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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

FOR

MONTH OF MAY 1918. 191

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field.			1st Aust. Div. Signal Company.	
May 1st 1918.			Signal Company and Horselines moved at 1½ hours notice. Company to new D.H.Q., 800 yards from village. Horselines to field near HAZEBROUCK. Signal Office and officer's quarters in huts, men billeted in a barn.	
" 2nd.			Lines laid XX XXXXXXXXXX from HONDEGHEM to Bdes. Reeled up about 20 miles in all.	
" 4th.			H.Q. 25th D.A. withdrew from line leaving Bdes under C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div.	
" 5th.			Communications maintained. Weather fine.	
" 6th.			25th D.A. asked to supply Cable detachment and motor cyclist to assist in delivering messages and maintaining lines.	
" 7th.			Bdes. 65th D.A. withdrawn. Relieved by 30th D.A.	
" 8th.			Cable Section and 2 D.Rs reported for duty from 30th D.A.	
" 9th.			No. 4 Section relieved in line by No. 3 No. 4 to support position.	
" 10th.			31st Div at with H.Q. at HONDEGHEM taken over from 1st Bde (No. 2 Section) who moved to Reserve position at SERCUS. Communication established on airline. Sounder working on completion of relief.	
" 12th			All units ordered by Division to return Signalling equipment rendered surplus by G.R.O. No. 3887	
" 13th.			Order received for XV Corps Cyclists, attached, to return to unit. No. 4 Section - support position - relieved No 3 Section in line. Weather wet.	
" 14th.			All equipment rendered surplus by G.R.O. 3887 handed in to Quarter Master's store. Weather fine. XV Corps Cyclists returned to unit.	
" 15th.			One officer sent to SAMER on duty in connection with Signal stores. Weather fine.	
" 16th.			Two officers and three men detached for short course with No. 4 Squadron R.A.F. New Signalling panel for communication between aircraft and infantry successfully tried.	
" 18th.			Officers and men returned from flying course.	
" 20th.			Communications maintained. weather fine hot. 1st Bde moved from reserve positions at SERCUS to line, relieving 2nd Bde, who moved to support position. 3rd Bde moved to SERCUS reserve position	
" 21st.			Communications maintained. Weather fine.	
" 23rd.			C.O. inspected No 3 Section, attached 3rd Bde. Turnout, men and horses, good. Weather fine.	
" 24th			Weather wet. Communications maintained.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
✓ 1	REVIEW OF TRANSPORT WORK.
✓ 2	No 2 Section. 1st Aust Div Signal Company.
✓ 3	No 3 Section. " " " "
✓ 4	No 4 Section. " " " "
✓ 5	✓ Quartermaster's Report. " " " "
✓ 6	No 5 Section. 1st Aust. Div Signal Company.
✓ 7	Motor Cyclist Despatch Rider Service.
✓ 8	Electric Lighting Plant.
✓ 9	O.C.S. Appreciation of the Situation.
✓ 10	Div Artillery Signal Section.
✓ 11	1st A.F.A. Brigade Signal Sub-section.
✓ 12	2nd A.F.A. Brigade. Signal Sub-section.
✓ 13	Route Diagram of Communications in Div Area 10/5/18.
✓ 14	" " " " 31/5/18.
✓ 15	Graph of Signal Office Traffic.
✓ 16	Circuit Diagrams of Communications in Div Area.
✓ 17	Route Diagram of Brigade in Line, forward to Bns.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
May. 1918.			<p>APPENDIX. I.</p> <p>No. 1 Section. 1st Aust. Div. Signal Company.</p> <p>Review of Transport work of 1st Aust. Div. Signal Company. for the month of May 1918.</p> <p>During the month horselines have been stationery. Cable wagons have been used frequently and other wagons in constant use, drawing rations, carting stores, etc. When not on duty all horses have been exercised constantly, approximate mileage covered per horse per day - 6 miles. Horses were withdrawn on 27th inst. Horses have been stabled in the open. Weather has been good and all horses are in excellent condition.</p>	<p>Appendix, I.</p>

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APPENDIX. 2.			No. 2 Section. 1st Aust. Div. Signal Company.	
May 1st to 9th.	1918.		Existing lines improved and supplementary laddered lines run. Further tests were made with Messenger Dog Service but the results were again unsatisfactory. Tests were also made with Signal message rockets. Power Buzzer and Amplifier installed, worked satisfactorily throughout.	
9th.			1st Bde relieved by 93rd Inf. Bde and moved to SERCUS. Communication established with three Battns by means of party line.	
11th			Overhauling technical gear, wagon cleaning. Surplus Signal gear collected from Battns	
13/14th			Signal Scheme for Battns in co-operation with Bdes. Instruction concerning the Popham Panel (Signalling) was given to Section. Party of 1 Officer and 5 O.R.'s sent to Aerodrome for instruction in aeroplane signalling.	
16th			Bde moved to Reserve position and the following day took over from 2nd Bde. The existing lines of communication worked satisfactorily during period and improvements were effected where necessary. Visual tests were made frequently. Forward Stations used heliograph with success.	
27th			Bde moved to Reserve position being relieved by 3rd Bde.	
28th			Rifle parade and overhauling of gear.	
29th			Cleaning and painting of R.E. limber, etc.	
30th			Inspection of equipment. Afternoon. - Sports.	
31st			Section parade and Sports in the afternoon.	

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APPENDIX 3.	May. 1. 1918.		No. 3 Section. 1st Aust. Div. Signal Company. Rifle parade 9 am after which, huts etc were inspected. All signalling equipment overhauled and cleaned.	
2			Rifle parade and hut inspection as usual. During the day timber and Maltese cart were washed and packed in readiness for the next move.	
3			Rifle and Hut inspection as usual.	
4.			During the night of 4/5th inst this Bde relieved the 2nd Bde in the line. The Signal Office staff of the 2nd Bde was relieved at 6.30 pm, but Bde relief was not complete until 11.30 pm 5th inst.	
4/5th to 13/14th.			The section was divided into two parties, one to AG.32 (report centre) under Lieut Couper and Sgt Morrish, consisting of I/Cpl Moore and six linesmen (two each of these being stationed at left and right (afterwards centre) Bn. HQrs. The personnel of A.G.32 also included seven visual signallers, eight runners and five Bower Buzzer operators. The remainder of the Section was stationed at Bde H.Qrs. Lines taken over by No. 3 Section at Bde H.Qrs. :- To AG.32 (report centre) three legged laddered line also metallic line. To Reserve Battalion, metallic line. To Support Battalion, Metallic line, also tee off metallic RUA - AG.32 to reserve Battalion. Metallic lines to :- M.G. Battn. Nucleus Battn. AID. (Arty Exchange) Division. 45th Arty Bde. Right Bde. Lines taken over at AG.32 (report centre) Laddered metallic and also metallic to Left Battn. Laddered metallic to right (later centre) Battn. Metallic to Bde O.P. where also was established visual station to receive DD DD messages from left Battn in case of emergency. Metallic to Divisional O.P. (not maintained by us). Metallic to 45th Arty. Bde. (not maintained by us). Lines laid 4/5th to 13/14th inst. :- Metallic to 3rd Field Coy Engrs. Metallic to Bde. Ammn. Refilling point (emergency Bde H.Q.) On 10th inst, when 5th Battn moved up in support of this Bde the latter line was continued from Bde refilling point to 5th Battn H.Q. The reserve Battn laid a metallic line from their H.Q. to right Battn H.Q. and on the 9th inst	

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May 4/5th to 13/14th			<p><u>APPENDIX No. 3 Continued.</u></p> <p>when 11th Battn moved to line position on right of the then right Battn, thus making a 3-Battn front. This line was joined to that from Bde H.Q. to reserve Battn and another line was teed into it and continued to 11th Battn (right Battn). A line was run by No.1 Section from 2nd Bde (reserve Bde) to us, thus forming an emergency line to Division.</p> <p>Lines laid from AG.32 :-</p> <p>Metallic to new Bde O.P. (about 1000 yards). This line was maintained by us.</p> <p>A similar line was laid between AG.32 and Divnl O.P. and maintained by D.O.P.</p> <p>Battn. lines forward of report centre were patrolled daily, morning and evening.</p> <p>Laddered line to from Bde H.Q. to report centre, patrolled daily.</p> <p>Report centre disposed of dispatches for left and right (later, centre) battalions also for M.G. Company. and I.T.M.B. of this Bde. Other dispatches were delivered direct from Bde H.Q.</p> <p>Visual Signalling. --- No actual work was done per visual communication but tests were made twice daily from left Battn to report centre and each evening from Bde H.Q. to report centre, right (later, centre) Battn and New Zealand Bde Arty.. Only on one evening were the tests unsatisfactory, this being due to very thick ground mist.</p> <p>Power Buzzer and Amplifier.</p> <p>A Power Buzzer at left Battn H.Q. and an Amplifier at Report centre were installed in case of imergency. Several tests were daily and proved O.K. on all occasions.</p> <p>At midnight 7/8th inst. new four letter code calls were enforced, and, as expected, were found rather cumbersome. It is suggested that code calls consist of as few letters as possible, there is then less likelihood of their being confused with unit code names.</p> <p>During our tour of duty in the line, communication by wireless telegraphy was established from Bde H.Q. to Division. Owing to excellent maintenance of lines wireless communication was not resorted to.</p> <p>3rd Bde was relieved on night May 13/14th and all communications, route diagrams, etc handed over to incoming Signal Section.</p> <p>On night May 13th the section moved into position vacated by No.4 section and took over</p>	<p>Appendix 3</p>

