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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Clago Gully	1 st		<p>Wrote Aust: Sigs re appointment of Officers of all vacancies Sigs 3rd L.H. + 4th Inf Bde and to arrange re return of phones left in trenches of 3+4 Bde's when Div moved here. Overhead and relayed lines round and north of 2nd F.A. Bde Test Pole & laid line to Waterfall Gully ready for 4th Bde.</p>	118
	2 nd		4 th Bde returned from Lemnos, but did not establish H.Q. No cable comm: to them.	
	3 rd	10-15 am	Through to 4 th Bde at Hay Gully. Arranged Arranged communication through W6 between CRA and C. RA right flank Suvla Corps.	
	4 th		Gave W6 use of spare line to 5 th Div, to avoid interference with AT ⁴ Phone lines on his poles. Comm: between CRA: not satisfactory (Suvla line).	
	5 th		CRA's line to Suvla working well.	
	6 th		Sent necessary forms for completion to Bde's for replacement of Sigs 3 rd L.H. + 4 th Inf Bde and for promotion of T. S. M. Latham 1 st L.H. Bde. <u>2 pm</u> line for special sheet of 4 th (How ²) Batt: on Empire Nest ready.	
	7 th		Complaint re 150 minutes delay in getting through on special line for Empire Nest sheet. Line worked through here whole time. On enquiry found person unknown had removed short length making temporary connection between 2 lines at Battery end. Held conference with SS, + CRA re provision of direct lines to alarm batteries in case on sudden attack at Apes	

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<i>Stago Gully</i>	<i>7th</i>		<p>• Sent diagram of comm^{no} (Signal & Art^y) of Div to C.R.A. through C.R.A. Called for 4th Bde diagram.</p> <p>Received Mob Store Table for Lig Co M.E.F.</p>	
	<i>8th</i>		<p>Received instructions to assist in direct comm^{no} of batteries with battalions key support in case of attack. Arranged line from 'D' Battery (69th Bde) to 3rd L.H. Bde through NB. N.Z. Inf Bde with remains (Sgt & 5 men) of No 2 Sect arrived late at night.</p>	
	<i>9th</i>		<p>Visited 7th Aust Inf Bde to arrange direct Art Comm^{no} but found them about to hand over to NB whose acting B.M. promised to give me desired positions for forward Art^y off^r as soon as he could fire them. Proposed Sgt Stilwell for commission, Sgt Alexander for 2nd Lt rank till occasion. Alexander's acting rank approved.</p>	
	<i>10th</i>		<p>• Stilwell's promotion approved. Ran lines up Chailak Dere to be ready for Art^y as soon as forward Art^y off^r post should be decided. Saw 3rd L.H. Bde re line to 4-inch Naval Battery (24th Bde). Fixed line from 1st L.H. Bde to 'D' Battery. Heavy bombardment of Div H.Q. in evening with 8-in How^{rs}; no damage to Co.</p>	
	<i>11th</i>		<p>Further bombardment in morning; one man killed, one eyesight endangered in Co. O.C. 4-inch Batt^y stated comm^{no} to 3rd L.H. satisfactory. Could get no information from N.Z. Inf re Art^y Liaison. Sent further memo to C.R.A. re necessity of an O/C Art^y Sig^s.</p>	<i>MS</i>

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Htago	12 th		Saw C.O. re Art. Sig Officer, with his sanction applied to D.A.S. for loan of officer for this purpose.	
Gully	14 th		Saw Art. Officers at Apex & fixed up lines to batteries. Arranged for extension of line 3 rd LH to 4 th D' Batt on to 4-inch Naval Batt as existing comm. not good enough.	
	16 th		Inspected Art. alarm lines and found satisfactory except in offices where absence of commutators prevent proper working. Recommended improvising.	
			Recommended Cooke (2 nd time) of Co and Hulbert, M.R. Sig Troop for promotion to Captain. Gale all day.	
	18 th		Building perm pole line for vibrator circuits up Chailak Dere. Gale at night.	
	19 th		Drew few sheets gale iron & fixed up roof for Sig office. Asked for information re stores & training of Bde Sig Section with new Bde from N.Z.	
	20 th		Second rest party returned from Lemnos.	
	21 st		Cooke & Hulbert promoted dated 17 th and 18 th Nov respectively.	
	22 nd		Finished piling line up Chailak; commenced up Sagli Beit Dere. Discussed question of stores with 3 rd L. H. Bde staff & issued commutators to them. N.Z. Inf Bde duplicating all lines round Apex. Commenced instruction class (drill & musketry) for Reinforcements; 3 hours daily all the time available.	M.V.

