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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			MAY 1918.	
			On the 1st May the 5th Australian Division was holding the centre Divisional Sector of the Australian Corps front, between (Sheet 62D) K.19.c.5.0 on north, and P.20.a.0.0 on south. with the 3rd Australian Division on the left, and the 4th Australian Division on the right. Diagrammatic Order of Battle on 1st May is attached. Daily Summaries of Intelligence are attached as Appendix 2, and Disposition Lists as Appendix 3.	App. 1 App. 2 App. 3
BUSSY-les-DAOURS.	1st.		Rained in the morning, but cleared up in afternoon; visibility fair. The Corps Commander called on the Divisional Commander in the morning. Particulars of the machine gun Case-mate, which had been invented by the Divisional Commander, were explained to him. He was very favourably impressed by the idea, and gave instructions that the Divisional Commander was to receive all possible assistance to develop it. The G.O.C. got in touch with C.E. Australian Corps, and the services of Captain GREENLEES were placed at his disposal. Full instructions re the drawings and working model were given him. During the day, the 8th Infantry Brigade carried out tests with bugles as supplementary S.O.S. repeating signal. Bugles would require to be not more than an average distance of 500 yards apart if any gunning was going on. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander went to 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and gave instructions to the G.O.C. Brigade with reference to the reserve lines of defence, for the holding of which he is responsible. On return to Divisional Headquarters, he saw Major BECKWORTH-SMITH from G.H.Q., and the G.S.O. I 2nd Australian Division.	
	2nd		A fine day, with good visibility. At midnight 1st/2nd instant, the 8th Infantry Brigade carried out a raid on enemy post in J.35.d.4.5. The post was evacuated by the enemy, and no prisoners were captured in consequence. All the raiding party returned safely. The Divisional Commander visited the 8th and 14th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at FOUILLOY and CORBIE respectively in the morning, also inspected the Divisional Baths at DAOURS.	App. 4a

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	2 (continued)		<p>The following visitors were entertained at lunch:</p> <p>Mr. HENRIKSON Chief Scandinavian War Correspondent G.H.Q. Mr. CEDERSCHOLD 2nd Scandinavian War Correspondent G.H.Q. Senor Don RAMIRO de MAEZTU Spanish and South American War Correspondent G.H.Q.</p> <p>They were given details of the battle of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, and appeared to be pleased by the attention paid them and the information given. They were also loud in their praise of the part Australians had played in the recent fighting - especially at VILLERS BRETONNEUX.</p> <p>Major General MONTGOMERY M.G.G.S. Fourth Army called on the Divisional Commander, who told him about the Machine Gun Case-mate invention. He was most favourably impressed with it.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander inspected the reserve and support lines at FOUILLOY and AUBIGNY, and settled points referred to him by the G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade, with reference to the defence of the Chalk pit, the removal of brick wall near AUBIGNY, etc. Later he met the G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade at DAOURS and informed him of his decisions. Camps of the 59th and 60th Battalions, and the tanks allotted to this Division, were inspected.</p> <p>Operation Memorandum No.3, with reference to the operation of the 4th Australian Division in conjunction with the 31st French Corps, was issued.</p> <p>General Staff Memorandum No. 223 (re Messenger Dog service) was issued.</p> <p>Five GOTHA machines dropped bombs in our forward area during the morning. Two were brought down by our 'planes - one in flames, and one out of control.</p> <p>A party of officers of the 7th Infantry Brigade visited Divisional Headquarters and went up to the 15th Brigade headquarters to pick up officer guide. These officers came to reconnoitre ground east of BLANGY TRONVILLE and immediately north of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.</p>	App. 4 App. 5
	3		<p>A fine day, hazy, visibility fair. Weather much warmer. Disposition Map is attached.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander was engaged in the morning on the Machine Gun Case-mate (Original Only). Major General SMYTH (Commanding 2nd Australian Division) called for particulars he required in connection with the role his Division was allotted in the defence of this Sector. He was shewn the drawings of the Case-mate, and a description given him. He considered it most valuable.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander went to Australian Corps Headquarters, and saw B.G.G.S., Corps Commander, and the Fourth Army Commander, also Lieut-General LAWRENCE C.G.S. G.H.Q.</p>	App. 6 Original and Dupl. only

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BUSSY-LES-DAOURS. 3rd (contd)			<p><u>MAY 1918.</u></p> <p>At General Birdwood's request, the Divisional Commander, explained to General RAWLINSON particulars of the machine gun case-mate invention, also what took place in connection with the battle of VILLERS BRETONNEUX as far as this Division was concerned. General RAWLINSON expressed his entire approval and satisfaction of the part played by this Division, and considered everything was done - even early in the morning - that could be done. Captain GREENLEES (from C.E's office, Corps) was given further instructions re model and drawings for the case-mate.</p>	
