

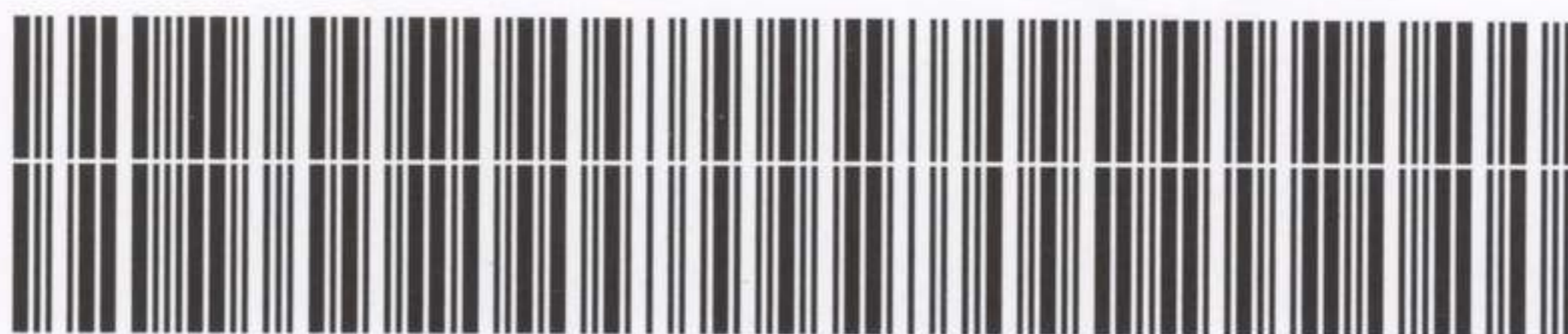
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**WAR DIARY.**

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Unit *1<sup>st</sup> Signal Squadron, Anzac Mtd Div.*

From *1<sup>st</sup> October 1917* To *31<sup>st</sup> October 1917.*

# 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.
	2		"	Beersheba
	3		"	1/125000
	4		"	
	5		"	
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	9		"	App I.
	10		"	
	11		"	
	12		"	
	13		"	
	14		"	
	15		"	
	16		<p>Routine Work. The Commander in Chief presented decorations to members of the A. &amp; 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 Inspector Livingstone, 8<sup>th</sup> A. N. Z. 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."</p>	
	17		Routine work.	
	18		"	
	19		"	
	20		"	

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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.H. H. Brigade and marched with them at 5 p.m. to ESANI.	maps. ref. BEERSHEBA 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 ASKUT.	
	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.H.H. Brigade.	} App. 2.
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.H.H. Brigades. Squad arrived at ASKUT at 4.30 p.m.	
	28.		Advanced office left Esani at 10.30 a.m. and established. line laid to 2nd A.H.H. Brigade. Squadron left ESANI at 5 p.m. for ASKUT.	} App. 3
ASKUT	29.		Squadron arrived ASKUT at 2 a.m. Laid lines to 1st A.H.H. Bde and N.Z.M.R. Bde. Squadron marched with	
	30.		Picked up line laid to 2nd A.H.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 Corps Headquarters.	App. 4 and 5.

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<p>at Khashim Zanna.</p>	<p>31.</p>	<p>3.A.M.</p>	<p>Laid line with 2nd A.L.H. Bde from Road junction F.10. R.E through BIR ARARA, then N.W through G. IMITMAN, on track leading through 1330, 1140, across to 1130 on E.7. Squadron moved with Division to after capture of TEL KH SABA Raid line then to 1st L.H. Bde at Bismanac on S. side of that hill. 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 1180 (E.8) 8<sup>th</sup> L.H. Rgt at <del>1180 (E.8)</del> ABU IRGEIG; 2nd A.L.H Bde at 1130 (E.7) 7<sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade at 1210 RAS GHANNAM. 3rd A.L.H 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 1125000</p> <p>App 4 and 5.</p> <p>J.P. Capt.</p>

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Unit 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Squadron New Zealand Div

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 1917 To 31<sup>st</sup> October 1917