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			APPENDIX No. 3 Continued.	
May.	14.	1918.	Section busy cleaning up etc.	
	15		Rifle inspection at 10 am followed by hut inspection. Usual fatigues carried out.	
	16		All lines working satisfactorily. 9th Batta is in support to 2nd Bde all business for this Batta is done via VUZA. Usual daily inspection of rifles and billets took place	
	17		Usual daily routine carried out. No new lines were laid by this section in this area.	
	18		3rd Bde took over new area as soon as vacated by 1st Bde. An advance party of this section left for new locality at 10.30 am and took over all communications.	
			* In this area there was a big delivery of dispatches for miscellaneous units. The wireless station attached to this section although set up, was not called upon to work owing to "Q" wireless station (Adv. Corps) also being situated in this village.	
	19		Bde Church parade held at which No.3 Section was present. Communications to all units satisfactory.	
	20		The section and also billets were inspected by O.C. Section at 10 am. Limber and Maltese cart cleaned, washed and oiled.	
	21		Parade and inspection as usual also daily fatigues etc. Section busy scrubbing web equipment and cleaning up generally.	
	22		Usual parade and inspection.	
	23		At 11 am, the section together with horses were inspected by Major Gordon D.S.O. and Capt. Bowen M.C.	
	24		Owing to very inclement weather the usual parade and inspection was cancelled. During the afternoon the limber was packed in readiness for next move.	
	25		From 7 am to 8.15 am. Communication with Contact aeroplane was carried out, the new Bopham Signalling panel being used. Work done proved very satisfactory.	
	26		Advance party left for 1st Bde H.Q. at 8 am. and took over Signal Office at 9 am. The Bde was then in the Support area.	
	27		This Bde relieved the 1st Bde in the line and signal office at Bde H.Q. was taken over at 7 pm., the advance party which went to AG.32 taking over about 4 pm. The personnel of the section was distributed as before while in this sector with the exception of a runner's	

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			<p>APPENDIX No. 3 Continued.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>relay post (1 L/Cpl and 3 runners) established between report centre (AG.32) and Bde H.Q. The communication here was not changed here since handing over to incoming Signal Section on 13/14th inst.</p> <p>During the night the line to right Battn became dis. Linesmen went out immediately and repaired break.</p> <p>Usual office work carried out and visual tests made to three line Battns and to one in support.</p> <p>Line to right Battn dis. at 4 am. Break found and communication re-established</p> <p>Nothing of importance occurred during day.</p> <p>10 am. to 11.30 am. - Contact work with aeroplane carried out by three line Battns</p> <p>Messages xxxx taken were dropped from plane at Bde H.Q. and dispatched some 300 yards to Bde Major by runner.</p> <p>Six messages are sent daily by wireless (to Divn.)</p> <p>Lines patrolled as usual and visual tests carried out at dusk - all O.K.</p> <p>.....</p>	
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			APPENDIX 4.	
			No 2 Section 1st Aust Div Signal Company.	
	1st to 3rd.		Section in line Right Brigade sub-sector at BORRE.	
	4th.		Section relieved by No 3 Section. Moved to Divisional Support Area at Le Peuplier. All lines and Diagrams handed over.	
	9th.		Moved to Divisional Support Area at La Brearde.	
	10th.		New lines (metallic) run to three Battalion Headquarters.	
	13th.		Battalion in close reserve to Brigade in line connected thereto by telephone.	
	19th.		Relieved No 3 Section in line at BORRE.	
	20th to 25th.		All lines and Diagrams taken over. Relief complete by 6 P.M.	
	26th.		Section relieved in line at BORRE by No 2 Section. All lines and Diagrams handed over.	
	27th to 29th.		Relief complete by 6 P.M. Section moved by route march to Divisional Support Area, at La Brearde.	
	30th.		Section training carried out. All section equipment overhauled.	
	31st.		Moved by march route to Divisional Reserve area at SERCUS.	
			Section training carried out. Battalion telephones called in, for overhaul by Section Mechanic.	
			Section inspected by Major G.G.S. Gordon D.S.O. O.C. 1st Aust Div Signal Company.	
			Brigade Sports meeting held in afternoon. Section paraded for training as usual in morning, and attended sports in afternoon.	
			Wear and tear on Technical equipment has been normal during month.	
			Signal Schools held. NIL.	
			Attached men underwent general training with Section personnel.	
			The condition of rations issued to Section during the month has been good and the quantity normal.	

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APPENDIX 5.

RATIONS. MAY. 1918.

Q.M.s Branch. 1st Aust. Div. Signal Company.

No.
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Component.	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.	Total days issued.
Beef.	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	24.	
Bully.	1	1		1			1	1			1	1		1								1	1	1			1	1			14.	
Mutton.			1										1		1										1	1	1				7.	
Meat & Veg.																					1	1			1			1	1		5.	
Lime Juice.																								1	1	1	1	1			5.	
Figs.																					1						1				2.	
Carrots.												1	1				1														3.	
Bread.	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5 at 2 & 26 at 3 (per loaf.
Jam.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31.
Butter.	1		1			1				1		1			1						1			1		1		1			10.	
Milk Dried.	1								1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	
Potatoes.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	
Milk. Condensed.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	
Onions.	1	1		1					1						1		1		1		1		1	1			1				11	
Matches.			1							1		1											1					1			6	
Pickles.			1							1											1							1			4	

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Component.	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	Total days issued
Chutney.			1																													1
Raisins						1																										1
Cigarettes.			1									1									1											4
Tobacco.			1			1																										3

Oils and Petrol, Creosol etc drawn May 1918.

Date.	Petrol, gallons.	Meth. Spirit.	Lorry Oil. Heavy.	Burning oil.	Creosol.	Carbide.	Grease.
1. May.	48						
3.	48						
4	48.		10 gallons.				20 lbs.
5	48						
6	48						
9			10				
11	48						
12	48						
13	48		10				
15	48						
16					5		36 lbs.
17	48		10				
18	48						
19	48						
20						5	
21	48						
22			10				
23	48				5		
24	48						20 lbs.
26	48		5				
27	48			5			

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Oils and Petrol, Creosol etc drawn May 1918. Continued.

Date. Petrol. gallons. Meth. Spirit. Lorry Oil heavy. Burning Oil. Creosol. Carbide. Grease.

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Totals. 264 Nil. 55 gallons. 5 gallons. 15 gallons 36 lbs. 40 lbs.

Salvage and returns to A.A.S.C.

Article.	Quantity.	Article.	Quantity.	Article.	Quantity.	Article.	Quantity.
Tunics	45	Cartons. lbs	19	Respirators. Box.	9	Trousers. MC.	3
Pantaloons. prs.	50	Oil Drums.	7	Containers.	5	Jerkins.	8
Boots. prs	60	Cans Petrol	106	Kettles. Camp	4	Collars. Breast	1
Breeches. prs	12	Cases.	31	Saddles. Universal	1	Stands. Helio	1
Bandoliers.	15	Valises. Tent.	2	Carriers. Water bottle	13	Panniers.	2
Putties. prs	16	Braces. prs	24	Tyres. Bike	1	Horse Rugs.	99
Mess Tins. Mtd.	-	Greatcoats MS.	4	Equipment. Leather Sets	4	Wheels C 200	4
Haversacks. MS.	6	Cardigans.	4	Rifle. Service M.I.B.	1	Wheels " 2nd Class.	1
Coats. MC.	3	Cable S.II. miles	3 $\frac{3}{4}$				

Cable received and expended for May 1918.

D.1. or D.2. Single.		D.2 Twisted.		D.3 Single.		D.3 Twisted.		D.5 Single.		D.8 Twisted.		D. Twin.		7 Pr. B.S.		7 Pr Lead.	
In.	Out.	In.	Out.	In.	Out.	In.	Out.	In.	Out.	In.	Out.	In.	Out.	In.	Out.	In.	Out.
Miles.																	
15	35	70	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	50	61	-	-	25	-	20	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	-	10 yds.

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Miscellaneous. (Technical) May 1918.

Article.	In.	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Cells X type.	160	223	Screws. Contact D.3	6	5
" P "	24	20	" Adjusting. D.3	8	8
" W "	20	12	Galvo. Q & I.	1	1
" Lucas Lamp.	24	20	Labels. wooden D.	700	-
Capsules. Microphone	43	62	" " E.	600	600
Tape. Adhesive lbs.	60	51	" " F.	800	800
" Primary Reels.	4	4	" " G.	600	650
Capsules. Monophone	3	3	Bulbs. Lucas Lamp	6	6
Diaphragms. Tinfoil	16	4	Handles. Generator	6	4
Staples. Insulated	300	200	Cells. Inert O.	24	4

Miscellaneous. (Clothing).

