

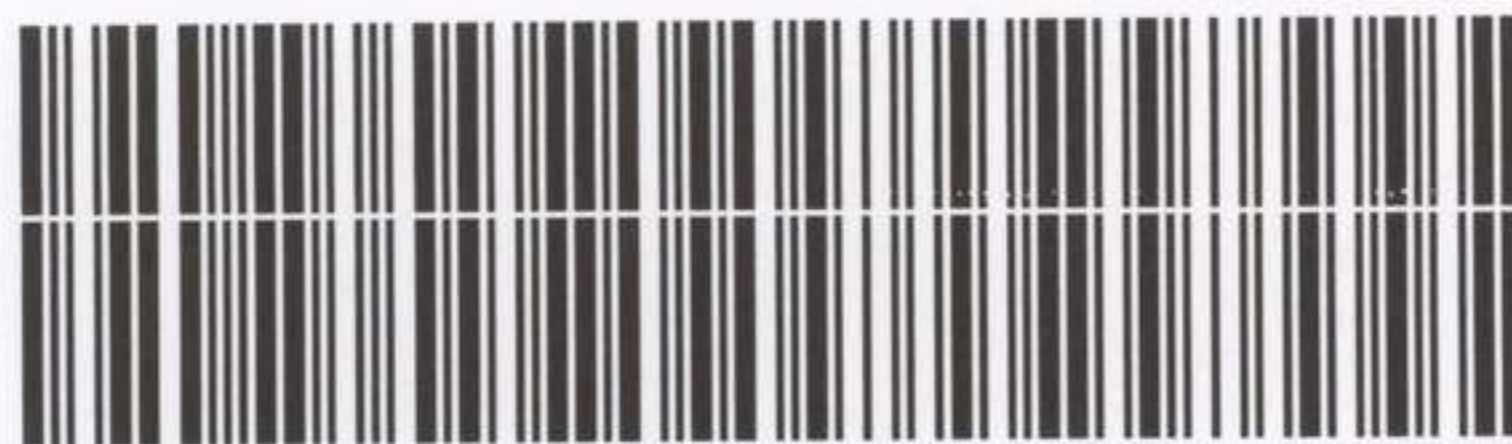
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Australian Imperial Force

of
2nd Signal Squadron A.F.

for

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or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BETHLEHEM	1/7/18		Single cable to 3rd & 4th Bdes converted to a pair, to which both Bdes are connected.	
	2/7/18		5th Bde arrive at SOLOMONS Fools and connect up on pair cable.	
	3/7/18		Gwalior Inf. of 20th Ind. Inf. Bde are connected to Div. office. - B Troop working on lines.	
	4/7/18		Capt HJ. ALLEN-AVC. leaves Sqn for 22nd Bde - Major CALLOW AAVC attached to Sqn as VC. Div. Troops	
	5/7/18		Cable to Gwalior relaid.	
	6/7/18		Court-martial on Spr. Fitzerald - B Troop.	
	7/7/18		OETA Hospital BETHLEHEM connected to Div. Exchange.	
	8/7/18		Capt PEMBERTON RE. left to take temporary command of Sig. Sqn. A & NZ Division.	Appendix No 21.
	9/7/18		Capt T. J. FARROW A.E. joined Sqn to take command of Australian personnel with whom it is intended to replace the British personnel. Lt LOWE assumes command of British unit.	
	10/7/18		AIF. Cable Section and Australian Airline Section join Sqn. from Descorp's Signals to form nucleus of the Australian unit.	
	11/7/18		Animals and stores, wagons &c of Hdqrs and D Troop being taken over by Australians.	
	12/7/18		Australian personnel commence to replace British. - Lt LOWE, Lt TARELFALL and 18 ORS attached to W Corps Sig. Co. for duty at Desert Corps Signal School. - 9 ORS attached to W. Corps Sig Co for duty at GHORANIVE bridgehead, leaving BETHLEHEM on 13/7/18.	
	14/7/18		6 motorcyclists transferred to Sig. Sqn. 5th Cavalry Division	
	18/7/18		Lt DELPH with B Troop complete leave BETHLEHEM to join Sig. Sqn. 5th Cav. Div.	
			Australian Sig. Sqn leave BETHLEHEM with 37 British ORS attached.	
			Surplus animals disposed of under orders of DADR. Desert Mtd Corps.	
			From 18/7/18 till 13/8/18, the majority of the British personnel of this unit was transferred to other units under orders of ADAS. Descorp's, those still awaiting disposal were transferred to the Base Signal Depot on 13/8/18. -	
			Capt. (ajmajor) F.G. HILL was posted ADAS - Desert Mtd Corps with temp rank of Lt Col. from 2/7/18.	
	13/8/18		Unit officially disbanded under authority of G.H.Q. - GS 1128 of 15/8/18.	