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PALESTINE	October			
Basan el Kebir	1		Squadron Routine Work.	Map Ref: BEERSHEBA 1/125000
	2		"	
	3		"	
	4		"	
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	17		Routine work.	
	18			
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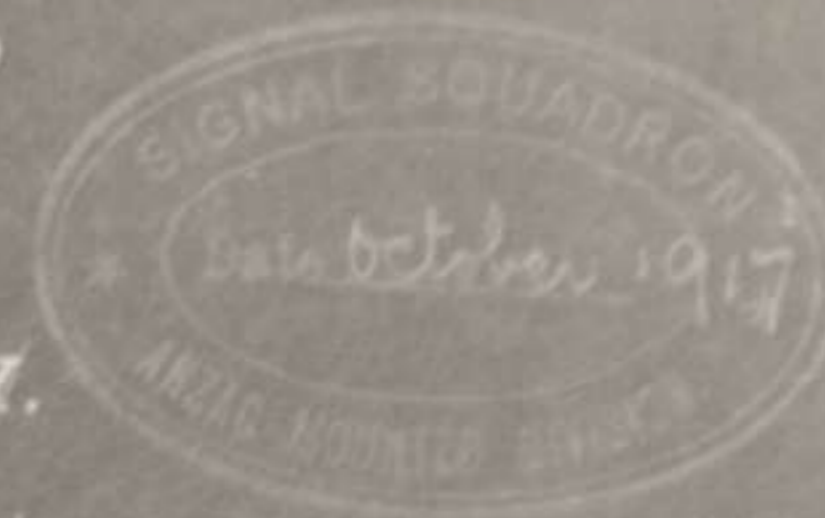
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Abasan el Kebir	21.		Cable detachment joined up with 2nd A.H. H. Brigade and marched with them at 5 p.m. to ESANI.	Maps ref. BEERSHEBA 1/125000.
	22.		Routine work.	
	23.		Routine work.	
	24.		Cable detachment with 2nd L.H. Brigade laid line at ESANI 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.H.H. Brigade.	
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ASHUT	29.		Squadron arrived ASHUT at 2 a.m. Laid lines to 1st A.H.H. Bde and N.Z.M.R. Bde.	
	30.		Picked up line laid to 2nd A.H.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. 3 - OCT 1917 App. 4 and 5



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
W. of Khashim Zanna	31.	3 A.M.	<p>Raid line with 2nd A.L.H. Bde from Road junction F.10. to E through BIR ARARA then N.W. through G. IMIT NAN, on track leading through 1330, 1140. across to 1130 on E.7.</p> <p>after capture of TEH KH. SABA Squadron moved with Division to Baisouac on S. side of that hill. Raid line then to 1st L.H. Bde at 960. D.7.</p>	<p>Map. Ref Pencil 1:225000</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 A.L.H. 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 A.L.H. Bde at 1150 (E.7). and Australian Mounted Division about 1 1/2 miles S.W. of 1180. KHASHIM ZANNA.</p>	<p>App. 4 and 5</p>