	4		<p>A fine day - fair visibility.</p> <p>Code names and station code calls were allotted to signal units of the Division (vide G10/1977)</p> <p>The Divisional Commander visited 14th and 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, also Headquarters of 32nd Battalion (in Brigade Reserve), and gave G.O.C. 8th Brigade and O.C. 32nd Battalion explicit instructions about taking every possible precaution in the defence of the river flats, and to get out all the obstacle in the way of wire possible, and to take special steps to prevent the Boche working round the flanks.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander also went to the Divisional O.P.</p>	App. 7
	5		<p>Weather misty and warm; visibility fair.</p> <p>Three 15-pr B.L.C. tank guns are to be used as anti-tank guns. Letter G2/3197, with reference to enemy tanks and the possibilities of using Stokes Mortars against them, was sent out.</p> <p>Letter G2/3264, re use of armour piercing S.A.A. against enemy tanks was issued.</p> <p>Captain BUTLER G.S.O. III (I) G.H.Q. reported. He is attached for instruction in Intelligence work.</p> <p>The usual artillery night firing was carried out.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander had an interview with Colonel COURAGE Commanding Tank Brigade, and Lieut-Colonel PRATT Commanding 8th Battalion of Tanks attached to this Division. The distribution, and the role the tanks are to play was agreed upon.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander went to 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and gave instructions re bridgehead defences, also allotment of tanks under their control and their role.</p>	App. 8. App. 9.

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	6		<p><u>MAY 1918.</u></p> <p>Weather misty and warm: visibility fair.</p> <p>General Staff Memorandum No. 224, re care of secret documents, was issued.</p> <p>Letter G3/3295 re supplementary S.O.S. signal was sent to all concerned.</p> <p>The usual artillery night firing was carried out.</p> <p>Four new Liaison Officers reported for duty:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Captain J.B. LAING 57th Bn. Capt. D. CHALMERS 30th Bn.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Captain A.J. AINSLIE 29th Bn Capt. C.A. JHONSON 32nd Bn.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander during the morning inspected the 15th Field Ambulance at LES ALENCONS.</p> <p>In the afternoon General MONASH called to see him in order to arrange for cooperation in a minor operation on his right front. The Divisional Commander agreed to do as far as possible.</p> <p>He shewed General MONASH the drawings and model of the machine gun case-mate. His opinion was that it justifies the great advantages claimed for it.</p> <p>The Army Commander called and discussed the general situation and distribution and state of the defences. He also inspected the case-mate invention, which he considered most valuable.</p> <p>In the evening full particulars and sketches of the Machine Gun Case-mate were sent to the Corps Commander for transmission to G.H.Q.</p>	<p>App. 5</p> <p>App. 10</p>
	7		<p>A wet day; cloudy in the morning, but cleared a little in the afternoon.</p> <p>Letter G3/3420, re supplementary S.O.S. and bugle signals, was sent out.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander visited the headquarters of the 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades, and saw General TIVEY with regard to our cooperation with 9th Brigade in pushing forward the line on our left by the 29th Battalion. Also spoke to G.O.C. 9th Brigade. He gave instructions as to what was to be done, subject to the approval of Corps.</p> <p>At 14th Brigade Headquarters, the Divisional Commander arranged with G.O.C. Brigade for the extension of Pioneer Trench as a Switch across his frontal system. The C.R.E. accompanied him and made the necessary arrangements for Pioneer assistance.</p> <p>On return to Divisional Headquarters saw B.G.G.S. Corps, and told him about the proposed cooperation with the 3rd Australian Division. The Divisional Commander was not keen, unless Corps considered it necessary. The B.G.G.S. did not consider it necessary and said he would arrange with General MONASH to cancel it. However, nothing was heard, and late in the afternoon the G.O.C. rang up General MONASH and ascertained that nothing had been done to stop it.</p>	<p>App. 11.</p>

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BUSSY-LES- DAOURS.	7	(contd.)	<u>MAY 1918.</u>	
			He was informed of G.O.C's instructions from General WHITE. Pending the decision of the Corps Commander, the G.O.C. said he would make arrangements to go on and do all he had promised. Got in touch again with Corps, and ascertained that the Corps Commander desired this Division to cooperate (as far as had been previously agreed) with the 3rd Australian Division. Instructions were sent to G.O.C. 8th Brigade accordingly. For report, see Intelligence Summary in Appendix 2. The artillery fired the usual night bursts. Diagrammatic Order of Battle is attached as Appendix 12.	App. 12 <i>Original Only</i>
			Defence Scheme was issued to all concerned.	App. 13.
