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

Signals

**Item number:** 22/15A/2

**Title:** New Zealand and Australian Division  
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May 1915



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DIV SIGNAL CO

N. Z. A DIV

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
1 <sup>st</sup> May Azac Coor, Gallipoli	1 <sup>st</sup> Naval Bde relieved Auckland Batt <sup>n</sup> & am with 1/2 Batt <sup>n</sup> Nelson Batt <sup>n</sup> . Bde HQ at 224 a/b/g/h. Line through 8-15 am. Bde took over office at their end. Operators poor, instruments antiquated but little traffic on line, so of no consequence. In spite of order issued by Div, officers of all descriptions attempt to treat office as telephone exchange, wasting time and hindering office staff. Have had great difficulty in keeping practice down. Div Staff the worst offenders. Reported gallantry by S/Cpl Steadman N.Z. MC (attached)	App V Report
2 <sup>nd</sup> May "	Night attack by Div; object to rectify line and obtain continuous line now broken by deep gully between 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust and N.Z. Bdes. Attack gained position required but not in time to consolidate before daylight. New line unladen and troops fell back to original position.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> May "	4 am Rau line direct to Otago Batt <sup>n</sup> , detached on night N.Z. Bde. Reached O.C. 6:30 am just as he moved forward almost to firing line. Had great difficulty in getting line up to him. Reached him about 9:30 am, just as line from N.Z. Inf Bde reached him. Batt <sup>n</sup> fell back shortly after, line abandoned, but pulled back and reeled up later. Reinforcements Bicker, Ditcham, Muir and Welsh landed.	
4 <sup>th</sup> May "	Rebuild portion of line to N.Z. Inf Bde to cut out unnecessary loop. Visited N.Z. Inf Section (N° 2) and instructed O/C to recommend S/Cpl Bassett & Sapper Topham for good conduct throughout especially during night 2/3 May. (Reason for delay by Bde being sent to take Keller, sent in 2/5 May). Sapper Topham wounded in head but remained with Co.	App VI Report App VII Diagram of VIII Communications IX Tracing of Map.
5 <sup>th</sup> May "	Naval Bde from Plugge. Platoon released N.Z. Inf Bde who - in fact for Cape Teller 10 pm. Party of details sent to occupy Plugge P. during night. Said line & provided telephone there and, eventually, there. Hours of work spent to 8 am. Sapper Bassett/operating came ashore from N.Z. Inf Bde on 5/5/15.	



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War Diary

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22<sup>nd</sup> Anzac Cove

Direct line between flanks 3 & 4 sections unsatisfactory. Visited No 3 Sect 11-30 am and gave instructions that line be kept distinct from Section systems.

Reported from No 4 Sect that periscope of enemy submarine was visible disappeared before Navy could pick her up.

23<sup>rd</sup> "

Gave instructions to 4<sup>th</sup> Section re line to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sect. flanks; received reports from both sections that line was through. Sent in estimate weekly expenditure signal stationery to Base. Mason left for Neocandria.

24<sup>th</sup> "

'Albion' went ashore 'Gaba Tepe' early morning; got off again 9-30 am. Armistice 7-30 am to 4-30 pm. to bury dead. Discovered Clarkson's body.

25<sup>th</sup> "

Recommenced use of preamble by direction D.A.S.

26<sup>th</sup> "

12-18 pm 'Triumph' torpedoed; 12-30 capsized; 1-5 sank. About 50 lives lost.

Sent indent for telephones and monthly estimate to D.A.D.O.S.

Stopped sending signal copies to Army Corps Sigs (D.A.S Circular 4)

29<sup>th</sup> "

Quinn's Post (No 3 Sect) mined; enemy effected lodgment but dislodged at once; subsequent attacks (4 am, 9-30 am) repulsed with severe loss.

App XII Diagram

H. H. Edwards  
Capt RR  
Q. J. Coy Co  
No 2 A Div

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	27 <sup>th</sup>	—	

✓ your L/cpl on	desire notice 27 <sup>th</sup>	to the NZMC April he carried a wounded man to safety over an area exposed to heavy fire and on 29 <sup>th</sup> seeing two men struck down, together he went under fire to attend to them L/cpl Steedman had been called upon to assist stretcher bearers by M.O./c Dist Engineer Major McKillop, whose report I attach	bring conduct of (attached Div Sig Co)
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H. Edwards  
 Lt. Col. NZMC  
 O.C. Div Sig Co NZMC

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To - C. R. E.  
N. Z. & A. Div.

