



Ottoman Empire 5th Army
ORBAT- Gallipoli 1915

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Order of Battle (ORBAT) Info

What is an ORBAT?

In modern use, the order of battle of an armed force participating in a military operation or campaign shows the hierarchical organization, command structure, strength, disposition of personnel, and equipment of units and formations of the armed force.

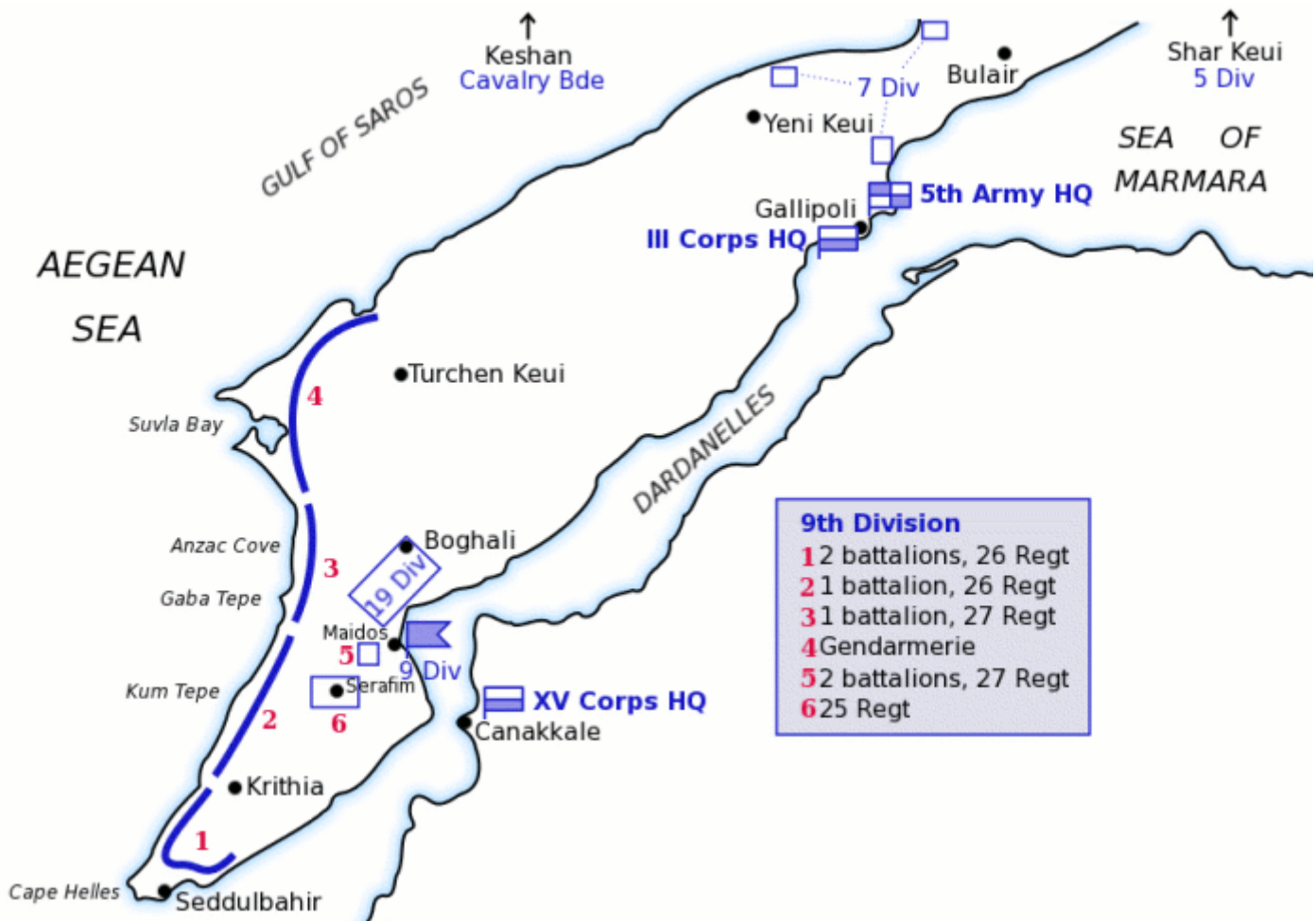
An order of battle is distinct from a table of organisation, which is the intended composition of a given unit or formation according to the military doctrine of its armed force. Historically, an order of battle was the order in which troops were positioned relative to the position of the army commander or the chronological order in which ships were deployed in naval situations.

As combat operations develop during a campaign, orders of battle may be revised and altered in response to the military needs and challenges.

How to use an ORBAT

The ORBAT can assist researchers & teachers by displaying the structure & strength of units participating in a campaign, in a way that easily displays hierarchy of command. When used in addition to maps and other sources (books, movies, and such), it can put into perspective the challenges faced by commanders and soldiers, but also illuminate reasons why commanders made certain choices.

