

**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

New Zealand Units

**Item number:** 35/16/12

**Title:** Signal Troop, New Zealand  
Engineers and Signal Troop, New  
Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade

October 1916



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War diary - Signal Troop NZMR Bde. Sissala

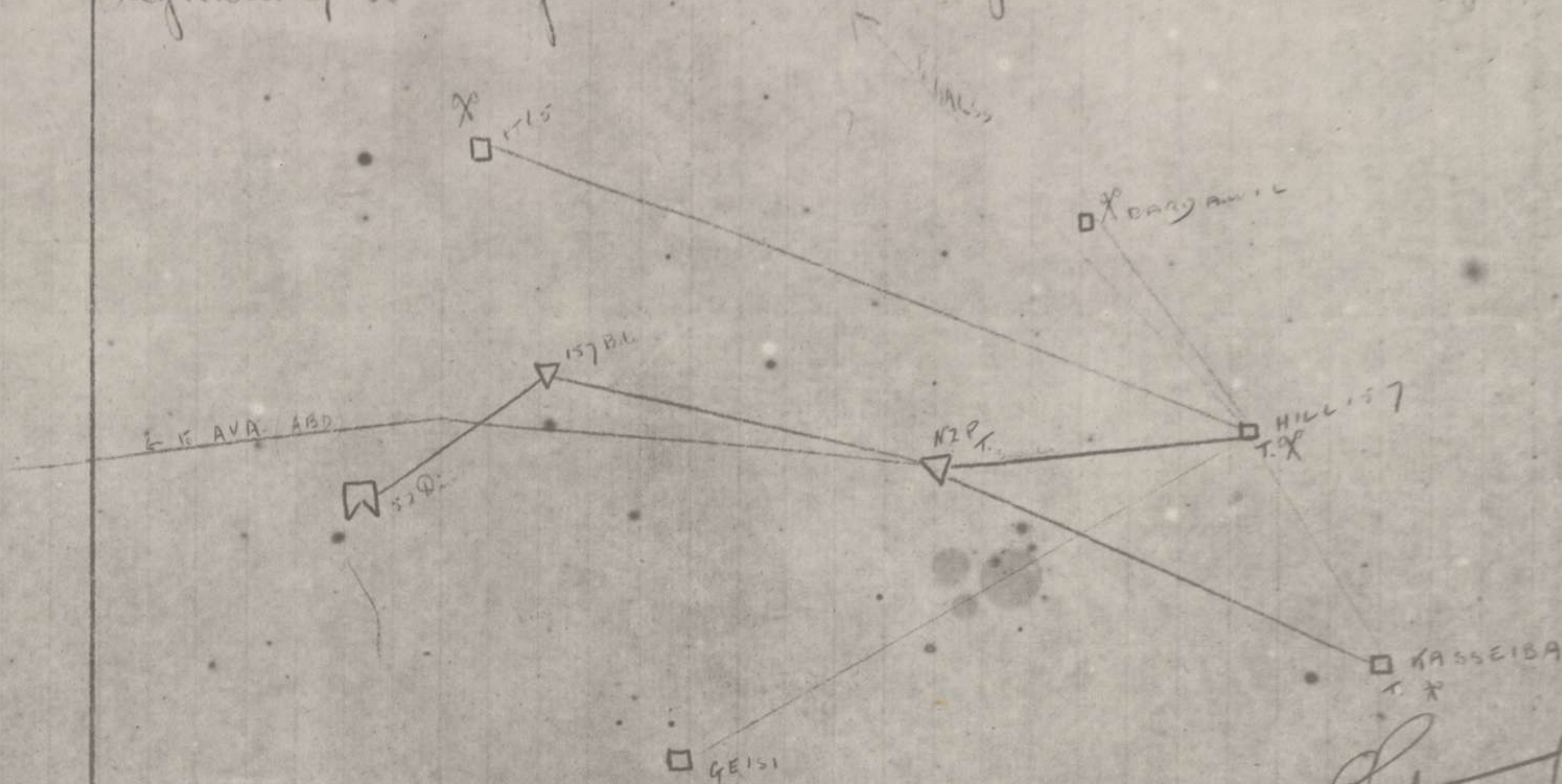


- October 25 left Bir Athmalu for Hod Geila  
26 Doo arrived. Geila took over 3rd AH Bde area lines found  
BIRGANADIL on BIRELABD (Div HQ). Lines continually broken through convoys  
using lines to guide them. Wire used was 2, which stands practically  
no traffic - even if the line does not break the insulation is stripped  
off and makes the signals very weak during the night  
27 Bde moved to BIR MOSEIFIG with regiment stationed at BIREL KASSEIBA  
one squad at HILL 157, 1/2 company Camel Corps in BARDAWIL N. of MOSEIFIG  
and 1/2 company at EL GALSS, also 1 Troop at BIREL GEISI  
Cable laid from MOSEIFIG to KASSEIBA (8 miles) and to HILL 157 (6 miles)  
signal from HILL 157 to posts at GALSS, BARDAWIL, GEISI & BIR MOSEIFIG  
Diagram attached. Laying of line was hampered by discovery that  
faulty wire had been issued. In 2 miles of cable over 100 knots were  
found and the line had to be relaid. - the wire was new & was  
sent out in this condition. Had an attack been imminent it is  
quite probable that a disaster would have occurred.

