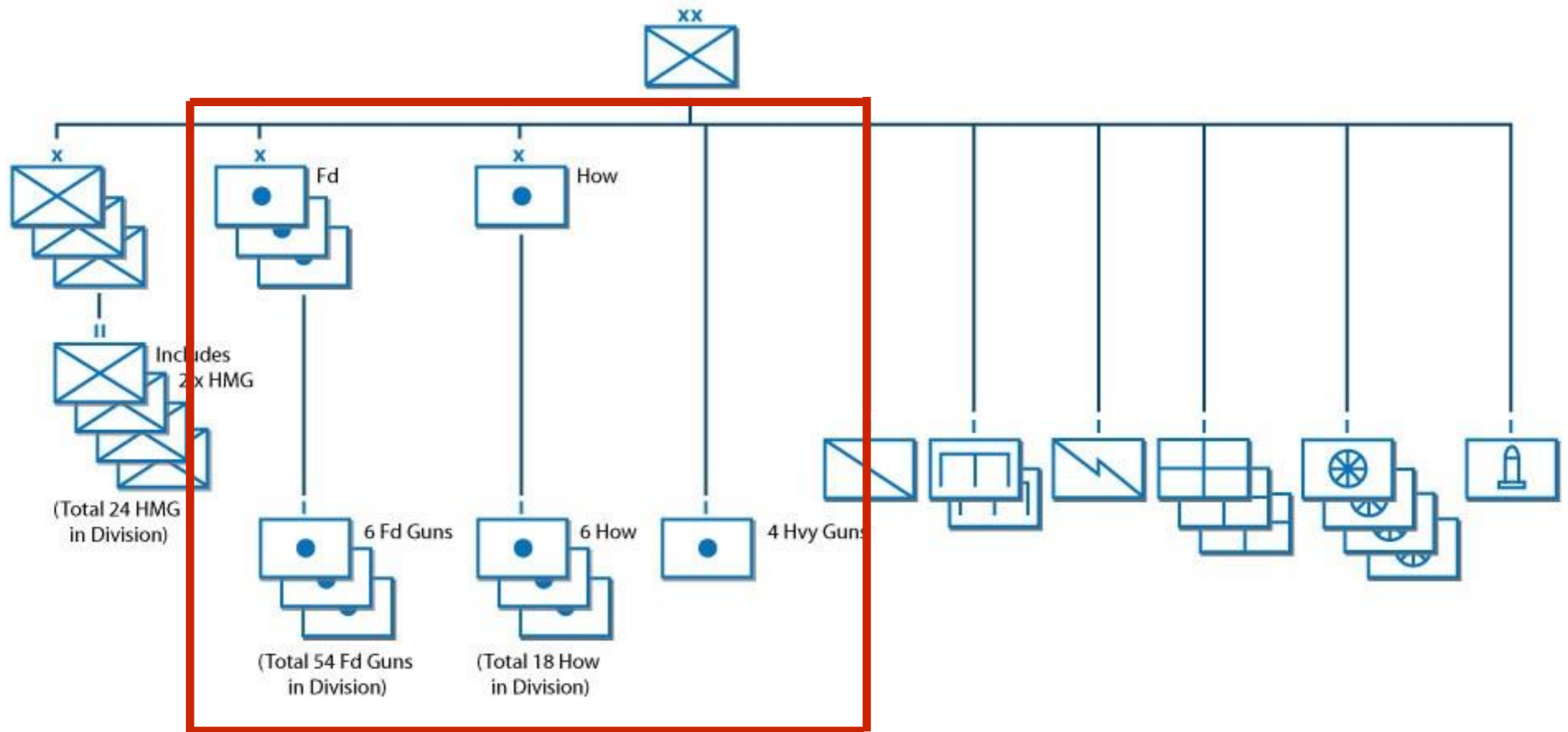


Fire Support at the ANZAC Landing

Divisional Artillery

STANDARD BRITISH INFANTRY DIVISION 1915



Pre-1914 Artillery doctrine

- *War of movement*
- *Function - Neutralisation*
- *An accessory to infantry fire tactics*
- *Infantry plans made and artillery followed*
- *Direct versus Indirect fire*

Pre-1914 Artillery command and control

- *Div CRA -incapable of concentrating divisional fire or coordinating between divisions*
- *No firm view on using artillery brigades*
 - *allotted direct to infantry brigade commanders*
 - *controlled by Div Comd through CRA in same way as an infantry brigade commander*
 - *kept as a reserve until battle developed*
- *Problem - Communications*

