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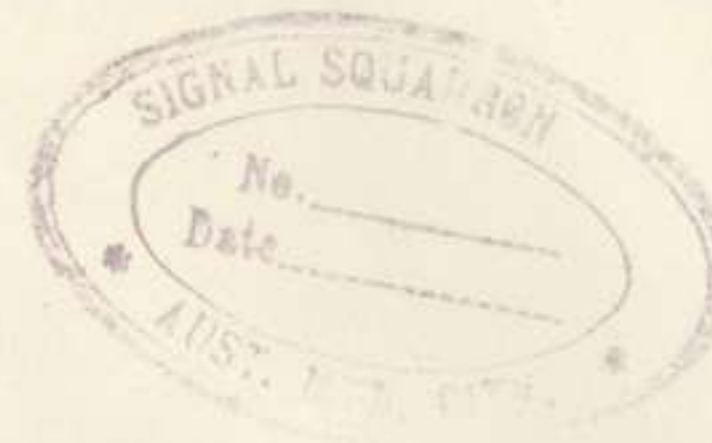
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Random Area.
Map. Sheet XIII

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1 st		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine.	
	2 nd		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine. Commenced training	
	3 rd		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training. Cable laid to 3 rd MRU	
	4 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training. Direct cable laid to 3 rd L & Bde.	
	5 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training	
	6 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	7 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	8 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	9 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	

Diagram attached

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Ramleh Area	10 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	11 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	12 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	13 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	14 th	0900	Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine. Inspection of Squadron in full marching order (including pack basis), followed by a Divisional Tactical Scheme.	
	15 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	16 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training.	
	17 th		Divisional communications maintained plus Squadron routine and training. Wireless detachment moved out with 5 th B.H. Bde.	

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	18 th	1930	Pursuant to orders received the Squadron moved from Ramleh area to Sarona area J 25 C. Cable pair laid from J 25 C to airline route and tied in at 5 ³⁰ giving the Division telephone and telegraph communication with Desert Intd Corps. Single cable laid to A. A Section and connected to a single telephone line running to SARONA Office. Signal Office (AVB) Ramleh area closed down at 1900 and reopened at J 25 C at same hour. Brigades being close, and an early move ordered, no lines were laid.	
	19 th	0800	Signal Squadron moved with Divisional Headquarters. Visual touch was kept with the Brigade whilst on the move, arriving NAHR ISKANDERUNEH at 2000 after many halts. Visual by lamps with 3 rd and 4 th LH Bdes, Desert Corps and advanced Desert Corps at EL JELIN. Business 106 messages exclusive of Motor Cycle despatches and Mounted Despatch Riders	
	20 th		Signal Sqdn moved with D HQ at 0130 enroute to EL LEJIN establishing there at latter place at 1130. Cable laid to Turkish route which gave telegraphic communication to KURKUR. On arrival of Desert Corps this line was handed over & cable laid to Corps HQ. Visual to 3 rd LH Bde and 4 th Cavalry Division. 4 th LH Bde moving across the hills. Wireless in touch with GHQ, 4 th and 5 th Cavalry Divs, 60 th Div and 3 rd LH Bde. Staff connected by telephone. Business 110 messages. Wireless erected at EL JENNIN and in touch with all units	

