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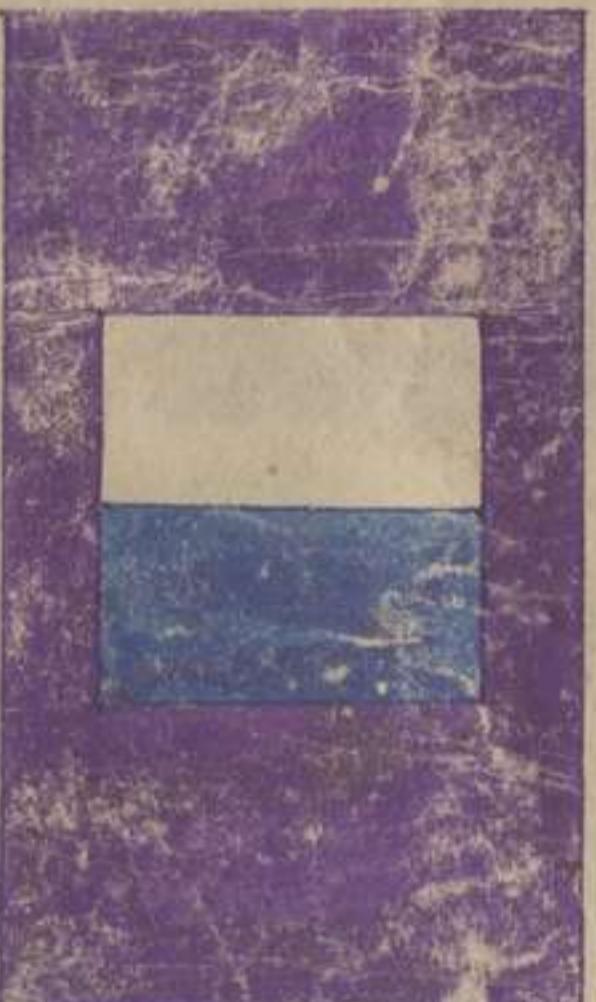
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WAR DIARY

OF

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIV. SIGNAL COY

FOR

Month of MARCH 1918

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Sheet 1.
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium Sheet 28	1918 March 1st.		<p>The Division still remained in the line holding the same sector as shown in Diary for February. This sector extended northwards from River Douvre to YPRES - COMINES Canal, and is held by two Brigades in line and one in reserve. The locations of the different sections on 1st March were as under:-</p> <p>Headquarters, No.1 Section and Detachment with Divisional Artillery at Ulster Camp IRANOUTRE.</p> <p>No.2 Section with 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade in reserve at Ramilles Camp near MONT KEMMEL N.27.c.3.1.</p> <p>No.3 Section with 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade on the left sector of Divisional front at Regents Dugouts forward of KEMMEL at N.29.c.4.4.</p> <p>No.4 Section with 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade were on right sector of Divisional front at Norden Midland Farm F.6.c.7.7.</p> <p>No.1 Sub-section with 13th A.F.A. Brigade had established an office forward of WULVERGHEM at F.6.c.15.75.</p> <p>No.2 Sub-section with 14th A.F.A. Brigade were at Regents Dugouts N.29.c.4.4.</p> <p>In these positions the various sections remained until the 15th inst. when No.2 Section with their Brigade, changed places with No.4 Section. This left No.2 Section in charge of communications on right sector of Divisional front and No.4 Section in reserve.</p>	
	March 24th		<p>As preliminary move to the complete withdrawal of the Division from this front, No.3 Sect. with Brigade Headquarters moved back to Ramilles Camp establishing an office there. They handed over their office at Regents Dugouts to 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.</p>	
	March 25th		<p>No.4 Section with 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade moved out from Ramilles Camp, and marching to METTEREN established an office there being connected to Division through exchange at Aust. Corps.</p> <p>No.2 Section with 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade left Nth. Midland Farm and moved out to support position establishing an office at WULVERGHEM near Daylight Corner. The office vacated by No.2 Section was taken over by 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade.</p>	
	March 26th		<p>All sections having handed over their respective Signal Offices in the line to Sections of Flank Divisions, direct communications to these offices were cut off at 10 a.m. and diverted to their respective Divisions.</p> <p>No.2 Section with 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade moved out from WULVERGHEM and marched to GODWASVELDE establishing an office working telephone direct to 2nd Army at 11 a.m.</p>	

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Belgium Sheets 27 & 28			<p>No.5 Section with 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade closed office at Ramilles Camp and marched to RENINGHELSF establishing office and connecting same to RENINGHELSF at 3 p.m. Party from Coy. Headquarters of 2 Officers and 80 other ranks left by motor lorry for Reinforcement camp as first stage to entraining station at CAESTRE.</p> <p>Headquarters closed their office at Ulster Camp at 9 a.m. leaving only 'B' Echelon of Division and Corps line switched direct through to exchange at D.A. One office shift and stores left by motor lorry at 10 a.m. proceeding by road to old Corps School Camp at VAUCHELLES-les-AUTHIE setting office there at 5 p.m. Communication was established to 10th Corps at PREVENT by telephone and telegraph. No.1 Section with cable wagons and remaining transport and the headquarters personnel moved out from Ulster Camp at 3.30 p.m. en route for CAESTRE. Personnel from Reinforcement camp marched on to CAESTRE at 6.30 where they entrained together with No.1 Section and transport. Train left CAESTRE at 10.25 p.m.</p> <p>No.2 Section with 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade closed office at GOIWERSVELT and entrained at station there at 10.30 a.m. Having proceeded to DOULLENS they detrained and marched on to BUS-les-ARTOIS where they established an office.</p> <p>No.3 Section entrained at POPERINGHE 11.45 a.m. and journeyed to MCNDICOURT where they detrained and marched to LOUVERNCOURT.</p> <p>No.4 Section marched from MITTEREN to CAESTRE where they entrained proceeding to DOULLENS, detrained and marched to LEALVILLERS establishing an office.</p> <p>Transport and Headquarters personnel detrained at DOULLENS and proceeded by march en route to VAUCHELLES-les-AUTHIE. Communication by telephone was established to the three Brigade Sections.</p> <p>No.2 Section closed office at BUS-les-ARTOIS at 8.30 a.m. and re-opened at Corps School VAUCHELLES at 11.45 a.m.</p> <p>No.4 Section closed LEALVILLERS 6.45 a.m. and re-opened at HEDAUVILLE at 9 a.m. line having been laid by cable wagon. At 9.30 p.m. office was again closed and No.4 Section with 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade proceeded to BONNAY where an office was established. Communication was direct to 3rd Aust. Division to which Command the 15th Brigade had been transferred.</p> <p>The locations of all Sections on this date were as under:- headquarters and No.1 Section at Corps School Camp VAUCHELLES where also was No.2 Section with 8th Aust. Infantry brigade. No.3 Section at LOUVERNCOURT. No.4 Section at BONNAY. Detachment with Divisional Artillery and No.2 Sub-section at AMPLIER. No.1 Sub-section with 15th Aust. Brigade still remained back in DRANCOURT area.</p>	
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Belgium Sheet 28			<p><u>COMMUNICATION.</u></p> <p>The general scheme as outlined in last month's Diary was followed throughout the month. Many changes were made in positions of Unit Headquarters which necessitated alterations to many existing circuits. Numerous raids also called for the strengthening of forward posts by laddered lines and installations of wireless apparatus. The various means utilised and numbers of explanatory Appendices are</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Telegaph and telephone by buried, poled and ground cable</td> <td>...</td> <td>Appendix 1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wireless</td> <td>...</td> <td>Appendix 2.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visual</td> <td>...</td> <td>Appendix 3.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pigeons, Runners and Motor Despatch Riders</td> <td>...</td> <td>Appendix 4.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.</u></p> <p>Communication was maintained to Brigades and lateral Divisions by telegraph and sounder over buried cable and aerial routes. There were also many other Units which were joined up as Subscribers on Divisional Exchange. In all there were 43 separate offices connected up. Back to Corps, open wire routes were being used, but to lateral Divisions and forward Brigades buried lines were for the most part used. Brigades and Battalions were connected by buried lines and from Battalions to Companies and Artillery Brigades to Batteries communication was partly by buried and partly by ground line. Forward of Brigade Headquarters fullerphones only were used.</p> <p><u>BURIED CABLE.</u></p> <p>The extensive buried system in the Divisional Area necessitated a large maintenance staff which was composed of Area Linemen and Linemen from Divisional Signal Company under orders of an Area Signal Officer whose duties included the allotting and connecting through of circuits and repairing of damaged routes. In addition to this a large amount of new work was carried out. The lateral route across the sector was extended from MP Test box at U.2.a.5.7 to IP at U.2.d.2.2 This was a route of 52 pair and was 1500 yards. Northwards the route was extended from NH to ESC at N.12.b.8.7 - a distance of 1750 yards. Three other spurs from main system were run out to Company Headquarters and C.P. positions. This consisted in all of 1400 yards of buried route. Work was commenced on route of 52 pair to strengthen the main forward bury from LB2 at I.6.b to HF at A.31.b, but only 900 yards of this was completed. A hop pole route from buried route to Reserve Brigade at Ramilles Camp was also constructed. This new work is shewn on attached diagram.</p>	Telegaph and telephone by buried, poled and ground cable	...	Appendix 1.	Wireless	...	Appendix 2.	Visual	...	Appendix 3.	Pigeons, Runners and Motor Despatch Riders	...	Appendix 4.	
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Belgium Sheet 28			<p><u>WIRELESS.</u> A continuous chain of Wireless stations still remain intact and worked as previously described. Stations were located as under:- Left Brigade Headquarters ... N.29.c.4.4 Left Centre Battalion, Right Brigade ... O.26.d.1.7 Right Brigade Headquarters ... T.6.c.7.7 These stations work to one another and to Corps directing station at Divisional Headquarters DRANCOURT. For the purpose of strengthening communication during local raids, a wireless set was installed at Company Headquarters at O.5.b.2.2 and O.35.a.5.2, and this worked back to a like set at its respective Battalion Headquarters. Very good work was done by these instruments, and two of the personnel working them were awarded the M.M.</p> <p><u>POWER BUZZER AND AMPLIFIER.</u> Power Buzzers with Amplifiers were located at Company Headquarters at O.28.b.4.0. This works back to a similar station at Battalion Headquarters at O.26.d.1.7.</p> <p><u>VISUAL.</u> The Central Divisional station located on MONT KERMEL at N.26.b.2.7 was connected back to Divisional Headquarters by direct telephone route. This station worked forward to Headquarters of Infantry and Artillery Brigades and also to station at SPANBROEKMOLLEN. Attached is a diagram showing complete scheme. Various days were allotted to sole use of visual communication, but generally speaking the mist prevented satisfactory results. One report on day scheme is attached.</p> <p><u>PIGEONS.</u> Pigeons were used throughout the month. To the number of 2 pairs per Battalion in line for Infantry Brigades and 2 pairs each for Artillery Brigades were taken to Brigade Headquarters by Motor Cyclist daily at 3.30 p.m. These were sent out to Battalion and Artillery O.P. by Pigeoneers. All birds when released carried a message. Practice messages being sent when no other available. On two occasions the weather was such that no birds were flown on account of the rain, and so had to be returned to loft by Motor cyclist.</p> <p><u>MOTOR CYCLISTS.</u> Motor cyclists were used for carrying despatches from Divisional Headquarters to three Infantry and three Artillery Brigade Headquarters. Forward of Brigades runners were used to convey these despatches to Battalions and other units. Area Units to the number of 18 were served by Motor cyclist twice daily, and 15 Units in village of DRANCOURT and 16 around NEUVE- EGLISE were catered for by orderlies at Divisional Headquarters and Relay post at NEUVE- EGLISE respectively.</p>	