Article	In.	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Pantaloon. pairs	41	36	Breeches. pairs	15	32
Tunics.	63	58	Boots. Ankle pairs	76	43
Puttees. pairs	20	18	Breeches. Cyclist	17	2
Shirts.	190	168	Drawers. pairs	190	168
Socks. pairs	190	168	Braces. "	27	12
Hats. Aust. pattern	38	30	Chevrons 1 & 2 bars.	18	-
Laces. pairs	80	-	Crowns. S.M.	4	-
Grenades Bursting G.R.	13	-			

Miscellaneous. (Telephones, Buzzer Units, etc.)

Article.	In.	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Telephones D.3.	9	19	Units. Buzzer 4 x3	6	5
P.O. 100	2	2	Watches. Service	2	2
Amplifier Woolwich 3 VIVE.-	-	1	Franklin	-	-
Potentiometer.	-	1	Telephones P.O. 44	-	1
1/10 Mag. Board.	1	1	Sounder Sets D.C.	-	1
Battery Boxes.	-	3	Fullerphones.	-	2
1/5 line Mag. Board.	1	1	Lucas Lamp.	2	-

Miscellaneous. (Technical)

Article.	In.	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Brooms. Bass	3	3	Rocket. Signal Carrier	20	8
Stands. Rockets	-	3	Aerials. Signal Popham Panel	3	3
Nets. Hay	30	30	Springs. Limber R.E.	2	2
Collars. Chain	6	6	Covers. Cycles	-	2
Tubes. Cycle.	-	2	Pistols. Service.	-	1
Holsters. Pistol	-	1	Leather. Sides. Brown. Back.	1	1
Bridles. Horse.	-	1	Collars Head.	-	6
Strips. Piping. wire. trace. 9.	9	9	Heads Slip horse.	2	2
Reins. pairs	2	2	Bits with curbs.	2	2
Panniers.	2	2	Wheels. Cart. Maltese	2	2
Saddlery sets.	1	1	Flags Teleg. h Discharging.	2	2

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Miscellaneous. (Technical) Continued.

Article.	In.	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Stationery (Assorted) pads.	3	3	Funnels Tin	1	1
Tins. Oil Rifle	1	1	Irons Soldering	1	1
Pliers Side-cutting prs	30	26	Bars. Carrier Reel No.1	2	2
Belts. Lineman Leather	10	10	Guards Hand Telegraph.	4	4
Guys. Telegraph pole	130	100	Handles Hammer R.E.	12	12
Poles. Telegraph Cable 17.	70	70	Barrows. Drum Universal	2	2
Flags. Signalling. 2 x 2 blue	16	16	Springs Flapper	4	9
Rifles M.I.E.	6	6	S.A.A. rounds	-	75
Dressings. Fld. 1st Aid.	20	19	Outfits. Repair Cycle	10	9
Passards. Blue & White	20	12	Cases. Message	6	6
Wire. T.3 Coils	7	3	Wheels. C.200 CW.	5	5
Purple patches. sets	250	152	Razors.	7	4
Shaving Brushes	5	2	Carriers. Water Bottle	1	1
HoIdalls.	4	4	Housewives	1	1
Wouipment. Web sets	2	2	Ladders. Telegraph	1	1
Jacks. No.8	3	3	Ear Cushions. C.2.	6	6
Sticks. Crook Telegraph	6	6	Tents. Telegraph A.	2	2
Guys. Telegraph A.	100	100	Cases. Map Map Motor. Cyclists	2	2
Bags. Nose	70	76	Cords. Hand D. Mark. 3.	16	8
Flags. Blue 3 x 3	4	4	Box Respirators. Small	7	7

Miscellaneous.

Article.	In.	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Soap. Soft lbs	28	28	Kettles. Camp Oval	5	3
" Yellow "	20	20	Dubbin lbs.	20	20
Sheets. Ground	6	5	Whistles. Artillery	12	12
Aprons. Moleskin	4	4	Paint. White pints	-	3
Tools. Sash No.6	-	1	" Blue	-	2
Rivets. iron 1/2" lbs	7	-	" Black	-	6
Soles. Bend lbs	85	-	" Service lbs	-	28
Nails. Hob lbs	4	-	Batteries. Signal Torch	24	-
Oil. Feeder 1 pint.	1	-	Clips. Strap Wdg. Gear	8	8
Containers.	14	14	Batteries. D.M. Z type	10	-
Knives. Clasp	7	-	Shoes. Horse light pairs	229	229
Carts. Cable light	1	-			

Miscellaneous. (Motor Cycles and Engines.)

Article.	In.	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Cycles. Motor Triumph Complete	2	2	Mudguard. Rear Triumph	2. X.	2
Piston "	2.	2	Rods. Connecting "	1	1
Pins. Crank "	1	1	Arms. Rocker inlet	1	1
Needles. Valve Carburetter	2	2	" " exhaust	1	1
Chains. Driving	1	1	Lever. Plunger	1	1
Sprockets. Engine	3	3	Kickstarts. Wheel	1	1
Belts. Driving	1	1	Cones F.W. Hub.	3	3
Stands. Back	1	1	" " Adjusting	3	3
Belt. Fasteners 1"	6	6	Wire. Bowden thin	24	24
Glass. Lamp Flat round 5 1/2"	1	1	Pins. Gudgeon	4	4
Bushes. Pins gudgeon	4	4	Rings. piston	6	6
Cylinder	1	1	Tappets. complete	2	2
Jets. carburetter	2	2	Clutch. Thermoid rings	2	2
Lever. Pad foot-brake	1	1	Wheels. front	1	1
Points. platinum long	2	2	Blades. Hack saw	12	12

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Miscellaneous. (Motor Cycles, etc) continued.

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Article.	In	Out.	Article.	In.	Out.
Borax. lbs	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Wire. Brazing feet	6	6
Spokes. Wheel Triumph	6	6	Outfits. Tyre repair	4	4
Footrest. Hangers	4	4	Springs. Barrie	1	1
" Rubbers	4	4	Kit. tools complete	1	1
" Hanger nuts	4	4	Engine. B & P 1 Kw set	1	-

Number of repairs executed by Company bootmaker during month
of May 1918.

145 Pairs.

Fodder

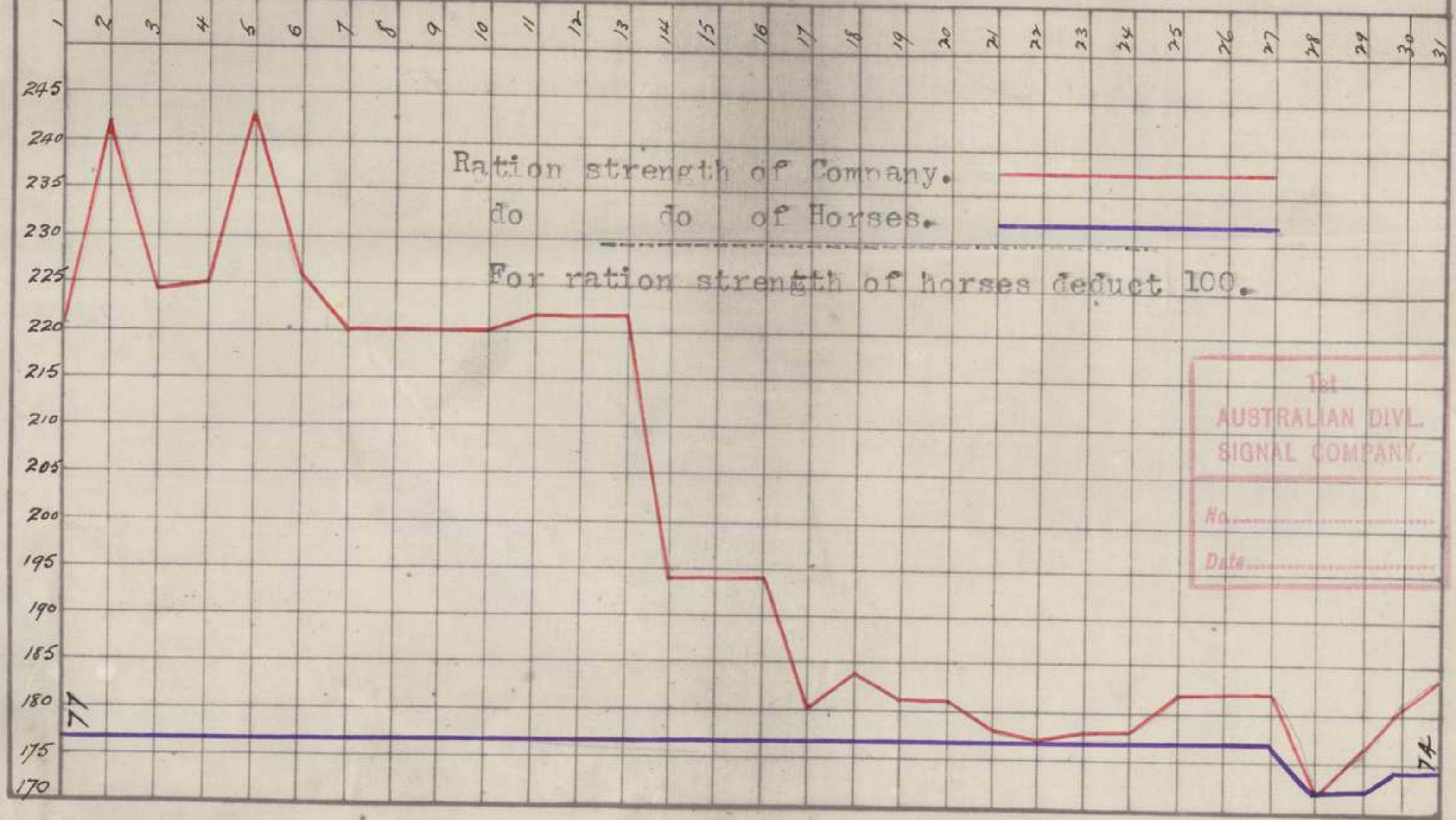
The oat ration remained at 9 lbs per horse and the
hay ration at 11 lbs per horse.