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	21 st	0600 1100	Advanced Signals (AVL) moved by Ford car at 0600 to EL JENNIN. Visual to corps, 3 rd and 4 th LH Bdes, and 5 th Cavalry Divn. Cable laid and through to corps. Turkish route then repaired and put through EL AFULE to corps. Turkish telegraph route put through to 3 rd LH Bde East of EL JENNIN. Cable laid to 4 th LH Bde. Rear Divisional Ad Qrs remained at EL LETJIN. Advanced Ad Qrs dealt with 175 messages, Rear Ad Qrs 150. 14 motor cyclists averaged 12 hours running per day. Wireless detachment marched from Rear to advanced Ad Qrs, erected and established W/T communication with all units on arrival, and dealt with 4 messages (50 groups).	
	22 nd		3 rd LH Bde moved to EL AFULE. Visual established and telegraph through AFULE Office. Visual to 4 th LH Bde and to 4 th and 8 th LH Regts through Rear S&Q (AVB). Business Advanced 110 Rear Ad Qrs 193.	
	23 rd	0900	Visual to 5 th LH Bde (which had been attached to 60 th Divn). Advanced and Rear Ad Qrs. closed down and moved to EL AFULE where communication was established to 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th LH Bdes through AFULE Office. Cable laid to AFULE Office. Telephones connected to Branches Divisional Train, Signal and Field Squadrons. Business between AVB and AFULE Office passed by orderly. Visual to 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th LH Bdes, corps at EL LETJIN, 8 th LH Regt at NAZARETH and 10 th LH Regt at RAS EL AIN. Cable laid to 4 th LH Bde. Turkish route put through to 3 rd and 5 th LH Bdes. Business for day 242 messages. Wireless erected and in touch.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	24 th		4 th LHBde moved to BEISAN thence to SAMAKH telegraph communication established on Turkish route. Signal Squadron moved 2 miles NE of AFULE, Signal Office remained in same position. Telephone connected to Signal Squadron and CRA. 5 th LHBde less 14 th Regt moved from JENNIN to RAS EL AIN and communication established on Turkish route 14 th Regt at JENNIN working on Turkish route direct to AVB. Visual to corps 3 rd and 5 th LHBdes 9 th and 14 th Regts. Business 249 messages. Wireless erected & in touch.	
	25 th		Communications as for 24 th maintained. Lines around NAZARETH re-routed with a view to an advance. Business 259 messages. 1700 Squadron moved en route to KEFR KENNA	
	26 th	0900	Office closed at EL AFULE and moved moved with D HQ by cars to TIBERIAS, Turkish route put through to corps. 3 rd LHBde moved to EL MEJDEL Turkish route put through to them. Turkish route put through to 4 th LHBde at SAMAKH, 5 th Cavalry Div also on this line. Business 135 messages. 1030 Squadron & Rear D HQ moved from KEFR KENNA. to TIBERIAS arriving at 1600.	
	27 th	0600 1100	Squadron moved with Rear D HQ. Advanced HQ & Signals moved from Tiberias re-establishing 2 miles E of ROSH PINA. Telegraphs to corps Visual to 5 th LHBde. Line put through to 3 rd LHBde near BENAT Bridge. Office closed 1430 and moved forward 2 miles reopened 1515 one mile W of BENAT Bridge. Telegraph to corps. Visual to 3 rd 4 th & 5 th LHBdes. Business 112 messages.	
	28 th		Turkish route put through across the Jordan River to 3 rd LHBde.	

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D.	28 th		Advanced HQ moved to ABU RUMET, and office established at 1235. Telegraphs to Rear HQ and Corps visual to 3 rd LHBde. Advanced HQ moved to KUNEITRA Office established at 1500 telegraph to Corps and 3 rd LHBde. Office at ABURUMET closed at 1500 Business 129. Turkish route put through to 4 th LHBde at MANSURA. 4 th LHBde moved to KUNEITRA and took over L of C work. 2 Regts constituting Bouchiers Force replaced 4 th LHBde in Division. Local lines to close units	
D.	29 th	1700	Squadron moved with Division. Advanced HQ & Signals went ahead enroute to SASA, communication by permanent Turkish route. Squadron marched in two parties, Rear party consisting of all wheels (except motor cycles) and 1 wireless wagon) was marched in rear of fighting troops	
D.	30 th		HQ established at WADI ZABARNIA. Telegraphs to Corps and 3 rd LHBde on Turkish route. 5 th LHBde moving around DAMASCUS communication by visual. 3 rd LHBde moves NE of DAMASCUS communication by DR only, visual being impossible owing to the intervening hills. When wireless station (with 3 rd LHBde) erected it was found to be out of action, this being caused through detachment being required to move at an excessive speed. Business for day 69 messages	

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1. *Diagram of communications Ranch Area*
2. *Diagram Turkish telegraph routes used during the advance, with original & duplicate copies only.*