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			<p><u>SCHOOLS.</u></p> <p>Divisional School at Reinforcement Wing CARSIRE completed its first course on 15th March, and commenced second course on Monday 18th March. At this School the candidates consisted of 8 Officers from Infantry and Artillery and 70 other ranks from same Units. This course only completed one week's work as School was broken up on account of movement southwards. All personnel, Instructors and Candidates returned to their respective Units on 24th inst. Pigeon Schools were also arranged at Reserve Brigade Headquarters where candidates from 8th and 15th Infantry Brigades and also from Artillery underwent a course of 3 days duration. In all 35 Officers and 170 other ranks were trained.</p> <p>Course of Instruction at Schools were also attended as under :-</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>4th Army Signal School</td> <td>...</td> <td>1 Officer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Central Wireless School</td> <td>...</td> <td>1 Officer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aust. Corps Infantry School</td> <td>...</td> <td>1 O.R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aust. Corps Signal School</td> <td>...</td> <td>2 N.C.O's</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>On the move of the Division to the 3rd Army, personnel from these Schools rejoined the Unit. A 6 days course at Central Wireless School for O.C's Divisional Signal Companies was attended by the O.C.</p> <p>2 N.C.O's attended a 7 days course at Australian Corps Gas School.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u></p> <p>Capt. R.J.Smith, A.C. was taken on strength on transfer from 4th Aust. Divisional Signal Co. on 7/3/18. Lieut. J.E.S.Stevens and Lieut. H.J.F.Hiscock were transferred to Aust. Corps Signal Company on 2/3/18 and 6/3/18 respectively.</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Establishment this day</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>15 Officers</td> <td>348 Other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strength</td> <td>" "</td> <td>...</td> <td>14 Officers</td> <td>333 Other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>On leave in England during month</td> <td></td> <td>...</td> <td>--</td> <td>22 Other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>On leave in Paris during month</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>--</td> <td>6 Other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To hospital sick during month</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>--</td> <td>17 Other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rejoined from Hospital</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>--</td> <td>6 Other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reinforcements received during month</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>--</td> <td>12 Other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Battle Casualties</td> <td>...</td> <td>...</td> <td>Nil.</td> <td>Nil.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Two O.R. proceeded to England for transport duty and leave to Australia. One N.C.O. was despatched to England to attend a Signal Officer's Cadet Course. Six N.C.O's and 12 men were</p>	4th Army Signal School	...	1 Officer	Central Wireless School	...	1 Officer	Aust. Corps Infantry School	...	1 O.R.	Aust. Corps Signal School	...	2 N.C.O's	Establishment this day	15 Officers	348 Other ranks.	Strength	" "	...	14 Officers	333 Other ranks.	On leave in England during month		...	--	22 Other ranks.	On leave in Paris during month	--	6 Other ranks.	To hospital sick during month	--	17 Other ranks.	Rejoined from Hospital	--	6 Other ranks.	Reinforcements received during month	--	12 Other ranks.	Battle Casualties	Nil.	Nil.	
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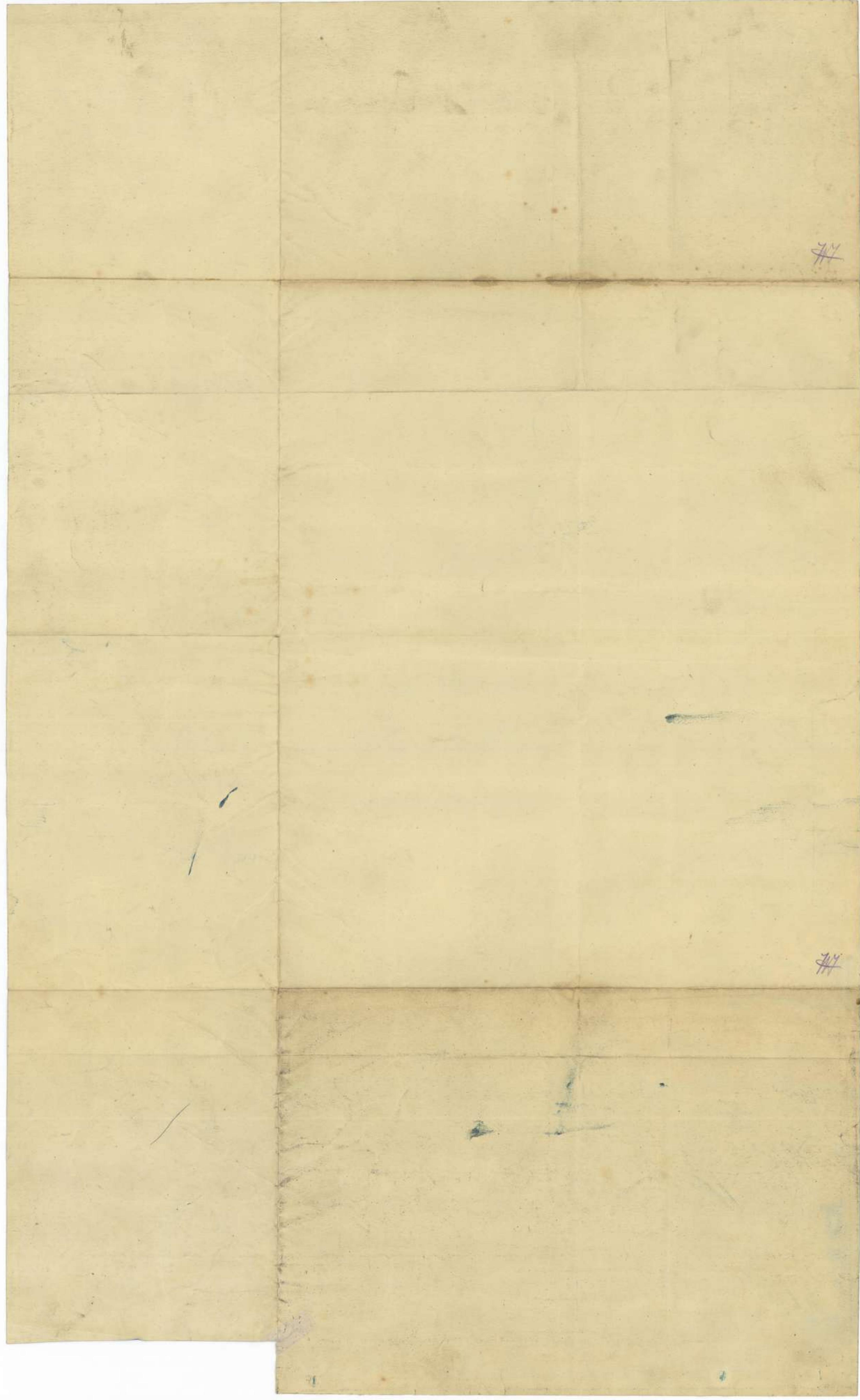
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D.H.Q. and BRIGADE H.Q.