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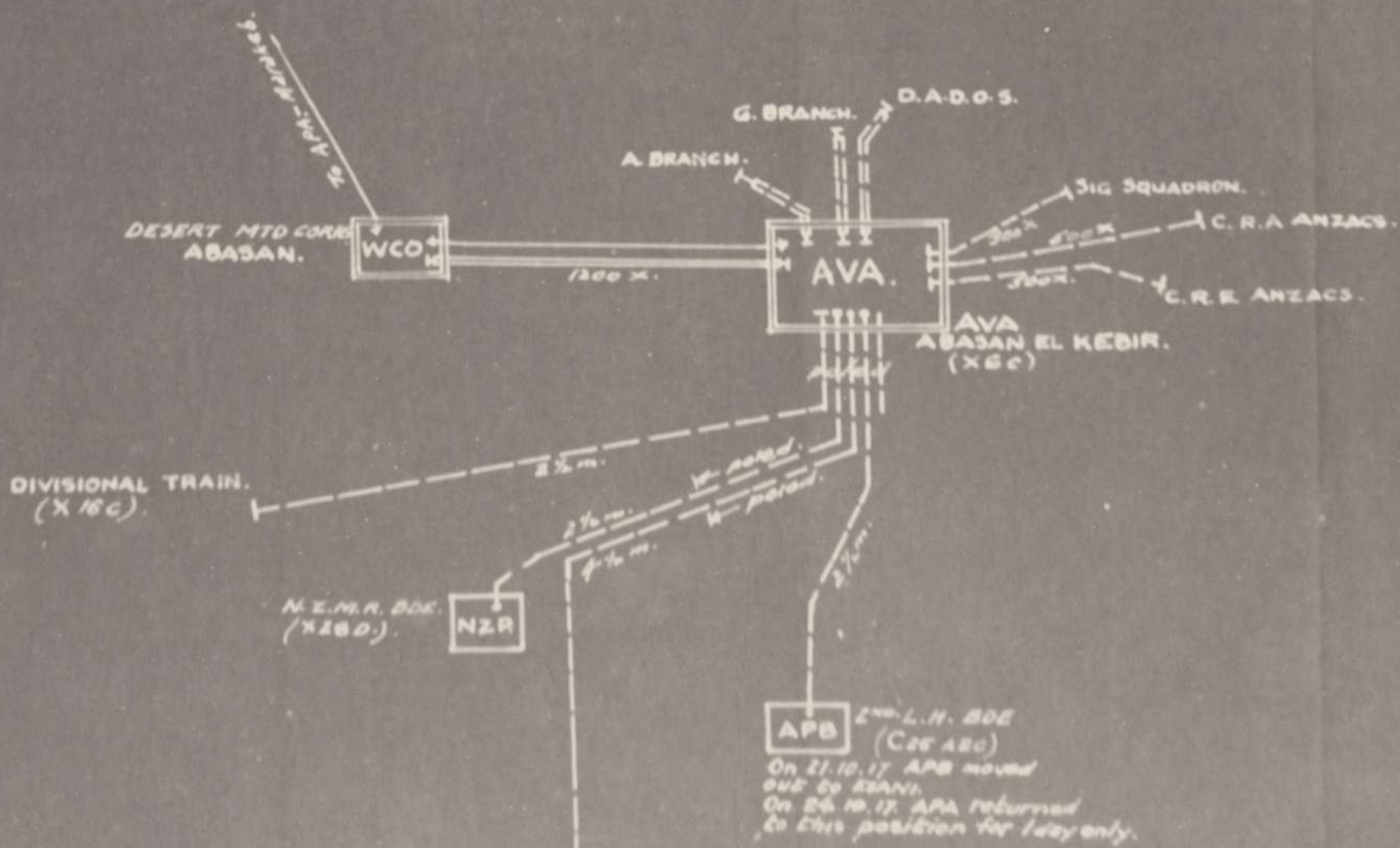
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DIAGRAM of AVA COMMUNICATIONS for the MONTH - October 1917.

SHEET No 1.  
(Communications 1-26.10.17.)