For example, utilising the Ottoman ORBAT - Initial Landings - 25 April 1915 (page7) notice 9th Div defensive positions. Now locate 19th Division (in Reserve), who during the initial phase of the battle, played a vital role in stopping the ANZACs advance.



Units

Military Organisation of Combat Forces

Abbreviation	Units	Strength	Comprising	Commanded by
Sec	Section	9 to 16 people	-	Corporal or Sergeant
Pl	Platoon	30 to 60 people	4 Sections	Lieutenant
Coy	Company	100 to 225 people	4 Platoons	Captain or Major
Bn	Battalion	550 to 1000 people	4 Company	Lieutenant Colonel
Bde	Brigade	2500 to 4000 people	4 Battalion	Brigadier
Div	Division	10,000 to 20,000 people	3 Brigade	Major General
Corps	Corps	30,000 people or more	2 Divisions or more	Lieutenant General
Army	Army	60,000 people or more	2 Corps or more	General











Note:

1. This table is based on the Australian WW1 system; thus, this will vary from nation to nation. (Will update if Info on Ottomans is found)
2. The Ottoman Empire were undergoing military reforms at the beginning of the war, might not directly apply to them.
3. During the War many units were so depleted of men through injury, illness, and losses that they were lucky to have enough people for a full-strength company let alone a Corps or Army.

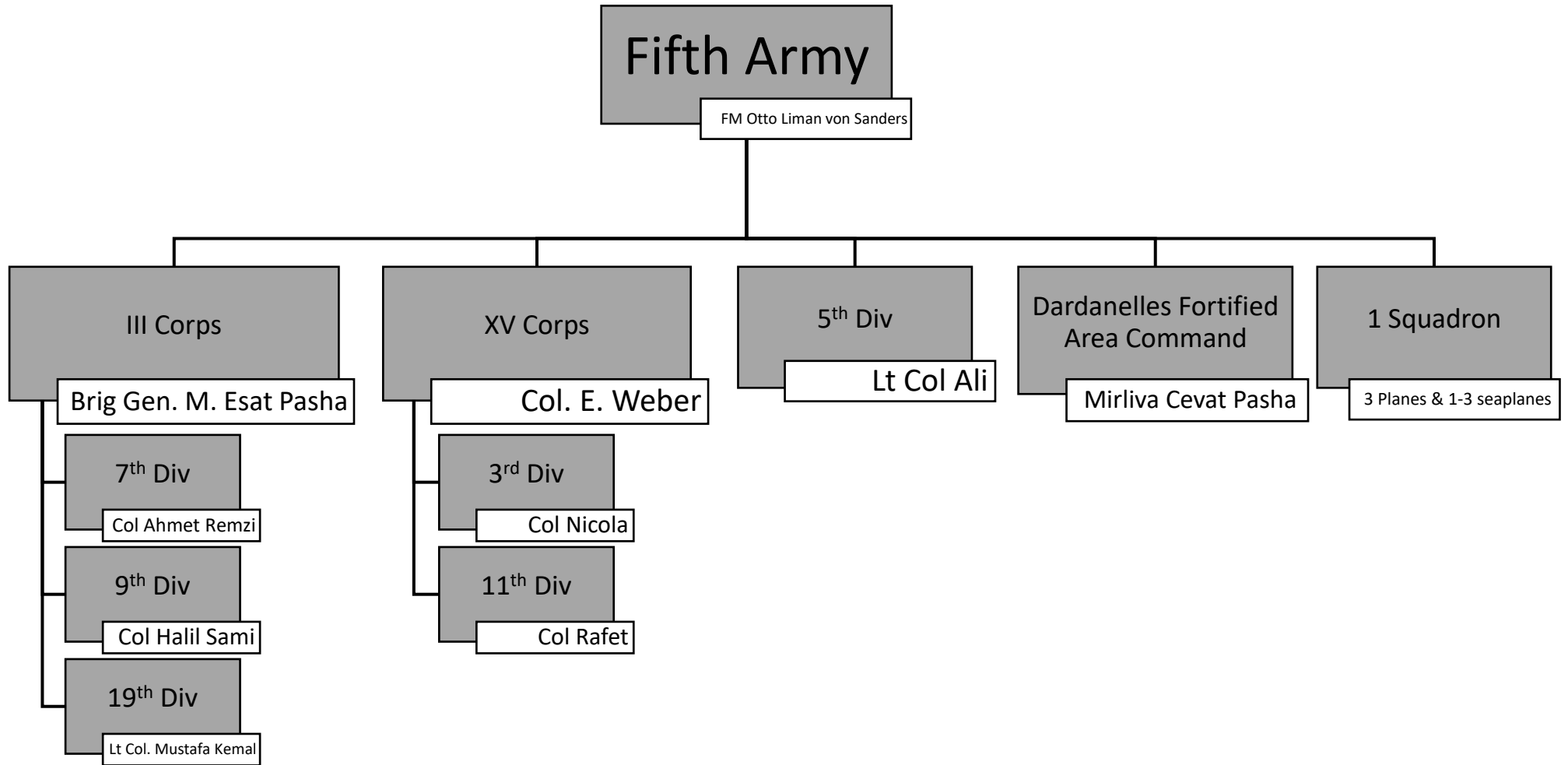
Ranks (Non-Commissioned Officers)