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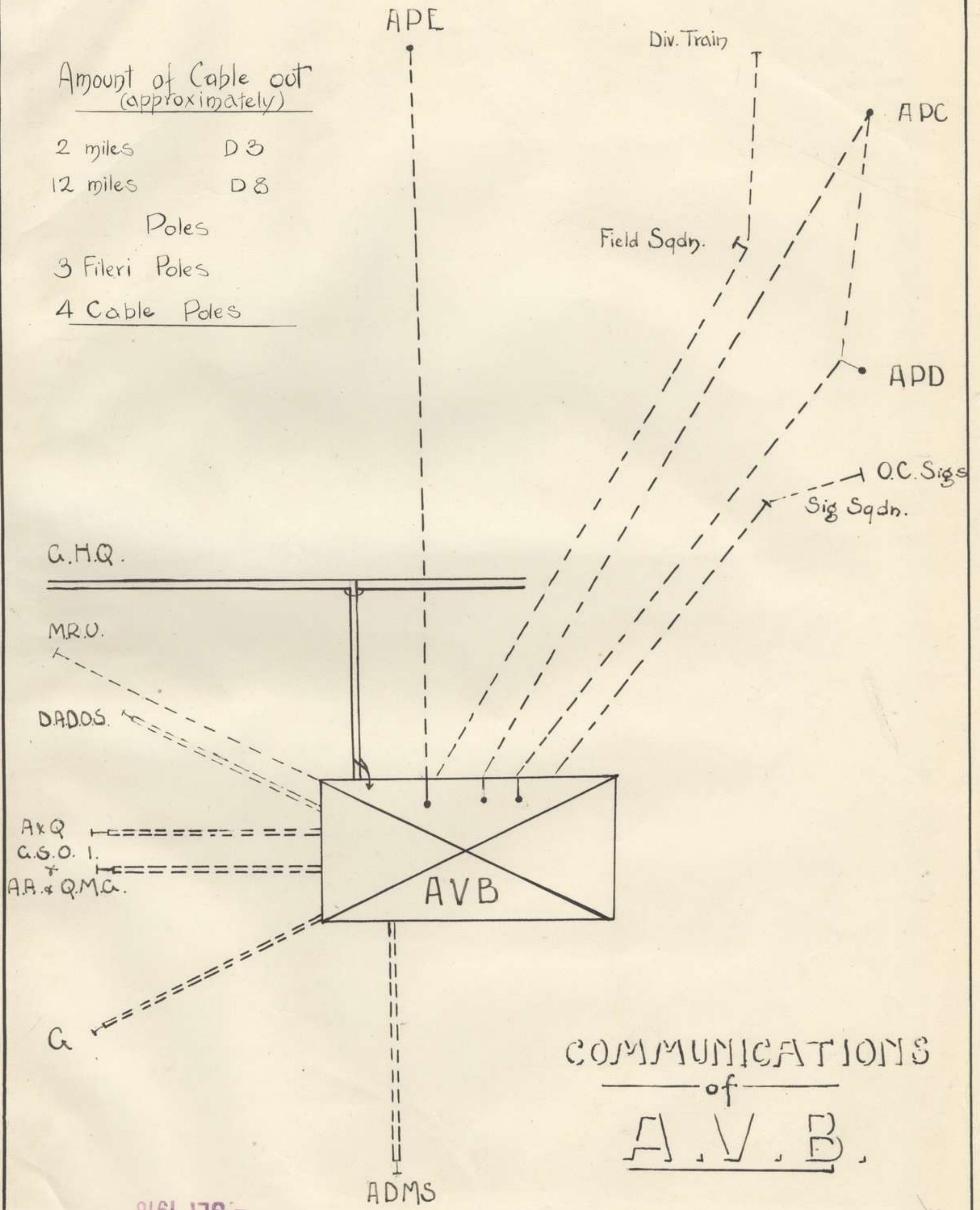
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Amount of Cable out
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12 miles D8

