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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Signal Squadron (Erase heading not required.)

May 1917

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel el Fara	8 th	D	Reconnaissance by N.Z.M.R. Bde. communication between D.H.Q. & their Hdqrs on Goy el Basal maintained by visual station on Tel el Fara and by line laid by cable detachment. line reeled up when force returned to camp.	
	9 th	D	Reconnaissance by 2nd L.H. Bde. communication maintained between D.H.Q. & their Bde. Hdqrs at Goy el Seleib as above.	
	11th 11 th	A	"A" troop - comprising 2 wireless stations joined Squadron from detail camp.	
	16 th	D	Reconnaissance by N.Z.M.R. Brigade. communication between D.H.Q. & their Hdqrs at Khasif maintained by telephone & visual as in above reconnaissances. As a precaution against breakages linemen were posted at intervals along line.	1:125000 1:125000 Diagram of Communication at 10.0 Sheet 101
	17 th	D	Reconnaissance by 2nd L.H. Brigade. communications maintained as above between D.H.Q. & their Hdqrs at point 510, 3/4 mile S.W. of Abu Shawish.	Ref. map
	18 th	D	In order to cover working parties on night of 18 th the 5 th L.H. Regt. & C.M.R. were posted 2 miles East of Shellal & Tel el Fara respectively. Lines were laid from D.H.Q. to each of these Regiments and a lateral	

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Signal Sqdn. H&N. 2nd Div.

May 1917

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Tel el Fara	18 th	M	line was laid between the two regiments. Lines were all reeled up on 19 th .	
	22 nd	M	D.H.Q. + Signal Squadron marched out with force to attack Beersheba Anja railway south of Khalassa. Columns left assembly point near Tel el Fara at 1945 + arrived at Hill 820 N.W. of Khalassa at 0300.	
	23 rd	M	communication established with Desert column by cable. In accordance with orders from Desert column no cable was laid to Brigades. All communication to them + to Imperial Intd. Divn. on left flank was maintained by visual + despatch riders. Owing to sandy nature of ground motor cycles could not be used. The country in the neighbourhood of Khalassa is very broken + visual transmitting stations had to be posted on prominent points upwards of a mile from D.H.Q. in order to get touch with Brigades. The Division assembled at Bir Esami at 1800 + marched back to Tel el Fara - arriving at 2230.	Ref maps Rafa 1:125000 Beersheba 1:125000
	24 th	M	Moved camp 1 1/2 miles further to S.W. Squadron details with 'C' Troop marched from detail camp + joined up.	Accompanying communication attached to Staff No. 1, 2 and 4 appendices of Signal Sqdn
	28 th	M	Moved with D.H.Q. to Abasan el Kebir. Brigade lines at Tel el Fara handed over to Imp. Intd. Divn. + remainder reeled in. Lines laid to Brigades in new positions - 2nd L.H. Bde. + 2nd Intd. Bdes near Tel el Marakeb on beach + N.Z.M.B. + 1st L.H. Bdes near El Fuhhari.	

