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OF

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY

FOR

JANUARY

1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

-J A N U A R Y .

SHEET 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBERG (Sheet. 28 S. 17 cent)	Tues. 1st.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area.	
	Wed. 2nd.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area Instruction given at Divisional Signal School.	
	Thurs. 3rd.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction given at Divisional Signal School.	
	Fri. 4th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area Instruction given at Divisional Signal School. CABLE BURYING. Work was commenced from SN to RD2 (see sketch) 200 other ranks of the 6th. A.I. Bde reported at SN at 4-40 p.m. 200 yards of cable was buried to a depth of seven feet and work was concluded at 8.30 p.m.	
	Sat. 5th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at Divisional Signal School. CABLE BURYING. At 10. a.m. 20 other ranks reported and trench was dug across MESSIENES RIDGE and cable was laid into SN Test Station. At 2-30 p.m. 180 other ranks reported. 220 yards of cable was buried. 52 pairs buried.	
	Sun. 6th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Lieut. MESSITER joined the Company from Officer's Training Company ENGLAND. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per attached report dated 12th. Jan. 18.	
	Mon. 7th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 12th. Jan. 18.	
	Tues. 8th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area Instruction at Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 12th. Jan. 18.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBERG	Wed. 9th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 12th. Jan. 18.	
	Thurs. 10th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 12th. Jan. 18.	
	Fri. 11th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 12th. Jan. 18.	
	Sat. 12th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area . Instruction at Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 12th. Jan. 18.	
	Sun. 13th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area.	
	Mon. 14th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at Divisional Signal School.	
	Tues. 15th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 19th. Jan. 18	
	Wed. 16th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area . Instruction given at the Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 19th. Jan 18	
	Thurs. 17th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction given at the Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 19th. Jan. 18.	
	Fri. 18th		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction given at the Divisional Signal School. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 19th. Jan. 18.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBERG	Sat. 19th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area Examination of pupils completing course at the Divisional Signal School. School re-opens 22nd. Cable Buried in the Divisional Area as per report dated 19th. Jan. 18.	
	Sun. 20th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area.	
	Mon. 21st.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area.	
	Tues. 22nd.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. 13 reinforcements arrived from the Base. Instruction given at the Divisional Signal School as per syllabus of School Training attached to Nov. and December's War Diary.	
	Wed. 23rd.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at the Divisional Signal School as above.	
	Thurs. 24th.		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area. Instruction at the Divisional Signal School as above	
	Friday 25 th		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area Instruction at the Divisional Signal School as above	
	Sat 26 th		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area Instruction at the Divisional Signal School as above	
	Sun 27 th		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBERG	Mon. 28 th		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area A detachment of the company moved to Merris as per attached Movement Order	
	Tues. 29 th		Closed at Ravelberg at 10.0am and opened at Merris at same hour in accordance with attached Movement Order.	
MERRIS Ref. Hazebroek 52 4H 9.5 /100,000	Wed 30 th		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area	
	Thurs 31 st		Inter-communication within the Divisional Area A Detachment of Signal Company moved to Quelles-le-Blequin (ref 52 Hazebroek /100,000 - A.4.) The Rest Area to which the Company will move to Merris. Feb 1 st .	

John J. Lambton
Cpt

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
/	Works Report (with sketch) 6.8.18/12.1.18 & 13.1.18/19.1.18
2	Movement Order 28th/29th Jan. 18
3	Wireless Amplifier Power Buzzer and Visual route Diagram.
4	Circuit Diagram of Communications.
5	Honors & Awards etc.

APPENDIX

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

Headquarters 12th Jan. 18

WORKS REPORT . 6-1-18 to 12-1-18.

NEW ROUTE SN - RD2.

6-1-18
===== 20 other ranks reported at 10 a.m., carrying party ; 190 other ranks reported at 2 p.m. burying 230 yards seven feet. Work concluded 5.10 p.m.

7-1-18.
===== 20 other ranks reported at 10. a.m., carrying party; 190 other ranks reported at 2.p.m., burying 220 yards of which 150 yards was buried seven feet, and 70 yards to an average depth of 4 feet, on account of the watercourse. Work concluded 5.20 p.m.

8-1-18
===== 20 other ranks reported at 10 a.m., carrying party; 190 other ranks reported at 2.p.m., burying 250 yards to a depth of seven feet, to RD2 Test Box Work concluded 5.30 p.m.