Divisional Artillery Communications

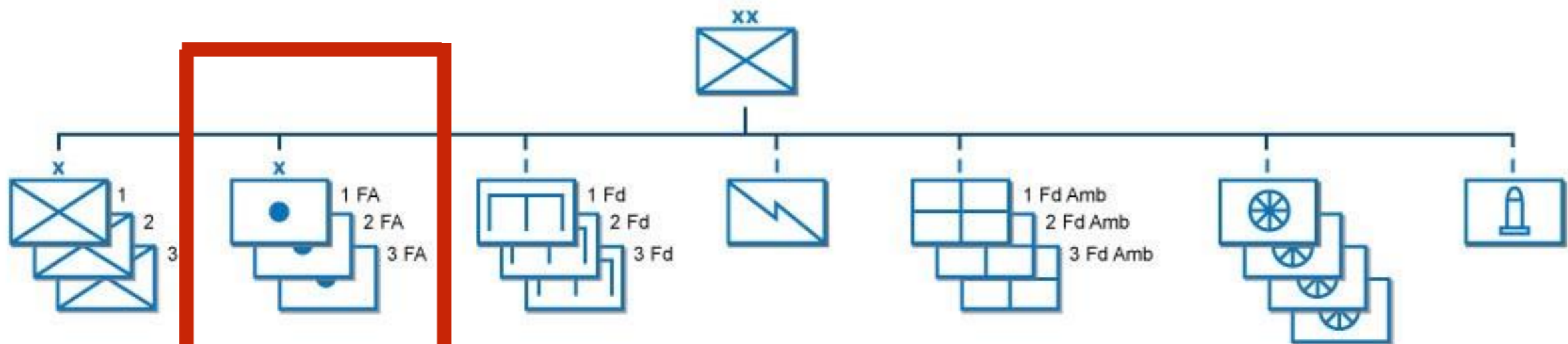
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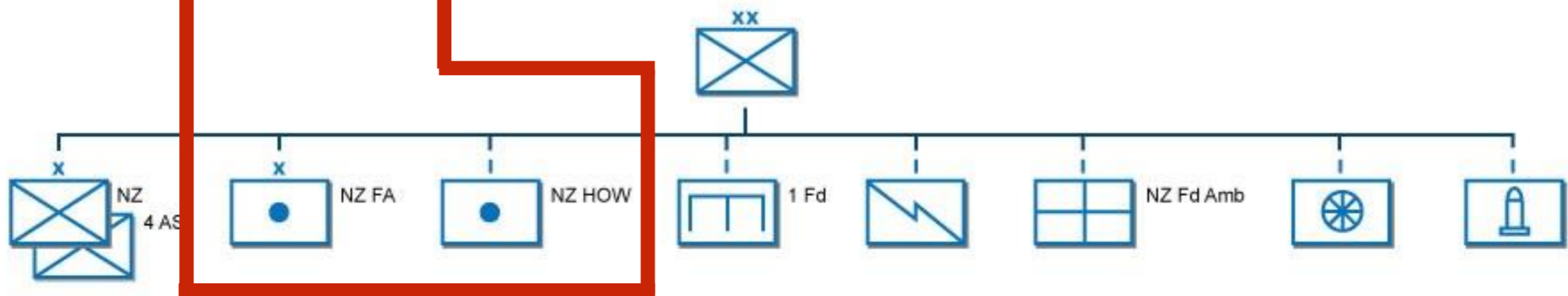
Telephone cable