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In reply to No -

I desire to recommend the following men of No. 2 Section (attached N.Z. Inf. Bde.) for good conduct.

L/Cpl. Bassett.  
 Sapper Hopkins, R.  
 " Langdon.

L/Cpl Bassett during the attack on the night of the 2nd - 3rd May made two distinct efforts under fire to run a line to the Otago Battn. which was detached on the right of the N.Z. Bde. He persevered through the night till tired out and failed chiefly on account of the difficult nature of the country in darkness. He has had charge of the telephone section since Sergeant Rush was wounded on the 25th April and has done his work very well.

Sappers Hopkins & Langdon started at dawn from a different point to Cpl Bassett and got through the line to the Otago battn. under a heavy fire. Sapper Hopkins has on several occasions repaired lines cut by the enemy's fire at considerable risk. The Officer i/c No 2 Section informs me that he considers Sapper Hopkins the best sapper in his Section for work requiring pluck and coolness.

I attach the report of O.C. No 2 Section.

The delay in forwarding this recommendation is due to the ordering of the N.Z. Bde to Cape Helles O.C. No 2 Section having made his report in accordance with my instructions omitted to send it during the bustle of embarkation and posted it from Cape Helles. It did not arrive till after the return of the Brigade.

(sgd) H .M. Edwards  
 Capt

O.C.Div. Sig. Co.  
 N.Z. A.Div.