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GRAPH SHOWING RATION STRENGTH OF 1st AUST DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			APPENDIX No 6.	
			No 5 Section 1st Aust Div Signal Company.	
	May 2nd	1918.	Relief of linesmen at right Brigade. All lines in good order.	
	9th.		Line laid to 2nd Brigade in preparation for move of Battalion Headquarters.	
	10th.		Move to La Brearde. Communication established. Everything satisfactory.	
	11th.		Relief of linesmen at left Brigade.	
	13th.		Direct line laid to 2nd Company's new position.	
	14th		2 linesmen posted to Brigade in line.	
	24th.		Move. New position, V 17 & 15.15. Fairly good office, and billets comfortable.	
			Communications established with Support Brigade.	
	25th.		Linesmen relay station posted at W 21 b 4.7	
	31st.		Severe gas shelling of linemen relay station, resulted in 4 men being evacuated to Hospital, gassed.	
			

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			APPENDIX. No 7.	
			Despatch Rider Service. 1st Aust Div Signal Company.	
	May 1918.		<p>During the month the average daily runs as per D.R.L.S. Time Table have been 245 Kilos for the 17 Motor Cycles at present in possession of the Company.</p> <p>In addition to this, "specials" have averaged 20 kilos per day in short journeys, and several have been sent longer distances as follows:-</p> <p>3 Specials to SAMER during the past fortnight. 1 " (2 cycles) to 5th Army Headquarters via 15th Corps.</p> <p>These four Specials covered a total distance of approximately 900 kilos.</p> <p>Two Motor Cycles have been evacuated during the month and two new TRIUMPH motor cycles obtained in place of same.</p> <p>The approximate total number of Kilometres covered by the Company's Motor Cyclist Despatch Riders during the month is 9115.</p> <p>The consumption of Petrol for the same period was 150 gallons, the number of Kilometres covered per gallon of Petr ol being 60.77.</p> <p>The weather during the month has been favourable for Motor Cyclists, and the casualties for the same period have been nil.</p>	

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			APPENDIX 8.	
			Electric Light Plant. 1st Aust Div Signal Company.	
	MAY 1918.		The Lighting Engine and Dymano used by this Company for some time past was handed in for overhaul on the 28th inst., and a new A.B.C. 1 K.W. charging set issued as a substitute for same. The new set has performed about 20 hours work at about half load with satisfaction. The number of hours run during the month was, for lighting. 140 hours. for charging. 85 "	
			The average lighting load was .8 K.W. " " charging load was .5 K.W.	
			The total amount of petrol used was 68 gallons.	
			The Divisional Headquarters have been lit every night during the past month, and the plant has been running with a minimum of trouble.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Appendix 9.			O.Cs. Appreciation of the situation.	
	May	1918.	<p>The situation for the month has remained practically unchanged, and the sector has been remarkably quiet. The casualties have been low, but regret the loss of one Officer.</p> <p>The weather generally fine and warm.</p> <p>Rations and supplies good and sufficient.</p> <p>Appendices of different departments are attached.</p> <p>Horses, personnel and vehicles are in good condition.</p> <p>.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> Major. O.C. 1st Aust Div Signal Company.</p>	

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<p>Sheet 27. P 28 b 6.4</p>	<p>May 14th 1918. 17th. 31st.</p>		<p>APPENDIX. 10.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1st Aust Div Signal Company. (D.A.H.Q. Signal Section.)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>All telephone equipment rendered surplus by provisions of G.R.O. 3887 returned to Headquarters.</p> <p>New office erected by Pioneers, change over completed by morning of 18th inst.</p> <p>Office moved to P 28 a 1.1 .</p> <p>During the month a number of Brigade and Battery telephones were repaired. Telephone equipment at D.A. was overhauled and checked.</p> <p>Casualties for above period .Nil.</p> <p>Throughout the month rations both in quantity and quality were good.</p> <p>Horse lines and billets inspected daily and found satisfactory.</p> <p>XXXX Signal School commenced at 1st Aust D.A.C, on the 20th inst with 24 other ranks attending.</p> <p>.....</p>	

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Sheet 27.	May	1918.	<p>APPENDIX 11.</p> <hr/> <p>1st Aust Div Signal Company. No 1 Artillery Sub-Section.</p> <hr/> <p>During the month lines were maintained and improved. All lines patrolled regularly. Much work of a temporary nature for small operations has been done during the month, and for this work the Cable Wagon has been used with satisfaction.</p> <p>Brigade Headquarters were moved from V 30 b 80.70 to V 24 a 60.80. The new office was wired up and the change over effected without delay.</p> <p>A forward linesmen and Visual post has been established at W 19 b 70.10.</p> <p>.....</p>	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
APPENDIX. 12.			<p>No. 2 Sub. Section, 1st Aust. Div. Signal Company. May, 1918</p> <p>-----</p>	
May 1, 1918			<p>A forward exchange has been established at W.S. 25.85 Sheet 27, this station was put in owing to present Bde HQ. being such a distance from Btys and O.P.'s. 3 lines are maintained between F.E. and Bde H.Q.</p>	
2.			<p>Bde forward O.P. established at Left Battrn H.Q. MOOIENACKER W. 19. A. 20. 60.</p>	
3.			<p>New line laid to forward O.P. from 5th Bty, distance 3800 yards.</p>	
4.			<p>Line run from 6th Bty to this O.P., distance 3000 yards. This line is maintained by Bde H.Q. and 6th Bty.</p>	
5.			<p>Bde Rear O.P. established in FLETRE church. Line laid from 6th Bty and maintained by them, distance 1000 yards.</p>	
6th.			<p>Visual communication between Bde and Btys established.</p>	
7.			<p>Bde visual Station erected at forward exchange. Btys have erected cover for their stations and tests today were very successful.</p>	
8.			<p>Heavy shelling at on forward O.P. route. Communications cut for 2½ hours. Linesmen reported 16 breaks, time 2 - 4.30 am.</p>	
9.			<p>Bde Sub. Sections Telephone equipment checked and overhauled</p>	
10.			<p>All telephone equipment at Btys inspected. Bde H.Q. totally destroyed by fire 5 am.</p>	
11.			<p>Lateral communication established between Left Group R.F.A. and 6th Bty through their forward exchange, also a line is run to their "B" Bty.</p>	
12.			<p>Rear O.P.'s line badly broken by shell fire, remainder of wire was jerked up and run to the flank. Speaking is much clearer now.</p>	
13.			<p>Telephone Equipment. - Establishment of Bde H.Q. has been reduced by the following stores:-</p>	
			<p>1 4 x 3 Buzzer Unit Board complete.</p>	
			<p>2 D.III. Telephones.</p>	
			<p>5 Magneto Ringing Phones.</p>	
			<p>Owing to this reduction, forward and O.P. stations have been reinstated disbanded, all lines</p>	
			<p>have to be patrolled and repaired from Bde H.Q.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			APPENDIX. NO. 12 continued.	
May.	14.	1918.	All surplus telephone equipment has now been returned to 1st Aust. Div. Signal Company as laid down in G.R.O. No 94 para 3887.	
	15.		Vicinity of Bde H.Q. shelled, both lines to Bde Liason and Right Group Arty badly damaged also a number of bombs dropped near 4 and 102 Btys. Communications cut for 15 minutes.	
	16.		Visual carried out with Btys, 25 messages were sent and received. Signals were fair.	
	17th.		Forward O.P. heavily shelled, partially demolished. 1 Telephonist (Bty) wounded. Lines cut. Rear O.P. at FLETRE evacuated, now established between F.ETRE and STRAZEELE. Line laid from 5th Bty, distance 2000 yards. 4th Bty also have a line for registering forward gun action. 5th Bty lines xxxxxxx shelled. 1 mile D.3 twisted destroyed.	
	18.		Construction of Bde Signal dugout started. Line between 6th Bty and forward O.P. picked up, also line from FLETRE O.P.	
	19.		Construction of dugout still in progress. Line to 5th from 102 Bty had to be relaid owing to the heavy shelling this morning.	
	20.		Dugout still under construction. Part of Rear O.P. line relaid.	
	21.	xxxxxx	Dugout nearing completion. 10th Bty applied for one mile D.3 to connect up Bty O.P. so that the forward gun sections could be registered, this was granted under C.O's order.	
	22.		Visual communication tested to Btys, also runners were used to O.P.'s. Dugout still being constructed.	
	23.		All telephones were stopped forward of Bde H.Q. for 12 hours, Visual and runners being used; results were satisfactory, 30 messages being sent and received.	
	24.		Signal Dugout completed, inspected by Gas Officer and passed - gas proof.	
	25.		All lines from Signal Office being buried for a distance of 50 yards, when a test box has been put in. No overhead or ground lines near Signal Office.	
	26.		S.O.S. on our sector. All lines to Bde O.P.'s xxxx and Btys held although the sector was heavily shelled.	
	27.		Change over of Signal Office completed.	
	28.		Buried Cable route under construction between Rear O.P. and Bty Liason, all working parties being supplied by 2nd F.A. Bde. All work has to be done at night.	
	29.		Cable route still being carried out.	