	8		A fine day - misty in the morning, but cleared up in the afternoon. 3 American officers became attached to the Division for instruction in Intelligence duties, and have been disposed as follows: Lieut. J.M.LOUGHBOROUGH (I.O. 305th Inf.) To 8th Infantry Brigade 2/Lieut O.H.BRANDT 305th Inf. To 31st Battalion. 2/Lieut R.M.GILDERSLEEVE " To 54th Battalion. The Divisional Commander attended a demonstration by the Division Demonstration Platoon at 15th Infantry Brigade School DAOURS, afterwards inspecting the School and the arrangements for the classes. The trophy, won at THIEPVAL last July for Field Firing Competition under service conditions (Company in the attack) by the 57th Battalion, was presented. At 9 p.m. instructions were received from Corps Headquarters, as to the action to be taken in the event of the enemy bombardment commencing on the morning of the 9th instant. This was at once repeated on to the three infantry brigades and divisional artillery. (These instructions will be found in the telegrams received and sent on the 8th May - Appendix 32).	
	9		A fine day - hazy, and visibility only fair. The enemy was generally quiet on the front. The usual artillery night firing was carried out by us. The Left Brigade established definite touch with Division on our left (3rd/ Australian Division) by means of a post manned by troops	

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9 (contd)			<p>of both Divisions at K.19.c.05.00. In the morning the Divisional Commander visited the 14th and 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and saw both G.O's.C. Instructions were given to General TIVEY to alter the breastwork defences along the Canal bank and make them bullet-proof; various points in connection with the posts established by the 29th Battalion were discussed. General TIVEY was told that he was not to go beyond the line already authorised for the 29th Battalion to occupy. The question of advancing the line occupied by the 31st Battalion was discussed, but after receiving Lieut-Colonel CHEESEMAN'S report on the ground, the Divisional Commander gave instructions that the line was to remain as it was. In the afternoon the G.O.C. saw General BIRDWOOD and discussed the situation as far as the Division is concerned. Officers of the 31st French Corps will be reconnoitring this Divisional area, and all facilities for so doing are being afforded them. Diagrammatic Order of Battle is attached. Works report for week ending 3rd May was sent to Corps Headquarters. Operations Memorandum No. 4 (with reference to the relief of the 3rd Australian Division on our left by the 2nd Australian Division) was issued. Map shewing defences in the Divisional area is attached.</p>	<p>Appendix 14 Appendix 15 Appendix 4 Appendix 4.15a</p>
10			<p>A fine day - good visibility. The Divisional Commander visited the tanks attached to the 15th Infantry Brigade at BLANGY TRONVILLE, also the Headquarters of the 59th and 60th Battalions. G.S.D's I and II made reconnaissance of vantage points and the ground the Division would have to fight over in the case of a withdrawal. Instructions re the marking of British tanks, also sketches of the German tanks used at VILLERS BRETONNEUX were issued to units. Lieut REID relieved Lieut TROUT in charge of the Cyclist Platoon attached to this Division. The G.O.C. was visited by Colonel CHARTERIS Machine Gun Staff Officer Fourth Army, and explained the HOBBS Machine Gun Casemate to him. He was highly impressed with it. The Divisional Commander saw Captain GREENLEES in connection with the casemate; he received the finished drawings of the Casemate and sent them on to Fourth Army as directed by Corps. Lectures (as shewn in Letter G1/3186 attached) were arranged to be delivered at the 15th Brigade School. The usual artillery night firing was carried out.</p>	<p>Appendix 16.</p>

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BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.			<u>MAY 1918.</u>	
	11		A fine day - good visibility in the morning, misty and dull in the afternoon. The Divisional Commander visited the 14th Infantry Brigade headquarters, and with the G.O.C. visited the four battalion headquarters of the brigade. In the afternoon he went to the Corps workshops to see a test of the fullsize Casemate. Colonel Charteris and O.C. Machine Gun Battalion were present; the test was quite satisfactory. Later, the Divisional Commander visited the Corps Commander at BERTANGLES. Report on Messenger Dogs received from the Divisional Signal Company is attached as Appendix 17	