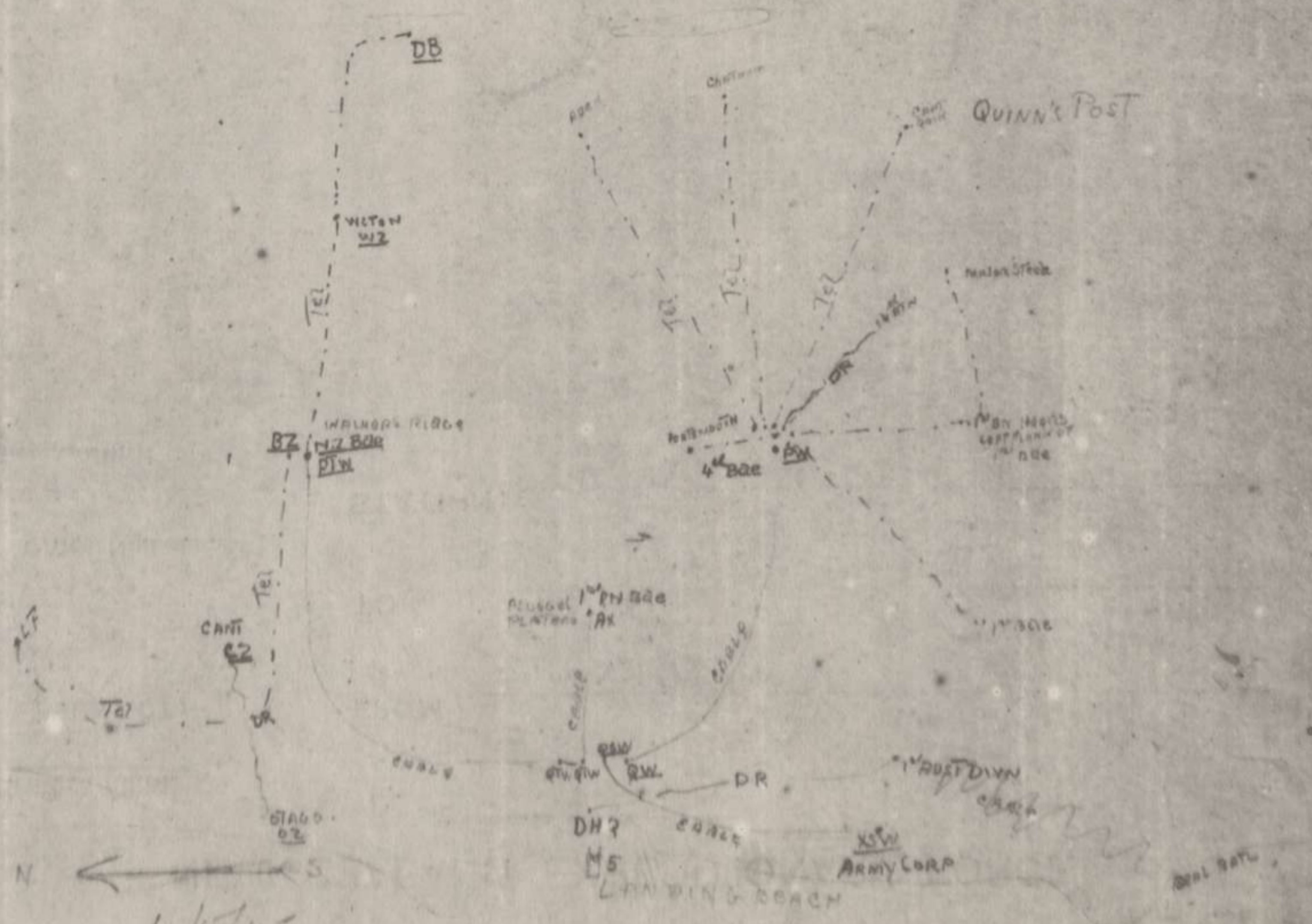
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