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Ltd Col
was. some
for OC. Sig Sqn.

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Bethlehem	July 1918	<p>Formation of 2nd Signal Squadron A.E. Provisional authority given for the formation of a Signal Squadron from Australian personnel, to be attached to the Australian Mounted Division. Authority AAG AIF 438. Confirmation of this authority received through Australian Mounted Division on</p> <p>The following Officers being allotted:- Captain Farrow JG ex 1st Signal Squadron to Command temporarily dated 1st July. Lieut Telson JC and 2/ Lieut Parsons RW ex Australian Packer Wireless Section attached Desert Mounted Corps, to "A" Troop. Lieut Mackay G.S. ex AIF Cable Section attached Desert Mounted Corps to "B" Troop. Lieut Fahy J.G. ex 3rd Australian Airline Section attached Desert Mounted Corps, to "D" Troop. The following units to be absorbed in the formation of the Squadron, Australian Packer Wireless Section, AIF Cable Section, 3rd Australian Airline Section, and were taken over at Bethlehem on 9th July 1918. Horses, harness, wagons and equipments of foregoing all absorbed except that found unsuitable and not provided for on the Mobilization Store Table. Horses, harness, wagons and equipments of Headquarters and "D" Troops of the Australian Mounted Division Signal Squadron R.E., taken on charge of Australian Signal Squadron A.E.</p> <p>Unit became established, orders issued and records opened. 2/ Lieut Harbeck RP marched in ex Base Signal Depot and taken on strength.</p>	<p>8161701 - JUL 1918</p> <p>1/20/18</p> <p>Harbeck</p>	



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	July 1918			
	11 th		Records of Australian Pack, Wireless Section, A.I.F. Cable Section and 3rd Australian Airline Section completely closed.	
	12 th		Lieut Stinson C.G.F. MC. reported ex 1 st Signal Squadron and taken on strength.	
	13 th		Squadron routine work, and allotment of personnel.	
	14 th		Communications taken over from Signal Squadron R.E., as per diagram No 1 attached.	
	15 th		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained.	
	16 th		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained.	
	17 th		Orders received to move and take over communications of Left Sector of Jordan Valley defences at 0900 on 20 th July. 3 Wireless detachments W12, W13 and W14, proceeded to Jordan Valley to take over wireless communications of that Sector.	
	18 th	1730	Squadron moved from Bethlehens at 1730, via Jerusalem to Tallat ed Dummur arriving at 0200 on 19 th July.	
	19 th	1930	Squadron marched from Tallat ed Dummur at 1930 enroute to Jordan Valley arriving at 2200.	
	20 th	0900	Communications of Left Sector (as per Diagram No 2) taken over from 1 st Signal Squadron at 0900.	
	21 st		Squadron routine and ^{new} camp ^{site} work plus divisional communications maintained.	

Diagram No 1 attached

Map location not attached

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Diagram No 2 (Left Sector) attached

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Jordan Valley	22 nd		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained. Lieut Mackay G.S. evacuated to hospital.	
	23 rd		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained. C/303 RHA moved from Left Sector night 23/24 th July.	
	24 th		Cable laid to L/202 and R/202 Heavy Artillery Sections from the RA Exchange. Cable used by C/303 RHA recovered. RA Exchange moved from H.6.C. to H.17 Central. Poles cables laid to Right and Left Groups of Artillery. From midnight	
	25 th		24/25 th July the Station Code Call of this Divisional Signals will be AVB. Complete change over of RA Exchange effected.	
	26 th		All surplus cable used by old RA Exchange recovered. Telephone pair laid from Desert Mounted Corps Signals to Australian Mounted Divisional Signals for Artillery work.	
	27 th		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained.	
	28 th		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained. Lieut Watson ex Base Signal Depot reported for duty.	
	29 th		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained. 12 th Cavalry Bde relieved 2 nd L. H. Bde at 1200 and latter marched out of this area.	
	30 th		Squadron routine plus Divisional communications maintained.	
	31 st	0700	12 th Cavalry Bde Hdqrs moved from Z 25 A. to J 5. B. 8. 2, and cables laid and communications established at 0700.	