ANZAC Divisional Artillery

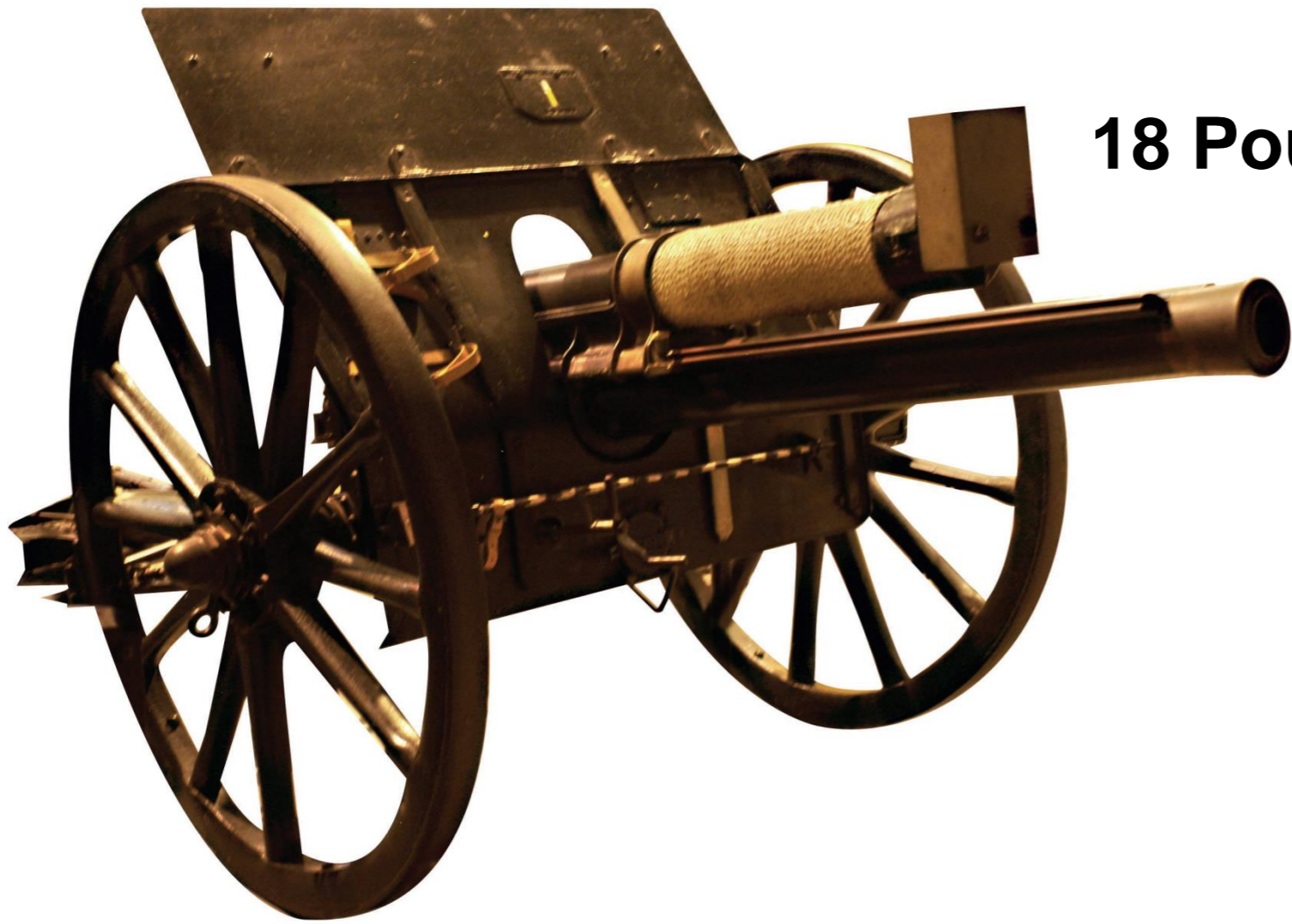
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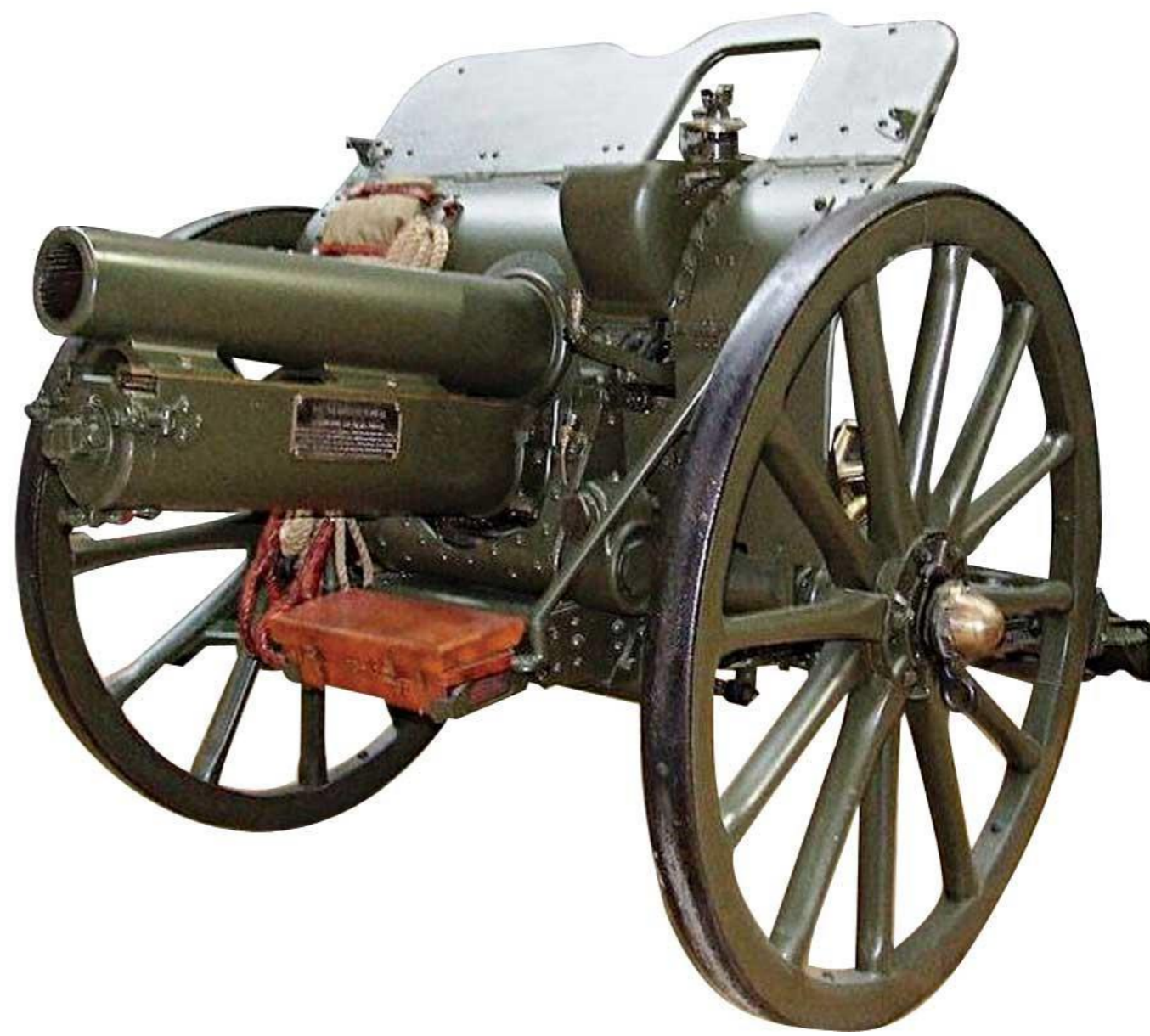
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Total of 40 field guns and four howitzers