9-1-18
===== 50 other ranks reported at 10. a.m. and utilised to bank up route sandbag and strengthen the weak portions referred to in work on the 7th.inst. Work concluded 3.p.m.

10th., 11th., and 12th.
===== Joints put through, and buried; pilot wires terminated at each 440 yards test points. Routes well marked out with trench markers, routes tested out and pairs identified.

Result of 52 pairs buried.

- (a) 49 pairs test O.K.
- (b) 1 pair disconnected.
- (c) 2 pairs with one leg open.

Utilising one sound leg of each pair in (c) Net Total 50 pairs O.K. for working. Pairs numbered from 21 to 71.

The following particulars are given throughout this run:-

- (a) Weather fair on the whole; snow fell, little frost, no rain and generally misty.
- (b) Ground in parts particularly bad - cable trench passed through old defence works, belts of partially destroyed barbed wire, shell crater land and small watercourse.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

Headquarters 19th. Jan. 1918.

WORKS REPORT 13 - 1-18 to 19 - 1 - 18

NEW ROUTE PR. - LS.

15-1-18

20 other ranks reported at 10.30 a.m., carrying party; 200 other ranks reported at 1.30 p.m., burying 220 yards of cable seven feet. Work concluded 5.15 p.m.

16-1-18

20 other ranks reported at 10. a.m., carrying party; 200 other ranks reported at 1.45 p.m.m burying 220 yards to a depth of seven feet. Work concluded 5.10. p.m.

17 & 18-1-18

20 other ranks reported at 10 a.m. carrying party; 200 other ranks reported 1.45 p.m., burying 220 yards to a depth of seven feet. Work concluded 5.10 p.m.

19-1-18

220 other ranks reported at 11 a.m., 20 of which were used as carriers. Work was completed at 2.30 p.m.

Throughout this run - weather was mostly wet and ground fair.

Result of 32 pairs buried.

- (a) 40 pairs test O.A.
- (b) 1 pair disconnected.
- (c) 1 pair with one leg open.

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Utilising one leg of each pair in (c) Net Total 30 pairs O.K. for working. Pairs numbered from 21 to 71.

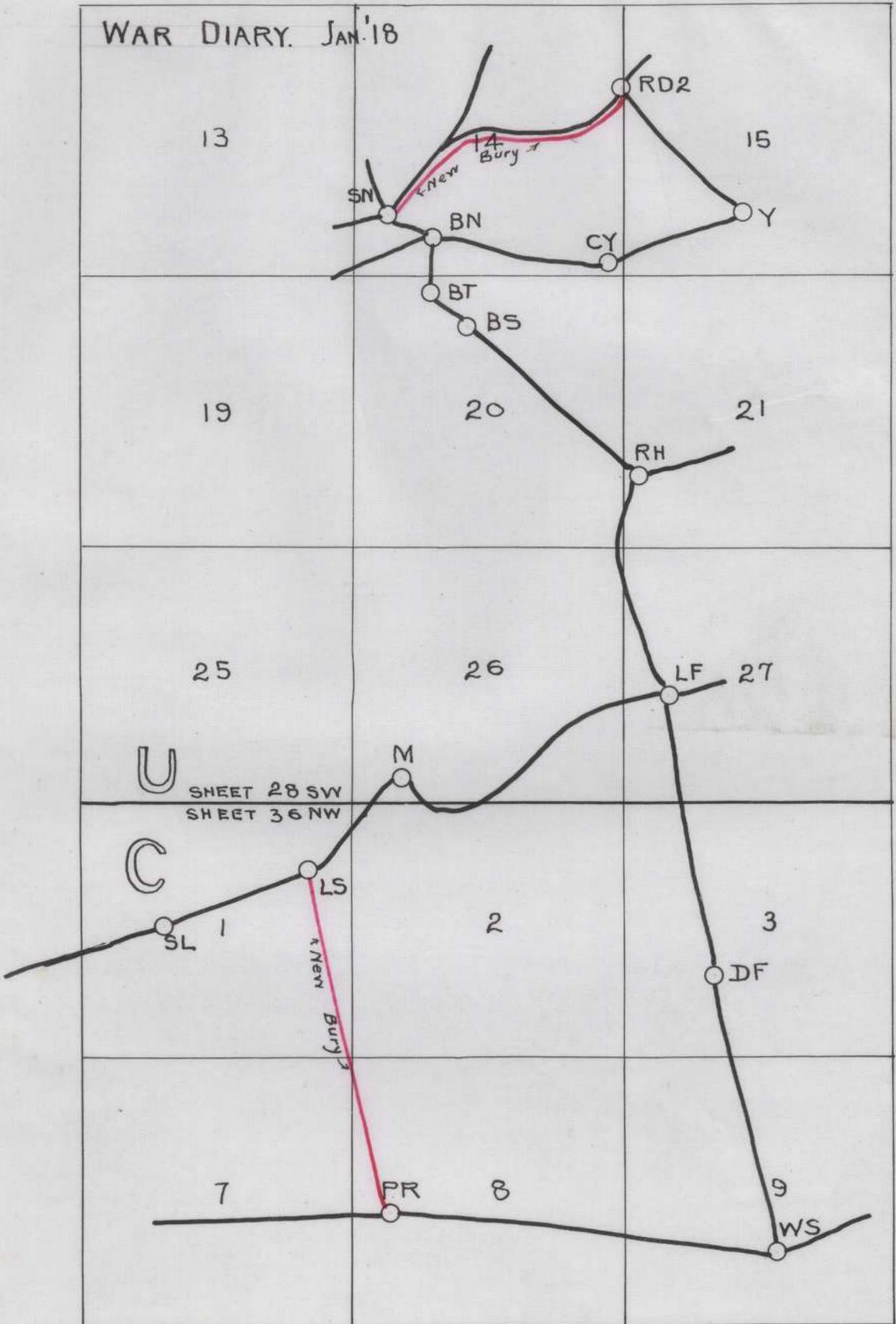
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