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Ottago Gully	24 th		D.A.S. refused loan of officer requested to act as O/C Art. Sig; informed C.P.A. & asked him if possible to detail officer to learn work as I had none available.	
	25 th		N.Z. Inf Bde have decided on Report Centre distinct from Bde Office to be occupied in case of attack during daylight. Ran over Comm ^o Salome with Bde Sig (Stilwell)	
	26 th		Satisfactory test of Report Centre, N.Z. Inf Bde during afternoon. Gale commenced.	
	27 th		Gale & with snow; not a heavy fall, lines held up well.	
	29 th		Shell burst in N.Z. Inf Bde Sig Office, wounding three men severely, destroying commutators and two phones & wrecking office. Comm ^o reestablished in just under 15 minutes.	
	30 th		N.Z. Inf Brigadier addressed Sig Section and issued complementary order in reference to yesterday's catastrophe. Stilwell, for recently commissioned officer, did very well in crisis, Cooke who was here at the time gave him valuable advice and help. Considering both were blown over by shell I consider their promptness and decision very creditable. Two of wounded have died and the third evacuated to Hospital Ship in very serious condition.	Appendix I Diagram of Comm ^o

A. H. Edisart
Capt R.F.C.

Diagram of Communications

NZ 84 DIV LXII 15 Appendix No 1

- Div Lines _____
- Bde - - - - -
- Artz - - - - -
- Sounder →
- Vibrator →
- Telephone - - - - -

Note Duplications of Lines, and patterns lines connecting batts and lines from batts to telephones are omitted.

16th Batt (8224)

14th Batt (80D2)

15th Batt (80D6)

Canterbury Batt (80D4/F1)

Artz Alarm Ty (80K1)