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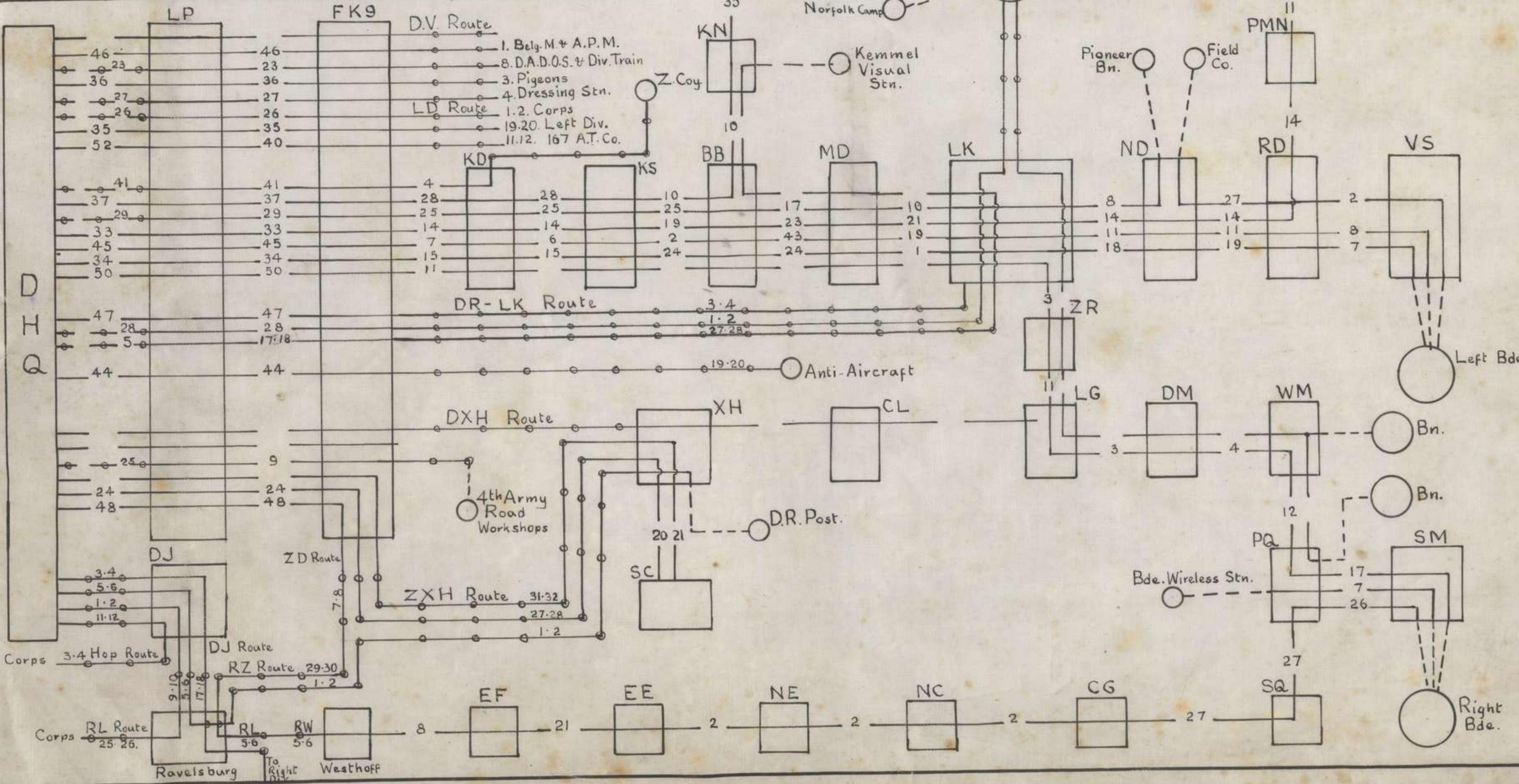
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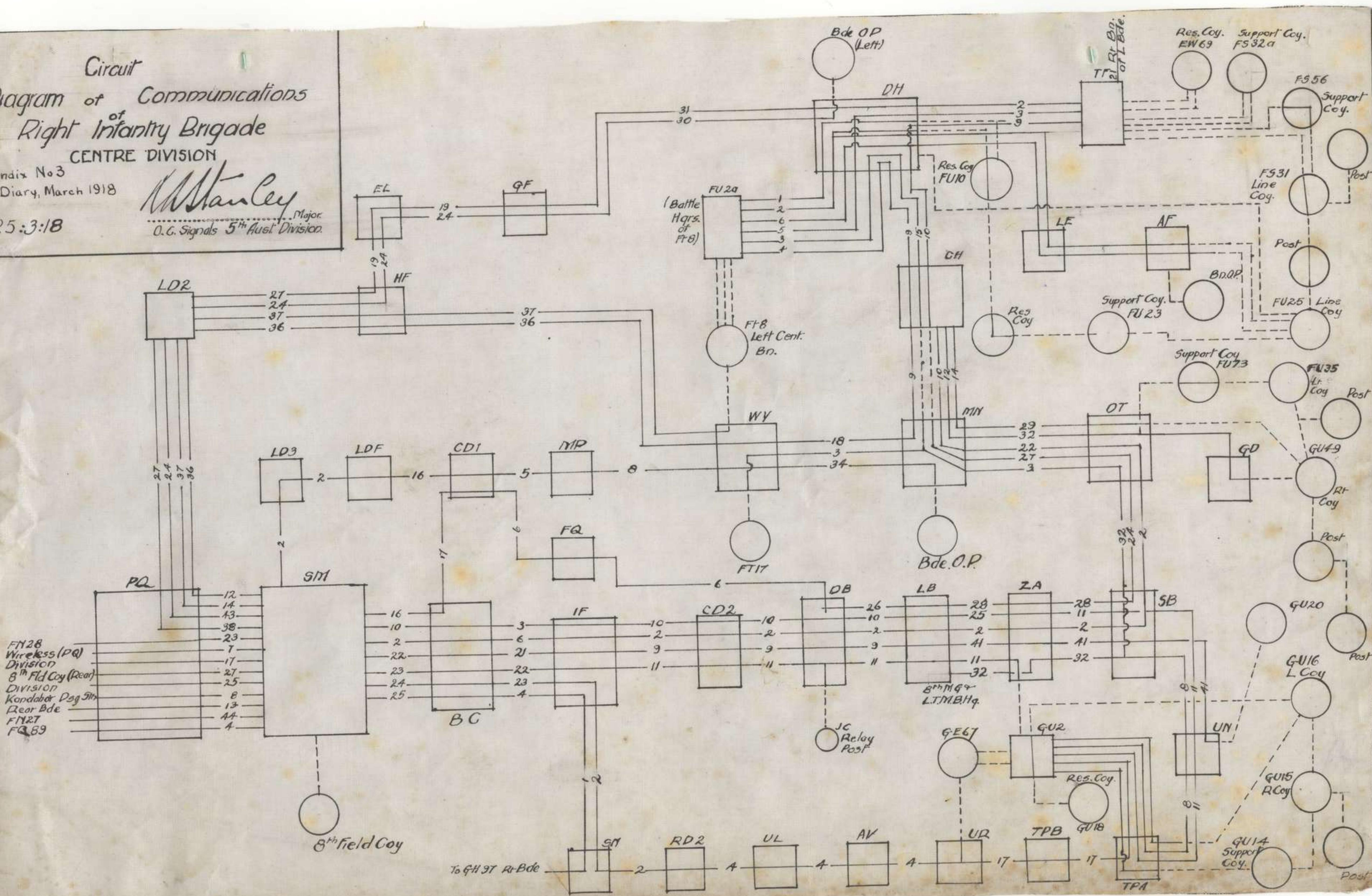