18 Pounder Field Gun

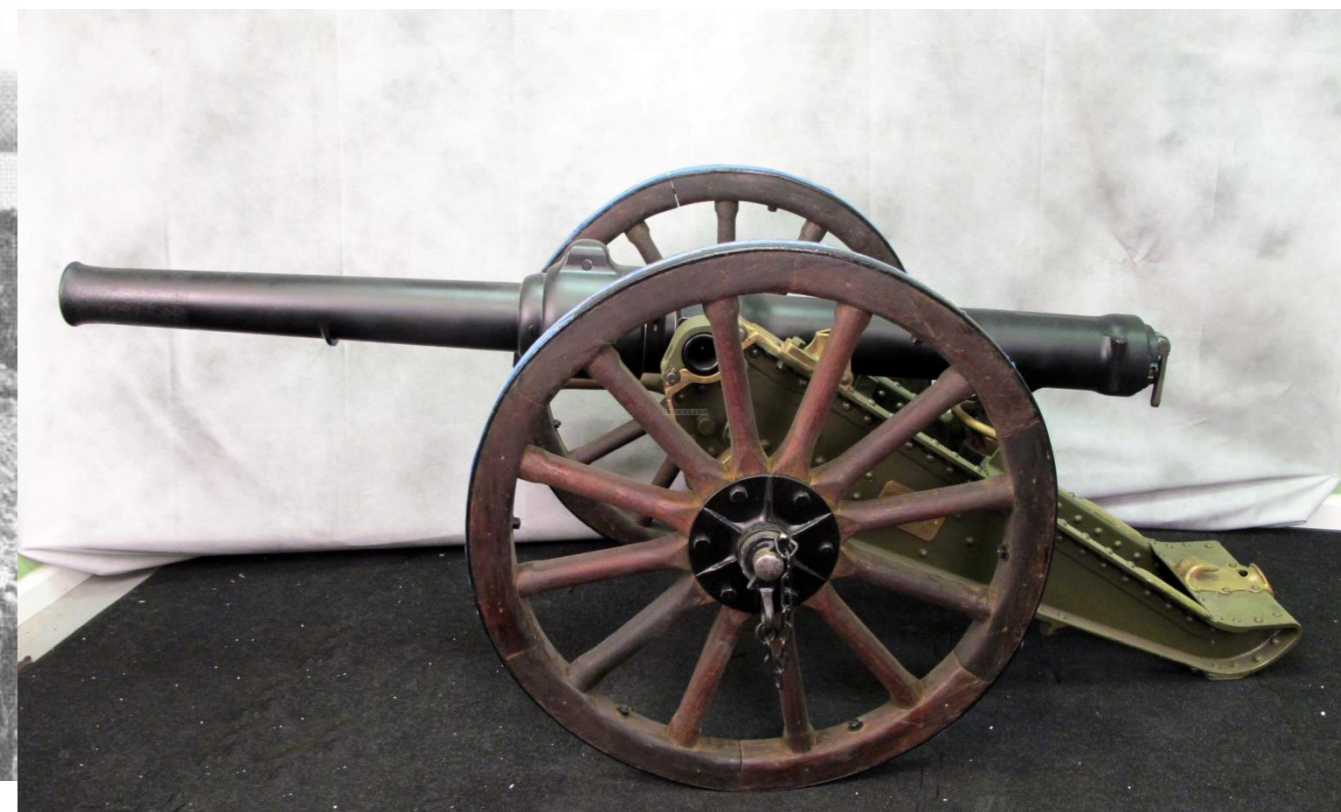


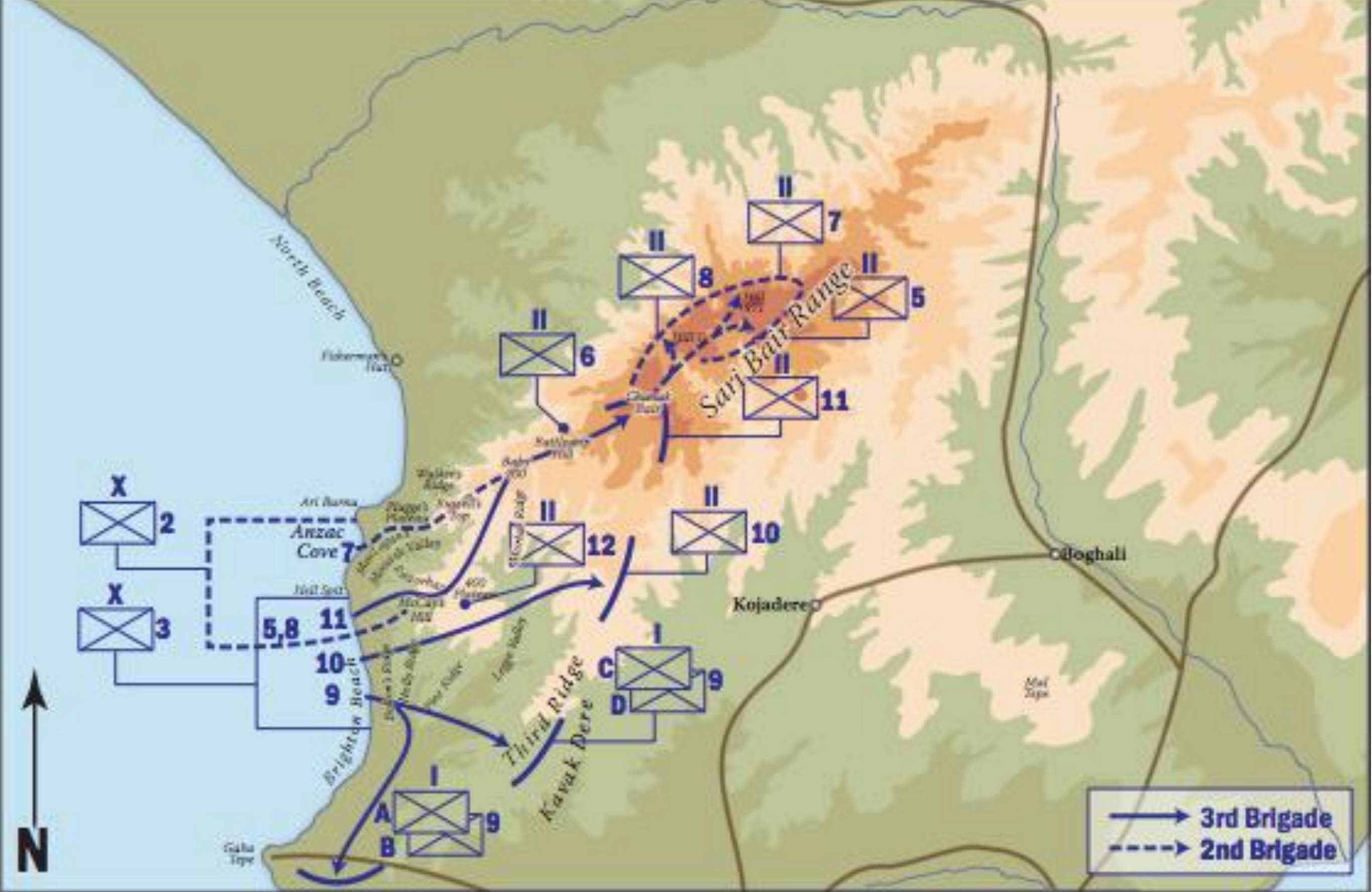
4.5 inch Howitzer

ANZAC Corps Troops

7th Indian Mountain Artillery Brigade:

*21st (Kohat) Battery
26th (Jacob's) Battery*



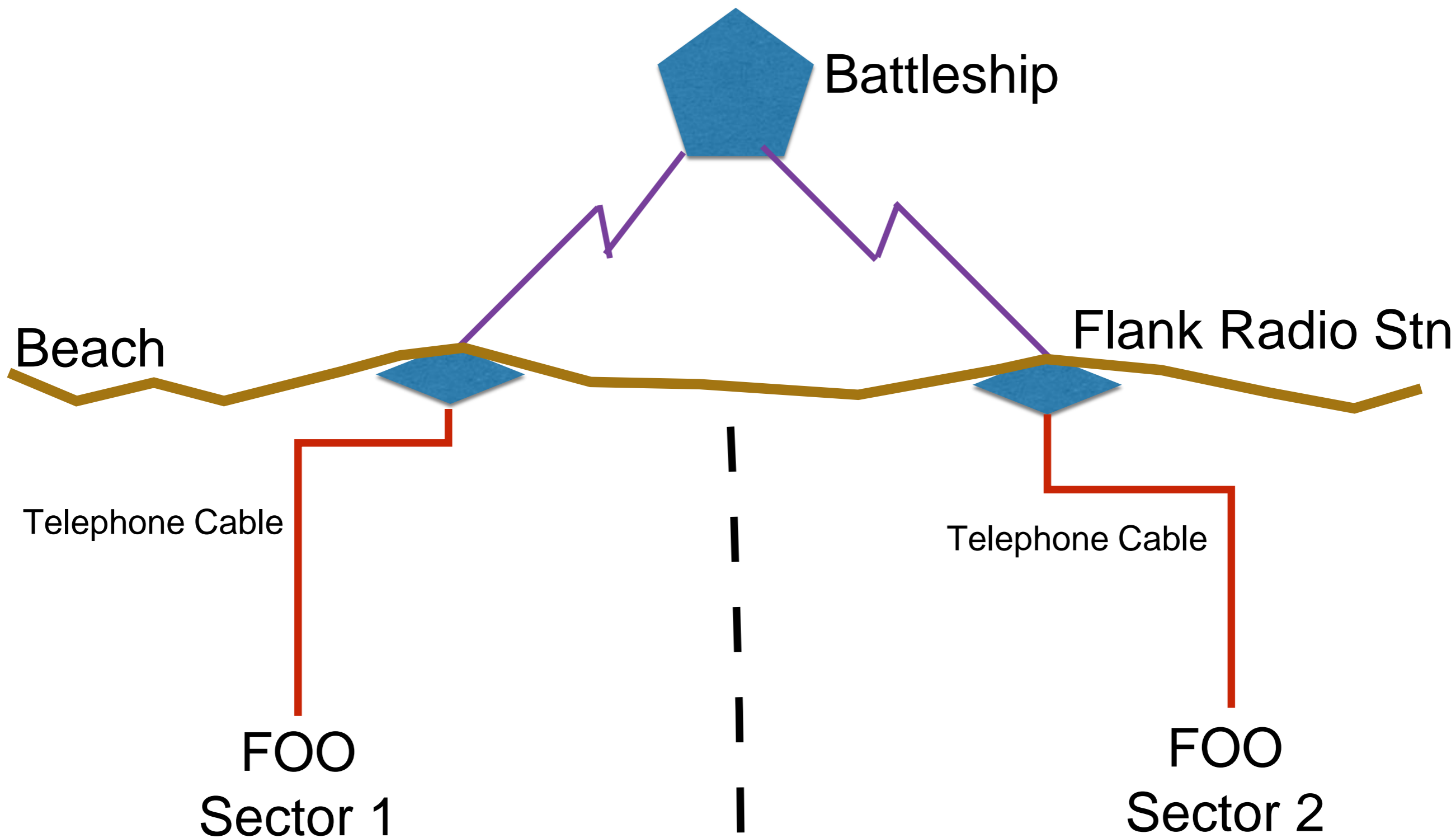


1st Australian Division Plan

Fire Support

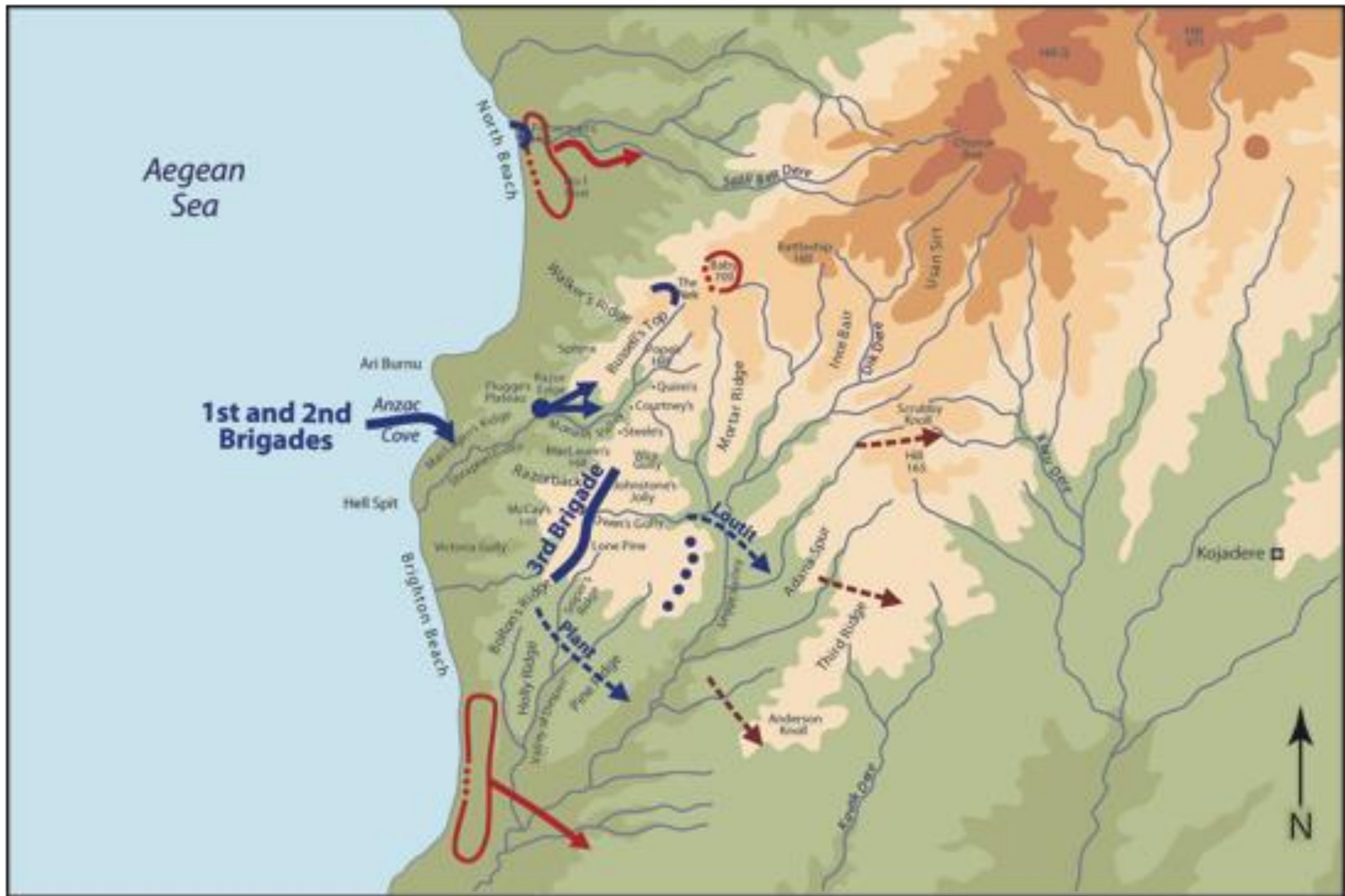
- *1. Naval Gunfire*
- *Air Observation*
 - *Aeroplane and ballon*
- *infantry carry flags to mark position*
- *Dedicated FOO from Divisional artillery*

