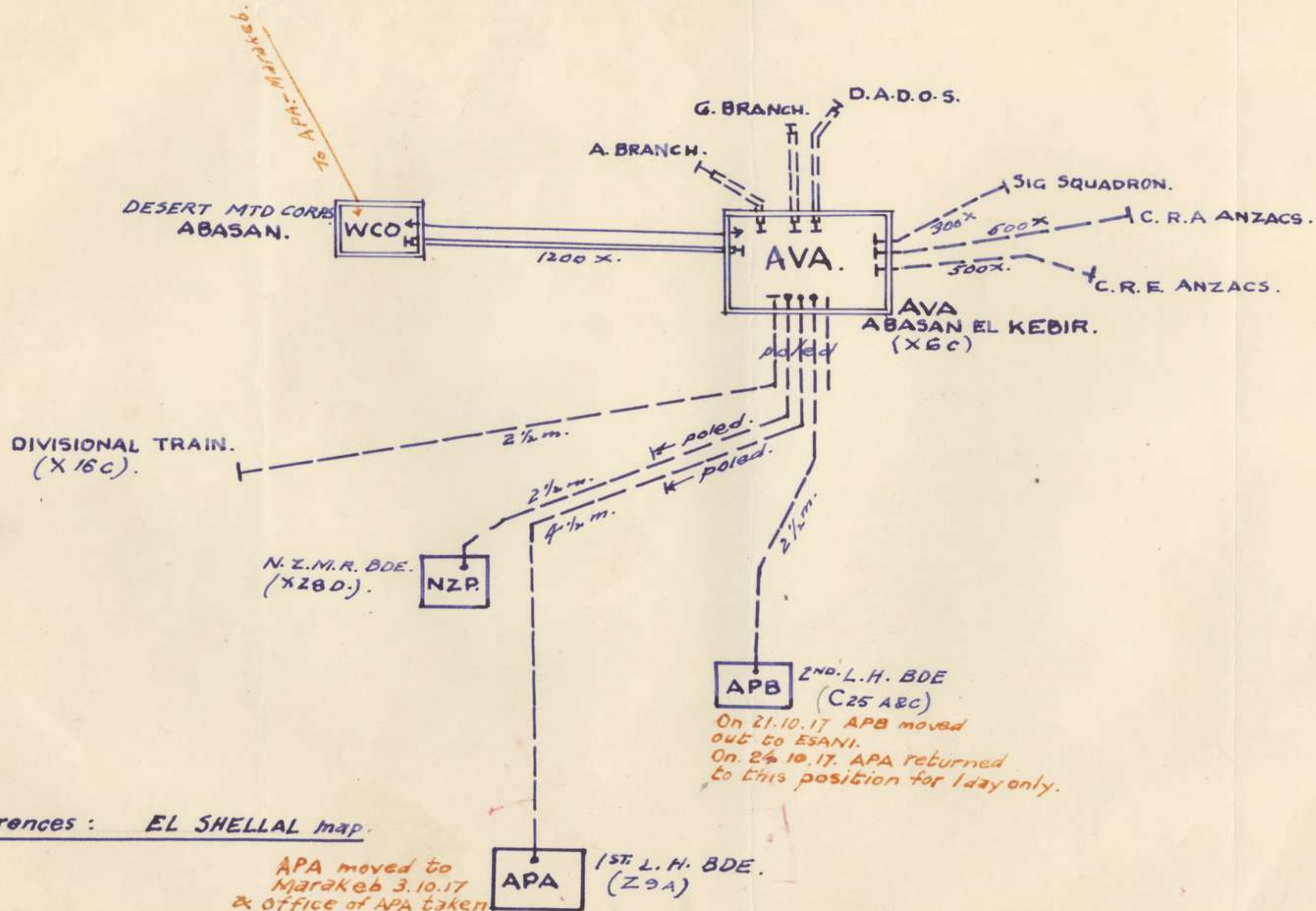


DIAGRAM of AVA COMMUNICATIONS for the MONTH - October 1917.

SHEET No. 1.  
(Communications 1-26.10.17.)

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NOTE.

Map references : EL SHELLAL map.

APA moved to Marakeb 3.10.17 & office of APA taken over by ND (7th Mtd. Bde).

On 21.10.17 APB moved out to ESANI.  
On 24.10.17. APA returned to this position for 1 day only.