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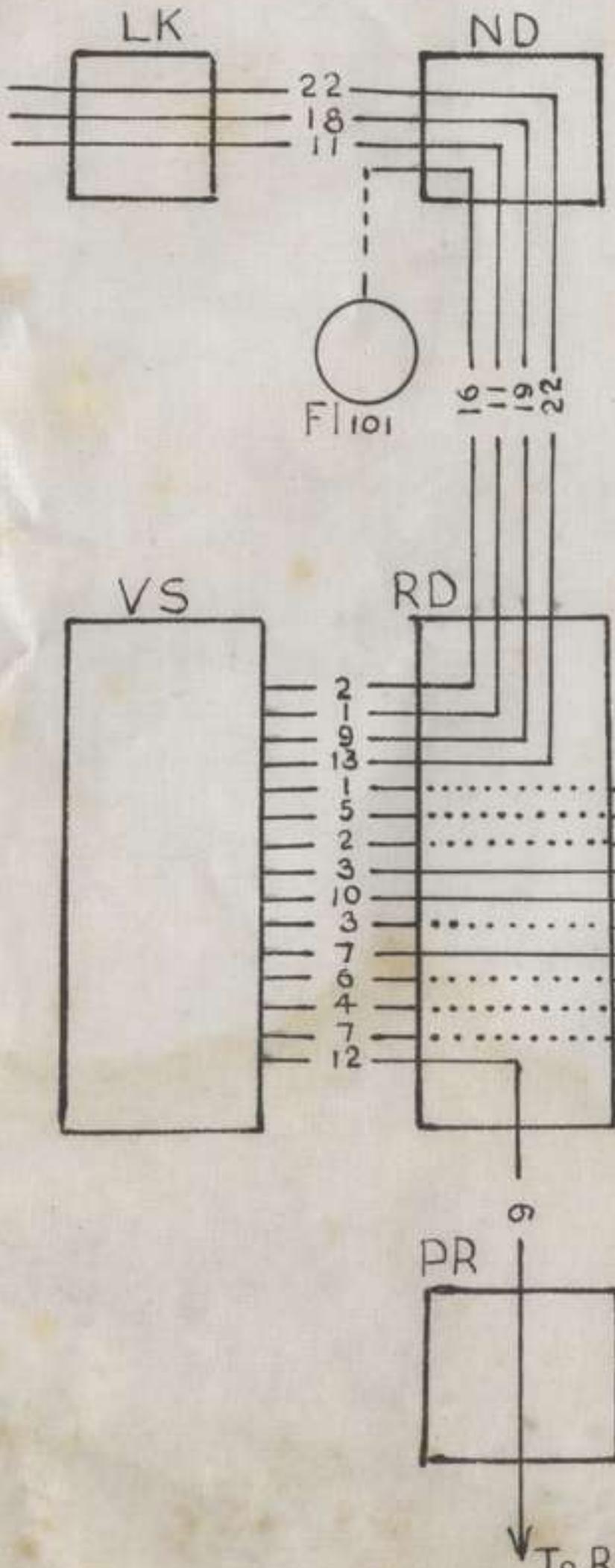
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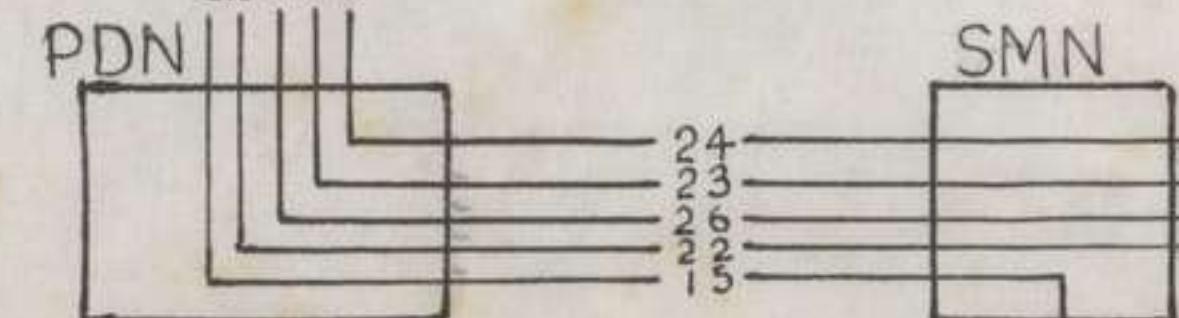
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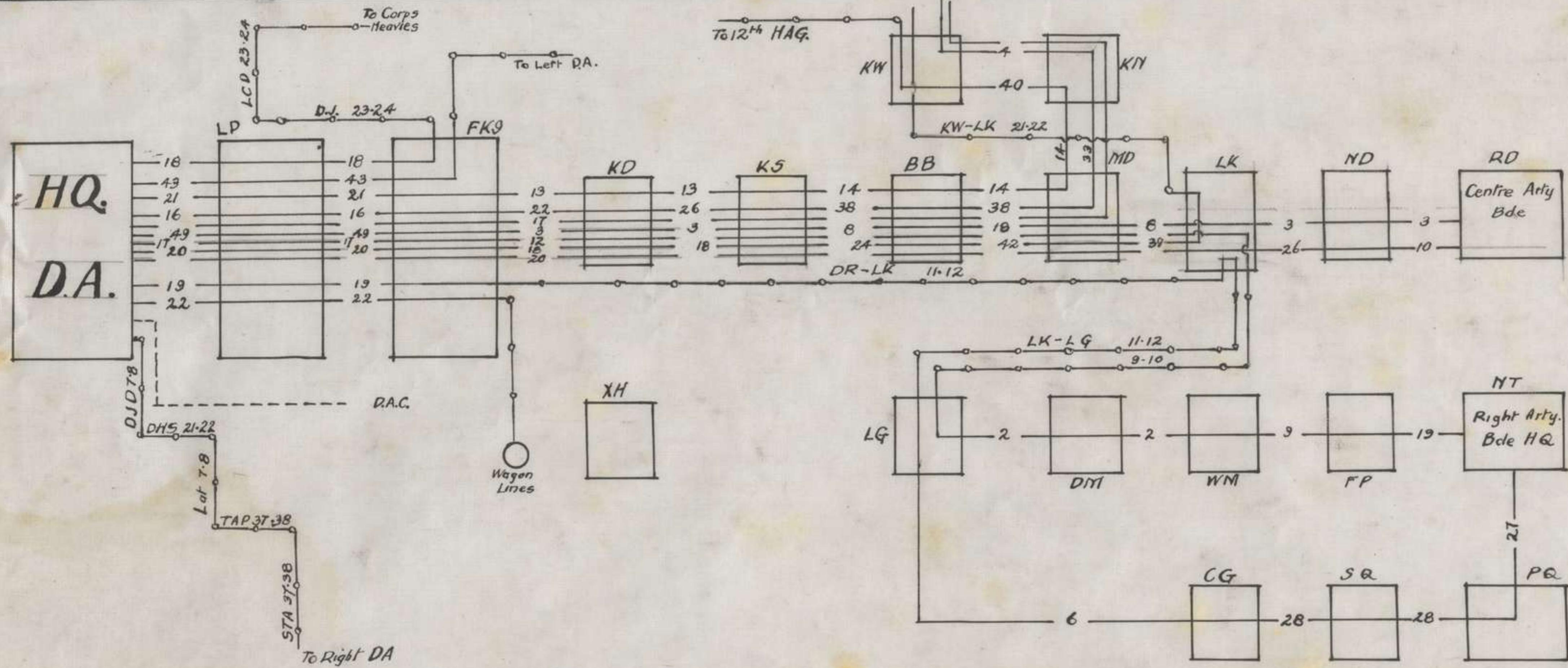
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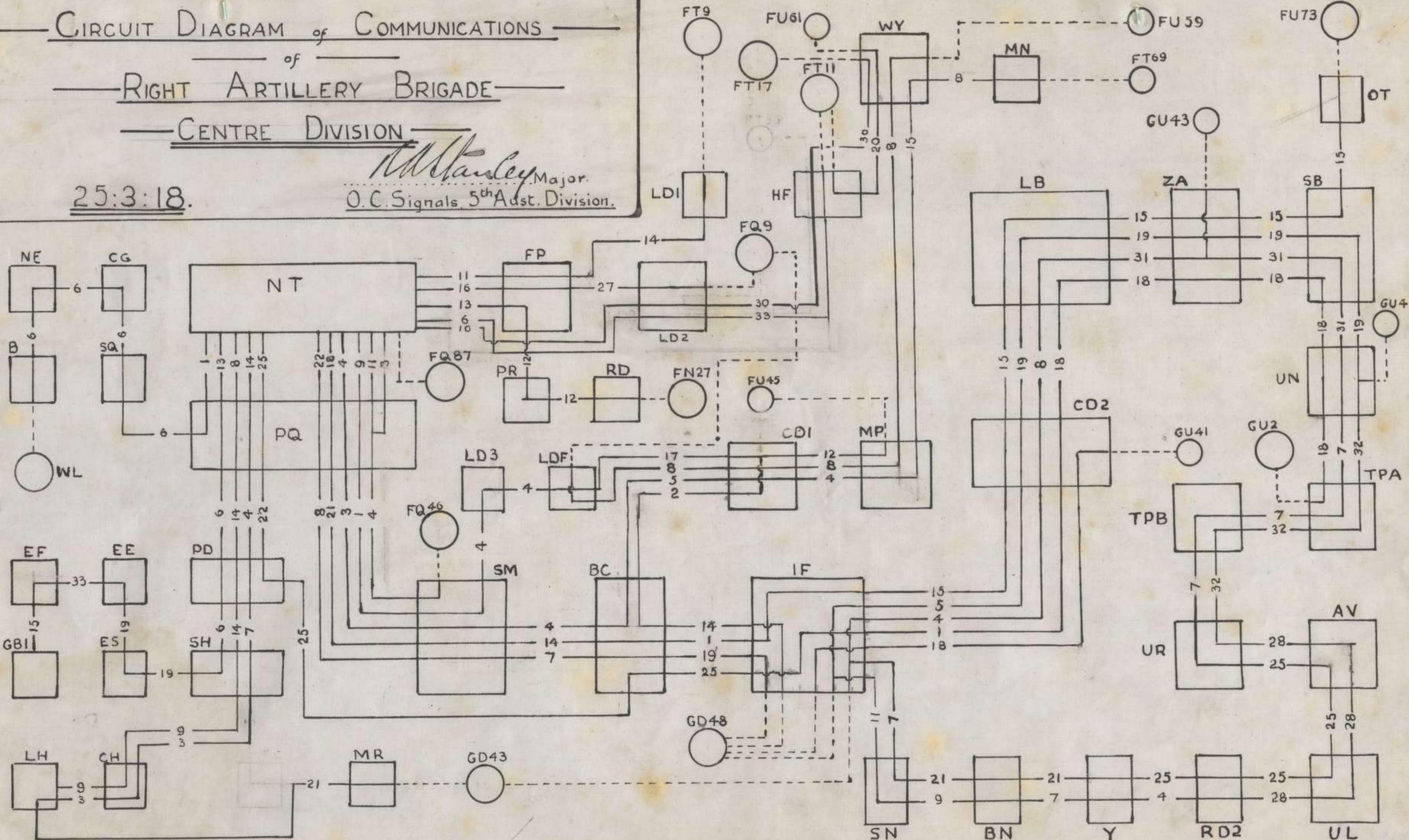
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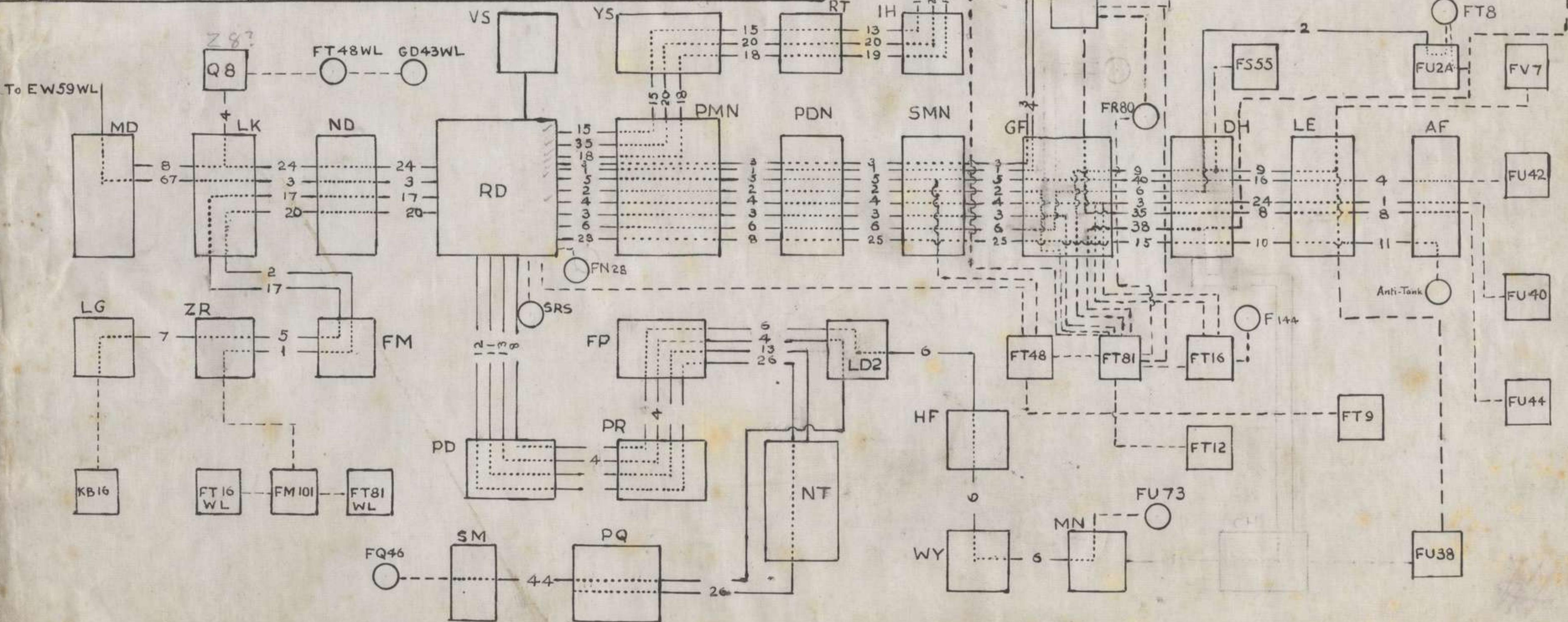
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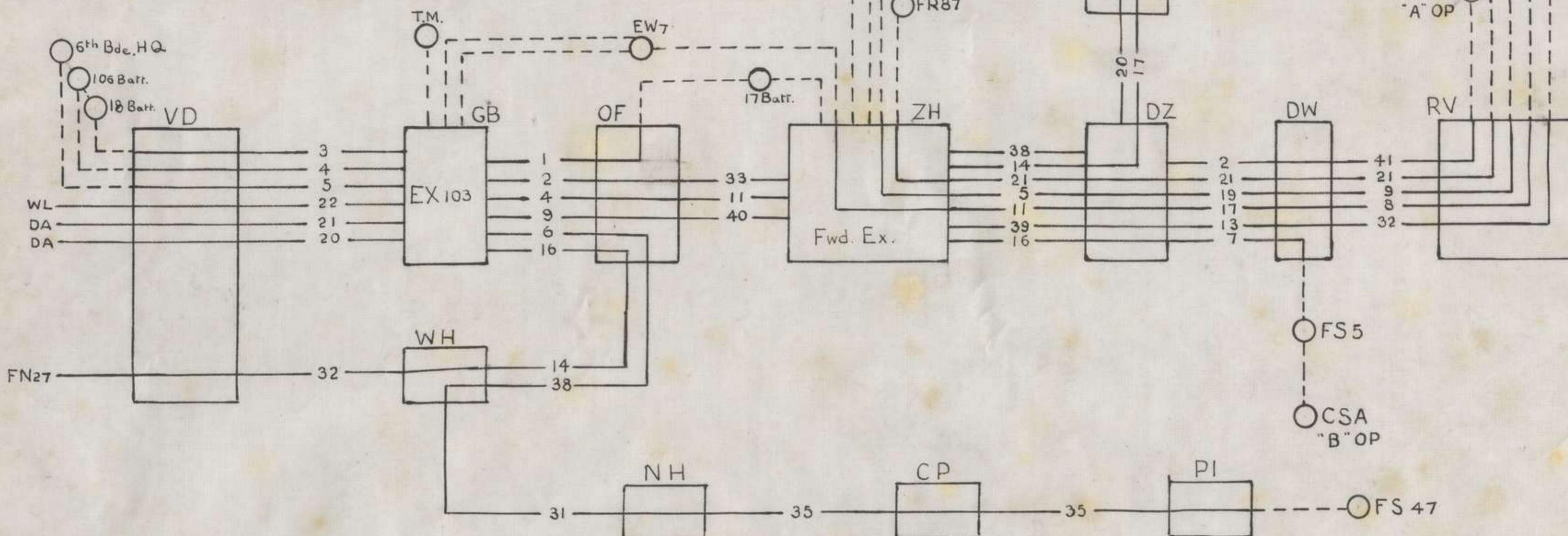