NAVAL GUN FIRE SUPPORT

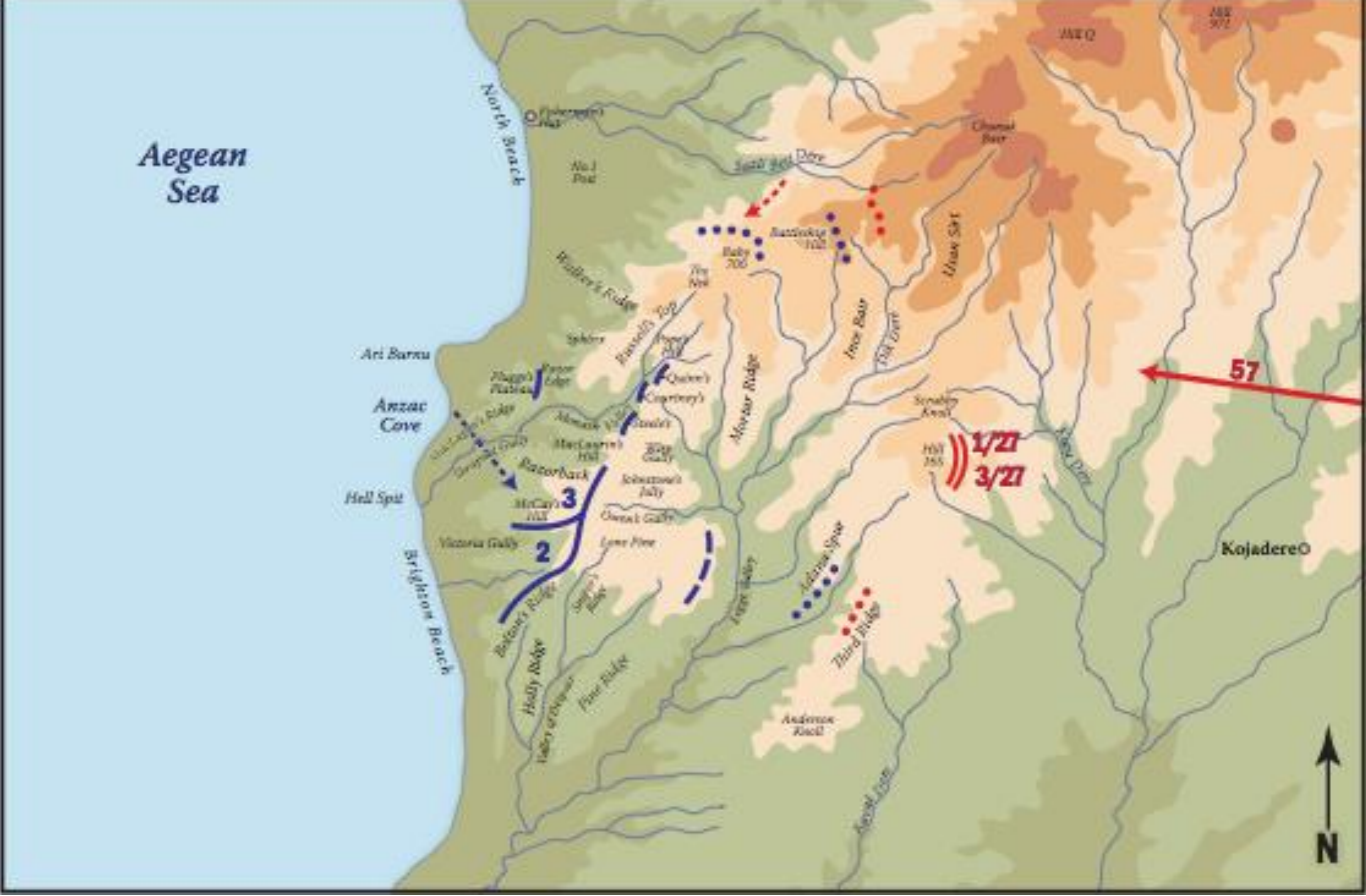


Fire Support

- *1. Naval Gunfire*
- *2. Indian Mountain Brigade allocated to 3rd Infantry Brigade (Covering Force)*
- *3 Field guns disembark and await allocation*



