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D.A.D.V.S., 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
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WAR DIARY

OF

D.A.D.V.S. 2nd Aust. Division

FOR

March. 1918

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D.A.D.V.S. 2ND AUST. DIV.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NIELLES-lez-Blequin.	13.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
Shut HAZETROU	K 5 A 23.18		Weekly returns of Division for week ending 28.2.18 forwarded to ADVS Aust Corps together with weekly report of DADVS see Appendix 1 attached	
	3.3.18-5.3.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
	6.3.18		2nd Aust Mob. Vet Section moved from NIELLES-lez-Blequin & took over site at B 8 d 5 7 shut 36.	
	7.3.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
S 17 Central shut 28	8.3.18		Office of DADVS 2nd Aust Div moved to Shut 28 S 17 central	
	9.3.18		Weekly report of DADVS forwarded to ADVS Aust Corps see Appendix 2. attached.	
	10.3.18		2nd Aust MVS took over charge of evacuations of sick injured animals by Barge from Base ST MAUR.	
	11.3.18-13.3.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
	14.3.18		As a result of suggestion put forward by DADVS 'D' 2nd Aust Div issued a memo to all units on "Horses fodder" "Bomb proof protection" &c.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S 17 Central Shell 78	14-3-18	contd	"Home washing of Stables" for copy see Appendix no 3 attached	
	15-3-18		DADVS weekly report for week ending 14 th inst forwarded to ADVS Aust Corps see Appendix 4 attached.	
	16-3-18	-20-3-18	nothing of interest to record.	
	21-3-18		DADVS present at conference held by DVS B E F of all DADVS US 4 th Army at ABEELE.	
	22-3-18		Weekly report of DADVS for week ending 21 st inst forwarded to ADVS Aust Corps see appendix 5 attached.	
	23-3-18	-29/3/18	nothing of interest to record	
	24-3-18		Mjr R.M. HORE look over duties of DADVS 2nd Aust Div vice Mjr R.H.F. Macundoe transferred Despatched to Base all correspondence & returns up to 31.12.17 for storage	
	29-3-18		nothing of interest to record.	
	30-3-18		Weekly report of DADVS 2nd Aust Div forwarded to ADVS Aust Corps see appendix 6 attached.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>S 17 Central Sheet 58</i>	<i>31 3 19</i>		<i>Nothing of interest to record.</i>	<i>Robert Dore Major A.D.V.S. 2ND AUSTR. DIV.</i>

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WAR DIARY

OF

D.A.P.V.S 2nd Aust Div

FOR

March 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Weekly Report of D.A.P.V.S week ending 28.2.18
2.	do do 7.3.18
3.	"Horse Fodder etc" 4. 2nd Aust. Div Memo.
4.	Weekly Report of D.A.P.V.S week ending 14.3.18
5.	do do 21.3.18
6.	do do 28.3.18

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Original Appendix
No. 10/114
Aust Corps

D.A.D.V.S.,
2ND AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
No. 10/114
Date 13.18

Attached please find No 2000
Wage Return etc for week ending
28.2.18.

Nothing unusual has occurred
during the period under report.
Units inspected, 7th Field Amb,
9th machine gun Coy, 22nd machine
gun Coy, 15th D.A.C. and 2nd D.A.C.
The latter with the 4th
since last inspection the 7th
Field Amb. shows much improvement
in its stable management, and all
other units are satisfactory.

Condition of Animals. First line
transport animals have main-
tained their condition, but horses
of the D.A.C. and Artillery units
have gone off in condition, the
main reason for the difference
being in my opinion due to the
fact that 1st line transport have
stable accommodation, whereas,
with the exception of one battery,
all the Artillery units had to be

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kept in open lines. Also since
arrival in this area many of
these animals had to be clipped
all over on account of their being
affected with lice and mange.
Providing we get stabling accommo-
dation in the new area to which
we are moving (commencing tomorrow)
such loss in condition should be
made good in a short while. It
may be worth pointing out that the
horses throughout have been and
are maintaining their condition,
even though exposed to the
same conditions as the
Artillery horses.

Yesterday the 6th Aust Drift
Battalion held a Horse Show, at
which I helped to judge. The
turnout was excellent, the
animals being in good
condition and great heat.

Diseases. S. Ophthalmia again
shows an increase of 6 over
last week's return, and though
the Lugol solution and eye lotions
are being used in treating
these cases, no tangible results
for the better can be noticed.

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Appendix 101.