	12		Slight rain - visibility moderate. G.S.O.II inspected the forward defences of the left battalion, left brigade, in the morning. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander went to see a fire test of the HOBBS Machine Gun Casemate at POULAINVILLE. The test was quite successful, and most satisfactory. The following were among the officers present: Brigadier General BROOKER (Deputy C.E.), Major SATOW (G.S.O. II Machine Gun Section at G.H.Q.), Colonel CHARTERIS (Machine Gun Staff Officer Fourth Army), and O.C. 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion (Major MARSDEN D.S.O.) Diagrammatic Order of Battle is attached. Map shewing enemy defences opposite the Divisional front is attached. Appendix 18 Appendix 18a	
	13		A fine day - visibility good. G.S.O. III inspected the forward defences of the right battalion right brigade. The Divisional Commander went to G.H.Q. in connection with the HOBBS Machine Gun Casemate, and discussed several points with General LUCAS (in charge of the Machine Gun section, G.H.Q.) General BROOKER and Major SATOW were also present. General BROOKER read a very satisfactory report on the invention, and it is understood that 100 of the casemates have been ordered. Enemy artillery on the front was much more active throughout the day and night (See Intelligence Summary, Appendix 2) Representatives of the General Staff, C.R.E., Pioneer Battalion, Machine Gun Battalion and the Right Infantry Brigade arranged the siting of the tactical wiring of PIONEER SWITCH. Disposition Map is attached. Appendix 19	Original and Sup only.

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BUSSY	LES	DAOURS	<u>MAY 1918.</u>	
	14		<p>A fine day - good visibility. In the morning the Divisional Commander went to the 8th and 14th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, seeing both Brigadiers. Most of the staff of the 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters were found to be suffering from the effects of a gas shell bombardment yesterday. It is proposed to move this Headquarters.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Divisional Commander went to the 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, where everything was found to be satisfactory.</p> <p>The extension of PIONEER SWITCH from AUBIGNY LINE to form up with the SYDNEY LINE was sited by a party of officers representing General Staff, Engineers, Infantry and Machine Gun Battalions. Enemy artillery has again been active. G.S.O. II inspected the forward defences of the centre battalion, left brigade.</p> <p>Works report for week ending 11th May is attached.</p>	Appendix 20.
	15		<p>A fine day - fair visibility. In the morning the Divisional Commander inspected batteries in action, of the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade north of CORBIE. He was accompanied by the C.R.A. and the Brigade Commander.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander also inspected the 14th Field Co. Australian Engineers.</p> <p>A site for the Headquarters of the 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades was selected at I.32.a north of LA NEUVILLE.</p> <p>Division Order No. 206 (re the re-adjustment of the defensive organization of "B" Divisional Sector) was issued.</p> <p>G.S.O. III inspected the forward defences of the left battalion, right brigade.</p>	Appendix 4.
	16		<p>A fine day - good visibility. In the morning the Divisional Commander went to the Corps Headquarters workshops at POULAINVILLE to inspect further improvements to the Machine Gun casemate. He met General BUCKLAND C.E. Fourth Army. He inspected the casemate and was very favourably impressed. He wished to see the Divisional Commander with reference to the question he had raised of the possibility of the Boche shelling the Lock Gates at CORBIE, and thus releasing a large volume of water which might sweep away the bridges across the SOMME in the Divisional area. He said this was not likely to happen as there would not be a sufficient</p>	