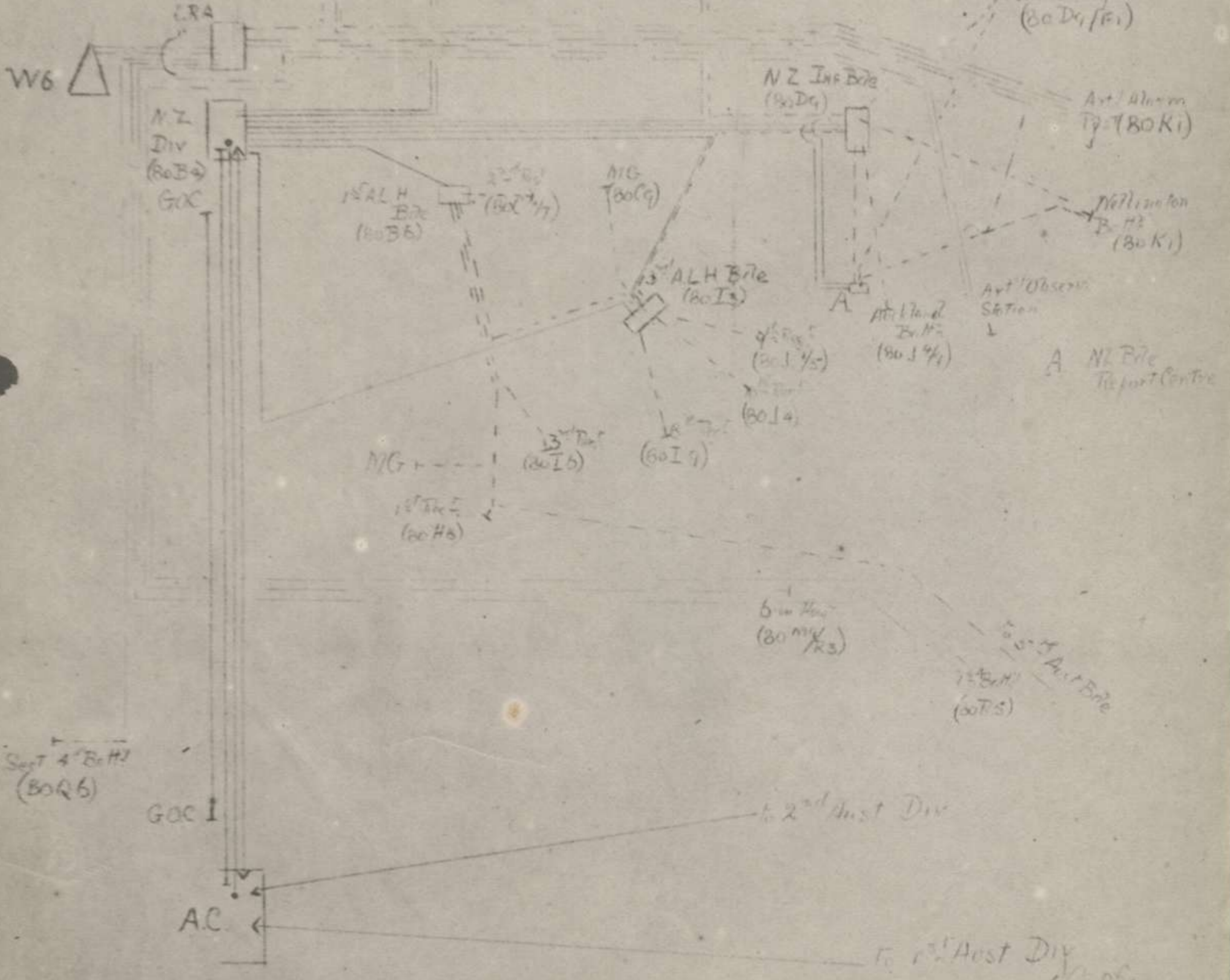
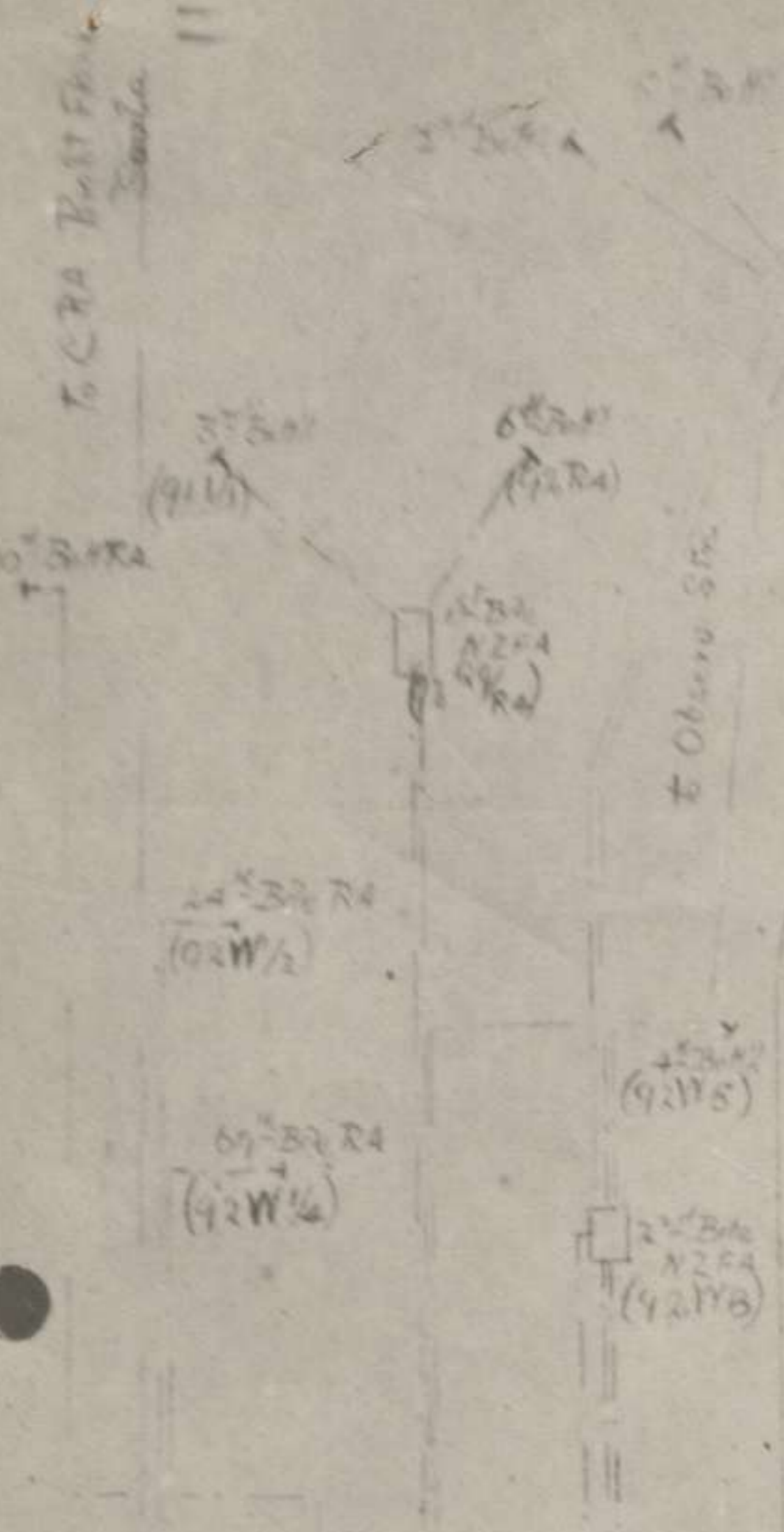
Nelson Batt (80K1)

Artz Observ Section

A NZ Bde Report Centre

6th Batt (80M3)

7th Batt (80T5)



Sept 4th Batt (80Q6)

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To 2nd Aust Div

To 1st Aust Div

Handwritten initials and signatures at the bottom right of the diagram.