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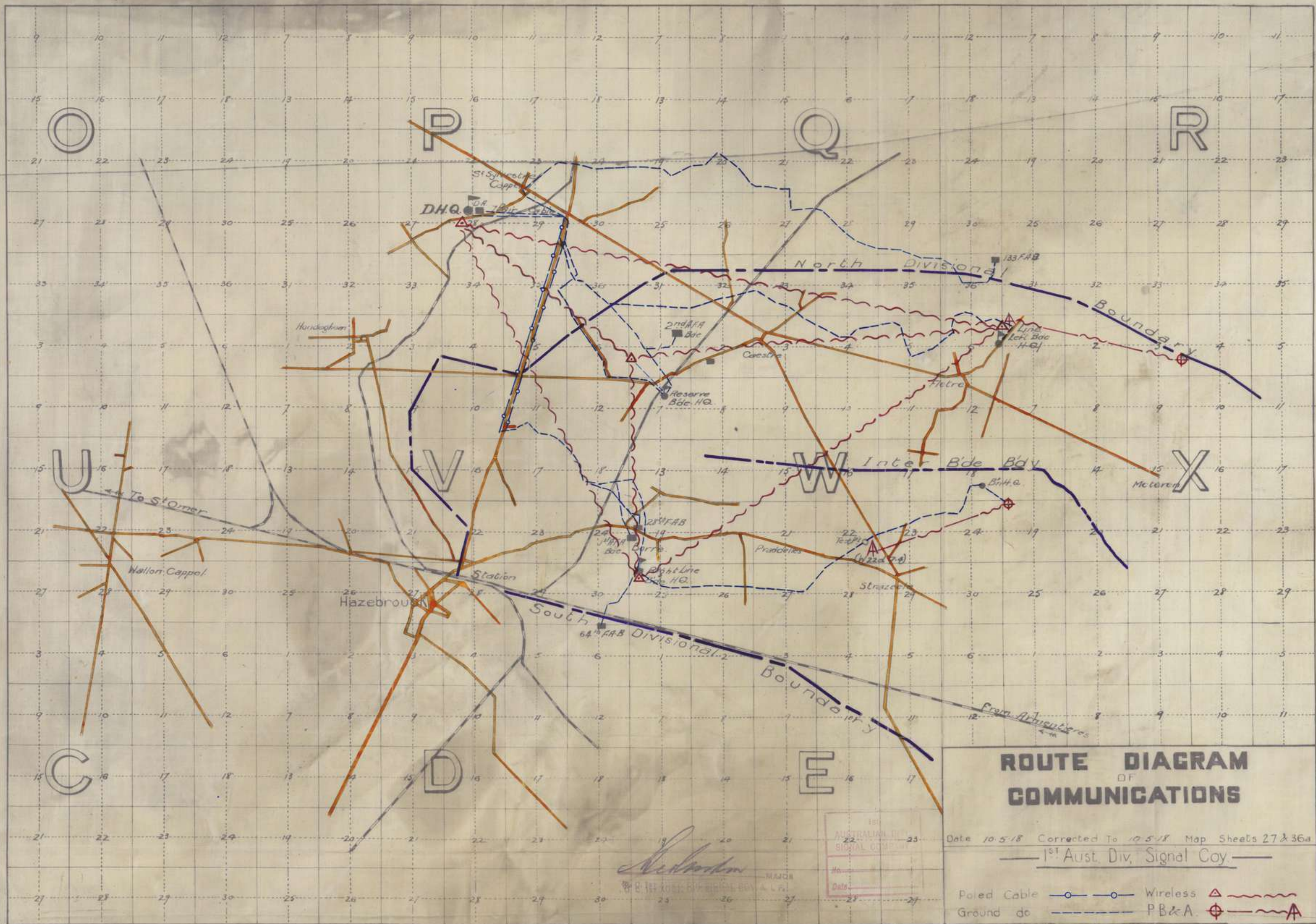
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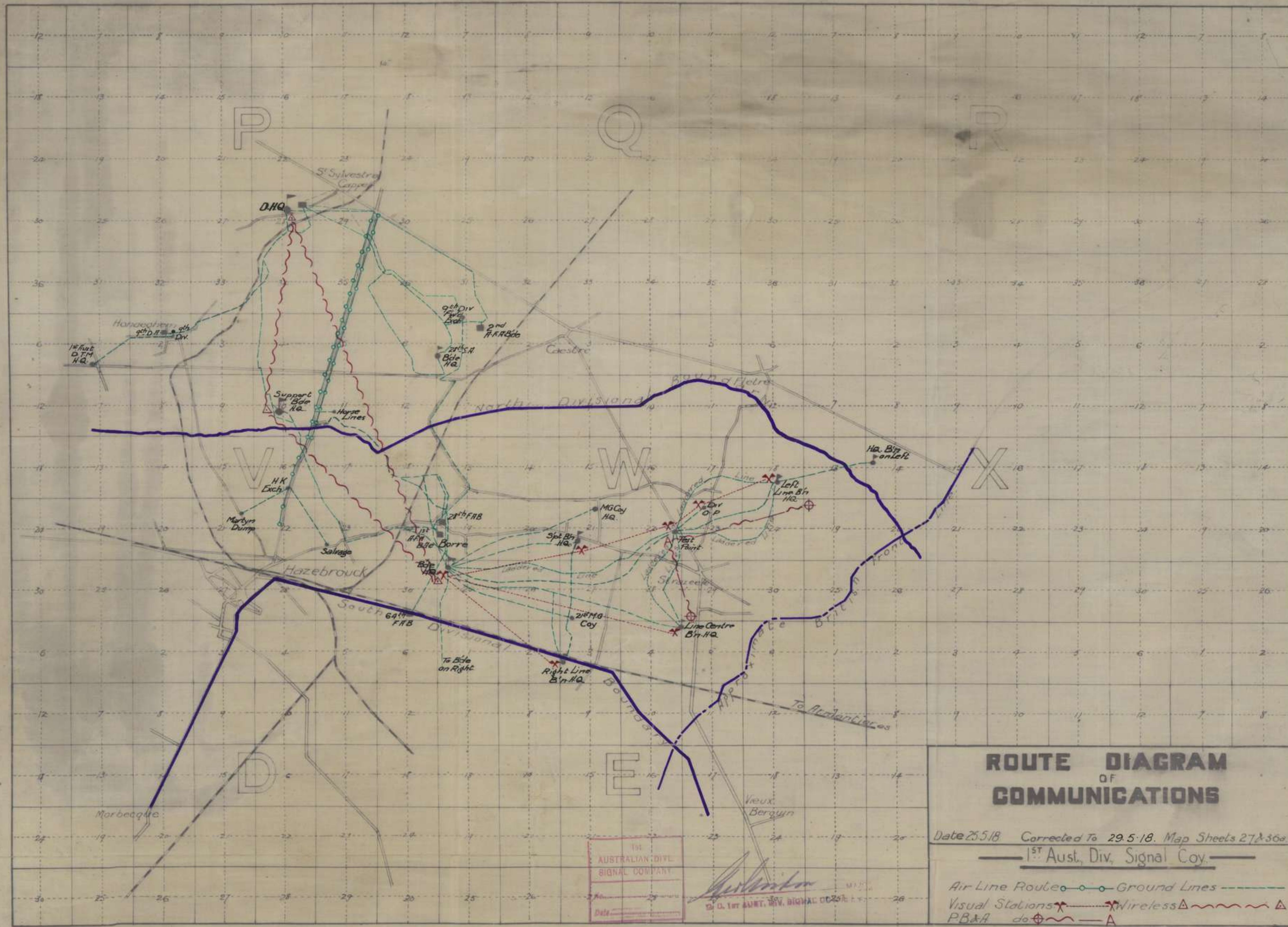
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May. 30 - 1918 31.			<p>APPENDIX. 12 (continued)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Cable route now completed. By constructing this route, about 800 yards of Shell swept country has been avoided, this will save two linesmen for other duties. Fitted all test boxes and tested all lines between O.P. lines xxx now O.K.</p> <p>No casualties for this period.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Appendix. 12.</p>

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**ROUTE DIAGRAM
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Date 25.5.18 Corrected To 29.5.18. Map Sheets 27 & 36a