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3 Fileri Poles
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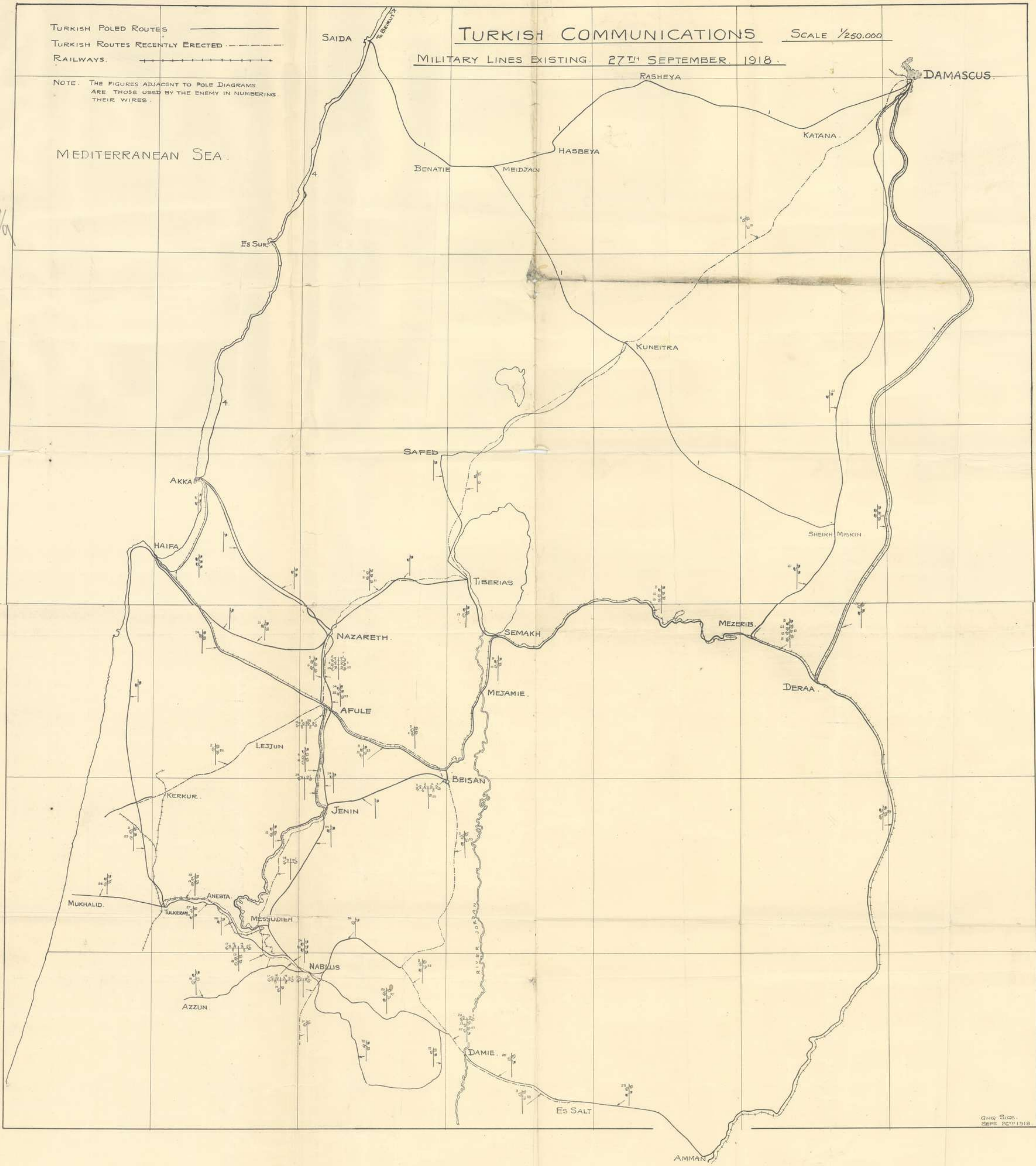
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MILITARY LINES EXISTING 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

TURKISH POLED ROUTES ————
TURKISH ROUTES RECENTLY ERECTED - - - - -
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NOTE. THE FIGURES ADJACENT TO POLE DIAGRAMS ARE THOSE USED BY THE ENEMY IN NUMBERING THEIR WIRES.

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