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16th (continued)			<p>volume of water to do it. General FOOTE, C.E. Australian Corps and an officer of the Inland Water Transport Service were present. On his return to Divisional Headquarters, the G.O.C. saw the Corps Commander, who told him he had had a telegram from the Minister of Munitions asking to have the Casemate plans and model sent as soon as possible. The Corps Commander instructed the G.O.C. to hold himself in readiness to proceed to LONDON at short notice. Later in the day, a message was received to the effect that the Army Commander had approved of the G.O.C. going to England. The G.O.C. arranged to go on Sunday the 19th. Four Letter Code Calls were issued to all concerned - to come into use from midnight 19th/20th inst. The Reserve Brigade carried out a test with the POPHAM Signalling Panel in conjunction with aircraft from the 3rd Squadron A.F.C. The test was very instructive and successful. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander made a further reconnaissance with C.R.E. and G.S.O. II for Brigade Headquarters for the 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades. It was decided to adhere to the former selection, viz: I.32.a.</p>	
17			<p>A fine day - visibility good. In the morning the Divisional Commander visited the headquarters of the 8th and 14th Brigades. Both Brigadiers received instructions re the new headquarters. A car is to be placed at the disposal of Brigadiers on alternate days for the purpose of getting to the line. The G.O.C. 14th Infantry Brigade was also informed that he would be relieved of the responsibility of guarding the right flank of the Reserve Line westward, and that the 15th Infantry Brigade would provide the nucleus garrison in that portion of PIONEER SWITCH. In the afternoon the G.O.C. attended a demonstration with the Corps Commander, B.G.G.S., and other officers, of the Machine Gun Casemate at POULAINVILLE. He afterwards inspected the 5th Division Ordnance Depot at G.20.central (between AMIENS and RAINNEVILLE). Re-adjustment of the Divisional dispositions in accordance with Order No. 206 took place. Each line brigade now has three battalions in line and 1 battalion in reserve. Division Order No. 207, (reference the re-distribution of the brigades in the line) issued. App. 4. Major General C.B.BUDWORTH C.B. C.M.G. M.V.O. G.O.C. R.A. Fourth Army called to see the Divisional Commander.</p> <p>Diagrammatic Order of Battle is attached.</p> <p><i>Order of Battle is attached. App. 21 a</i></p>	<p>II</p> <p>Appendix 21</p> <p><i>*Original & Duplicate only</i></p>

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BUSSY LES DAOURS.	18		<p>A fine day - good visibility. The Divisional Commander inspected the 14th Field Artillery Brigade on CORBIE Ridge. He was accompanied by the C.R.A. and the Brigade Commander. Everything was satisfactory, except the 54th Battery, where there was a certain amount of slackness as regards horses and harness. Later the G.O.C. visited the 15th Infantry Brigade School at DAOURS. He saw the G.O.C. 15th Brigade. He rang up G.O.C. 14th Infantry Brigade and conveyed to him the Corps Commander's and his own appreciation of Lieut. NEVILLE's work in connection with the successful raid made last night. Operations Memorandum No. 5, with reference to the operation against VILLE SUR ANCRE by the 2nd Australian Division, was issued.</p>	Appendix 4.
	19		<p>At 2 a.m. artillery carried out a Chinese attack by the in conjunction with an attack by the 2nd Australian Division (on our left). See Operations Memorandum No. 5 - Appendix 4. A fine day - good visibility. The Divisional Commander left Divisional Headquarters and proceeded to ENGLAND on duty.</p>	
	20		<p>A fine day - good visibility. Instructions were issued to units (G7/4) to push on with the connecting up of the forward and support lines, and the digging of Communication Trenches to allow freedom of movement to flanks for the garrisons in case of an intense bombardment. Operations Memorandum No. 6, with reference to the relief of the 4th Australian Division by the 3rd Australian Division, was issued.</p>	Appendix 4.
	21		<p>A fine hot day - visibility good.</p>	

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BUSSEY LES DAOURS.	<u>MAY 1918.</u>			
	22		<p>The following American officers of the 35th American Division became attached to the Division for training: Colonel HAMILTON and Captain F.E.BONNEY - to 14th Infantry Brigade H.Q. Lieuts.REDINAN, SULLIVAN, HOLDEN and TRACEY - to 14th Infantry Brigade. Lieuts.KISER, BRADY, REDIKER - to 8th Infantry Brigade. Lieuts.SLOGSDILL and BUELL - to 5th Pioneer Battalion. Captain LEWIS to Divisional Signal Co.</p> <p>A fine day - poor visibility. Works report for week ending 18th instant was sent to Corps Headquarters. Disposition Map is attached.</p>	<p>See Appendix 22 Appendix 23 (original only)</p>
	23		<p>A fine day - cloudy, but improving at night. Visibility bad. Diagrammatic Order of Battle is attached (original and duplicate only)</p>	<p>Appendix 24</p>