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Summary of Events and Information
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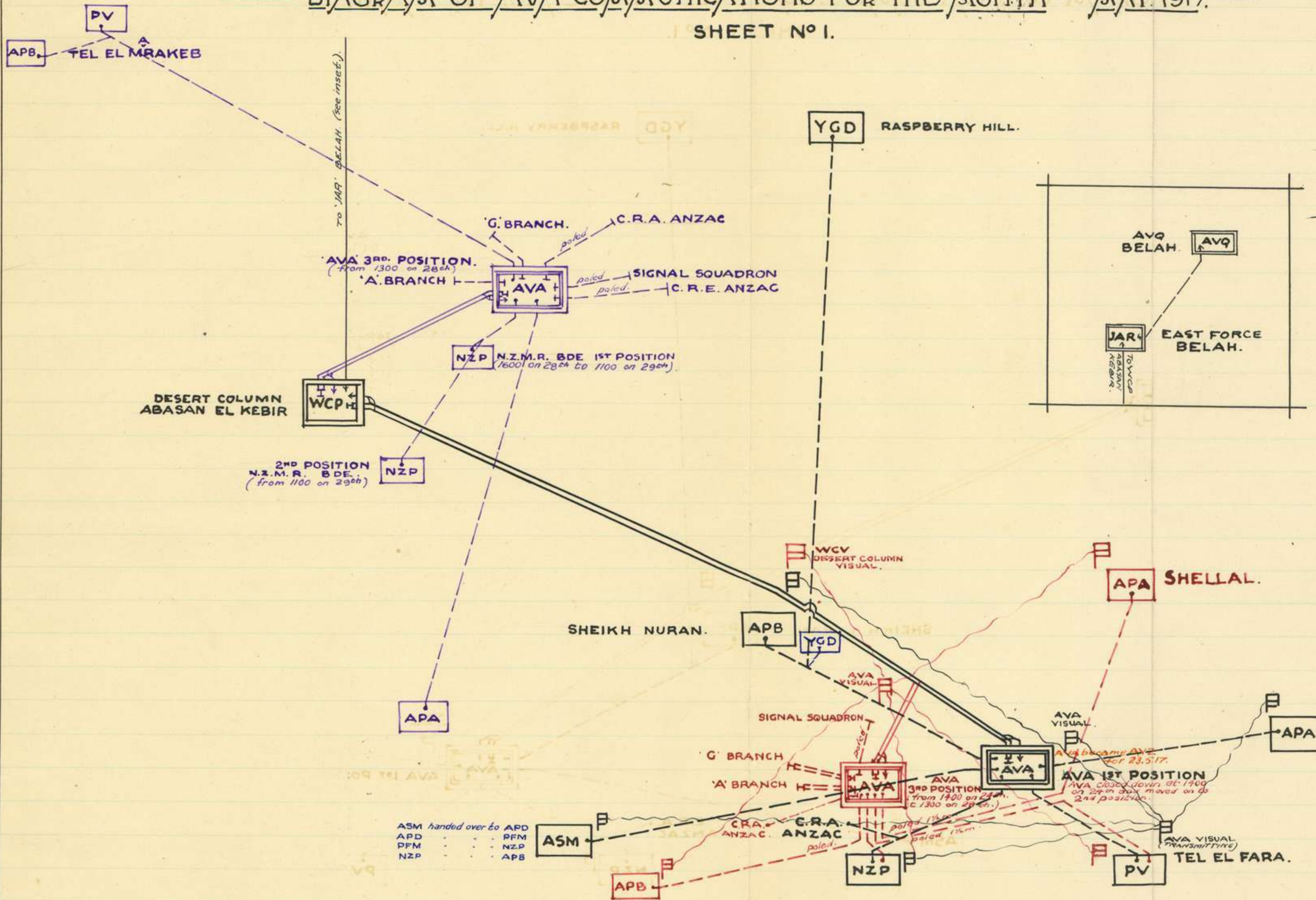
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Appendices References to Remarks and	Summary of Events and Information	Date	Hour	Place
<p>Program of communication 1:12000 1:12000</p>	<p>line was laid between the two regiments. Lines were all under wire on 19th. D.H. & G. Signal Company worked with 19th & 20th of K.R. Signal. Signal 19th & 20th of K.R. Signal. Signal 19th & 20th of K.R. Signal. Signal 19th & 20th of K.R. Signal. Signal 19th & 20th of K.R. Signal. Signal</p>	<p>18th</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Belvedere</p>

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DIAGRAM OF AVA COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MONTH - MAY 1917.

SHEET NO 1.