Situation 0630

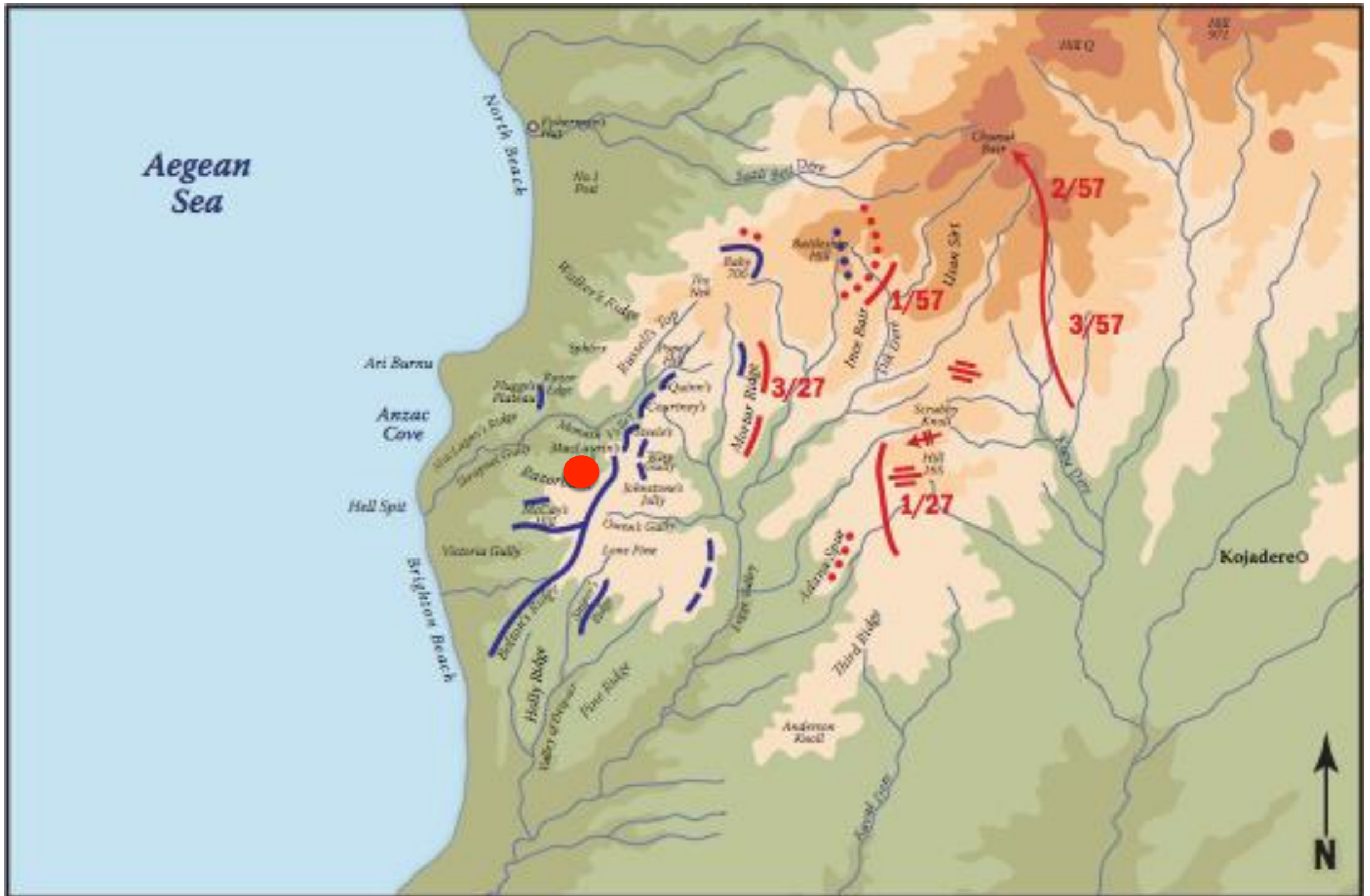


Situation 0930

Results- Naval Gunfire

- *Naval observers unsure of location of infantry*
- *Radio's unreliable*
- *No naval gunfire support 25th April except HMS Bacchante*