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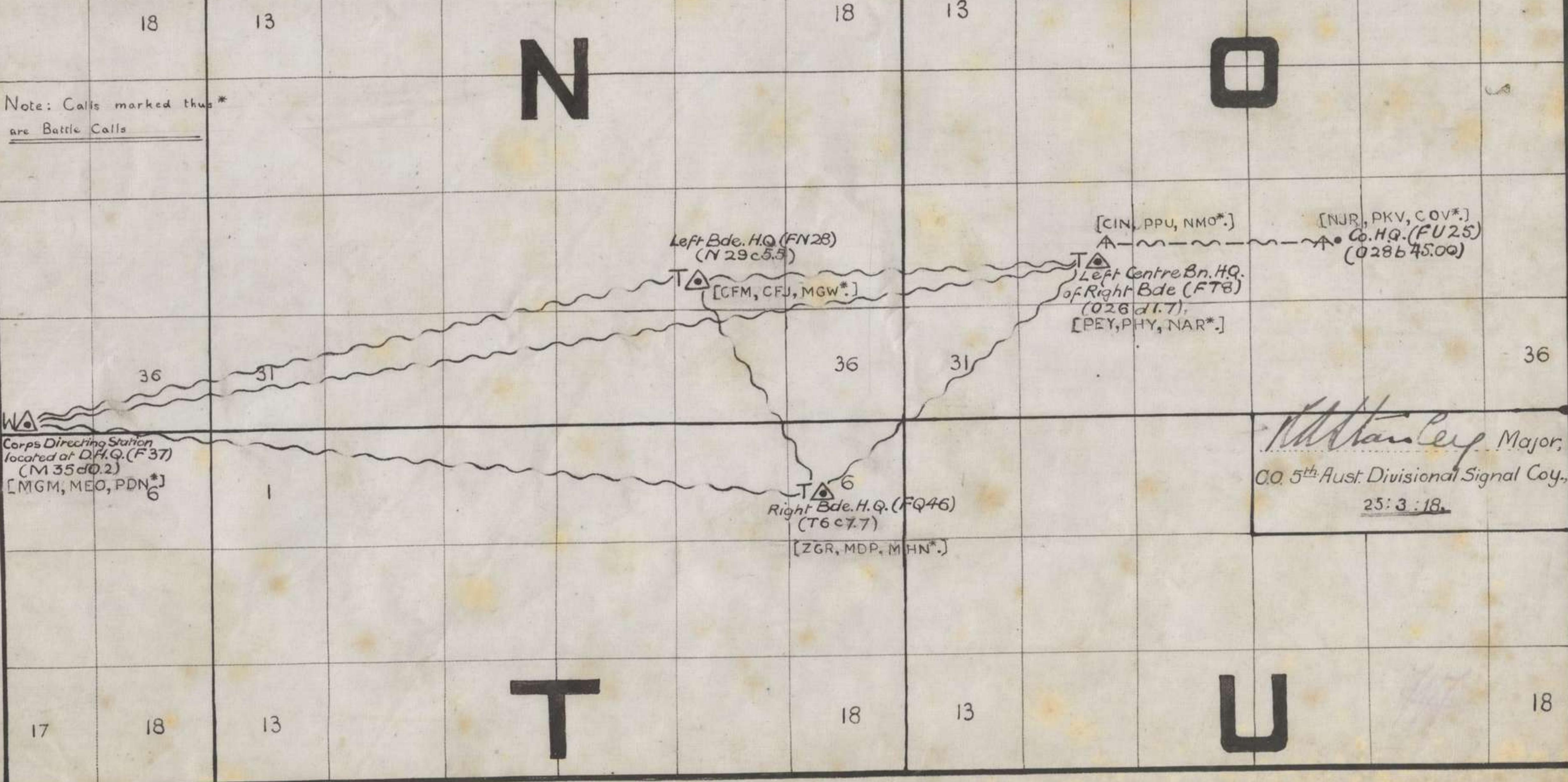
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 Δ (spark)
Power Buzzer & Amplifier A $\sim \sim \sim$
T = Trench Set W = Wilson Set.