ASM handed over to APD
 APD PFM
 PFM NZP
 NZP APB

REFERENCE

Lines in	1st. POSITION	communications as at MAY 1st
BLACK	1st.	as at MAY 1st
BLUE	2nd.	from 24.5.17 to 28.5.17 - Changes in - 1.5.17 to 24.5.17.
RED	3rd.	from 24.5.17 to 28.5.17 (1400-1300).
VIOLET	3rd.	" 20.5.17 (1300).
ORANGE	1st.	" 23.5.17 (See sheet No 2).

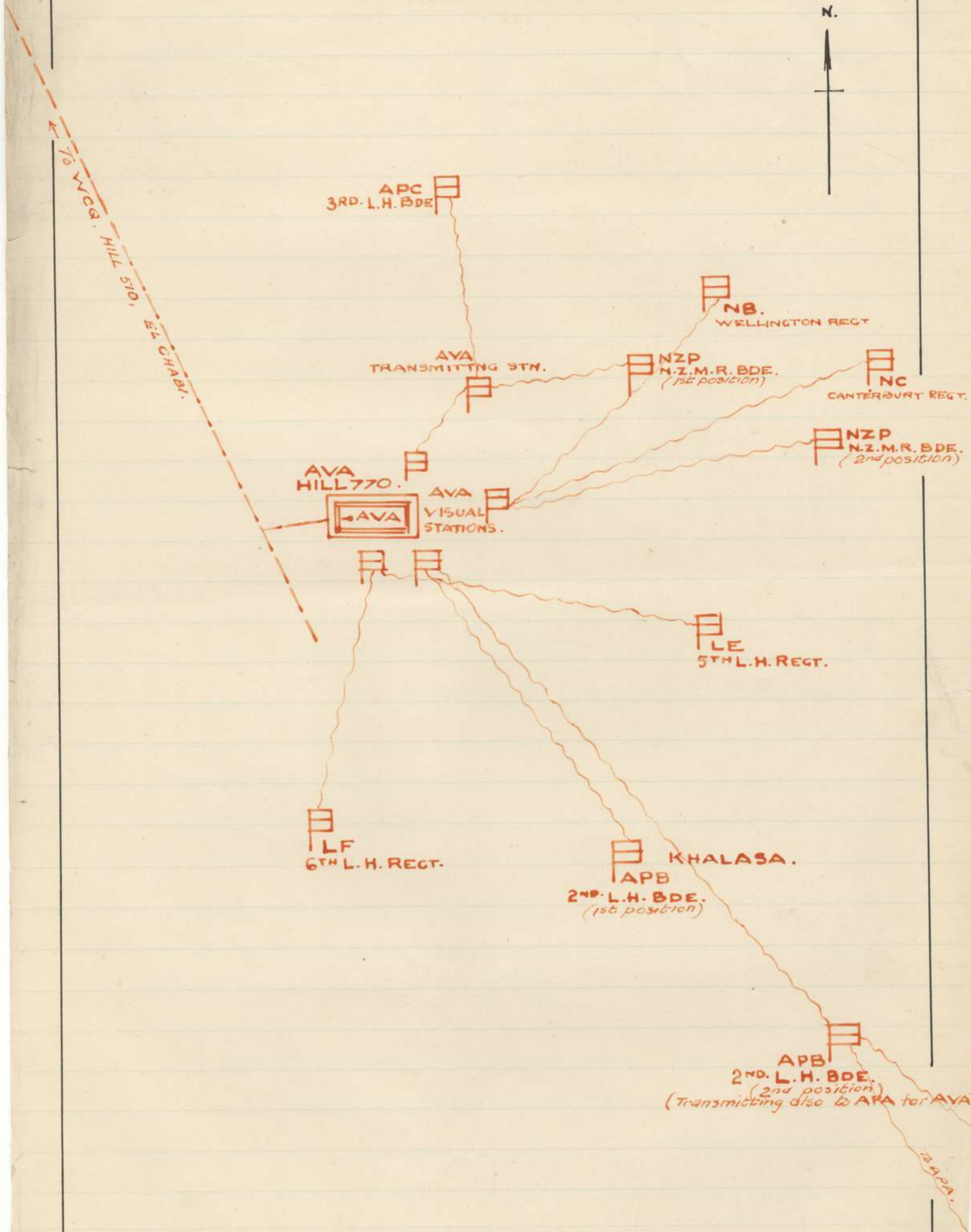
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 POINT 510
 EL GHABI.