Abbreviated Ranks	Non-Abbreviated Ranks	Ottoman Army	Rank Insignia
Pte	Private	Nefer	
Cpl	Corporal	<i>Onbaşı</i>	
Sgt	Sergeant	<i>Bölük emini</i>	
1 st Sgt	Sergeant 1 st Class	<i>Çavuş</i>	
CoySgt	Company Sergeant	Muavini	
VSgtMaj	Vice Sergeant Major	Başçavuş Muavini	
MSgt	Master Sergeant	<i>Başçavuş</i>	

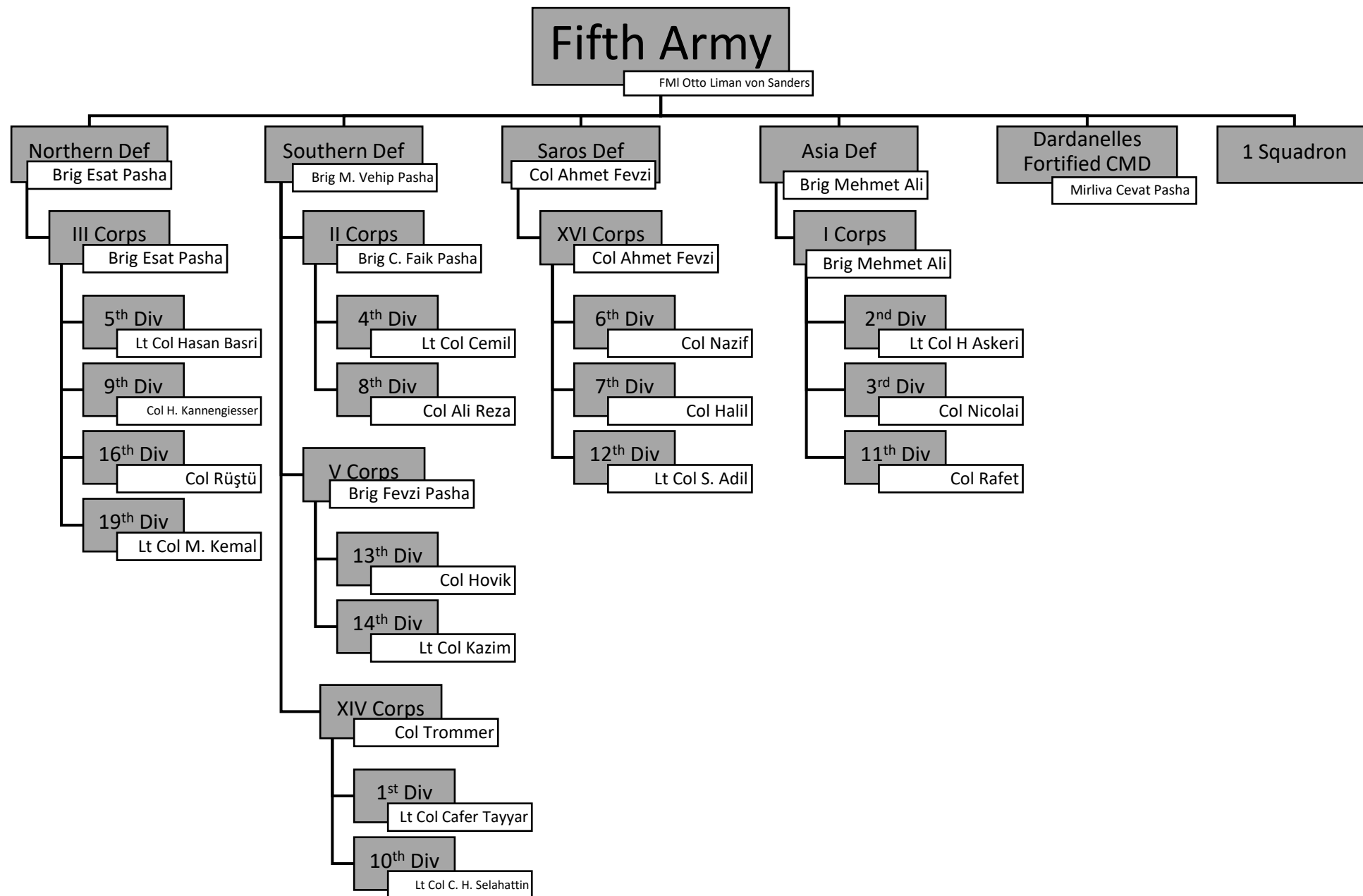
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2 nd Lt	2 nd Lieutenant	<i>Mülâzım-ı sâni</i>	
Lt	Lieutenant	<i>Mülâzım-ı evvel</i>	
Cap	Captain	<i>Yüzbaşı</i>	
Maj	Major	<i>Kolağası</i>	
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel	<i>Binbaşı</i>	
Col	Colonel	<i>Kaymakam</i>	
Brig	Brigadier	<i>Miralay</i>	
Maj Gen	Major General	<i>Mirliva</i>	
Lt Gen	Lieutenant General	<i>Ferik-i sani</i>	
Gen	General	<i>Ferik-i evvel</i>	
FM	Field Marshal	<i>Müşir</i>	