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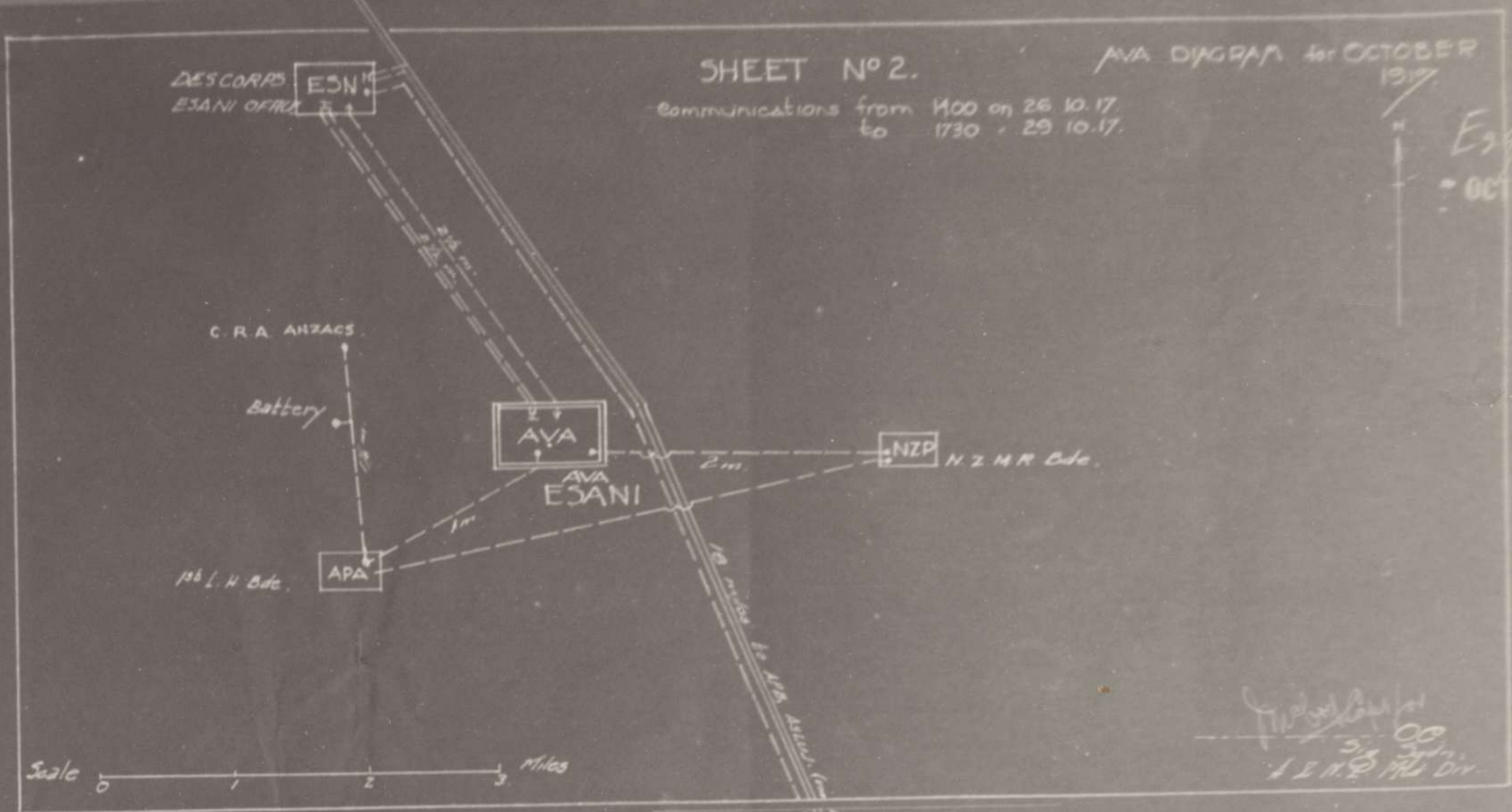


NOTE.

Map references: EL SHELLAL map

APA moved to MARAKBA 3.10.17  
An office of AVA taken over by ND (7th Mtd Bde).

*John Robert Appleby*  
Sigs. Squadron.  
1st L.H. Bde.





"AVA" DIAGRAM for OCTOBER 1917

SHEET N° 4.

Communications for day of 31.10.17

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

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△ TEL. EL SABA.

BEERSHEBA.

NZP  
N.Z. MEDICAL  
BIR SALIM ABU IRGEIC

AVA TRANSMITTING STN.