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Equipment - Authority has been given for issue of telephone equipment to regiments. This will prove a great boon in the present operations where observation posts have to be put out in exposed positions where signalling is dangerous & would give information of the post.



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Lt. Sig Coy N2mRB  
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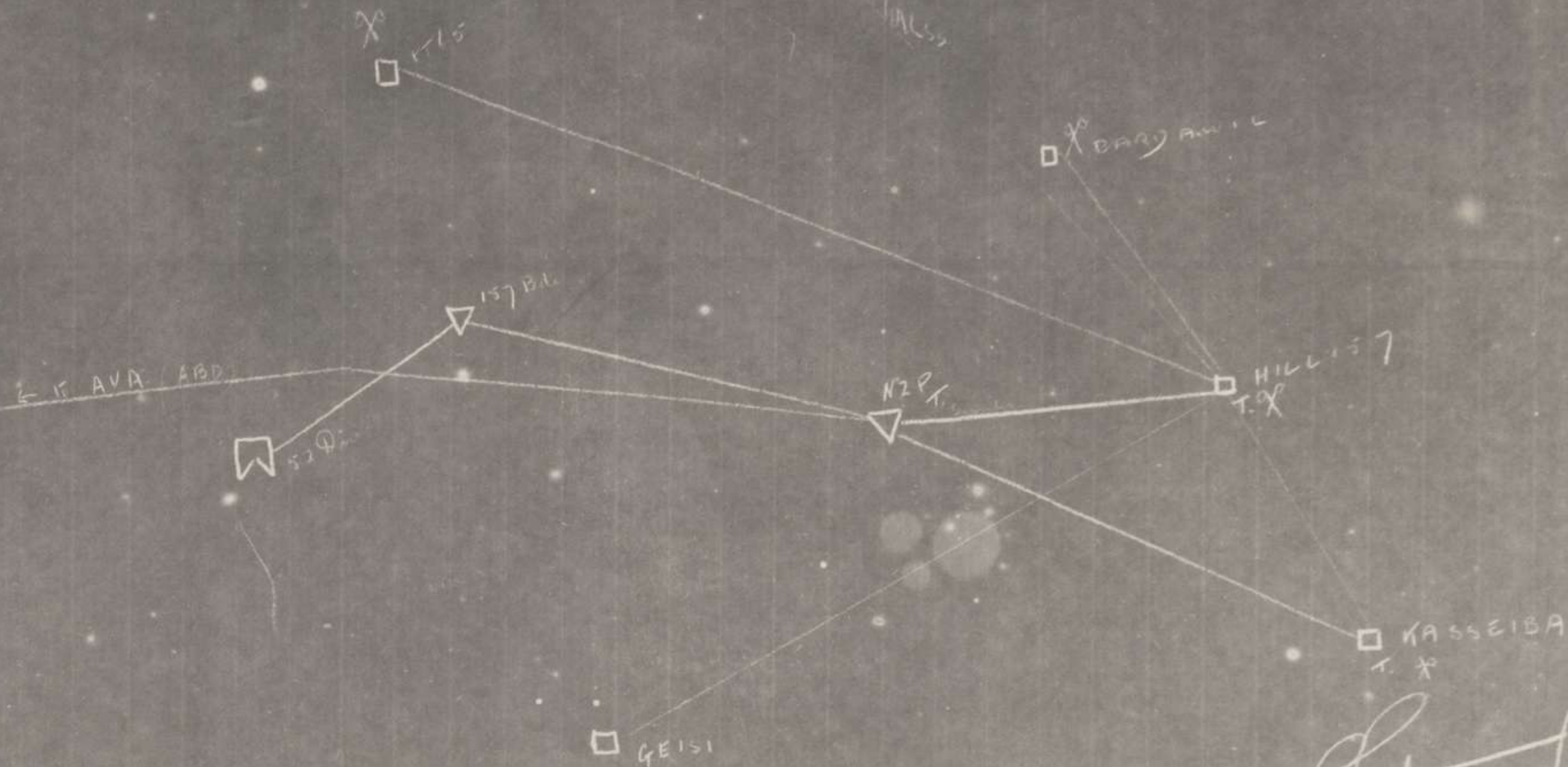
Cable laid from MOSEIFIG to KASSEIBA (8 miles) and to HILL 157 (6 miles) and from HILL 157 to posts at GALSS, BARDAWIL, GEISI and POINT 65 (12 miles)

Diagrams attached. Laying of line was hampered by discovery that faintly wire had been insured. In 2 miles of cable over 100 knots were found and the line had to be relaid - the wire was new & was sent out in this condition. Had an attack been imminent it is quite probable that a disaster would have occurred.

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Patrol hit  
Hq. Sig Troop NZM RB  
1-11-16