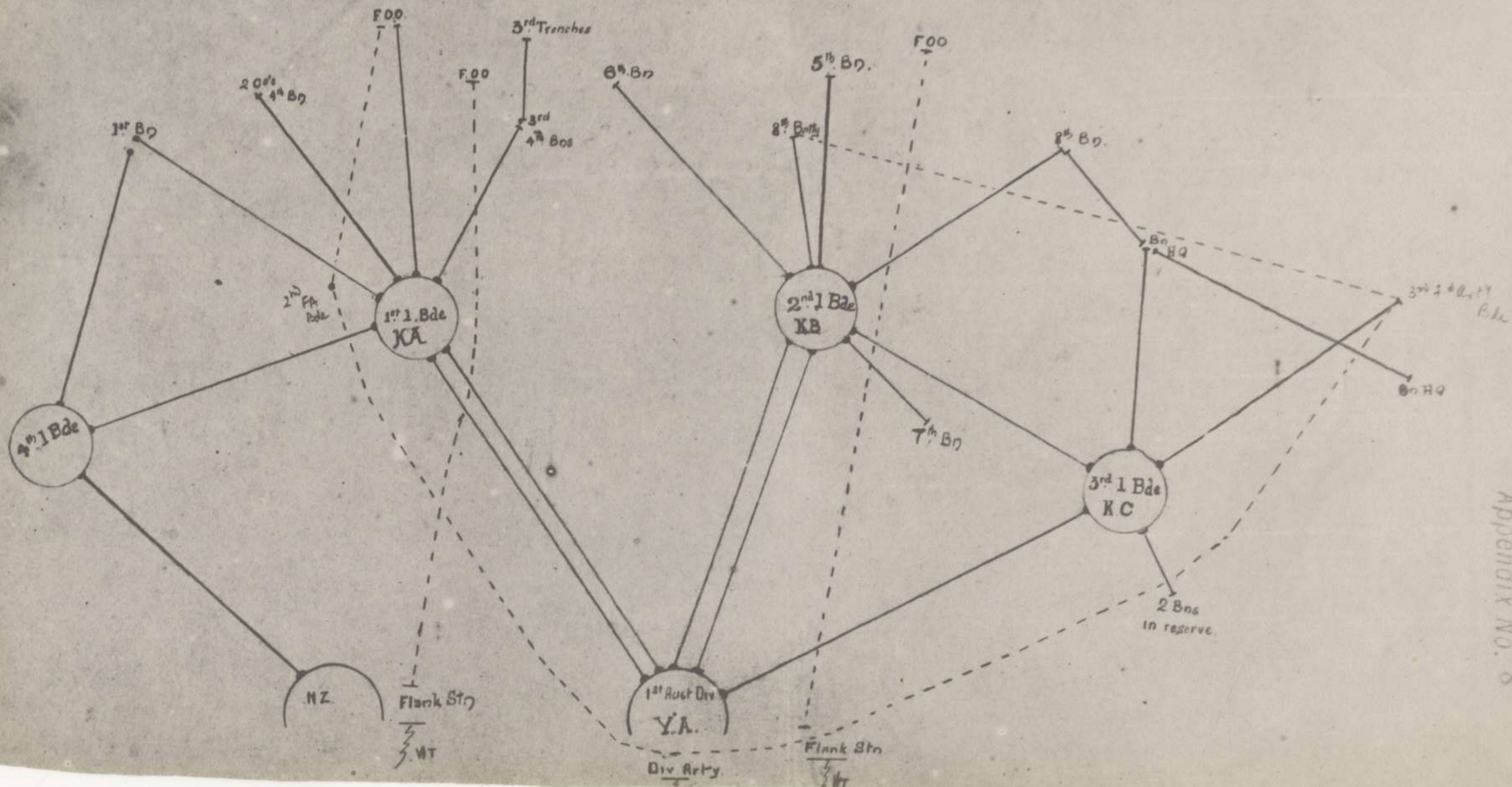
# COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM

4<sup>th</sup> MAY 1915

Aust. DIV.

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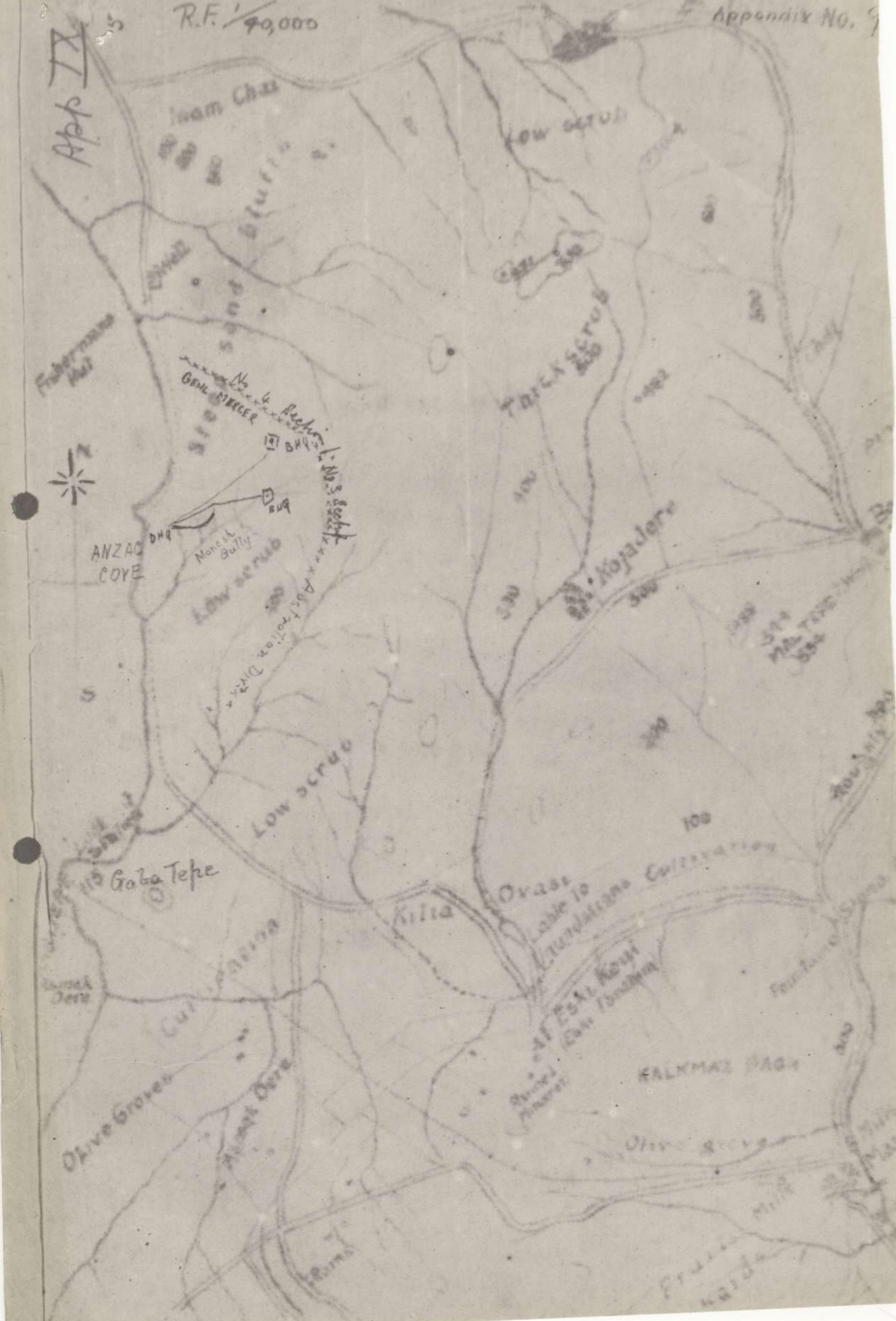
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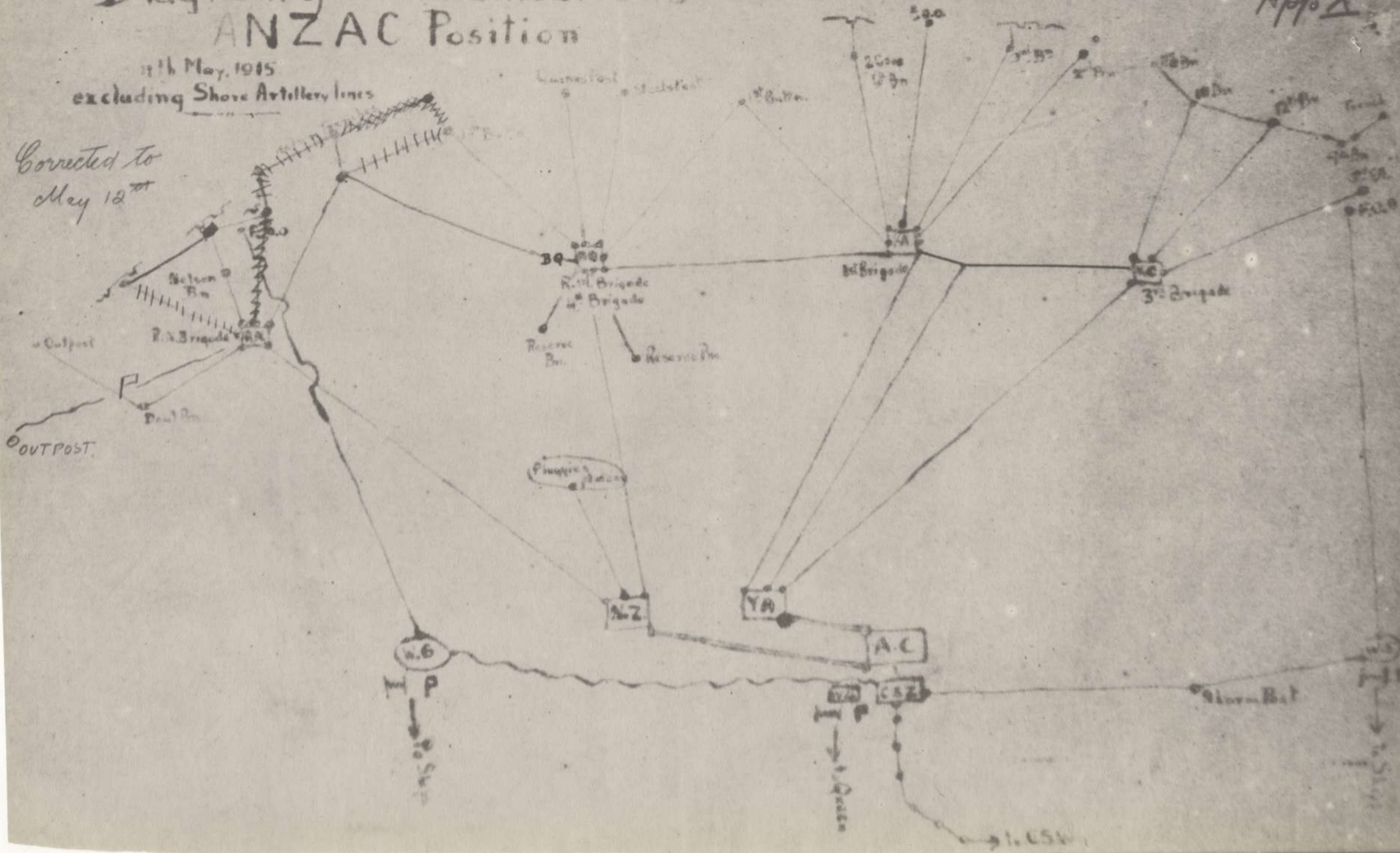