A few mangle cases keep cropping up, and at first opportunity I would like, if possible, to have the 11th Bakery, 4th WFA Brigade, passed through a dip.

During the week the personnel of the Mobile Vet. Section have been doing musketry practice.

(Sgd) R. J. Macindoe
Major

D A.D.V.S. 2ND AUST. DIV.

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Appendix No 2

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To D.D.V.S.
Aust Corps

D.A.D.V.S.,	
2ND AUSTRALIAN	
DIVISION.	
No.	10. 16
Date	8. 3. 18

Please find attached NZH 2000.
Mange Return etc for week ending
7th inst.

Owing to the Division moving
no units were inspected with the
exception of Divisional Headquarters.
With reference to Diseases,
Ophthalmia is still proportionately
large but shows a falling off
in the number of cases compared
with the previous week.

Will you please inform me
what arrangements are in vogue
at the present time for the
evacuation of Sick animals?

..... Major
D A.D.V.S. 2ND AUST. DIV.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,
14th. March, 1918.

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- C.R.A.
- C.R.E.
- 2nd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade
- 2nd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 2nd. Aust. Div. Train.
- A.D.M.S.
- D.A.D.V.S.
- 22nd. Aust. M.C. Coy.
- A.P.M.
- 2nd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.
- Camp Commandant.

H O R S E F O D D E R

The necessity of practising the strictest economy in the rations for horses and mules still exists and Unit Commanders are requested to give this their attention. In the present area where the Light Railways afford splendid facilities for the transport of stores to the forward area there is not the same demand on horseflesh and in consequence many horses are not worked at all, whilst the majority receive light work only. Riding horses particularly are in some cases not worked for days on end. They should therefore not require the full ration, particularly the oat portion whilst greater opportunity can be taken of the grazing available. The reduction of the ration will require careful consideration as it is not desired to reduce the ration at the expense of the horses condition, but if Transport Officers and personnel give the matter their attention a considerable saving can still be effected.

Chaffcutters have been issued to each Battery A.F.A. and Section D.A.C., also to each Company A.S.C. as Unit equipment whilst the following issues have been made as area stores :-

5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	2	Chaffcutters
6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	1	"
7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	2	"
A.D.M.S.	1	"
2nd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	1	"

Arrangements will be made by Brigades for their chaffcutters to be made available in turn to the Units under their Command, to enable Units to obtain the full benefit from this equipment.

With a view to getting the full value of the hay fodder issued it is recommended that the following system be adopted in all Units. Coarse sieves made out of wire netting should be erected which would be 2½ ft. from the floor over which the hay before being placed in the haynets is teased to allow seed, leaves and short pieces to fall through on to a tarpaulin. The seed, leaves etc., will be then collected and placed in nosebags, the coarser hay being placed in nets. By this means much of the fodder now wasted could be utilized.

P.T.O.

BOMB PROOF PROTECTION A considerable amount of work still requires to be done to complete the building of bomb proof walls around stables. This work will be put in hand by Units without further delay in order to local ise the effects of enemy bombs.

LIME WASHING OF STABLES. This work will continue. All stables within the Divisional Area will be lime washed by the Unit in occupation. The necessary lime required will be obtained through the C.R.E.

for. *W. Swaney Coy.*
 Colonel,
 A.A. & Q.M.G.
 2nd Aust. Division.

The necessity of protecting the stables economy in the
 ration for horses and units still exists and Unit Commanders
 are requested to give this their attention. In the present
 area where the Light Railways are being extended facilities for
 the transport of stores to the forward area there is not the
 same demand on horseflesh and in consequence many horses are
 not worked at all, whilst the majority receive light work only.
 Riding horses particularly are in some cases not worked for days
 on end. They should therefore be not receive the full ration
 particularly the oat ration which is a greater opportunity can
 be taken of the greater available. The ration at the stables
 will require careful consideration as it is not desired to
 reduce the ration at the expense of the horses condition, but
 if Transport Officers and personnel give the matter their
 attention a considerable saving can still be effected.
 Officers have been issued to each battery A.R.A.
 and Section B.A.C. also to each Company A.R.C. as well as equip-
 ment which the following issues have been made as area stores:
 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade 2
 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade 1
 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade 1
 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade 1
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 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade 1
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To ADVS
1st Corps

D. No.	
No.	10/23
Date	15.3.18

Please find attached A 2000 & other returns for week ending 11th inst. For this period the 2nd Aust Prov Batta rejoined this Division for administration when return is included. The difference between animals remaining in last week's return & this is four (4) which were remaining from previous.