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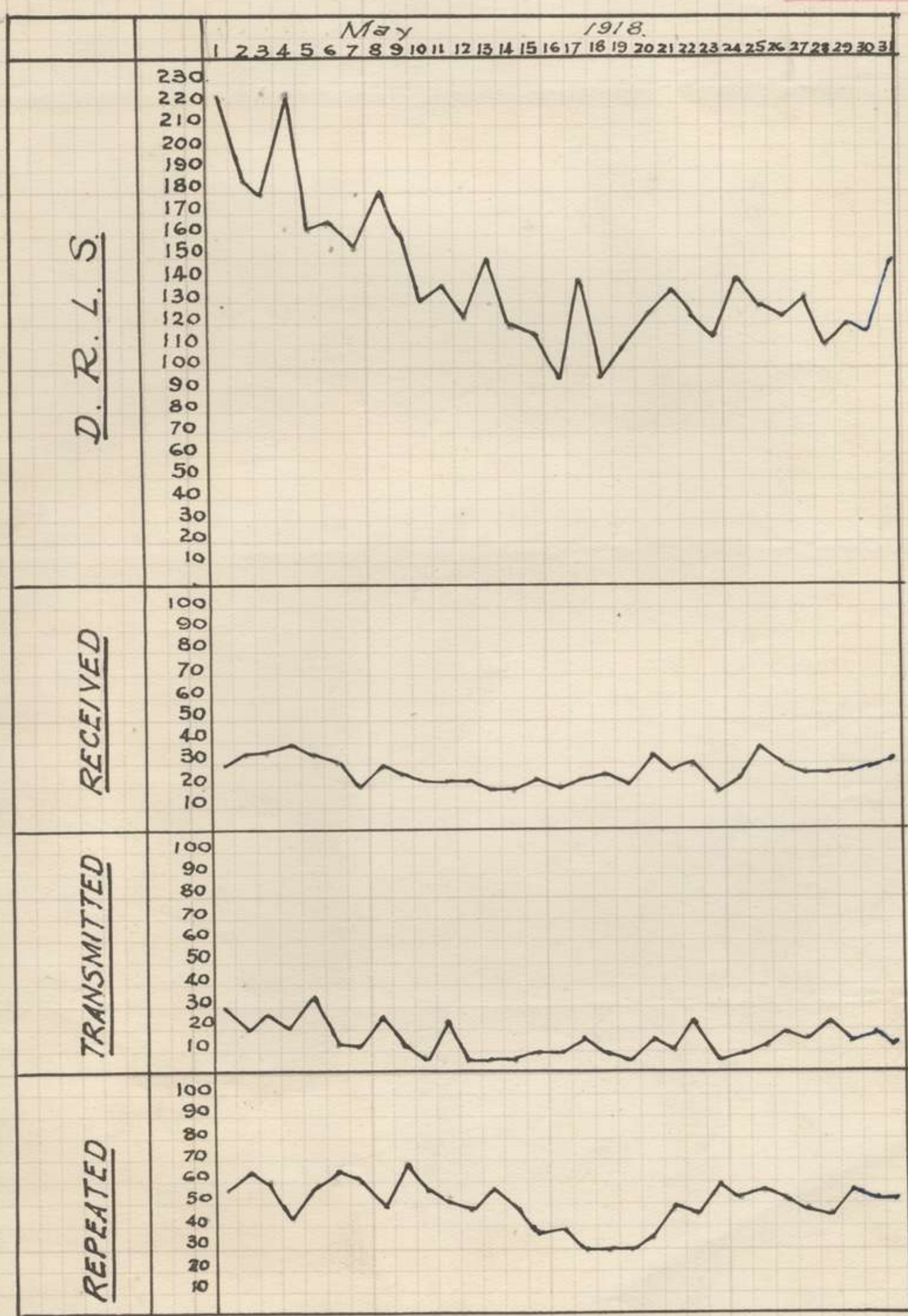
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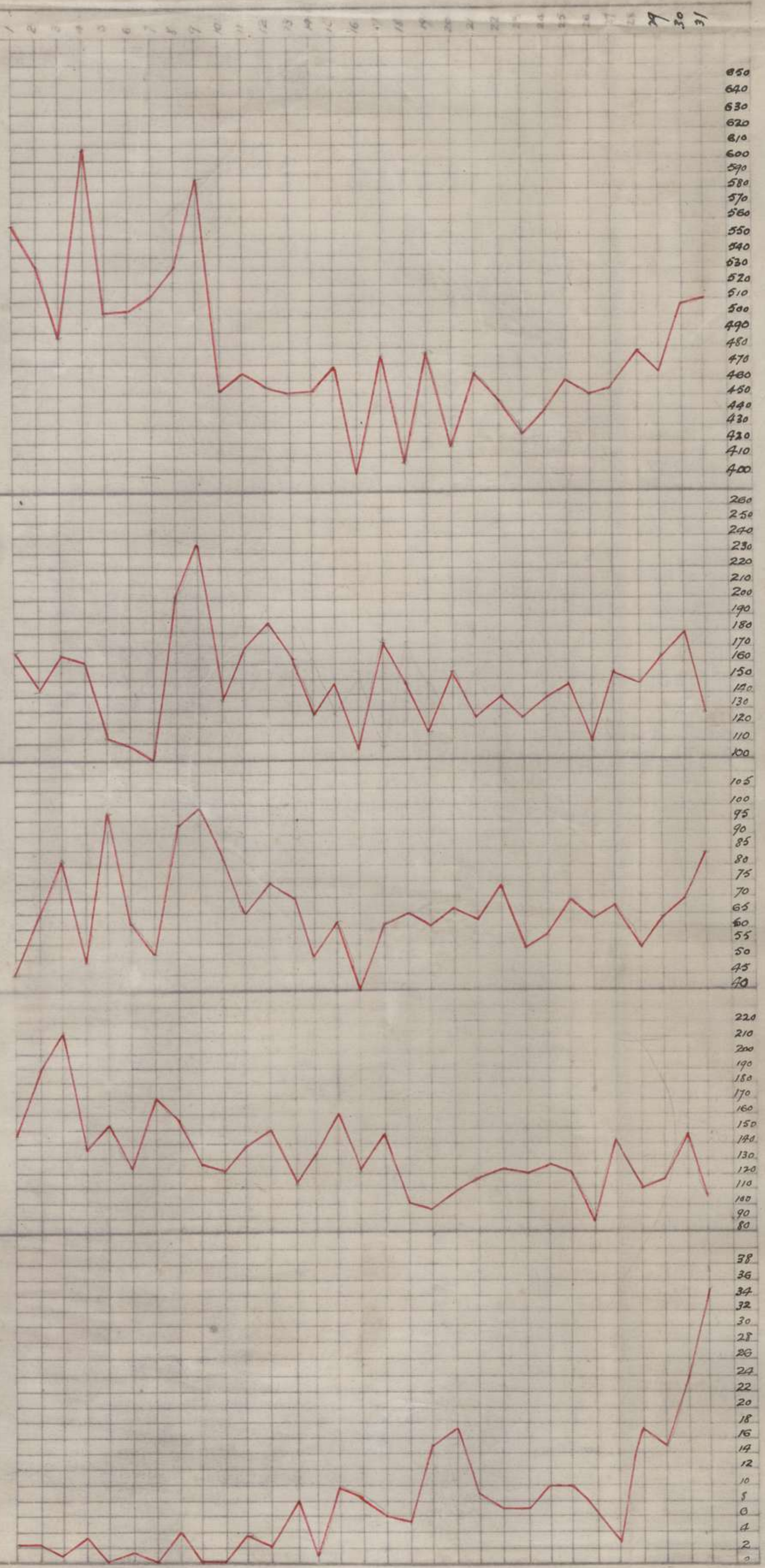
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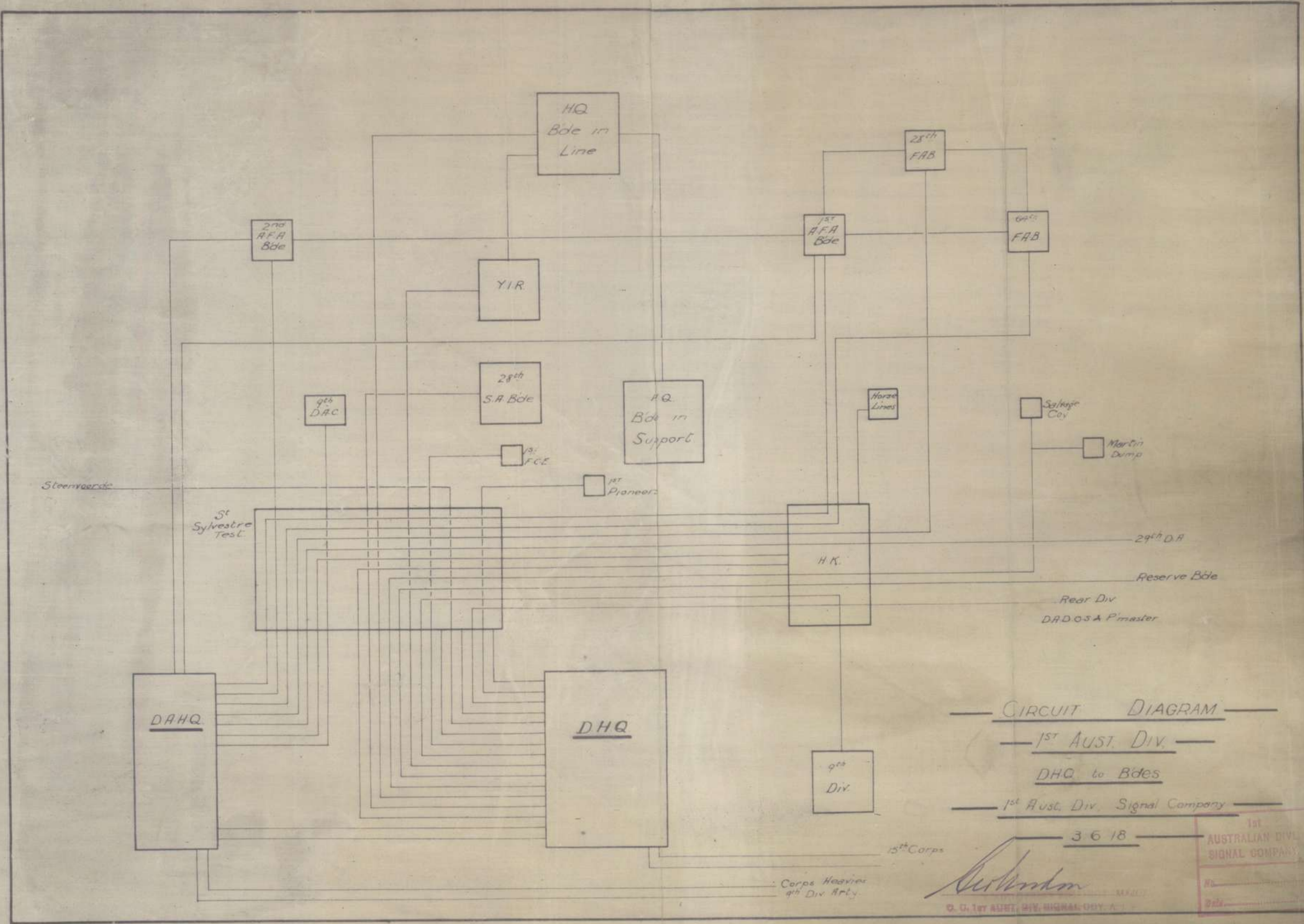