AVA  
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A & B NZ Med Div

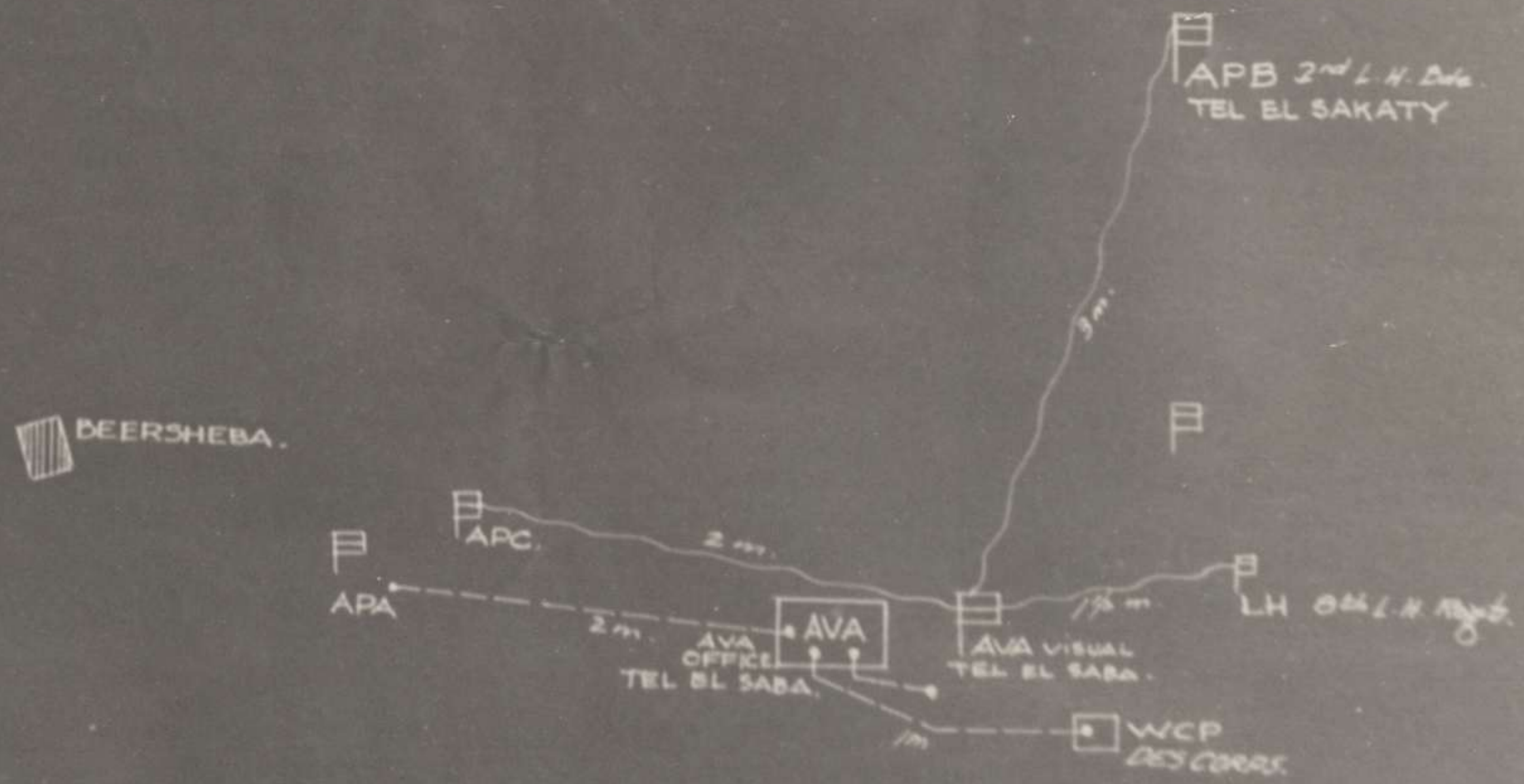
AVA DIAGRAM for OCTOBER  
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Communications for Night of 31.10.17.

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# SIGNAL SQUADRON, A & NZ MOUNTED DIVISION

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## GRAPH OF MESSAGES DEALT WITH

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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	370		
APB (2nd . . .)	18	15	14	24	36	21	22	23	37	35	28	23	19	29	36	27	27	31	44	53								4	17	15	27	643		
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	757		
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	109	200	198	184	85		51	97	80	75	3763		
ND (7th 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 ELGANI 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	19	22	17	14	15	14	29	2	7	5	13	1	16	14	18	18	500		
TOTAL	166	206	245	207	262	168	195	244	250	244	218	226	220	216	223	225	198	209	250	410	308	229	270	276	242	147	258	277	145	151	178	7050		