APPENDIX 2

M O V E M E N T O R D E R .

2nd. Aust. Division, (less Divisional Artillery) will be relieved by
3rd. Aust. Division, (less Divisional Artillery) on the 29th. inst.
2nd. Aust. Div. Signal Office will close at RAVELSBERG at 10 a.m. 29th.
inst. and reopen at MERRIS same date and time.

28.1.18.

"A" relief, Q.M.'s stores, instruments etc, leave by Signal Company's
Lorry to MERRIS at 10 a.m., same lorry returns to RAVELSBERG conveying
3rd. Aust. Division stores.

3rd. Division Lorry arrives RAVELSBERG 3 p.m. and returns to MERRIS
with 2nd. Aust. Div. Signal Coy. Q.M.'s stores etc.

Wireless Section 3rd. Aust. Division relieves Wireless Section 2nd.
Aust. Division during morning.

Linesmen 3rd. Aust. Division relieves linesmen 2nd. Aust. Division
during morning

Portion of the above personnel and gear return to TAHUNA CAMP in
3rd. Aust. Division Lorry - residue of 2nd. Aust. Div. Signal Lorry leaving
RAVELSBERG at 2 p.m.

29.1.18.

Second Div. Signal School Personnel and Wireless Section at
TAHUNA CAMP will be moved to MERRIS by Div. Supply Column Lorry, reporting
at School at 8 a.m. on 29th. inst.

Headquarters and No. 1 Section transport moves out ;
(see 6th. A.I. Bde. Order 120. and Administrative Memo) by route march
to NIELLE.

2 Lorries of 2nd. Aust. Div. Supply Column reported at RAVELSBERG
at 8 a.m.

No. 1 Supply Column Lorry leaves RAVELSBERG for MERRIS at 9 a.m.
carrying 2nd. Relief, Stores, Orderly Room gear, Clerks, N.C.O.'s Mess and
Men's Cookhouse.

No. 2. Supply Column Lorry leaves RAVELSBERG for MERRIS at 10 a.m.
carrying Officer's Mess stores, Officer's baggage batmen and D.A. Signals
Panniers.

Signal Coy. Lorry Leaves RAVELSBERG for MERRIS at 10.30 a.m.
carrying 3rd. Relief Stores and residue of gear and personnel still
remaining.

Electric Light Lorry carrying Artificer's Gear leaves RAVELSBERG
for MERRIS at 10 a.m.

Men of reliefs will ride cycles - Pack and Rifles will be
carried on lorries N.C.O. in charge of each party of cyclists will
maintain strict march discipline.