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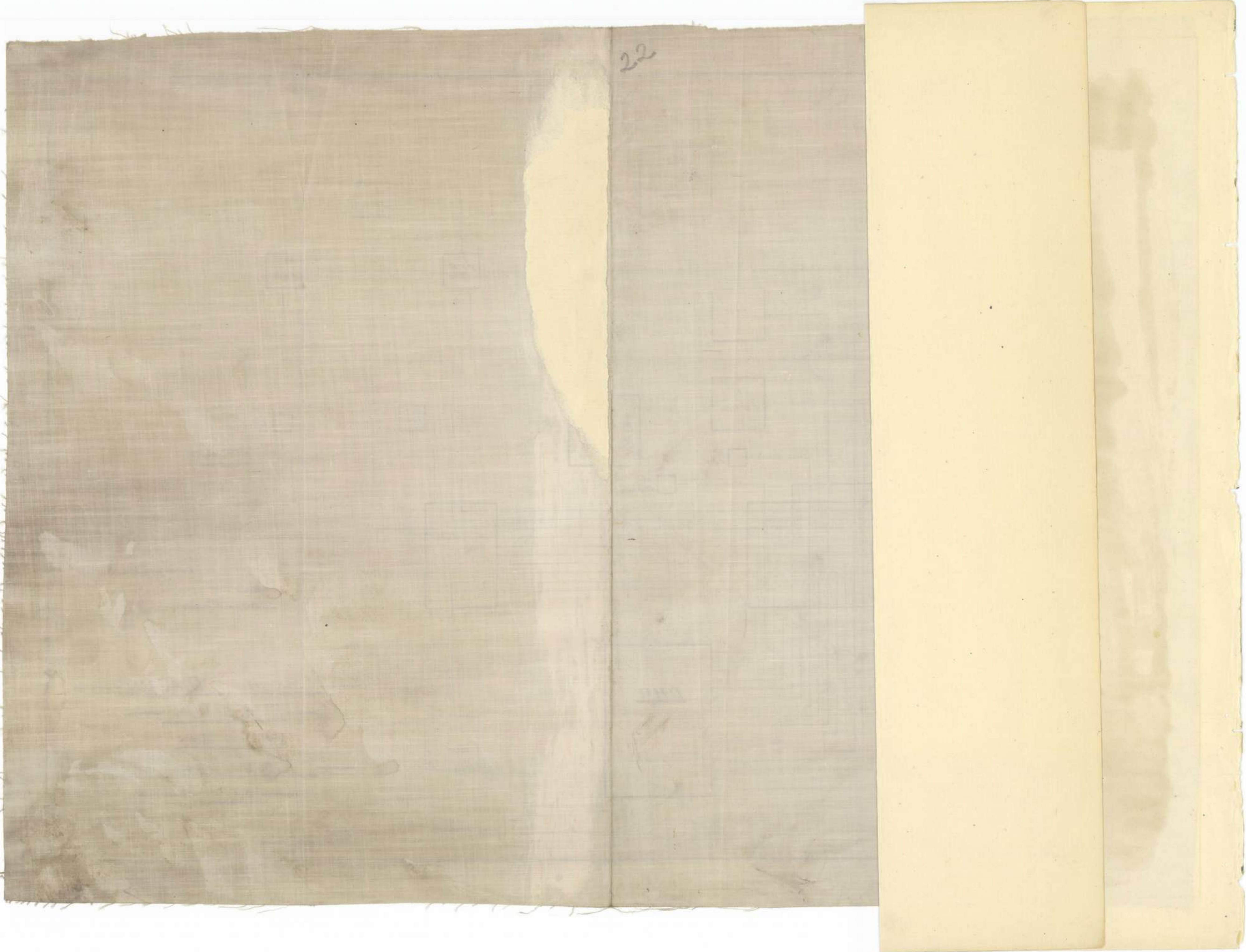
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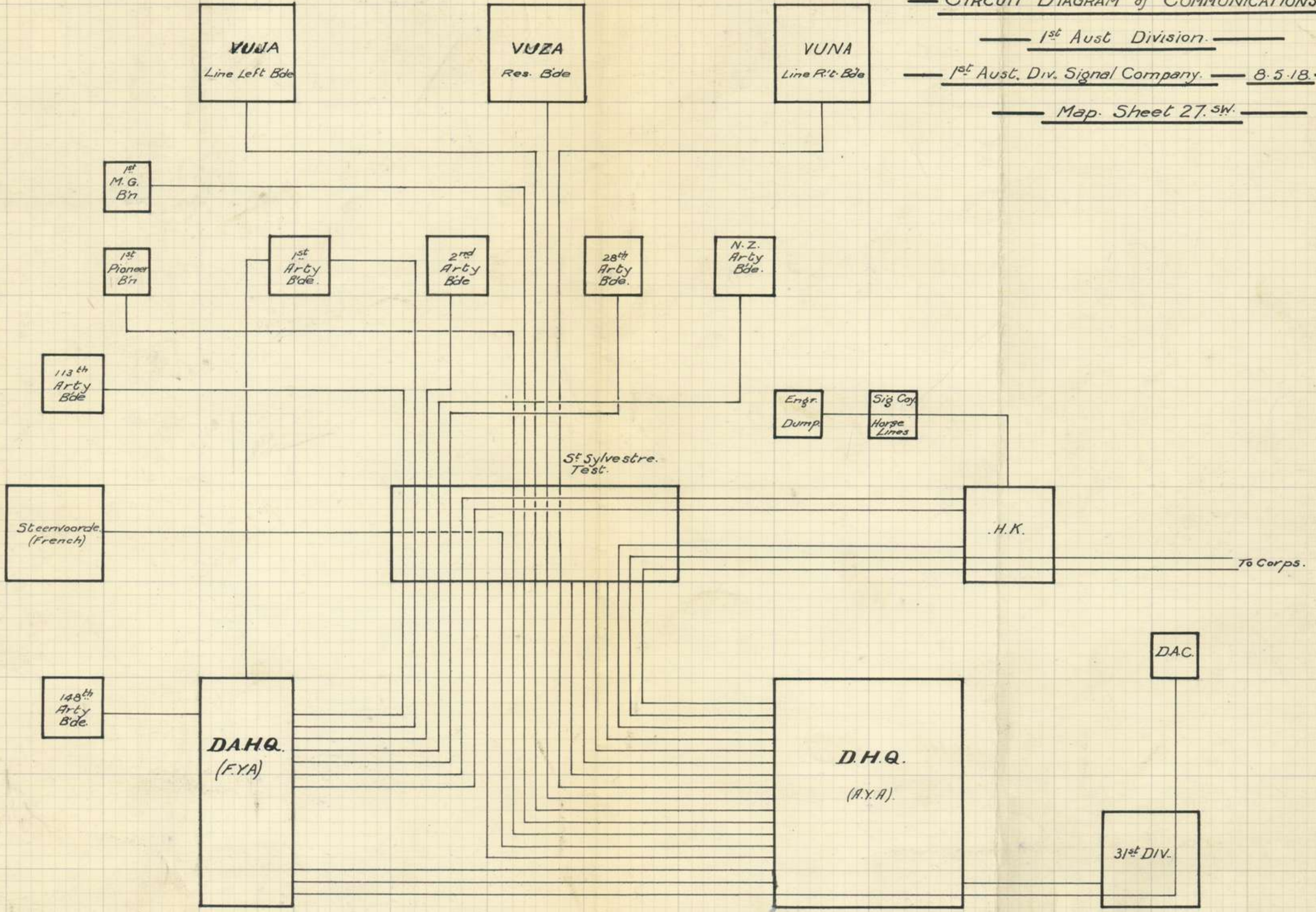
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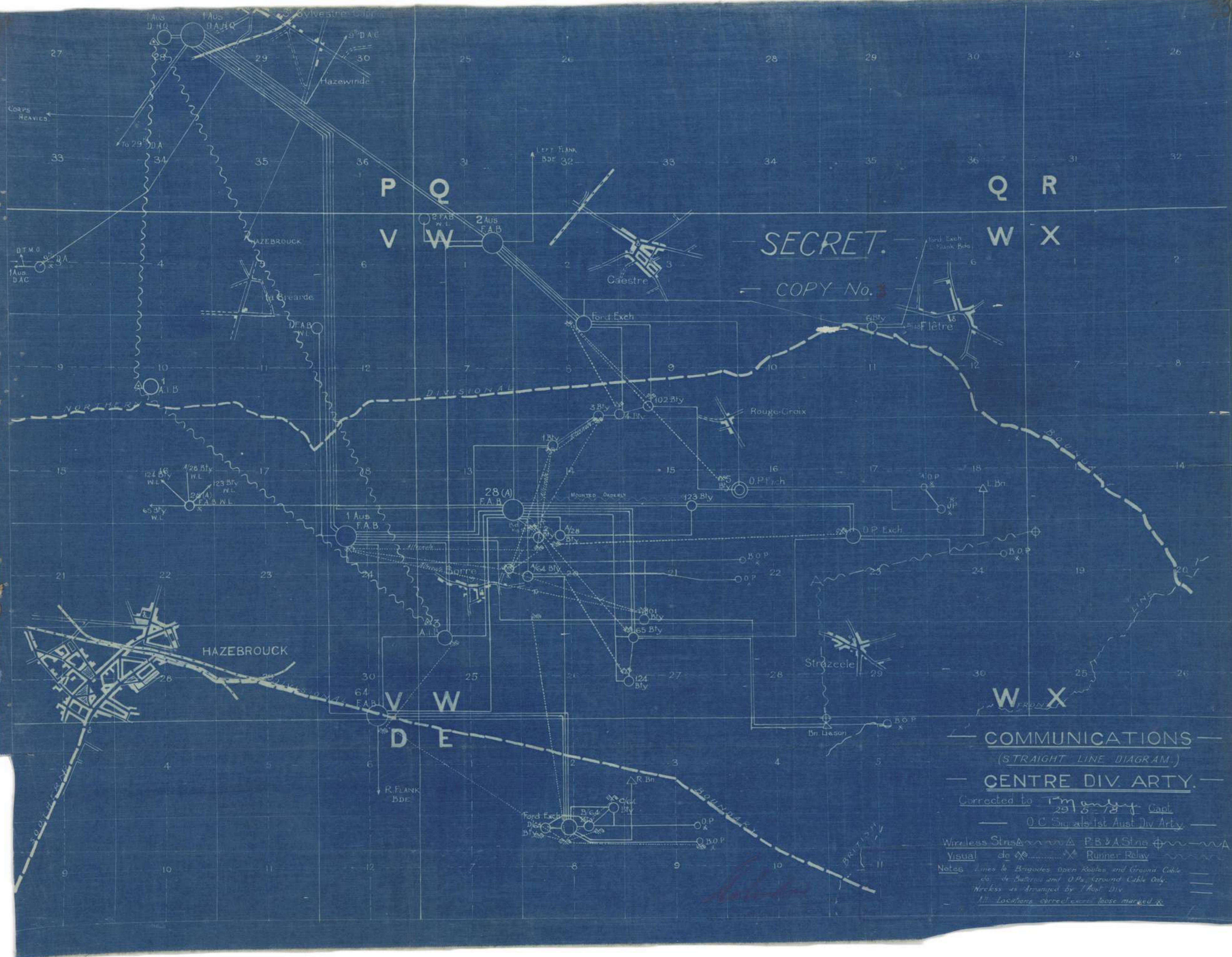
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(STRAIGHT LINE DIAGRAM.)