	24		<p>A cloudy day - visibility fair, at intervals. The 8th Infantry Brigade unsuccessfully attempted to raid enemy trench across road at P.4.b.4.8. Two prisoners were captured by patrols north of the SOMME River. A letter was received from Corps with reference to the proposed issue to the British Armies of 37 mm French guns. Opinions were asked as to the utility and suitability of this gun for issue to infantry. Diagrammatic Order of Battle is attached.</p>	<p>Appendix 24a</p>
	25		<p>A fine day - fair visibility. Supplementary S.O.S. Stations, which will use message carrying rockets are being established in forward areas. Tests are to be carried out as to the practical value of this form of supplementary communication. Captain JAs. A.Chapman (30th Battalion) returned from the 55th Division and is attached to Divisional Headquarters as "G" learner.</p>	

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BUSSY- LES- DAOURS.	26.			<p>A fine day - good visibility. The Divisional Commander returned from ENGLAND where he had been on duty in connection with his invention - the HOBBS Machine Gun Steel Casemate, - and took over command of the Division from General TIVEY. The G.O.C. 'phoned Corps reporting his return, and giving the result of his visit to LONDON, to the B.G.G.S. Details of the Divisional Commander's visit are given in Appendix 25. Appendix 25. Counter preparation was carried out in the morning - see file of telegrams for 26th instant.</p>	
	27			<p>A fine day. Counter preparation was carried out in the morning in accordance with Corps instructions. The Divisional Commander went to the 14th Infantry Brigade where he saw the G.O.C. Brigade and found everything to be satisfactory. He also met the Acting O.C. 8th Infantry Brigade (Lieut-Colonel DAVIES) there. Received his report and found everything apparently satisfactory. Told the Corps Commander by 'phone result of his visit to LONDON in connection with the Machine Gun Casemate. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander visited the 15th Infantry Brigade School at DAOURS. There he saw the G.O.C. Brigade, who reported all correct with his Brigade. At 6.30 p.m. the Army Commander called at D.H.Q. to enquire what progress was made with the HOBBS Steel Casemate. He was very pleased with the G.O.C's visit to LONDON.</p> <p>Disposition Map is attached. Appendix 26. Works report for week ending 25th instant is attached as Appendix 27.</p>	<p>Original only.</p>

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BUSSY	LES DAOURS.		<u>MAY 1918.</u>	
	28		<p>A fine day - good visibility. In the morning the Divisional Commander inspected the new Brigade Headquarters of the 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades near LA NEUVILLE. He also inspected various infantry transport lines and the Pioneer Battalion camp. In the afternoon the Divisional Commander was present at a demonstration of the 37 mm French gun, near DAOURS. It is not considered to be of very much value to us, but it was decided to ask for 2 guns to be sent to the Division for experiment.</p>	
	29		<p>A fine day. In the morning, General Sir W.R.BIRDWOOD K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O. A.D.C., G.O.C. A.I.F. came to Divisional Headquarters to bid farewell to officers of the Division on the occasion of his leaving the Corps to take up a new command. The Divisional Commander afterwards went with General BIRDWOOD to the headquarters of the 8th, 14th, and 15th Infantry Brigades. In the afternoon, the Divisional Commander went to a Rifle and Bayonet Platoon Competition by students of the 15th Infantry Brigade School near DAOURS. Also saw the School Rifle Grenade competition. He afterwards addressed the students of the school on "The Duties and Responsibilities of young officers." Division Order No. 208 (with reference to the relief of the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) by the 4th Australian Division (less Artillery)), was issued.</p>	Appx. 4.
	30		<p>A fine day. G.S.O. I proceeded to England on leave. In the morning the Divisional Commander saw General MacLagan, G.O.C. 4th Australian Division in connection with the relief of the 5th by the 4th Australian Division. In the afternoon, the Divisional Commander went to 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, also inspected some infantry brigade transport. Roll of American officers and N.C.O's (all intelligence personnel) attached to Brigades in the line for training, is attached. Diagrammatic Order of battle (original and duplicate only) attached.</p> <p><i>Report on test with Popham Signalling Panel is attached</i></p>	Appx. 28. Appx. 29 Appx 29a.