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"AVA" DIAGRAM.
SHEET NO. 2.
Communications for 23.5.19.

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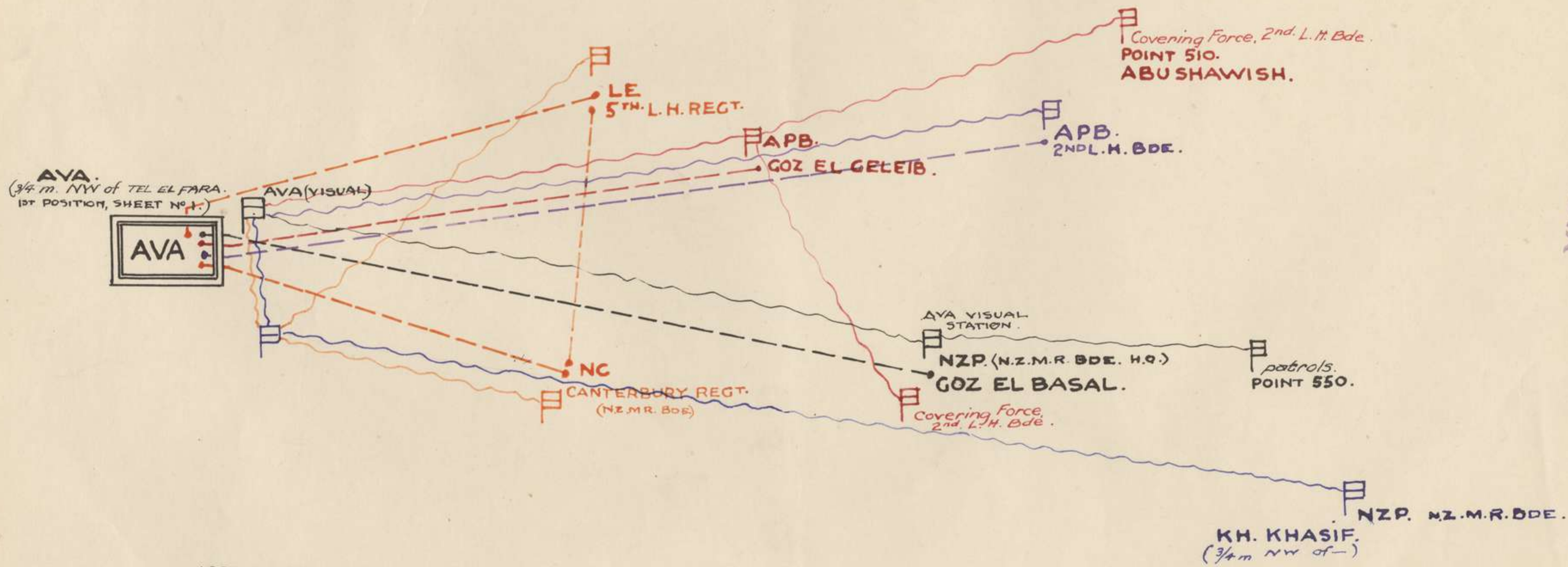
SUPPLEMENT TO "AVA" DIAGRAM FOR MAY, 1917.

Communications with covering parties, patrols, etc.

Lines in	BLACK	communications for	1. 5. 17.
"	RED.	"	9. 5. 17.
"	VIOLET.	"	12. 5. 17.
"	BLUE.	"	16. 5. 17.
"	ORANGE.	"	18. 5. 17.



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APPENDIX