*James Campbell*  
O.C.  
Signal Squadron.  
A & N.E. Mtd Div.



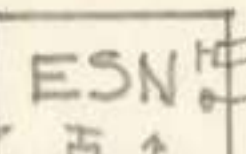
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AVA DIAGRAM for OCTOBER 1917.

communications from 1400 on 26. 10. 17.  
to 1730 " 29. 10. 17.

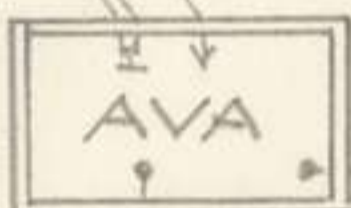
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DESCORPS.  
ESANI OFFICE

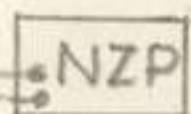


C. R. A. ANZACS.

Battery

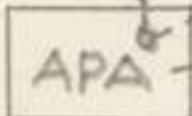


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ESANI



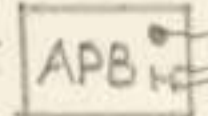
N. Z. M. R. Bde.

1st L. H. Bde.



Scale 0 1 2 3 Miles

2<sup>ND</sup> L. H. BDE  
ASLUJ.



*Malcolm*  
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S. A. Syd. Div.  
A. E. N. Z. Med. Div.