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Appendices.



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- I. No 1. Diagrams. Bethlehem from 14th July to 20th July 1918
- II. No 2. Diagrams Jordan Valley from 20th July to 31st July 1918
- III. Location Sheet.

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No 1. Diagram

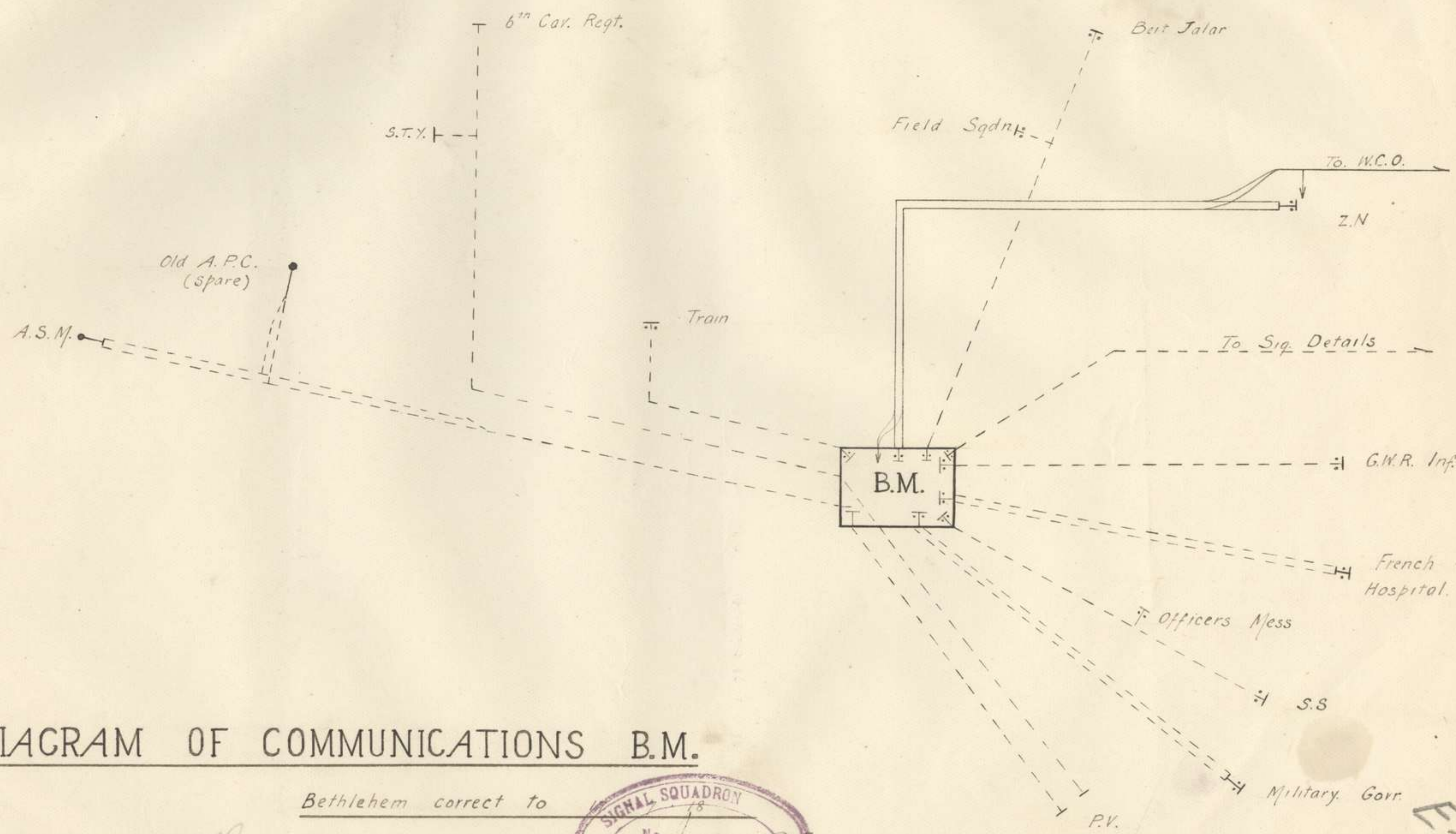
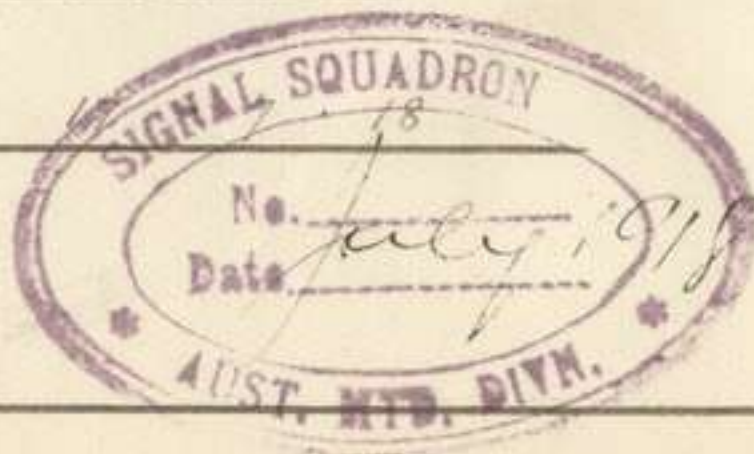