# Diagram of Communications ANZAC Position

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11th May, 1915  
excluding Shore Artillery lines

Corrected to  
May 12th

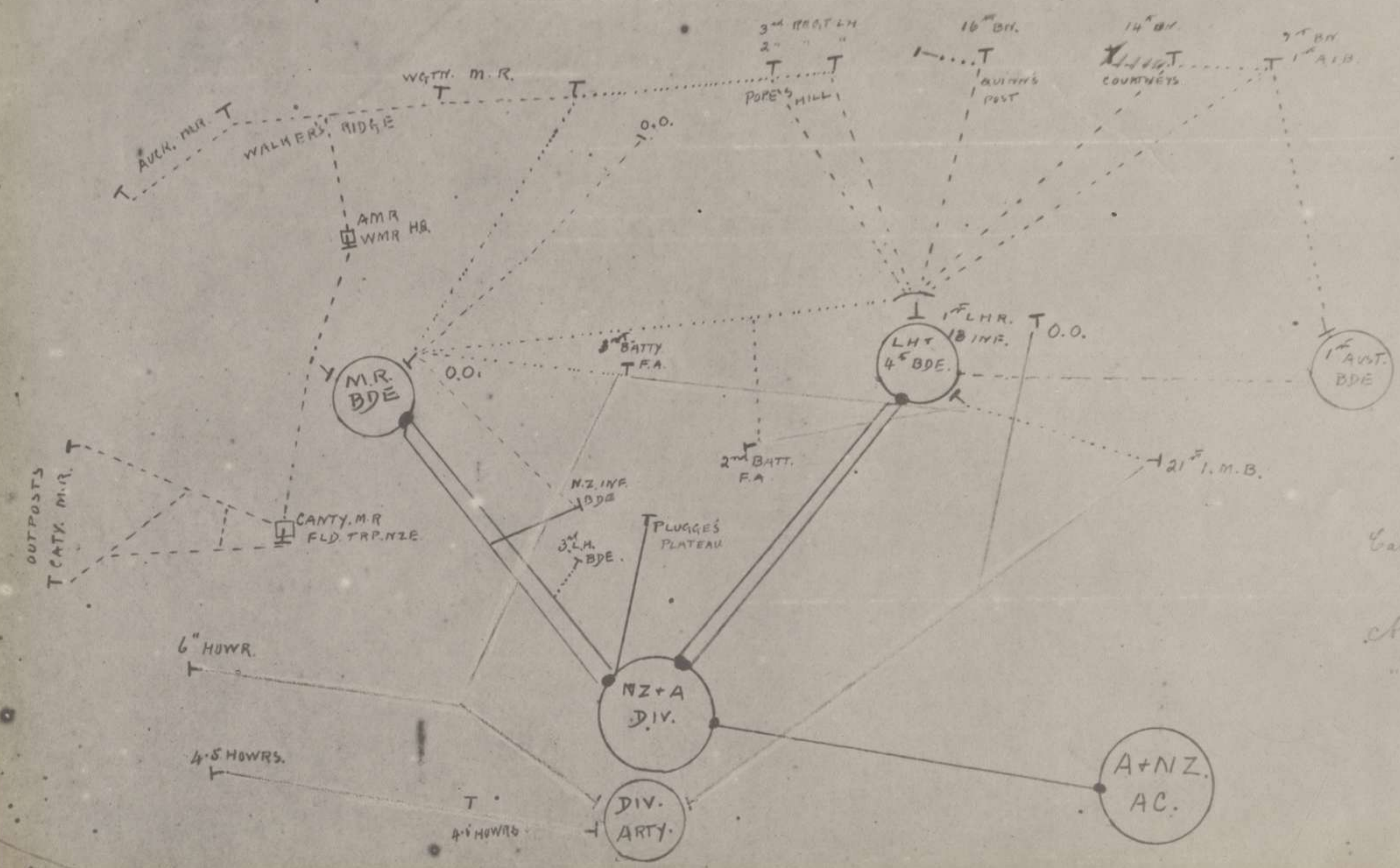


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DIAGRAM. - N.Z. + A. DIVN. - MAY 21<sup>st</sup> 1915