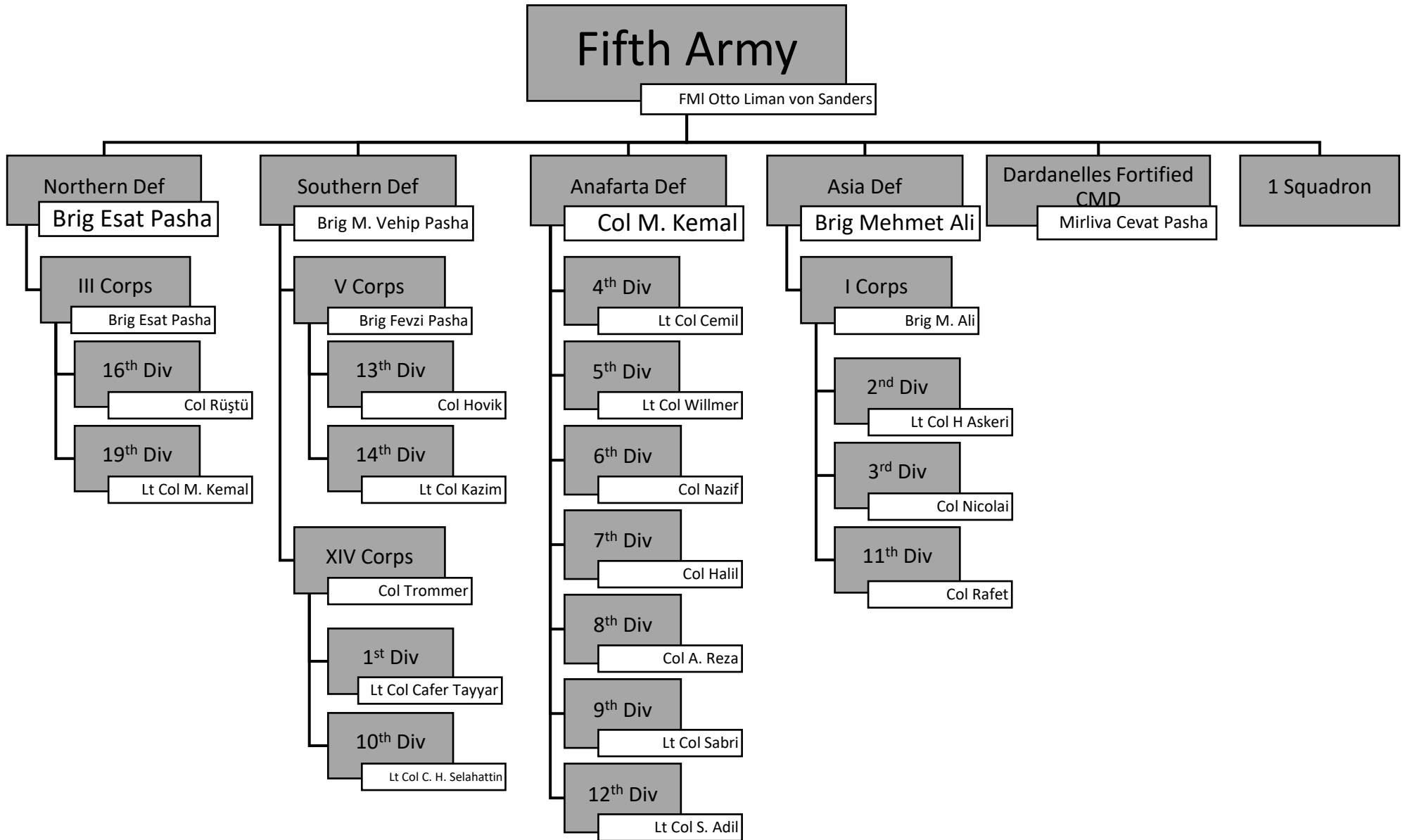
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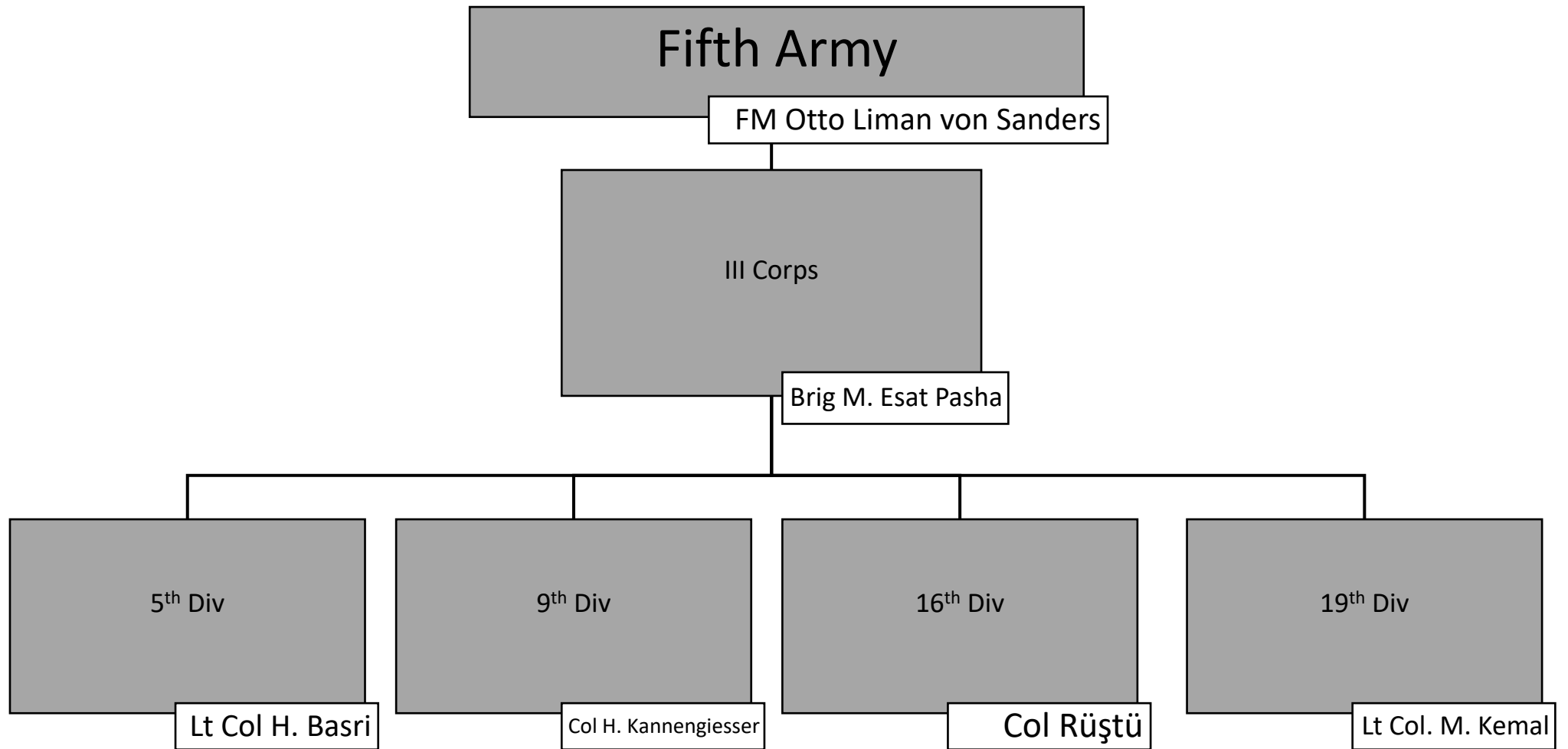