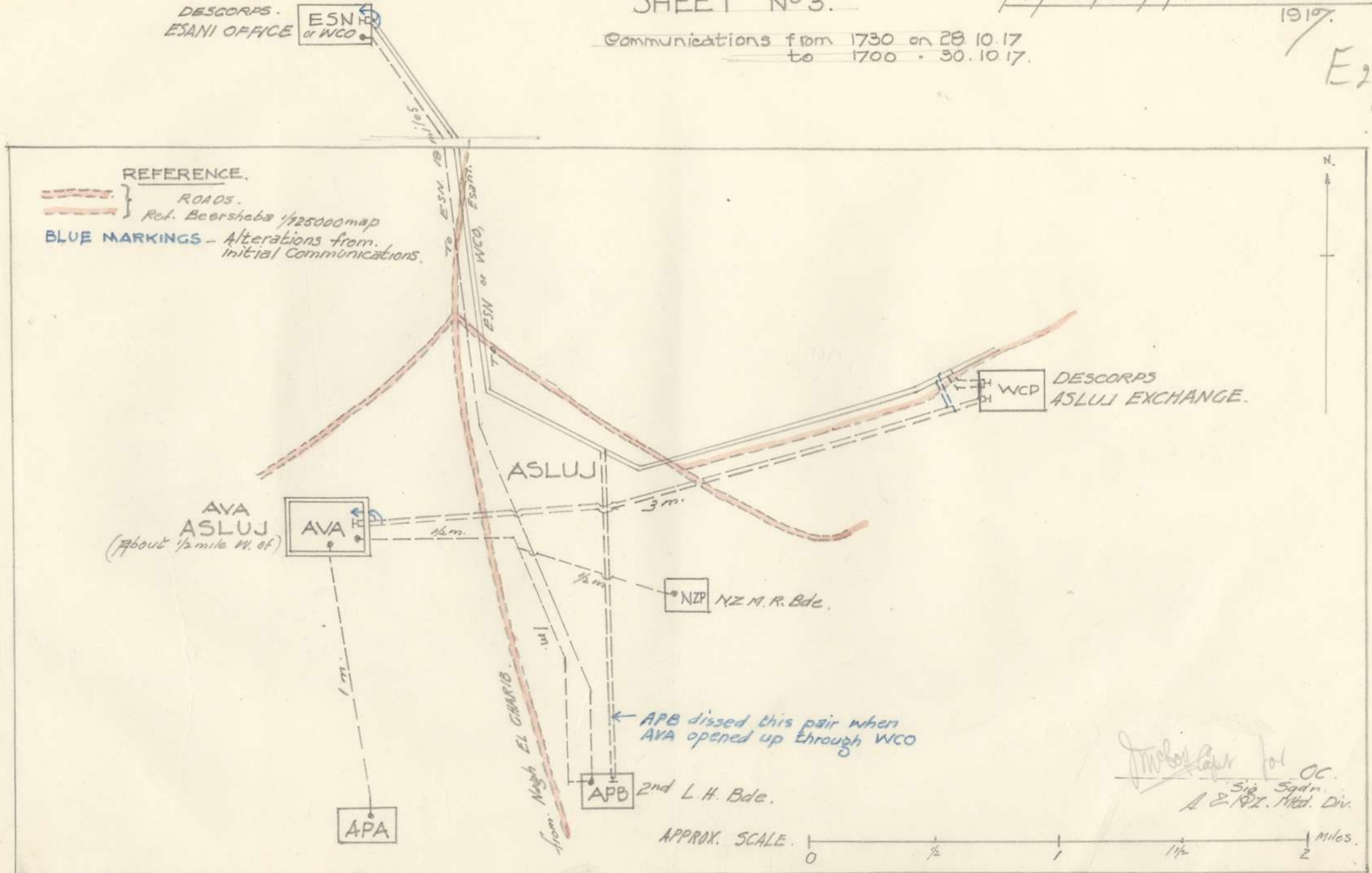


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"AVA" DIAGRAM for OCTOBER 1917.

Communications from 1730 on 28.10.17 to 1700 . 30.10.17.

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"AVA" DIAGRAM for OCTOBER 1917.

SHEET N<sup>o</sup> 4.

Communications for day of 31.10.17.

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BEERSHEBA.

TEL EL SABA.

NZP  
N.Z.M.R. Bde  
BIR SALIM ABU IRGEIG

APB 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. Bde.  
towards BIR EL SAKATY.

AVA TRANSMITTING STN.

AVA  
KHASHIM ZANNA.

WCP  
DESCORPS.

Scale. 0 1 2 3 Miles

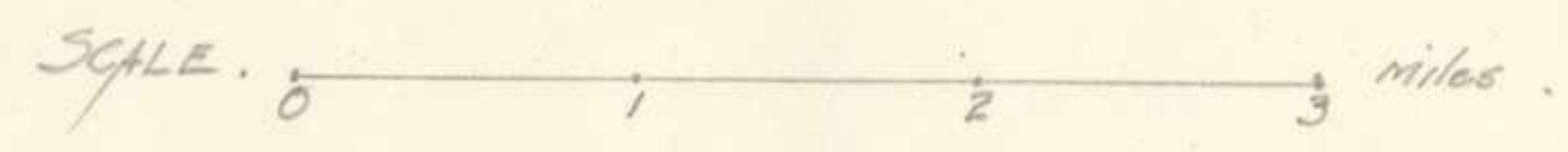
*John Cooper* for O.C.  
Sigs. Sqdn  
A & B. NZ. Mtd Div.