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—DIAGRAM of COMMUNICATIONS—

Map.- Part Sheet 28

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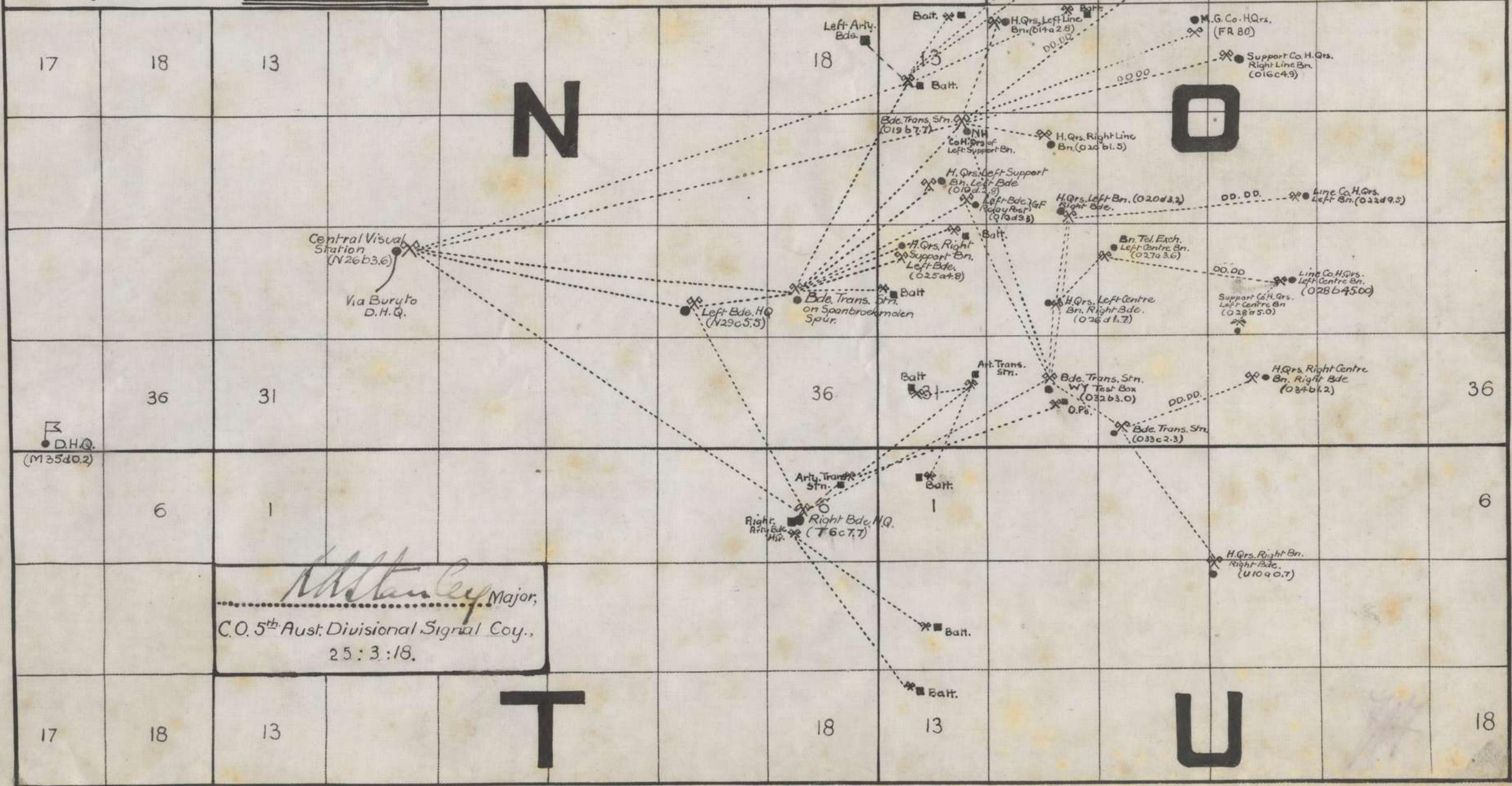
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Centre Division

Visual Stations.-

5th Aust. Div. Signal Company



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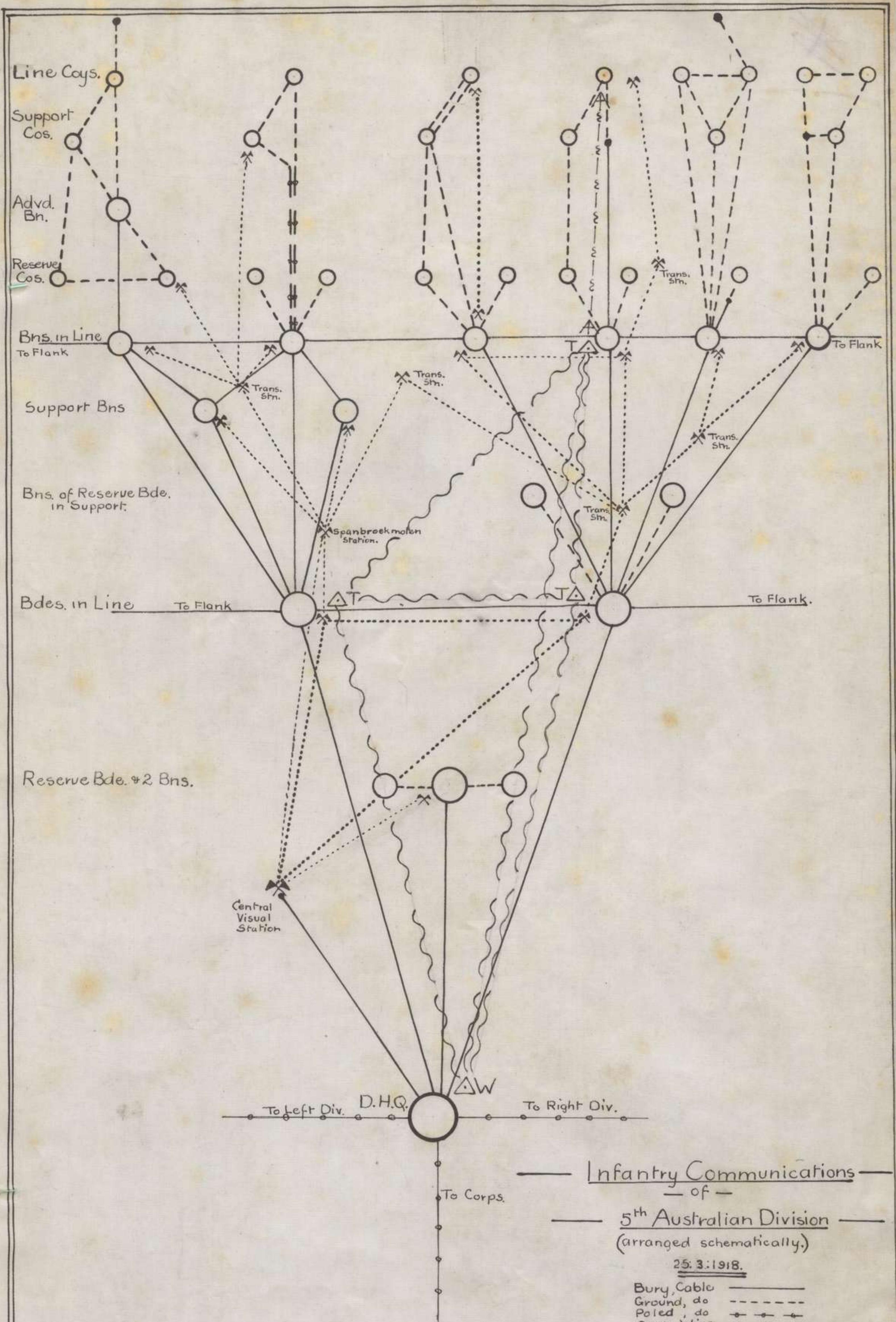
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O.C. Signals, 5th Australian Division.

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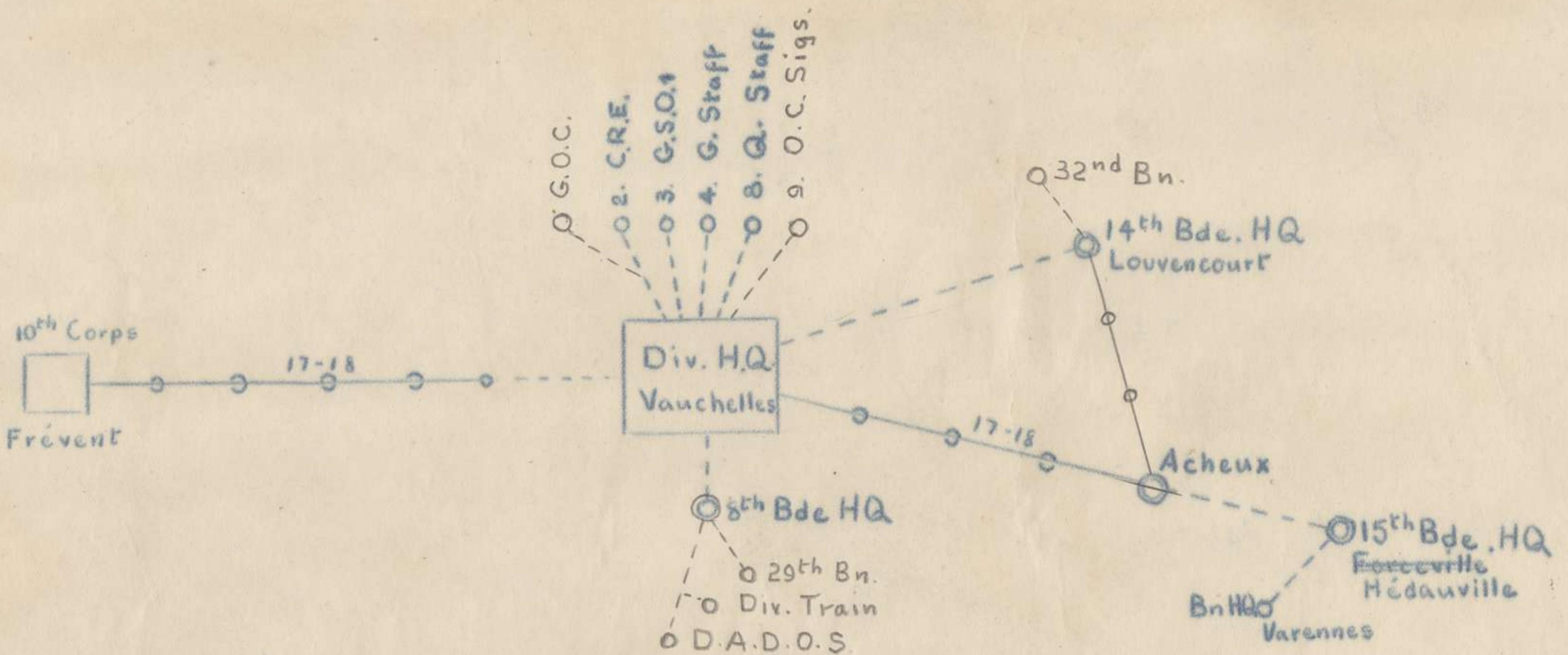
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Schematic Diagram of Communications

5th Aust. Division.