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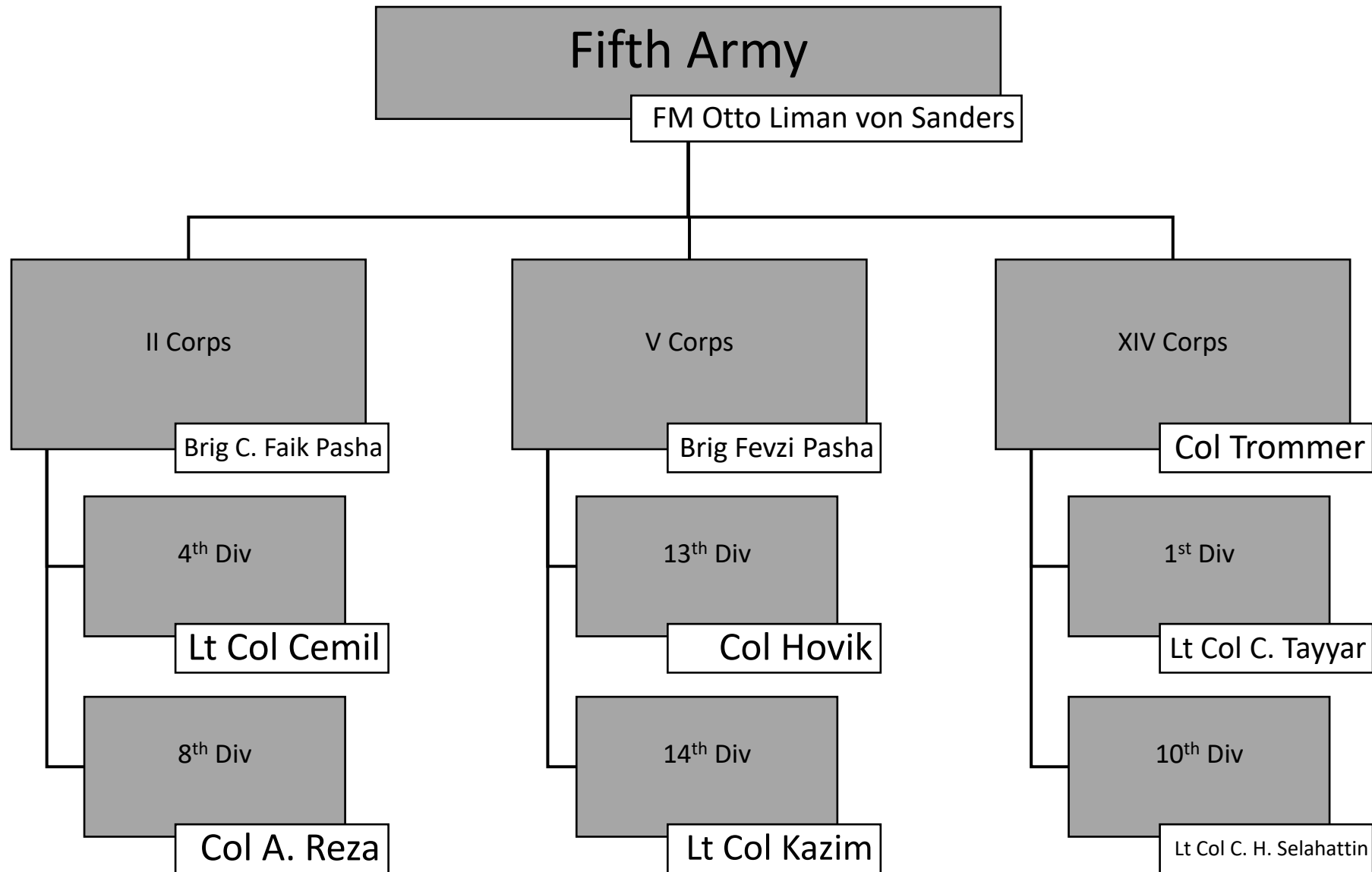
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