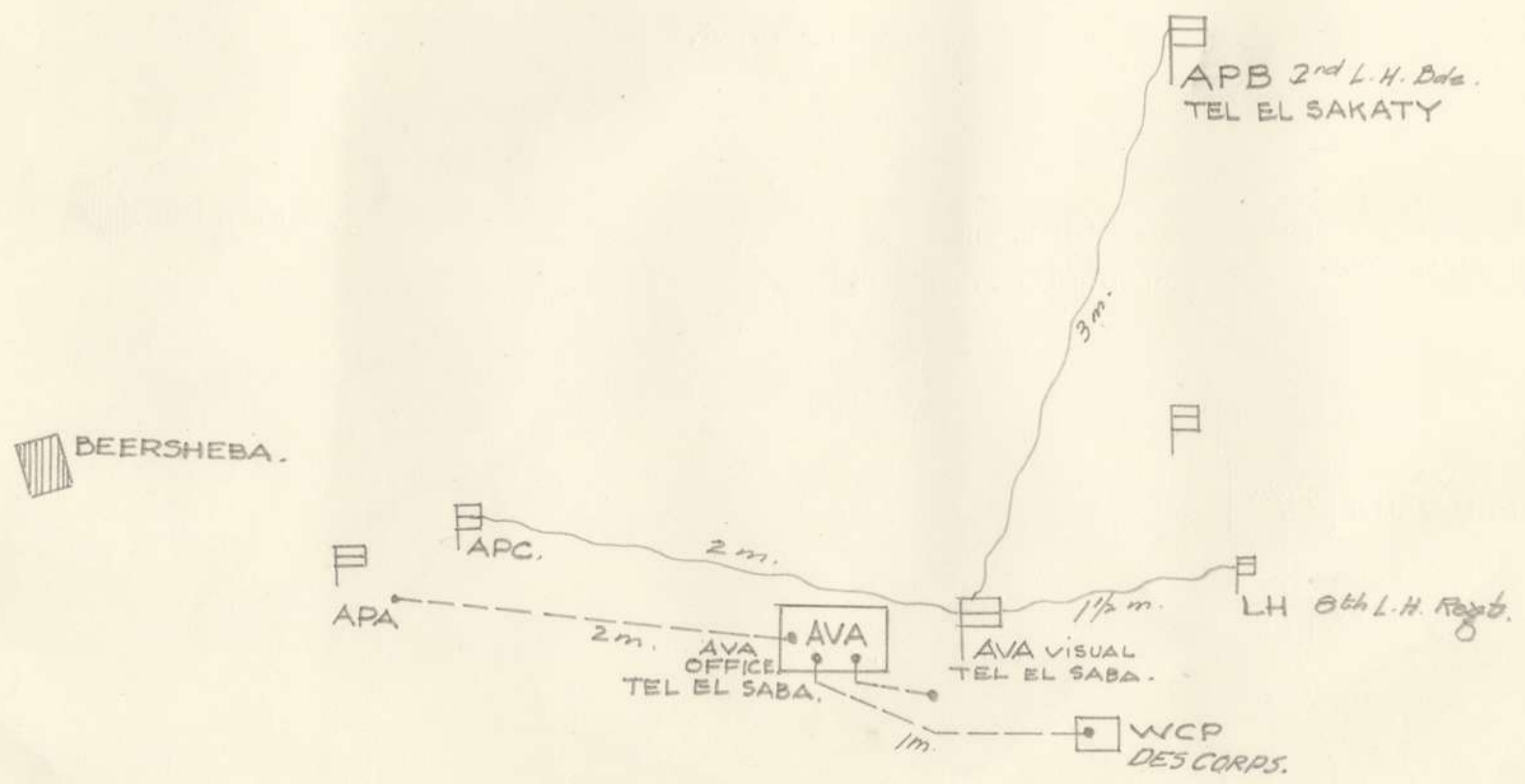
AVA DIAGRAM for OCTOBER 1917.

SHEET N° 5.

Communications for Night of 31.10.17.



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# SIGNAL SQUADRON, A & NZ MOUNTED DIVISION

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GRAPH OF MESSAGES DEALT WITH

October

1917

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MESSAGES TRANSMITTED TO --- OR RECEIVED FROM ---

SIGNAL OFFICE	DATE																															TOTAL		
	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			
APA (1st L.H. BDE)	24	49	12																					5	25	11	43	57	9	19	16	290		
APB (2nd . . .)	18	15	14	24	36	21	22	23	37	35	28	28	23	19	29	26	27	27	31	44	53							4	17	15	27	648		
NZP (N.Z. M.R. .)	26	26	30	22	31	26	25	25	32	27	35	28	29	19	19	19	31	23	18	49	26	28	33	23		7	31	16	8	19	28	759		
WCO (DESERT MTD CORPS)	89	93	109	103	132	82	99	127	126	125	114	132	120	124	129	126	104	125	145	251	179	189	200	198	184	85		51	97	80	75	3763		
ND (5th MTD BDE)			28	44	32	25	33	42	28	33	26	25	21	26	36	36	14	17	44	51	36	33	35	43	28	20						754		
ESN (DES CORPS ESANI OFFICE)																										61	183	133					377	
APC (3rd L.H. BDE)																																	8	8
ALJ (ASLUJ OFFICE)																																	4	4
L.H. (5th L.H. REGT)																																	2	2
MISCELLANEOUS	9	28	22	14	31	14	16	24	27	24	15	13	27	28	10	18	22	17	14	15	14	29	2	7	5	13	1	16	14	18	18	500		
<b>TOTAL</b>	166	206	215	207	262	168	195	241	250	244	218	226	220	216	223	225	198	209	250	410	308	229	270	276	242	197	258	277	145	151	178	7080		

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	27	32	35	36	39	20	22	40	47	41	43	31	24	15	31	29	29	39	44	37	56	66	66	45	46	30	36	30	28	24	7	1095
G. . .	17	22	21	13	26	24	31	28	15	17	15	29	17	18	26	29	26	35	17	14	26	20	22	45	38	55	119	96	57	49	132	1073
A. D. M. S.	2	2	1	5	1	4		2		2	1	2	1		3		2	5	1	2	4	1	4	6	1	1	5	3	2	4	8	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	40	56	57	54	66	48	43	70	62	60	59	62	42	33	60	58	57	69	62	57	86	87	92	96	85	86	160	129	87	77	147	2243

*J. D. G. Major*  
 Comd. Sig. Sqdn.  
 A & N.Z. Mtd. Div.