26th (Jacob's) Battery



Field artillery

- *Bridges refused to bring field guns ashore*
- *lack of gun positions*
- *fear of guns being captured*
- *guns landed sent back to transports*
- *one gun finally landed 1600*

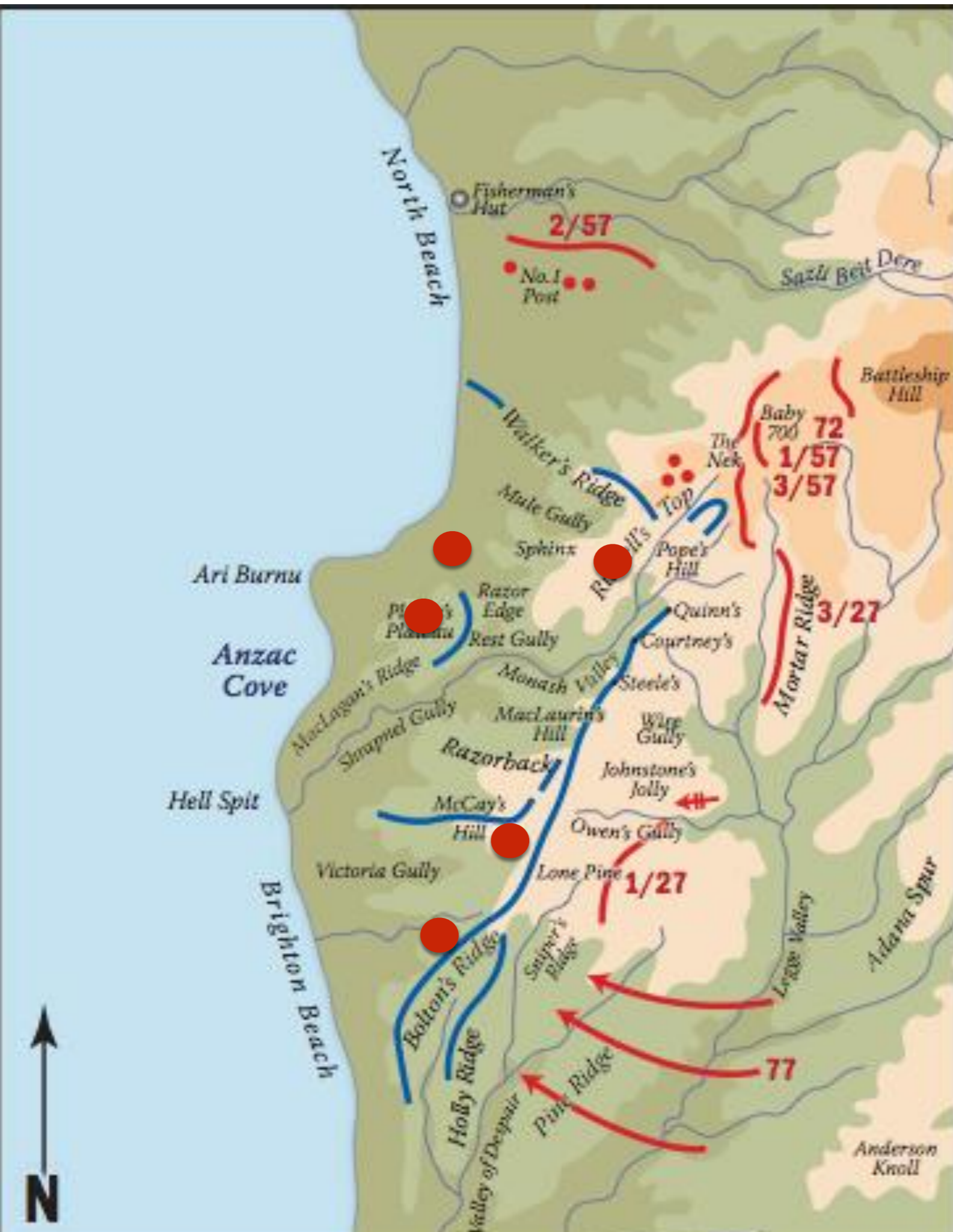


Guns landed

- *25th April*
 - *1030 26th (Jacob's) Battery - 6 mtn guns*
 - *1600 4 AFA Bty - 1 fld gun*
 - *1730 21st (Kohot) Bty - 6 mtn guns*

Guns landed

- *26th April*
 - *0300 1st AFA Bty - 1 fd gun*
 - *0430 NZ How Bty - 2 how*
 - *1200 NZ How Bty - 2 how*
 - *pm*
 - *4th AFA Bty - 2 fd guns*
 - *5th AFA Bty - 2 fd guns*
 - *7th AFA Bty - 4 fd guns*
 - *2 NZFA Bty - 4 fd guns*



Difficulty with gun positions

Guns eventually allocated sectors of defence line

Could only fire in own sector

Special permit to fire in another sector

Command and Control

- *Tactical control of whole div arty under Div Arty Comd*
- *Fd guns allocated sections of defence line*
- *Inf commanders pass req to arty bde and met in ordinary circumstances*
- *Spt from guns in another section - arty bde req direct or through Div Arty*
- *How and mtn guns under Div arty con and requests for spt made to Div arty*