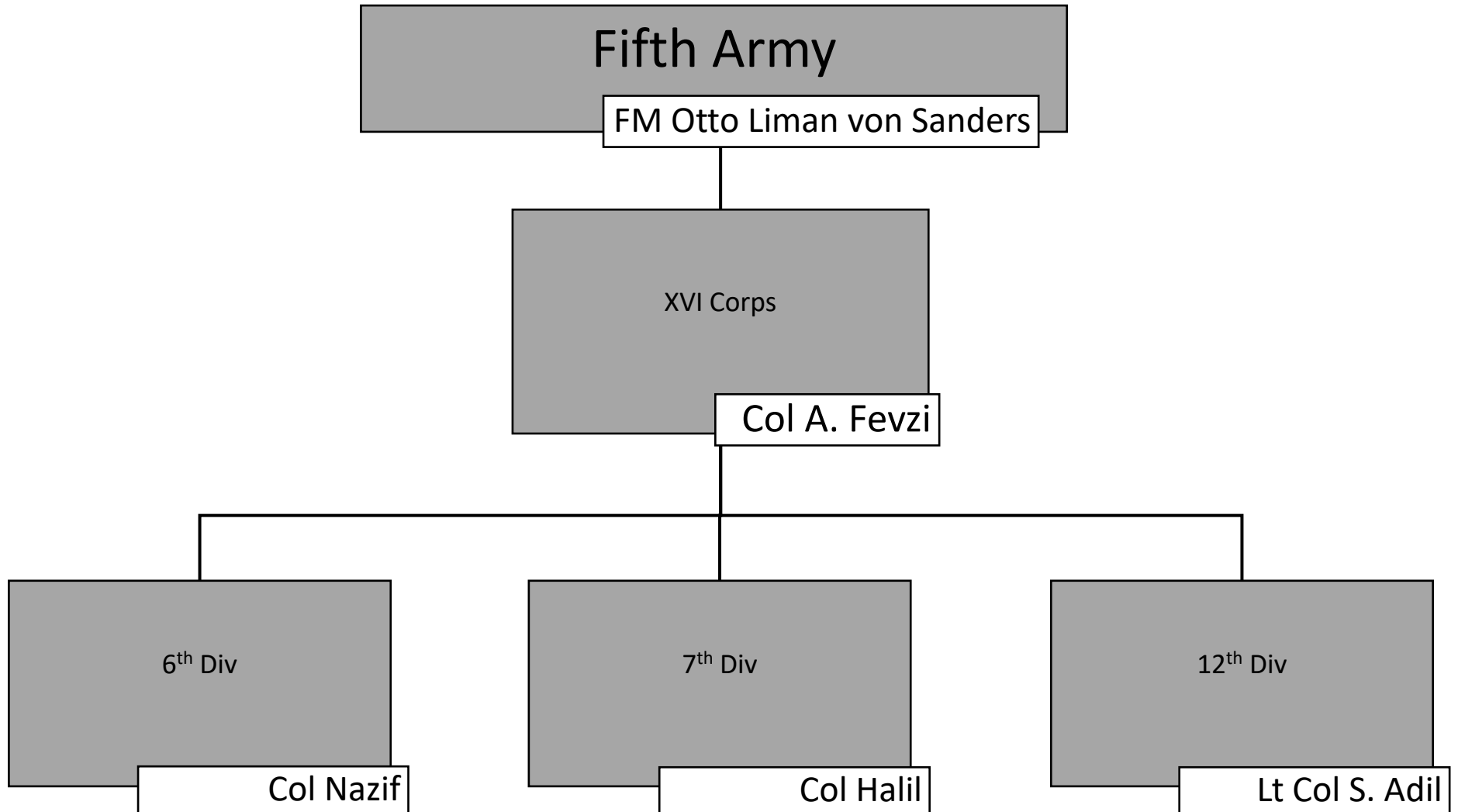
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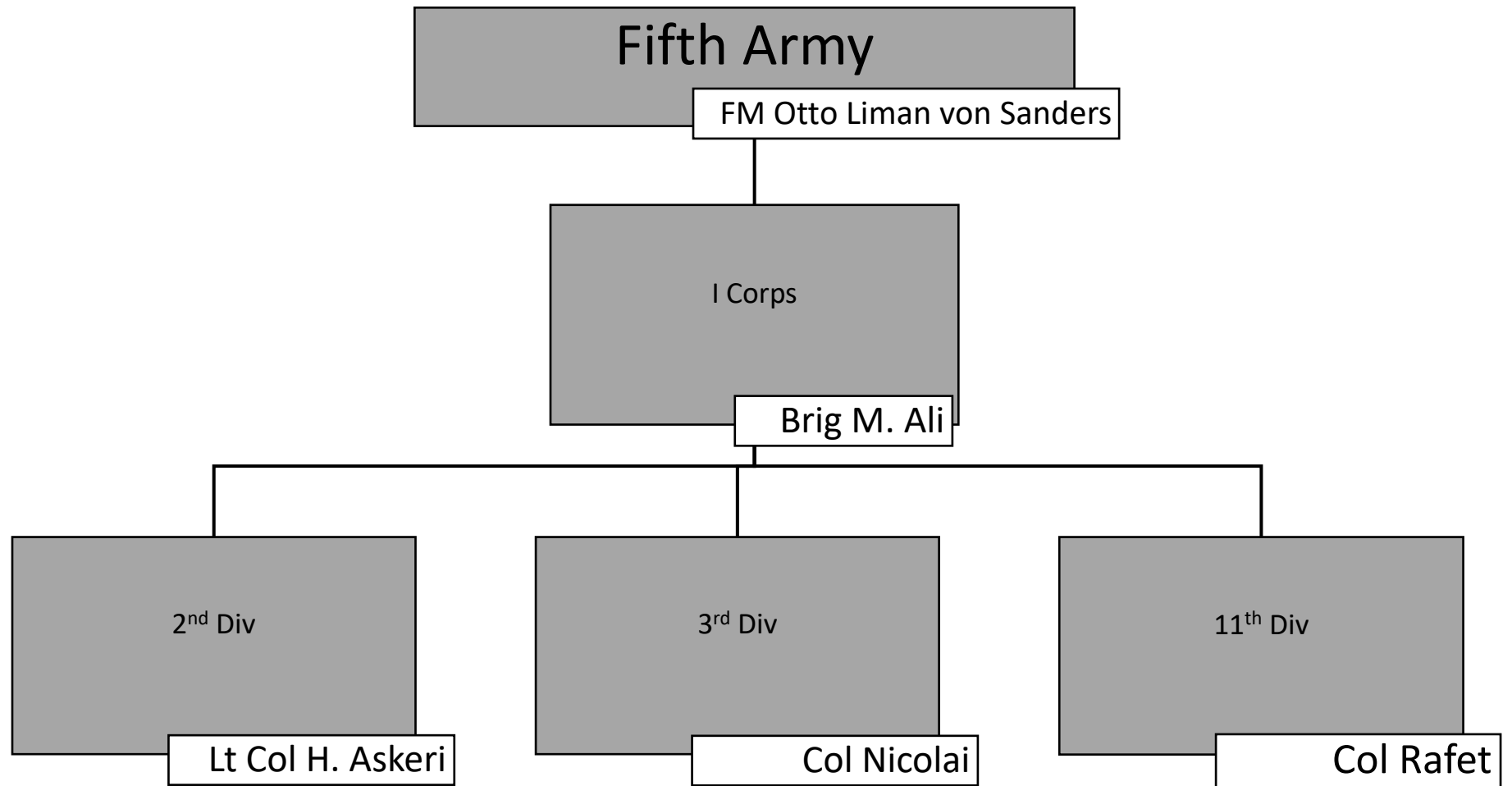