# SIGNAL SQUADRON A & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION

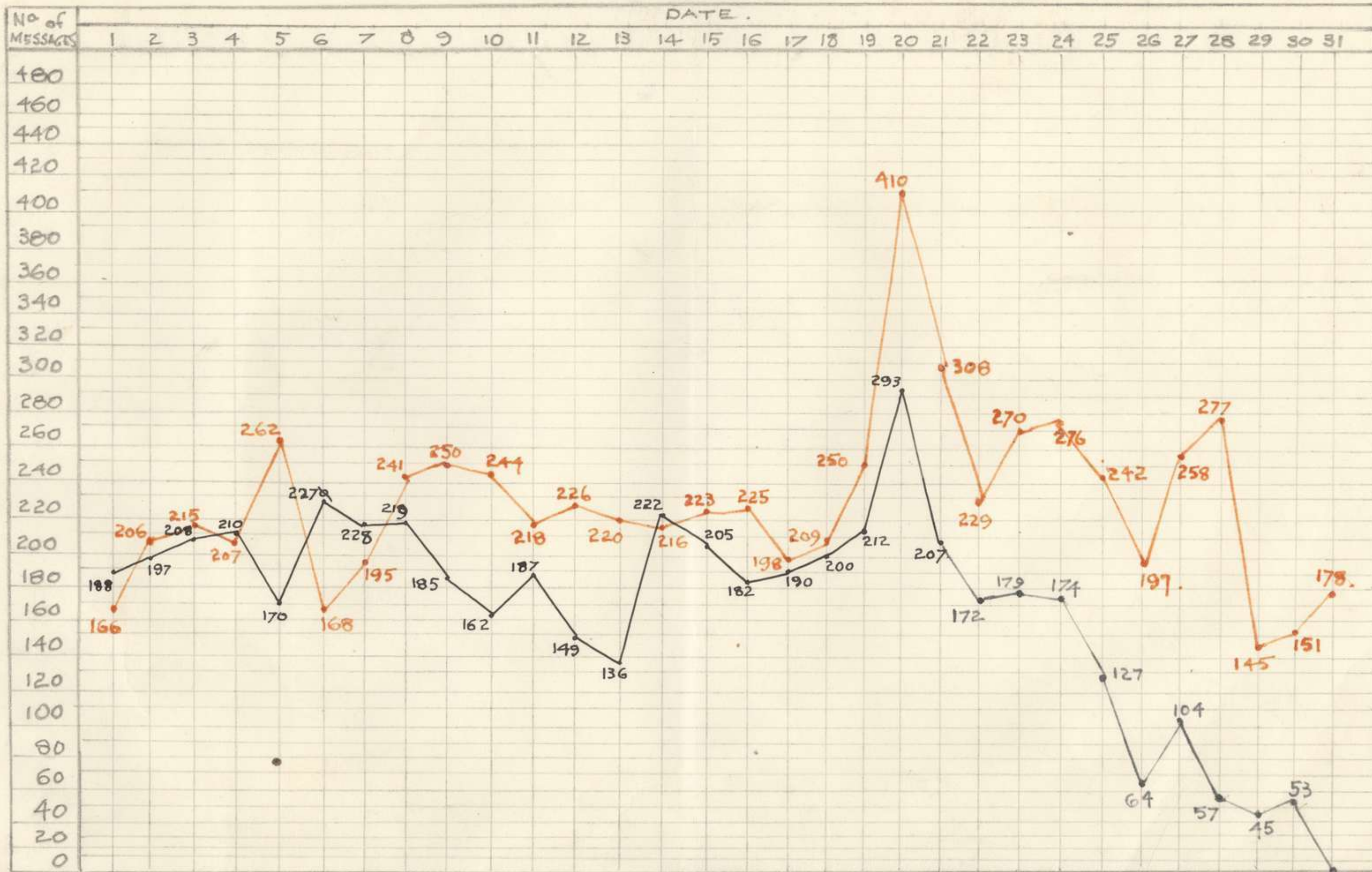
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—●— Telegrams.  
—●— Despatches.