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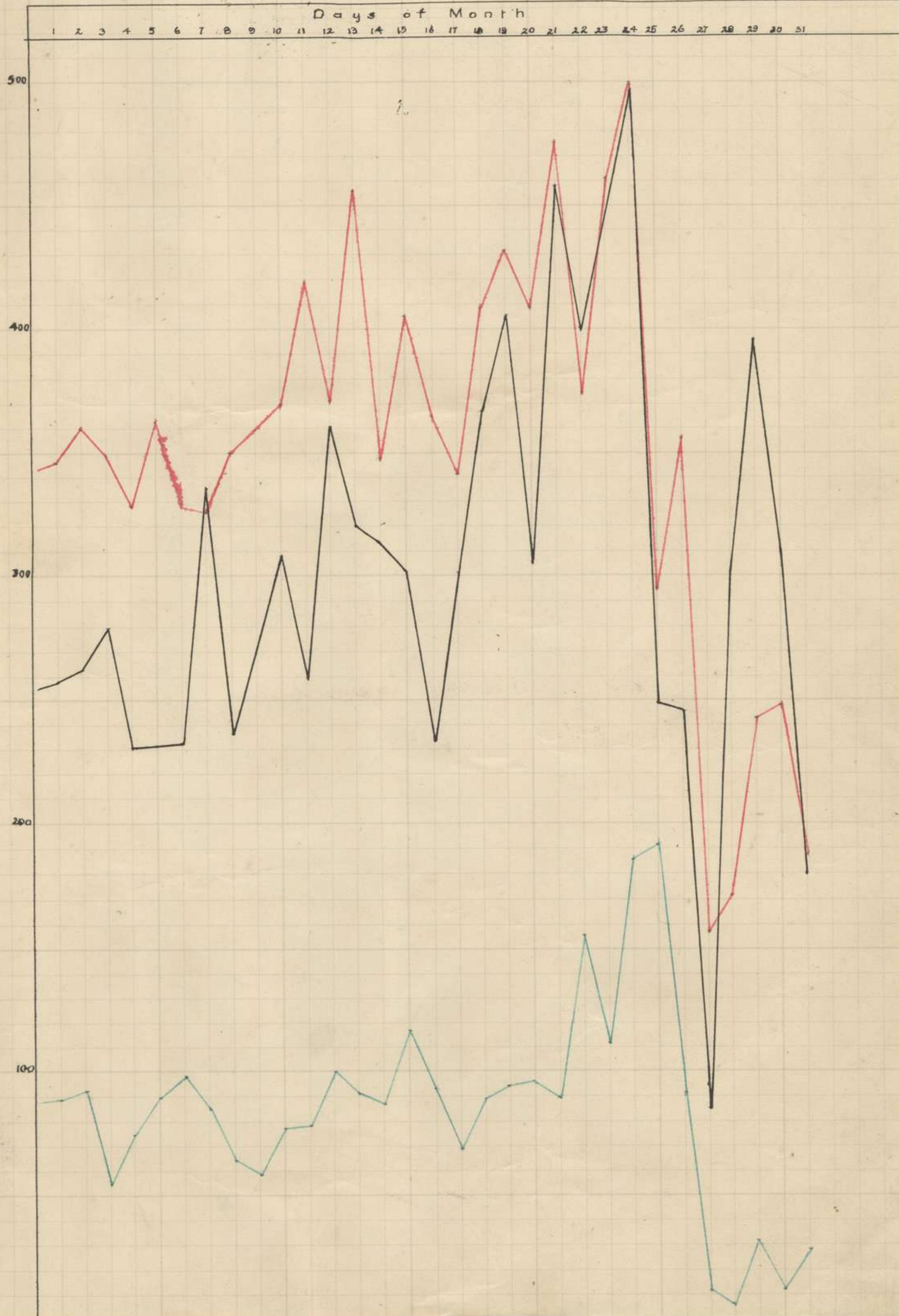
TRAFFIC CHART OF TELEGRAMS (A,B,+C)

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Reference:- A. ——— B. ——— C. ———

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TRAFFIC CHART OF D.R.L.S. & TELEGRAMS

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Reference :—D.R.L.S. —————, Messages ; ———.

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The following acts of gallantry and devotion to duty are placed on record :-

No. 3378 Sapper Sydney Young PACE and No. 4378 Sapper William George LICKISS, 5th. Australian Divisional Signal Company.

" During minor offensive operations at MESSINES on the
" night of 11th/12th. and early morning of 14th. March, 1918,
" these men did excellent work in connection with installing
" a Wireless Loop Set. The positions in which the forward sets
" had to be installed could only be approached at night. Their
" position in one sector was at one time so heavily shelled with
" 'pineapples' that they were compelled to take down the wireless
" set and retire with it until the firing had ceased, when they
" returned, and in a minimum of time had re-established communica-
" tion. For the purpose of each of the raids they succeeded in
" successfully installing the set and supplying excellent commun-
" ication between the O.C. of the raid and his Battalion. It was
" entirely due to their courageous devotion to duty under dangerous
" and trying circumstances that a valuable alternative means of
" communication was successfully established in these raids.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Major R. A. STANLEY, O.C. 5th Aust. Divl. Signal Co.

20th March 1918.

54. DOCUMENTS DROPPED BY THE ENEMY.

All papers or documents taken from or dropped by an enemy aeroplane or balloon in the Divisional Area are to be forthwith handed over or taken to the O.C. of the nearest Unit who will arrange to despatch them to Divisional Headquarters. Under no circumstances are any such documents or papers to be in the possession of or retained by any Officer or man.

55. CAPTURED WAR MATERIAL. (A.I.F. Order 1145.)

After June 1918, captured war material arriving in Australia will be dealt with in accordance with General Routine Orders Nos. 1879, 1901 and 2207, namely, that it will be claimed as Government property and deposited in the Australian War Museum, individuals being only permitted to retain enemy helmets, caps, badges, numerals and buttons.

56. VACCINATION - TROOPS PROCEEDING ON LEAVE TO UNITED KINGDOM.

Until further notice troops will not be allowed to proceed on leave to London unless they bear satisfactory marks of vaccination. Examination should be made before they are allowed to leave their formations. This order will also apply to troops passing through London. The Medical Officer's certificate on the reverse of the Leave Warrant will be amended to include the above.

57. PAY BOOKS.

All alterations in Pay Books must be initialled either by the Pay Sergeant of the Unit concerned or by some other representative of the A.A.P.C. In the case of debit entries, the Paying Officer must initial the entry. Steps must be taken at once to ensure that the initials of a responsible representative are placed against alterations at present in pay books, and C.O.'s will communicate to all ranks that it is forbidden for them to be in possession of pay books not so initialled. Fraud must not be made. If any alteration is necessary the words or figures wrongly included will be struck out and the correction added and initialled. All ranks must be warned that pay books found in their possession in future, if not meeting the above instructions, will result in disciplinary action being taken.

58. SMALL BOX RESPIRATORS.

Small Box Respirators are to be carried at all times by all ranks in and east of BAILEY.

59. DRESS OF MEN ON LEAVE.

It is reported by the A.P.M., Nice, that N.C.O.'s and men of the Australian Force continue to arrive on leave in the Riviera without belts or bandoliers. C.O.'s are held responsible that men proceeding on leave, to any locality, are properly dressed, and that they are warned before departure from the unit of the necessity for complying with orders on this subject.

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69. REMOVAL OF PINEBIR.

The attention of all ranks is called to the number of trees and the amount of undergrowth being cut down or removed in the Divisional Areas. No timber or hedges are to be cut and no undergrowth removed on any pretext whatever in the Divisional Areas. The supply of timber for fuel from sheltered woods is arranged by Divisional Headquarters.

This order will be read to all ranks on parade. Any person infringing this order will be severely dealt with.

61. LIGHTS IN HUTS, ETC.

The importance of screening all lights in batments etc., and of keeping doors and windows covered does not appear to be recognised by most Units.

62. CADET TRAINING UNITS. (Exe.A.I.F. List 307.)

The undermentioned non-commissioned officers joined R.F. Signal Service Training Centre, Bedford, and are appointed Cadets:-
15th March 1918.

65. PROMOTIONS.

1898 Cpl. J. CAIN to be SERGEANT dated 11/3/18 to complete establishment and to remain on Supplementary List.
 2601 2/Cpl. (F/Cpl.) G. E. WILLIAMS to be CORPORAL, dated 11/3/18 vice Cain promoted.
 2504 L/Cpl. (F. 2/Cpl.) J. CLARK to be 2nd CORPORAL dated 11/3/18 vice Williams promoted.
 2601 Cpl. G. E. WILLIAMS to be F/SERGEANT, dated 11/3/18 vice Cain boxes Supplementary.
 2504 2/Cpl. J. CLARK to be F/CORPORAL dated 11/3/18 vice Williams promoted.
 16387 L/Cpl. A. C. HIRKS to be F/2nd CORPORAL dated 11/3/18 vice Clark promoted.

64. APPOINTMENT.

477 Spec. R.H. BYRNE, M.M. to be Lance Corporal dated 11/3/19
vice Lirka promoted.

65. LOUNIS.

The town of BAILLEUL is out of bounds to all Officers and other ranks except on duty.

J.W. Harrel MAJOR
C.O. 5TH BUST. DIVISION SIGNAL CO.

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Capt. C. H. BATH, A/O.C. 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

9th March 1918.

45. LEAVE.

Lorries conveying personnel proceeding on leave depart as follows:-

KEMMEL CHURCH 2 p.m.
DAYLIGHT CORNER 2.15 p.m.
TRANCUTIE CHURCH 2.15 p.m.

These lorries will pick up returning leave personnel at BAILLEUL STATION at approximately 3 p.m. and return via NEUVE EGLISE to DAYLIGHT CORNER, KEMMEL and TRANCUTIE dropping personnel en route.

All personnel proceeding on leave are to be informed that leave lorries will meet them at 3 p.m. on day of their return.

46. LEAVE.

Hazardous instances have recently arisen of men proceeding on leave taking their blankets with them. It is pointed out that blankets are essential equipment and should not leave the Unit. Blankets are issued to men when on leave travelling in trains at night time and also when they sleep at the Rest Camps at CALAIS or BOULOGNE.

47. PARIS LEAVE.

(a) Applications for leave up to eight days will set out number, rank, name and Unit.

(b) Applications for leave for 14 days (in lieu of English leave) will only be made on behalf of men due for leave on the Unit's leave roster; and that the man is so due, and the day he last returned from leave or landed in France, (whichever is the latest) will be given in the application.