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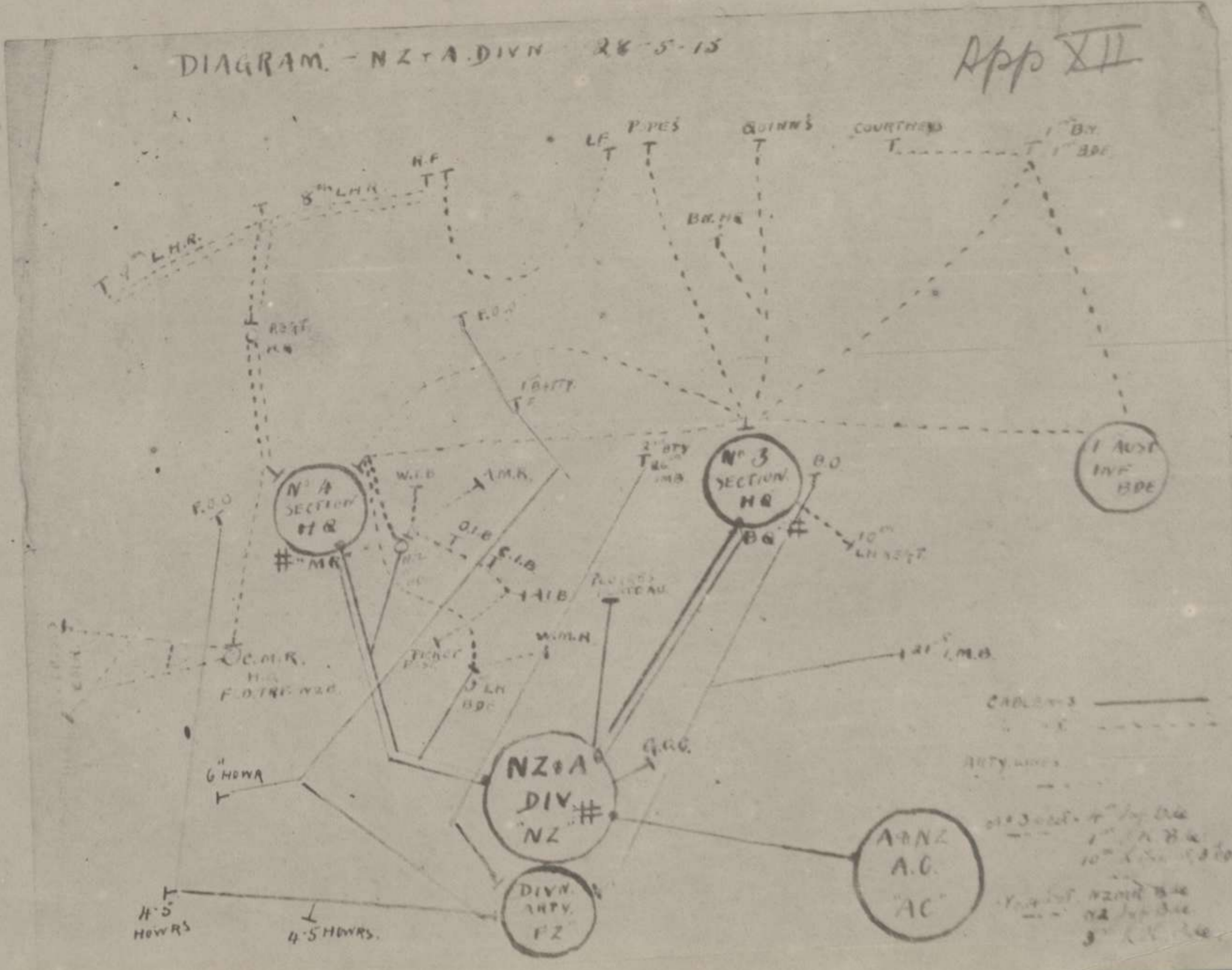
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DIAGRAM - NZ-A DIVN 28-5-15

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