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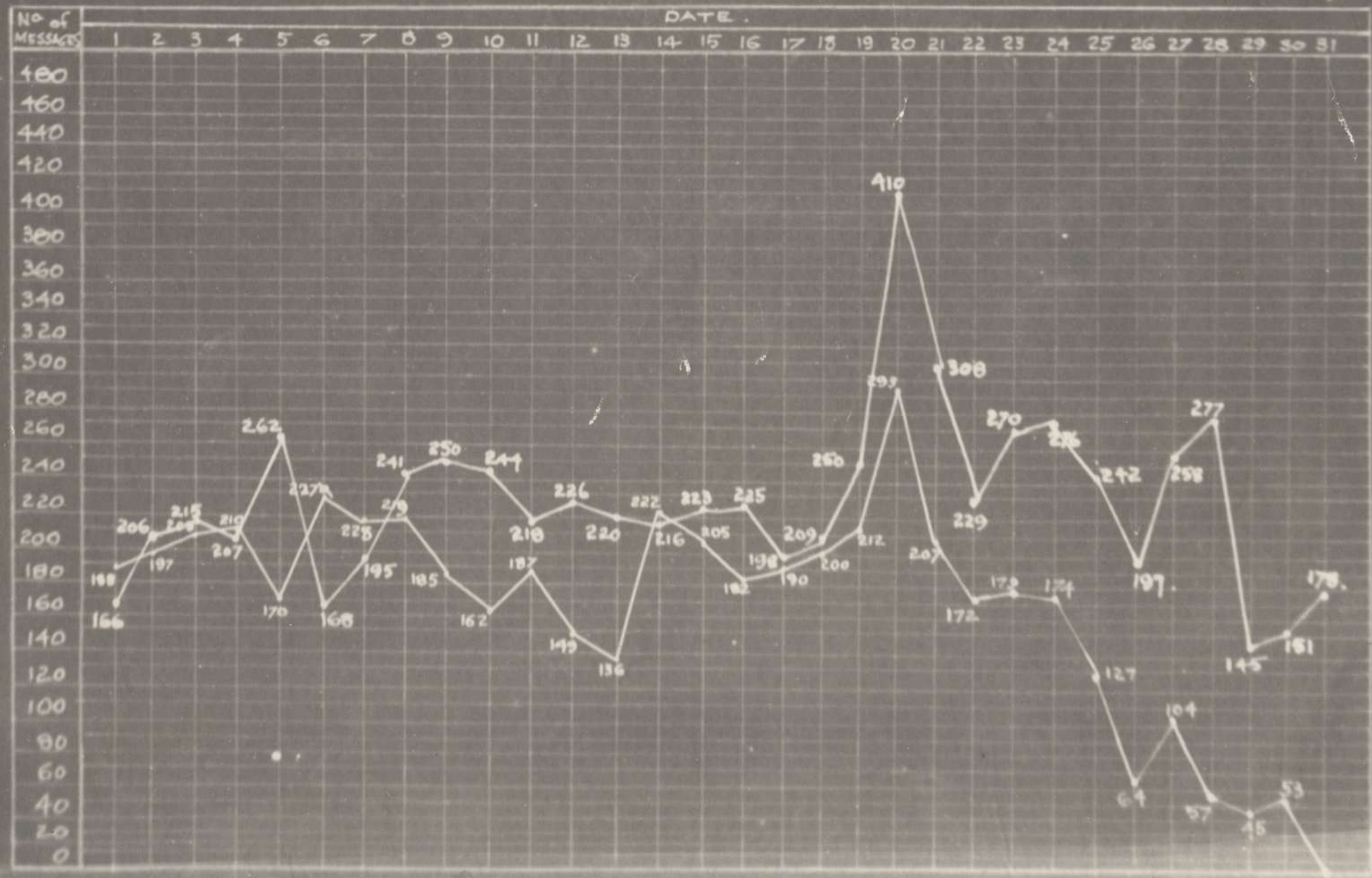
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A. BRANCH	27	32	35	36	39	20	22	40	47	41	43	31	24	18	31	29	29	39	44	37	56	66	66	45	46	30	36	30	28	24	7	1075
G. . .	18	22	21	13	26	24	31	28	15	17	15	39	17	18	26	29	26	35	17	14	26	20	23	45	38	33	119	96	57	49	132	1073
A. D. M. S.	2	2	1	5	1	4		2		2	1	2	1		3		2	5	1	3	4	1	4	6	1	1	5	3	3	4	8	75
TOTAL	40	56	57	54	66	48	43	70	62	60	59	62	42	33	60	58	59	69	62	57	86	87	92	96	85	86	160	129	87	77	147	3203

Major  
Comd. Sig. Sqdn.  
A & NZ Mtd. Div.

# SIGNAL SQUADRON A & NZ MOUNTED DIVISION

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— Telegrams.  
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MAP showing the PROGRESS of AVA as  
Communication with DESCORPS on night of 30.10.17.

SCALE 5 1 2 3 4 Miles



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*[Signature]*  
Signal Squadron  
A & NZ. 1917 DIV.