(c) Leave to PARIS commences on departure from Railhead and terminates at the hour of departure from PARIS, which in the case of this Divn. will be by the 1.15 p.m. train.

Leave is being very sparingly granted at the present time and all applications received cannot therefore be granted, each application being considered on its merits.

48. RIFLE COVERS.

Rifle slings are not to be passed through the cover in such a way that men would not be able to remove the cover from the rifle in case it should be wanted quickly.

49. ROSSIGNOL WOOD.

No timber or undergrowth is to be cut in, or removed from Rossignol Wood.

50. GUNNS.

The A.E.C. and R.F.C. Aerodromes at BAILLEUL are out of bounds to all troops except R.F.C. and A.E.C. on duty.

Authorised visits to A.E.C. Aerodromes may be arranged by application by O.C. Unit to O.C. No.3 Squadron A.E.C.

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51. PROMOTIONS.

2/Lieut. H.F.J. BISCOCK } to be Lieutenants 16/2/18
2/Lieut. B.E. MUDFORD, M.M.) (A.I.F. List 303.)
1858 Sgt. (T/C.O.M.S.) W.J. JENNINGS to be C.C.M.S. dated 22/1/18
vice Sjoberg.
2620 Cpl. (I/Sgt.) J.L. PALDOCK to be Sergeant dated 22/1/18 vice
Jennings.
2601 Spr. G.W. WILLIAMS to be 2/Corporal dated 2/3/18 vice Whalen.
2601 2/Cpl. G.W. WILLIAMS to be T/Corporal dated 4/3/18 vice Cain.
3304 L/Cpl. J. CLARKE to be T/2/Corporal dated 4/3/18 vice Williams.

52. APPOINTMENTS.

16287 Spr. A.C. BIRKS to be Lance Corporal dated 4/3/18 vice Clarke.
1857 Spr. H. HOLDSWORTH to be Lance Corporal dated 6/3/18 vice Brown.

53. CADET TRAINING UNITS (SIGNAL SERVICE) (Ext. A.I.F. List 304)

The undermentioned non-commissioned officers, having
qualified for commissions in the Engineers Signal Service, are
appointed 2nd Lieutenants in the A.I.F. and posted to Engineer
reinforcements:-
2nd March 1918.

659 Cpl. Charles Leuben BURFITT, D.C.M. late 2nd Div'l. Signal Co.
74 Gun. Bertie William JULY, R.A. late 36th Aust. H.A.Bde.
10827 Sgt. Herbert Roy EVANS, late 3rd Div'l. Signal Co.
65 C.C.M.S. Frederick Cecil JAMES, D.C.M. late 4th Div'l. Signal Co.
2614 Sgt. Roy Thompson MILLAR, late 5th Div'l. Signal Co.

W.H. Read Sgnr
G.O. 5TH AUST. DIV'L SIGNAL CO.

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A.Y.E.

TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

1. Divisional O.P.
2. G.O.C.
3. Australian Corps.
4. 36th A.S.C.
5. 14th Brigade.
6. 14th Brigade.
7. Australian Corps.
8. C.R.E.
9. Australian Corps.
10. 8th Brigade.
11. A.P.M. (2 rings)
Belgian Mission (3 rings)
12. O.C.Signals (2 rings)
Signal Mess (3 rings)
13. 8th Brigade.
14. D.R.Post.
15. "G" Staff.
16. "Q" Staff.
17. A.D.M.S. (2 rings)
14th Field Ambulance (3 rings)
18. Kemmel
19. Signal Orderly Room.
20. 2nd Aust. Division.
21. 5th Aust. D.A.
22. Message Telephone.
23. Junction.
24. D.A.D.O.S. (2 rings)
Divisional Train (3 rings)
25. G.S.C. I
26. Advanced Section 3rd M.P.
27. 5th Aust. D.A.
28. 15th Brigade.
29. De Kennebak R.E.Dump.
30. Junction.

On 10 line Board.

1. Area Officer.
2. 5th Pioneers.
3. "Z" Special Company (2 rings)
"2" Special Company (3 rings)
4. "H" A.A.Battery.
5. 1st Aust. Division.
6. Junction.
7. Dranoutre Fest.
8. 4th Army Workshops (2 rings)
167 A.T.Company (3 rings)
9. Pigeon Loft.
10. Junction.

Major.
O.C.Signals, 5th Australian Division.

MM

O. C.,
5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

Report on work done in Area for week ending 9th March.

VD - GB Buried house of 42 pairs was completed on 4th March, strips fitted and lines tested, 40 pairs being clear.

GB - BH Route of 52 pairs commenced on 5th March, burying completed on the 7th. Total distance 1000 yards. Cable used - 6 drums 7 pair lead, 4 coils quad armoured, 2 coils twin armoured per section.

For a distance of 200 yards through GRAND BOIS difficulties in digging were experienced and cable averages 4 to 5 feet deep over this section. Jointing was completed on the 8th inst. and work of testing and fitting of strips is in progress. It is anticipated that the route will be totally completed by the 12th inst.

GB - ESO Route of 52 pairs commenced on the 8th inst., this Unit working toward O.7.c.1.9 at which point a party from the 1st Division will link up. 750 yards completed, and anticipate complete burying by the 11th inst. For 100 yards from GB box route crosses two other routes and being through difficult country several places aggregating 50 yards, the depth varies from 2'6" to 5 feet. These places are well banked.

Cable used in route - 11 coils quad armoured, 2 coils twin armoured 2 coils 7 pair armoured, 2 coils 7 pair brass sheathed per section.

TI - BU Route 12 pair spur from TI to BU was completed on the 8th inst. Lines tested and temporarily in use pending fitting of terminal strips.

Lieut.
No. 1 Section.

5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.
10/3/18.

W.H.
O.C. Signals,
5th Australian Division.

Report on work for week ending 16th March 1918.

GB - WH Buried Route. Fitting of strips and testing completed. One complete cable of 7 pairs lead covered, shews heavy earth; this fault is being located and defective cable will be replaced.

GB - ESC Buried Route. Work of burying to meet route of 1st Aust. Division at Q.7.C.1.9 was completed on the 11th inst. The portion of route completed this week averaged 6 feet in depth and was well banked. Jointing and fitting of strips was completed on the 14th inst. Route awaits testing.

MP - DR Buried Route. Section commenced on 12th inst. and work continued on 13th. Small parties being available only 400 yards were completed. No parties available 14th - 17th. Work will be resumed on 18th March and I anticipate completion of burying on the 21st inst. Very difficult country for full 400 yards from MP. Cable covered to depth varying from 5 to 6 feet throughout.

Cable used - 11 coils quad armoured, 4 coils 7 pair armoured, and 2 coils twin armoured per Section.

LK - RM Hop Pole Route. This route was completed on the 14th inst. and will be taken into use between LK test point and RAMILLES CAMP on 17th inst.

B.W. Dixie
Lieut.
No. 1 Section.

5th Aust. Divl. Signal Co.
16/3/18.

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20/3/18

C. C. Signals,
5th Australian Division.

Report of work done for week ending 23/3/18.

MP - DB route commenced 12th inst. Working parties cancelled 14th - 17th on account of Brigades changing over. Work was continued on 18th and route completed on 20th inst. Route went through rough and heavily shelled area, but cable was buried to a depth of 5 to 6 feet. Cable was lead to new DB box.

LD2 - HF route was commenced on 21st inst. About 900 yards have already been completed, cable being laid to a depth varying from 5 to 6 feet and well banked up throughout. Estimate completing to HF by 27th inst. Cable used for this route of 52 pair -

- 4 7-pair armoured
- 11 quad armoured
- 2 twin.

The last sector on this route is through low lying country and is saturated with water. It runs clear of old LD2 - HF route.

23/3/18.

Cables Officer.
5th Aust. Divl. Signal Co.

11/18

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division.

Subject:- Visual Signalling.

Visual signalling was adopted in the Divisional Area from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on the 17th inst.

Visibility was poor on account of a thick haze which did not clear until about 11 a.m. As a consequence the number of messages dealt with was small. As these mists have lately been very prevalent during the mornings, it is suggested that the next test be held in the afternoon.

Messages.

The following are particulars of messages dealt with:-

	<u>Service messages</u>	<u>Practice messages</u>
8th Infantry Brigade	2	5
14th Infantry Brigade	13	39
15th Infantry Brigade	4	27
15th A.F.A. Brigade	1	8
14th A.F.A. Brigade	2	3
3rd Army F.A. Brigade	6	--
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The small number of messages dealt with by the 8th Infantry and 15th A.F.A. Brigades is due to the distance together with the unfavourable conditions.

Telephones.

The number of telephone calls during the period was large. Following are particulars of same:-

Divisional Headquarters	...	35
Artillery Headquarters	...	17
8th Infantry Brigade	...	40
14th Infantry Brigade	...	43
15th Infantry Brigade	...	34
15th A.F.A. Brigade	...	36
14th A.F.A. Brigade	...	12

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Major.
O.C. 5th Aust. Div. Signal Co.

BSJ/r
19/3/18.

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Director of Transport
General Headquarters,
No. P690/2.

DIRECTOR OF SIGNALS/

Reference your D.Sigs/2875. I return herewith your papers on the subject of Chain, Non-skid, for use on motor cycles. I have had a trial carried out with this device and it is reported that it is not considered to be a practical arrangement owing to the difficulty in preventing the chain from breaking. Possibly if we could obtain a very high quality chain, the device would warrant further trial, but as I am not prepared to guarantee that such a chain can be obtained in any appreciable quantities, it does not appear to be worth while proceeding further with the experiments.

(Sgd.) A.P. Davidson,
Lieut. Colonel A.D.T.,
for Director of Transport.

A.P.O S.79
17/3/1918.

O.C.
5th Australian Divl. Signal Co.

For your information and return.

(Sgd.) L.Evans,
for D. Signals.

G.H.Q.
21/3/18.