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DIAGRAM of COMMUNICATIONS

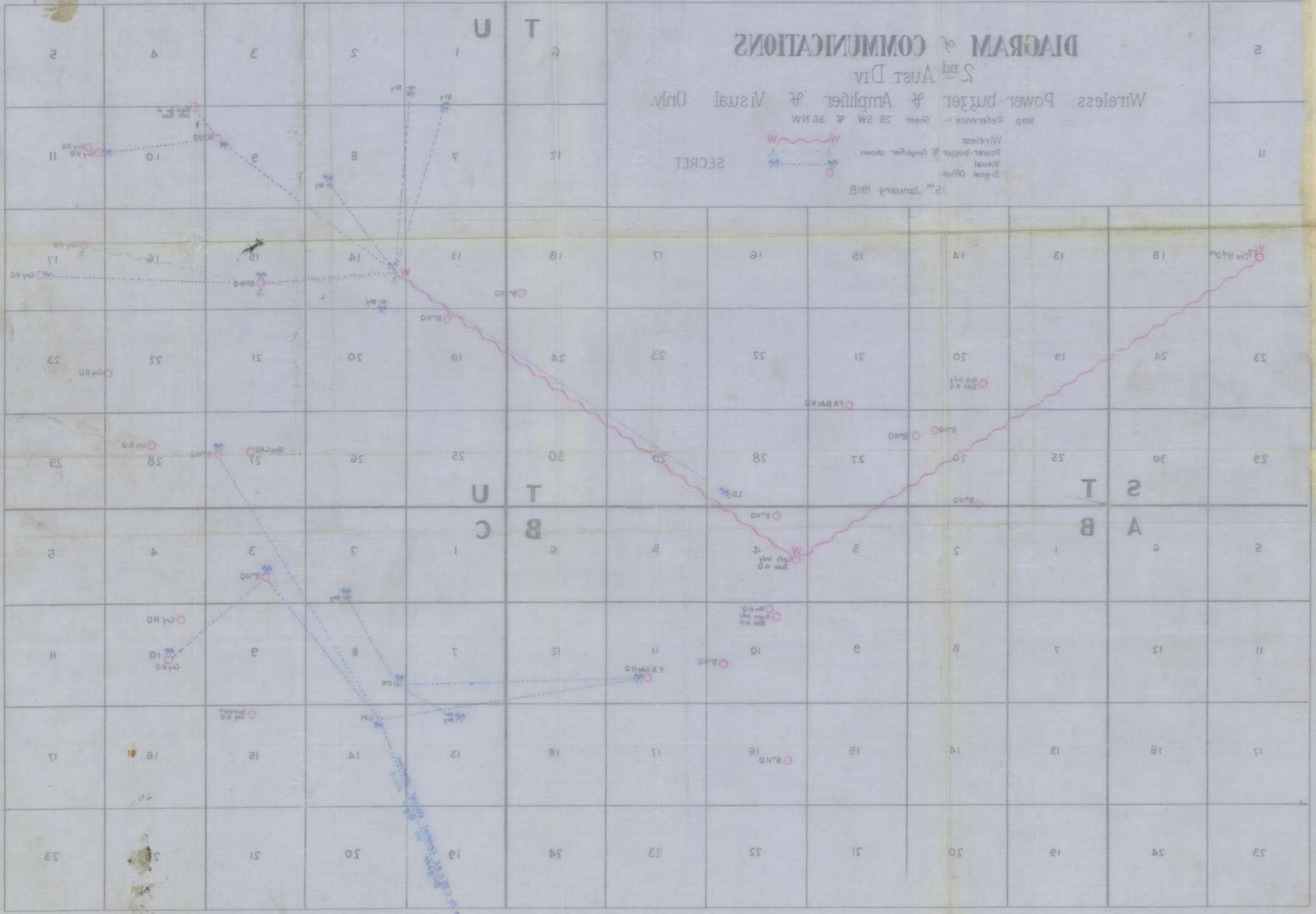
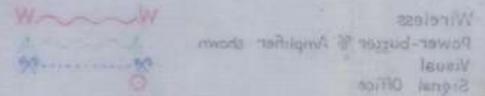
2nd Aust Div