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A. & N.Z. Mounted Div.



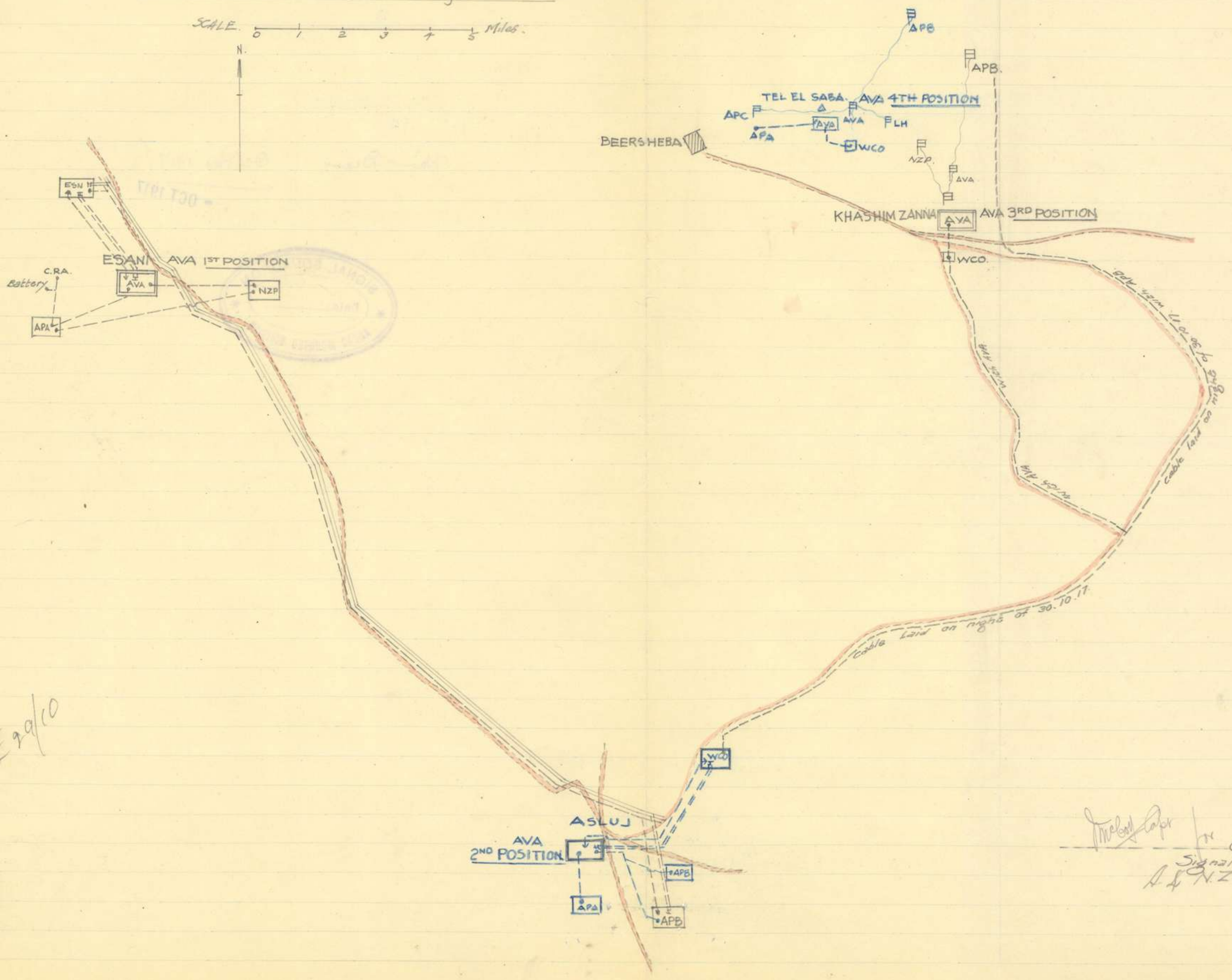
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# AVA DIAGRAM for OCTOBER 1917

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MAD showing the PROGRESS of AVA & communication with DESCORPS on night of 30.10.17.

SCALE 0 1 2 3 4 5 Miles.



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*Melrose*  
 Signal Squadron  
 A & N.Z. Med Div.



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