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BUSSY LES DAOURS.	31		<p>MAY 1918.</p> <p>A fine day. The 15th Infantry Brigade was relieved in Divisional Reserve (AUBIGNY System) by the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade, and marched to ALLONVILLE Area. At night the relief of the 14th Infantry Brigade in the line right by 4th Infantry Brigade took place - the 14th Infantry Brigade moving back to the AUBIGNY System.</p> <p>No defensive work was done by 5th Australian Division after this date. Works report for period 25th to 31st March 1918 is attached. Appx. 30.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander visited the following headquarters during the morning: 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades, 31st and 30th Battalions.</p> <p>Instructions for the Defensive No. 1 (Role of the Division in Corps Reserve) was issued. Appx. 33</p> <p>Daily summaries of important correspondence are attached in Appx. 31</p> <p>Telegrams received and despatched during May are attached in Appx. 32</p>	
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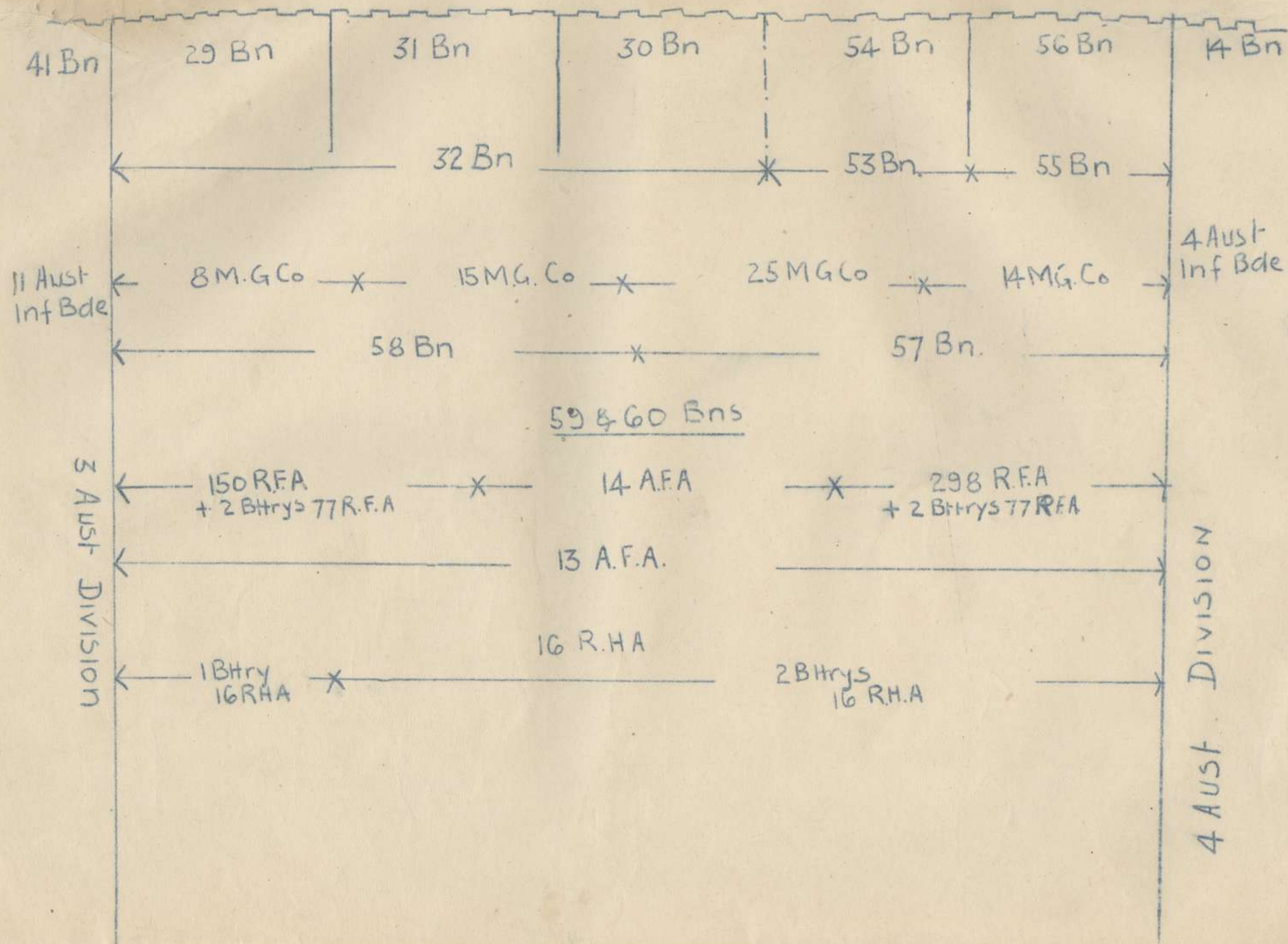
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1.	Diagrammatic Order of Battle - 1st May.
2	Intelligence Summaries for May.
3	Disposition Lists for May.
4	Division Operation Orders and Division Operation Memoranda.
4a	Letter G22/1582 with reference to a raid to be carried out by the 8th Infantry Brigade.
5	General Staff Memoranda for May.
6	Disposition Map 3rd May.
7	Code Names allotted to signal units of Division.
8	Letter G2/3197 with reference to action against enemy tanks.
9	Letter G2/3264 - infantry to be issued with A.P. ammunition for use against tanks.
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12	Diagrammatic Order of Battle - 7th May.