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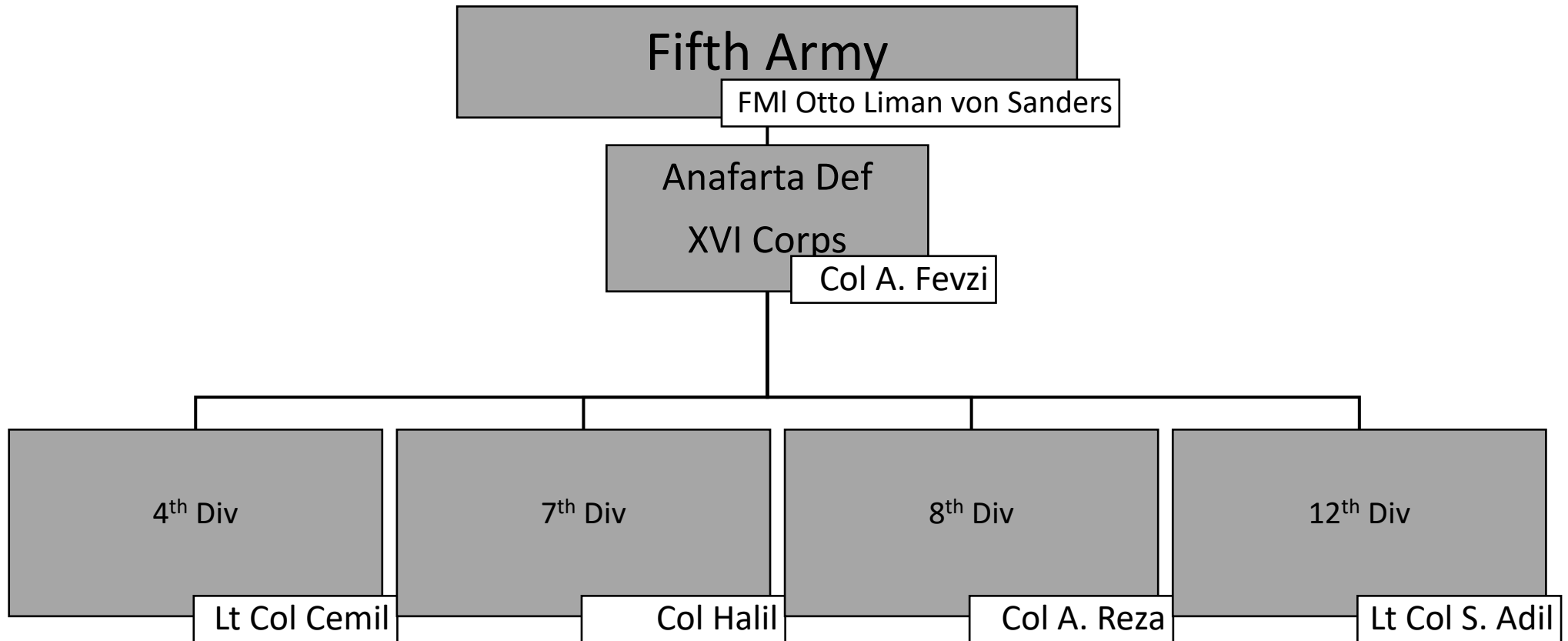


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Anafarta Defence Group ORBAT

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ORBAT for 31 August 1915