During the period under review the following units were inspected by me:-
 2nd Aust Lhw Hd Qtrs, 2nd Aust MVS,
 5th & 7th Coy Engineers, 2nd Prov Batta
 5th Hld Amb, 2nd Aust Signal Coy, 4th
 & 5th A.F. H Bde.

Conditions of animals:- Condition throughout of these units was very good, & fairly good, though in some few cases, poor animals were to be seen.

In the case of the 7th Hld Coy Engs the animals of which are mostly horses, condition was rather low. The method of feeding & watering in this unit after thorough investigation was satisfactory & the low condition I attribute mainly to any or all of the following causes:-

Conditions of animals could - original
 causes:- (1) Officers placed in charge of horse lines are inexperienced with horses,
 (2) An officer is not always on lines &
 (3) The horses are called on for work maybe at all hours, thereby rendering it impossible to arrange for regular feeding & grooming. Against this the other Hld Coy's animals are in remarkably good condition, but they have all thrushes except for hocks & there is no doubt that the mule can stand up to more hardship than the horse.

On inspecting the Artillery units the condition of animals was in my opinion remarkably good considering that they have been out on open lines for the last six weeks & as they are all under cover now a great deal more improvement can be expected.

Feeding & watering: Special attention was paid to feed rooms & methods of feeding. Wagon line Officers had pointed out to them methods by which fodder can be saved. Watering facilities were good.

Grooming - Much improvement can be expected & a common fault was the absence of improvised curry combs

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D.A.D.V.S.
2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
No. 10/29
Date 22.3.18

Attached please find A2000
range return etc for week ending
21st inst.

During the week the following
units were inspected by me viz

2nd Aust Div Sig Coy	2nd ADAC
6 Aust Infy Bde	7 1st Amb
5 do	6 do
7 do	6 1st Coy Coy
15 AFA Bde	7 do
2nd Prov Batten	2nd AMB Coy
16th 20 Coy AASC	2nd Div Mmt
Div Hdqtrs	Div Art Hdqtrs

All animals with the
exception of 2nd Aust. Prov Batten
are under cover & on prepared
standings, which in most cases
are in fair state of repair, but in
some few cases units are too crowded
& floors require repair but these faults
are being remedied as fast as material
is available.

Condition of animals - With the
exception of some artillery units

Condition of animals contd -
The condition is good & special attention
is being directed to feeding of fodder with
the minimum amount of waste for this
purpose each unit has been instructed to
construct coarse wire sieves upon which
hay is teased before being put into hay-
nets so that leaves seeds etc fall through
on to a clean surface, are collected & fed
in nosebags.

Body Hygiene - Animals are groomed
two hours per day, once in the morning &
once in the afternoon, & much improve-
ment can still take place. The use

of improvised Curry combs made from
wire netting etc has not been sufficiently
availed of in the past, but Airt's
attention has been drawn to this matter.

Watering facilities :- Additional
troughs were received by the 11th Battery
this week & more are on order for the
20th Coy AASC & 5 Mack Gun Coy & when
received the Division will have plenty
of accommodation & water.

Protection of standings against
enemy aircraft is under way & all
standings are to be hosed down in a
few instances this has been already
done but the supply of lime has just

just become available for units.
 Increase:- Some cases of disability
 were evacuated - all from Artillery units -
 as with the reduced ration it would be
 practically impossible to condition them
 on lines except at expense of other
 animals.

Ophthalmia cases admitted
 number 36, an increase on previous
 week of 9.

mange practically only
 exists in one unit the 11th Battery,
 4th AFA Bde & the symptoms are of
 a Psoroptic character. And
 the Corps Dip has broken down
 would it be possible to get the
 use of the St Jean Capelle dip
 please.

Sgd) R. H. Macdonald
 D A.D.V.S. 2ND AUST. DIV.

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To C.D.V.S.
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D.A.D.V.S.	
2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	10/30
Date	29.3.18

Attached please find A2000 etc for week ending 28th inst.

Having just assumed duties of D.A.D.V.S. 2nd Aust Div via Capt R.H. Macindoe, on 28th inst no inspection of Unit has been made by me.

With regard to weekly returns there is nothing of unusual importance to report. Many remain the same & during the week 90 animals of 11" Battery H.A.F.A Bde & all the animals (215) of 6th Aust Fld Amb were passed through the Corps Disp.

A noticeable decrease in number of Ophthalmia cases admitted during week as compared with previous week is shown by the following figures, week ending 21/3/18 38 cases, present week 18 cases

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