DIAGRAM OF COMMUNICATIONS B.M.

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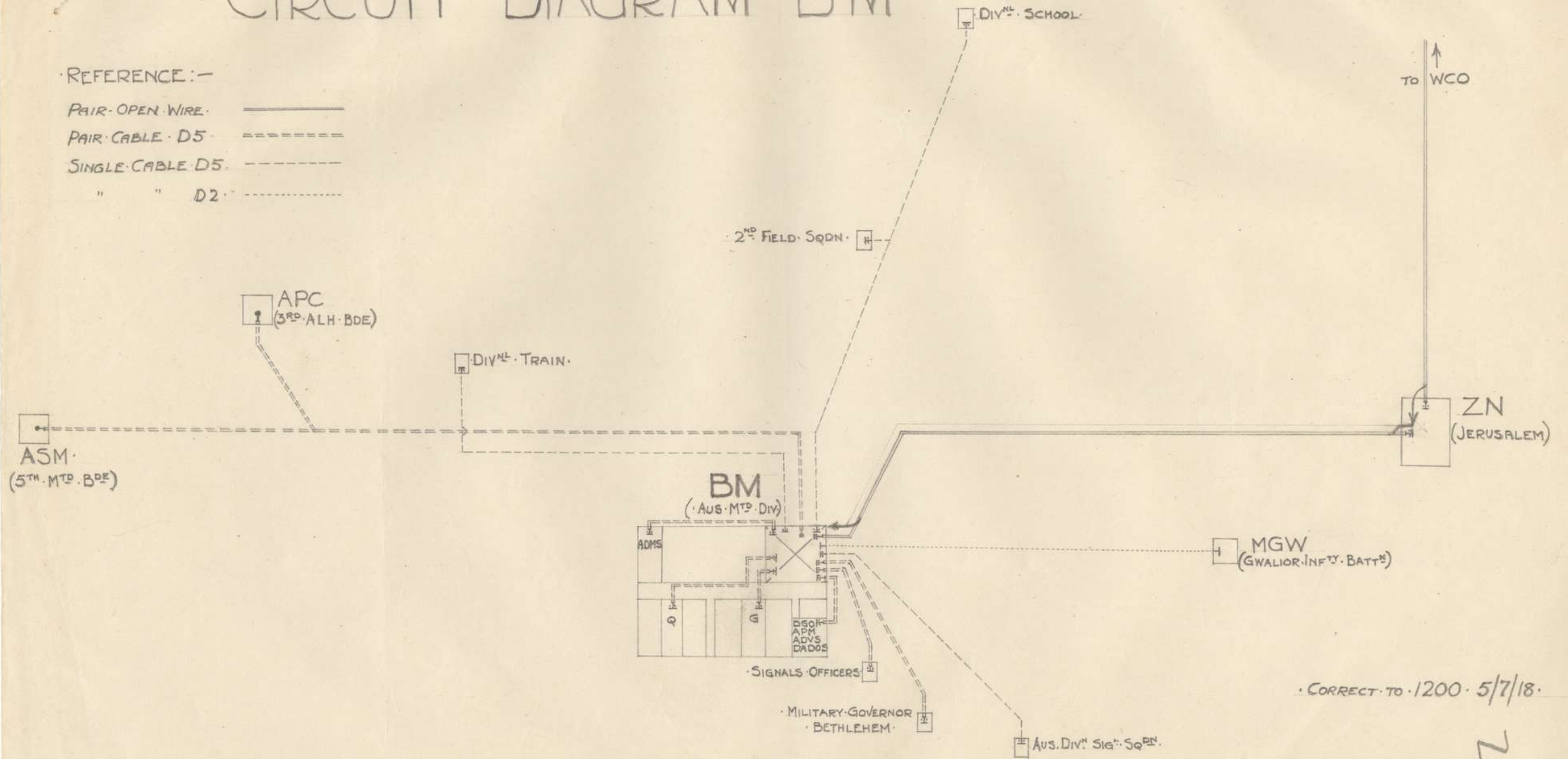