13.	"B" Division Defence Scheme
14	Diagrammatic Order of Battle 9th May.
15	Works report for week ending 3rd May.
15a	Map shewing defences - "B" (5th Aust.) Division.
16	Letter G1/3186 - lectures arranged for 15th Infantry Brigade School.
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28	Nominal roll of Americans attached to the Division for training in intelligence duties.
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31	Daily summaries of important correspondence for May.
32	✓ Telegrams received and despatched - May.
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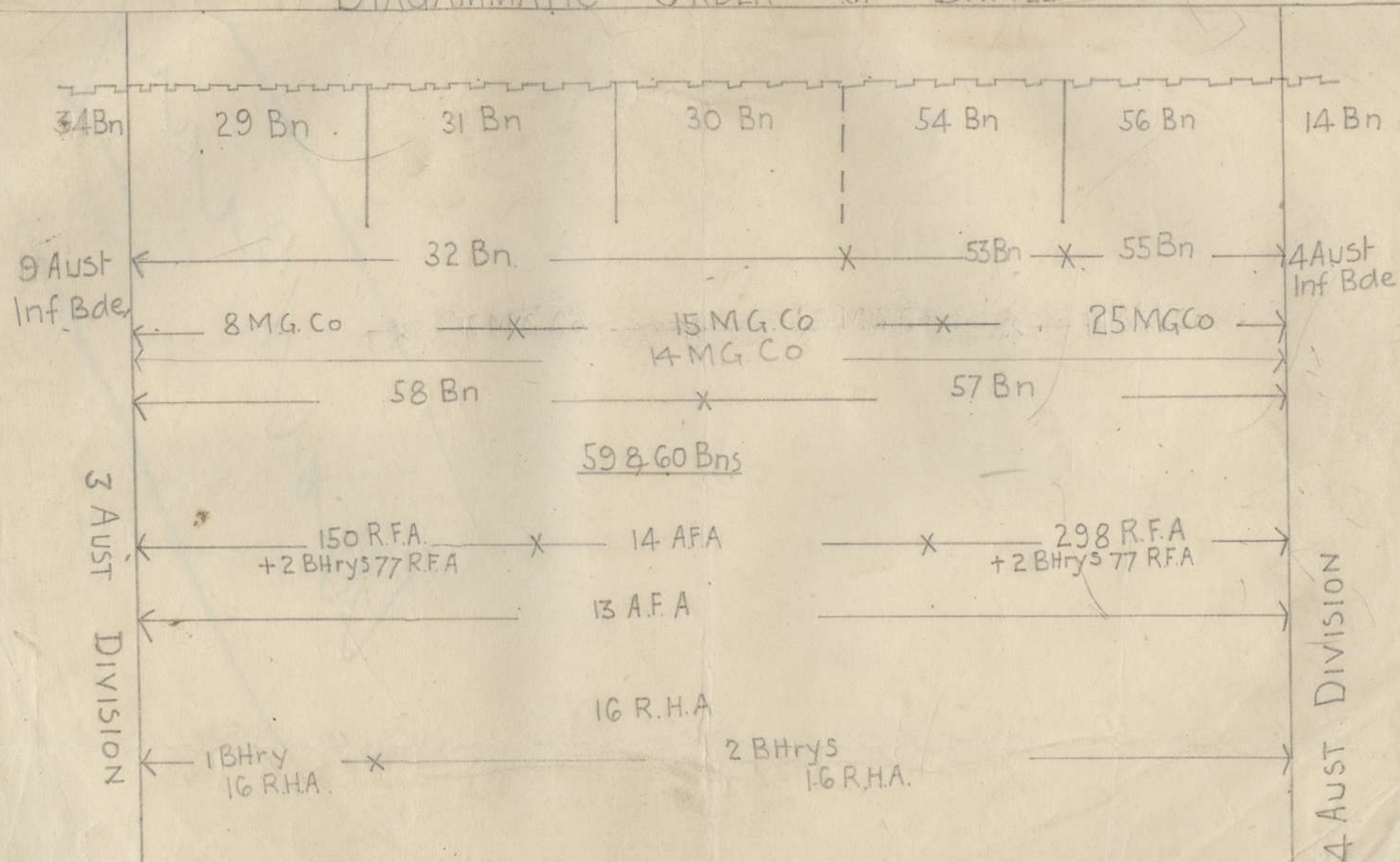
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