Wireless Power-puzzler & Amplifier & Visual Only

Map Reference - Sheet 28 SW & 36 NW

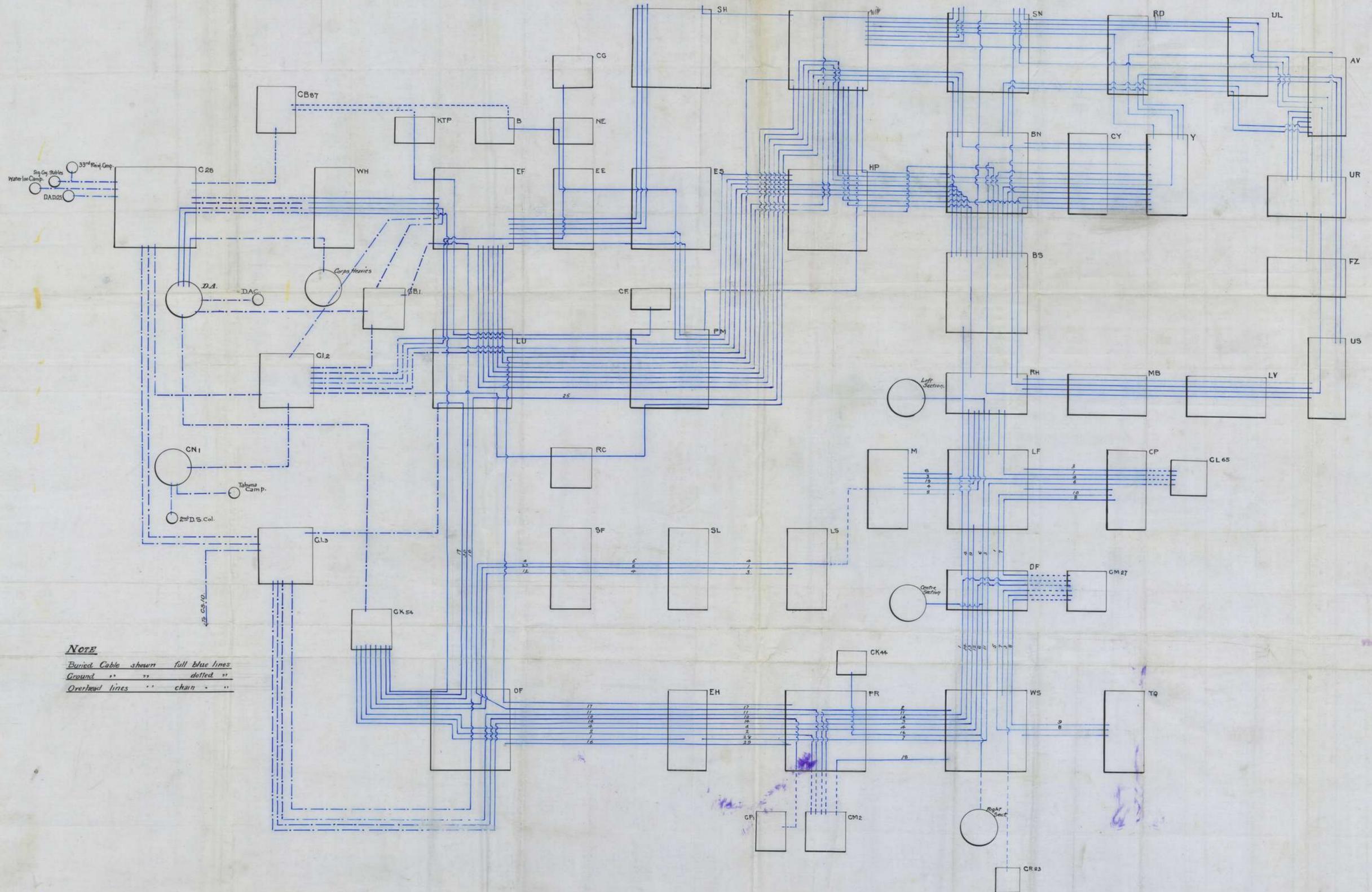
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15th January 1918



CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF COMMUNICATIONS SECOND AUS. DIV.

28th January 1918



NOTE

- Buried Cable shown full blue lines
- Ground " " dotted " "
- Overhead lines " " chain " "

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APPENDIX 5

Jan. 3rd. Lieut. JACKSON H.L. - joined 4th. ARMY SIGNAL SCHOOL.

" 5th. 2/Lieut. MESSITER A. joined Unit from O.T.C. ENGLAND.

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P R O M O T I O N S

2/Lieut, PRICE J.C. to be Lieut. dated 25-11-17 A.I.F. List. 277 of
28/12/17.

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H O N O R S & A W A R D S .

Capt. LUSH W.G. Awarded MILITARY CROSS A.I.F. List. 279 of 1/1/18

Major WATSON MCH.S.H. Mentioned in Sir.D. HAIG'S
DESPATCHES.

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W. G. Lush