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CIRCUIT DIAGRAM B.M.

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- PAIR CABLE D5: - - - - -
- SINGLE CABLE D5: - - - - -
- " " D2: - - - - -



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LOCATION OF TROOPS. LEFT SECTOR DEFENCES.
As at 0900, 26th July, 1918.

Reference map 1/40,000, Sheets B.6 and C.6.

UNIT	Location	Sheet
H.Q. Australian Mtd. Division	H.34.a.	B.6
2nd Field Squadron, A.E.	H.35.	"
Signal Squadron	H.28.c.	"
Divisional Train	K.8.d.8.5.	"
Divisional Receiving Station	K.34.d.	"
12th Battery, L.A.M.B.	H.35.a.	"
No. 7 Light Car Patrol	H.35.b.	"

* <u>2nd A.L.H. Bde.</u>		
Bde. H.Q.	Z.25.a.1.6.	B.6
5th A.L.H. Regt.	Z.26.a.8.6.	"
6th A.L.H. Regt.	Z.18.c.7.7.	"
7th A.L.H. Regt.	X.34.a.7.0.	C.6
2nd A.M.G. Sqdn.	Z.25.b.1.3.	B.6

<u>3rd A.L.H. Bde.</u>		
Bde. H.Q.	Y.29.a.7.4.	B.6
8th A.L.H. Regt.	Y.5.d.3.6.	"
9th A.L.H. Regt.	Y.29.a.4.1.	"
10th A.L.H. Regt.	Y.23.a.2.9.	"
3rd A.M.G. Sqdn.	Y.16.b.8.2.	"

<u>4th A.L.H. Bde.</u>		
Bde. H.Q.	H.17.c.4.3.	B.6
4th A.L.H. Regt.	J.1.b.5.5.	"
11th A.L.H. Regt.	J.12.d.4.3.	"
12th A.L.H. Regt.	H.23.c.5.6.	"
4th A.M.G. Sqdn.	H.17.d.3.5.	"

<u>13th Cavalry Bde.</u>		
Bde. H.Q.	H.26.b.3.5.	B.6
1/1st Gloucester Yeo.	H.33.c.2.8.	"
18th Lancers	H.25.d.5.9.	"
9th Hodson's Horse	Y.27.c.2.8.	"
19th M.G. Sqdn.	H.3.a.6.8.	"

* 29th July. 12th Cavalry Bde relieved
2nd ALBde.

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31st July. 12th Cav. Bde moved to
J 5 B P.2. (Sheet B6.)

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sheet</u>
<u>ARTILLERY.</u>		
<u>H.Q., R.A. Left Sector</u>	H.34.b.	B.6
<u>R.A. Right Group.</u>		
H.Q.	J.8.c.central	B.6
Ayrshire Battery, R.H.A.	Z.20.a. "	"
Inverness " "	Z.28.d.6.0.	"
Somerset " "	J.5.a.7.0.	"
A/H.A.C. " "	Z.28.c.central	"
<u>R.A. Left Group.</u>		
H.Q.	Y.29.a.8.2.	B.6
B/H.A.C.	Z.25.a.2.5.	"
Notts Battery, R.H.A.	J.1.a.central	"
No. 11 Mtn. Battery	Y.16.a.2.2.	"
C/267 Bty.	Y.17.d.3.0.	"

CORPS ARTILLERY.

195th H.B. (1 Section)	Z.27.b.4.0.	B.6
202nd " (Right Section)	J.5.a.3.7.	"
202nd " (Left ")	Y.23.c.4.8.	"

CORPS TROOPS.

1/34th Sikh Pioneers	H.6.b. & H.11.c.	B.6
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26th July, 1918.

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13th Cav. Bde.	5th Cav. Divn.
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