CENTRE DIV. ARTY.

Corrected to 1 May 1918
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O.C. Signal 1st Aust Div Art'y

Wireless Stns Δ PB & A Stns \oplus
Visual do \otimes Runner Relay \times

Notes Lines to Brigades, Open Routes and Ground Cable
do do Batteries and O.P.s, Ground Cable Only.
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1. Locations corrected where loose marked \times

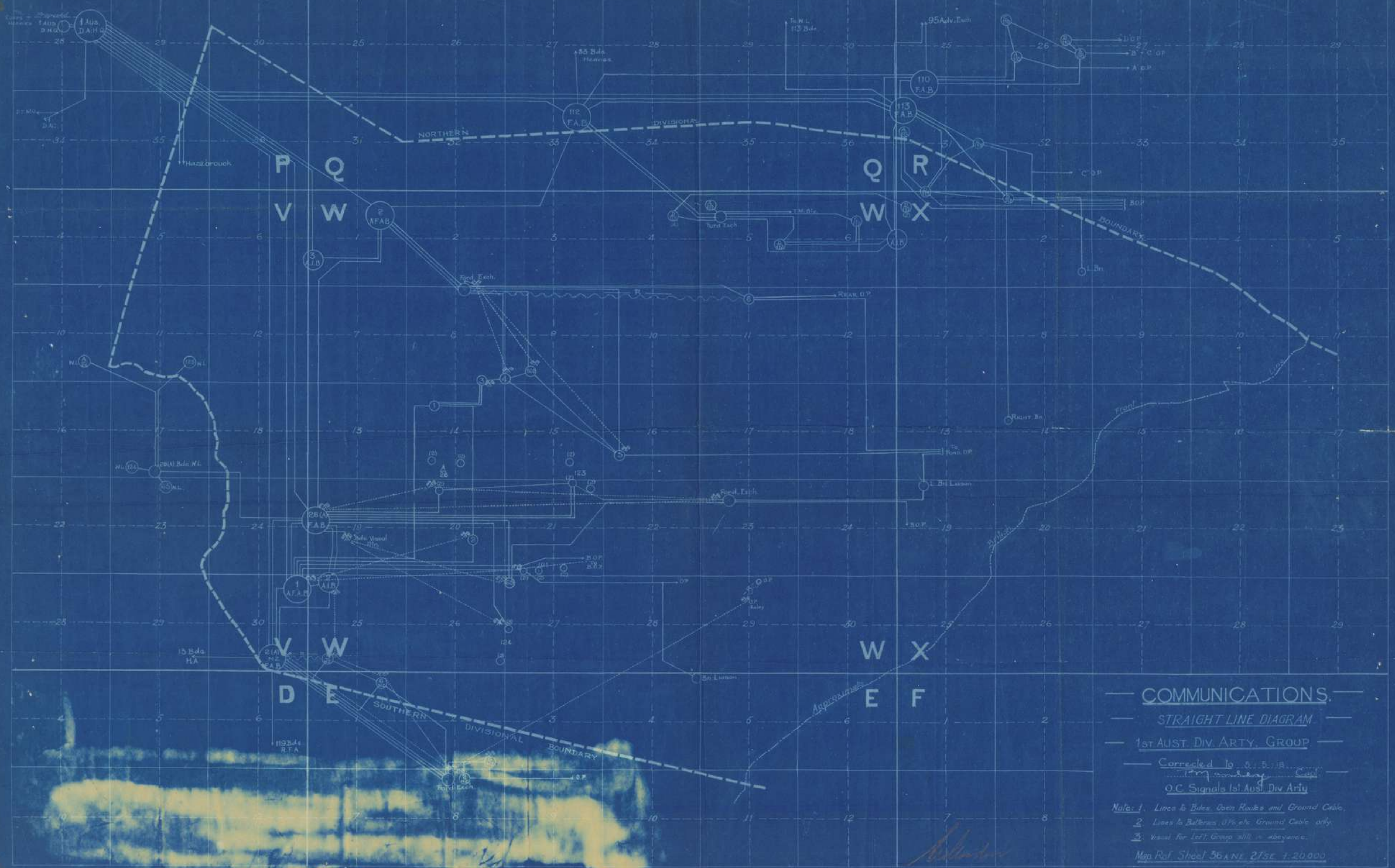
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 — STRAIGHT LINE DIAGRAM —
 — 1st AUST. DIV. ARTY. GROUP —
 — Corrected by S. J. B. J. B. —
 — O.C. Signals 1st Aust. Div. Arty. —

Note: 1. Lines to Bales, Open Routes and Ground Cable.
 2. Lines to Batteries, etc. Ground Cable only.
 3. Visual for Left Group still in operation.

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