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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEACOURT	1.5.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
B12 Actual shul 62d				
Bertangles	2.5.18.		Office of DADOS 2nd Aust. Division moved to BERTANGLES	
D.1 Shul. Am 1005 17			2nd Aust. Div. Section moved to Port Moyelles H18 C19 shul 62d.	
	3.5.18		Weekly report of DADOS forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps see appendix no. attached.	
	4.5.18		Nothing of interest to record	
ALLOUVILLE	5.5.18		Office of DADOS moved to ALLOUVILLE.	
G.11 d shul 62d	6.5.18		<p>Cap H.R.M. Fyans V.C. Officer in charge forwarded smears taken from animal in 21st Batta 6th A.I.Bde. suspected of having EPIZOOTIC LYMPHANGITIS.</p> <p>These smears however on Bacteriological Examination proved negative</p> <p>Samples of Oats as issued to Co 3 Sub. Sec S.A. Sec 2nd ADAC containing a quantity of small stone flints handed on to S.S.O. 2nd Aust Div. The presence of these flints in fodder may probably be due to fact that Oats are brought up in Bulk in Barges & these Barges are also used for carting stone.</p>	

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ALLOUVILLE G11 d. Shed 62 ^d	6.5.18	could	in the event of the holds not being properly cleaned out small chips became mixed in with the fodder.	
	7.5.18		Inspection & examination made by D.A.D.V.S. + Ob. 2nd Aust M.V.S. of animal sent into Section by 2nd ADAC under suspicion for Epizootic Lymphangitis. This proved to be a case of Ulcerative Cellulitis.	
	8.5.18-9.5.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
	10.5.18		Weekly report of D.A.D.V.S. forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust Corps - see Appendix 2 attached	
St Gratien B 27 Central Shed 62 ^d	11.5.18		Office of D.A.D.V.S. moved to St Gratien. By central Shed 62 ^d .	
	12.5.18-16.5.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
	17.5.18		Weekly report of D.A.D.V.S. forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust Corps - see Appendix 3 attached	
	18.5.18-19.5.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
	20.5.18		Capt. P. T. Keelymack A.A.V.C. reported for duty with Division vice Capt. H. R. D. Fyans.	
21.5.18-22.5.18		Nothing of interest to record.		
23.5.18		Capt. W. MacGregor A.A.V.C. reported for duty as Ob. 2nd Aust Mob. Vet. Section vice Major S. Fletcher M.C.		

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St Gratien B29 central Sheet 62 ^d	24.5.18		Capt H.R.N. Fyans left Division to report for duty in ENGLAND Capt W. MacGregor assumed command of 2nd Aust MWS & Capt Fletcher reported for duty to ADVS Aust Corps as O.C. 1 st Aust Vet Evacuation Station Weekly letter of DADVS forwarded to ADVS Aust Corps see appendix 4 attached	
	25.5.18-28.5.18		Nothing of interest to record.	
	29.5.18		2nd Aust MWS Vet Section moved from PONT NOYELLES to H11654 Sheet 62 ^d	
	30.5.18		Nothing of interest to record	
	31.5.18		Weekly report of DADVS forwarded to ADVS Aust Corps See Appendix 5 attached	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Weekly Report of DADOS week ending 2/5/18
2	do do 9/5/18
3.	do do 16/5/18
4.	do do 23/5/18
5	do do 30/5/18

Diseases - conta
 & weak & quite unable to accompany the Battalion when on the march & owing to instructions placed on animals suffering from Stomatitis she was unable to be vaccinated. No fresh cases have been reported in this Unit during the week.

Owing to the of 1st Aust Light Bde moving to Camou-Rivier area the following instructions were issued to that Bde -

- "In view of move of Division horses
- "of 27th Battr at present under isolation
- "for Stomatitis will accompany this
- "Battalion but will not be paired up
- "with healthy animals & strict isolation
- "will be advised to on march on reaching
- "destination"

movements -
 This office moved with 2nd Bde from Beaumont to Bataches on 2nd inst & the 2nd Aust NOS from Beaumont to Pont Royalles on same date.

(Sgd) R. Mitchell Horse Insp

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To D.V.S.
 1st Bde

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No. 1437
 Date 3.5.18

Attached please find A 2000 for the week ending 2/5/18

During the week the following Units were inspected -

4 A.F.A. Bde	7 M G Coy
13 & 14 Batteries 2 A.F.A. Bde	576 1st Unit
Forward horse lines of	2nd A M G Coy
475 Artillery Bde	7 A I Bde

Condition -
 The condition of animals inspected is fairly satisfactory there is an improvement throughout with the exception of the horses of 10th, 11 & 12th Batteries which do not seem to be improving as quickly as horses of other units inspected.

Disease -
 Stomatitis. One of the 13 horses of 27th Battr in strict isolation for Stomatitis had to be destroyed owing to development of a secondary abscess in the rear cheek due in my opinion to infection from a slough in the ground in that locality. The following are my reasons for destroying; the mare was very low &

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Feed

Complaints have been received from various units in this Division about foreign matter in the oats.

I have seen the oats the cause of complaint is small flint (stone) which is mixed in with it, coming, in my opinion, from the bottom of improperly cleaned bays in which oats are carried in bulk.

This matter was reported to SSV of Division.

Disease

Two cases of (Suspicious) Epimochae Lymphangitis were reported by Vet Officers during the week. A mule from 1st Sect 2nd A&A reported by Vet Officer in charge of that unit on further examination proved to be a case of Ulcerative Cellulitis, a similar case reported in 2nd Batta (A1Bd), on Bacteriological examination at 40 5 Vet Hospital, of smears proved negative.

The two animals shown in Class 9 of this week's A2000 as Cellulitis are not Ulcerative Cellulitis but cases of ordinary Cellulitis from

Leopards

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No.	10/39
Date	10.5.14

To A&A's
Aust Leopards

Attached please find A2000 for week ending 9/5/14. During the week the following units were inspected.

- 6 A1Bde
- 13 Sub Sections SFA Section 2nd A&A
- 14dpts 9 2nd Div Sig Coy
- 5 AM 9 Coy
- 5 4th. Unit
- 2nd Aust MTS
- 6 4th Coy Leopards

Nothing to report on animals

inspected.

Remounts

The majority of Remounts (Class R) drawn from Remount Sections during the week are only fair in condition, dead in appearance of skin, of a very common type unsuitable as officers Rides.

One horse (HD) was totally blind had to be evacuated.

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Disease - could
 from unknown origin
Ophthalmia

As the summer is now
 commencing & with it the reappearance
 of flies, I consider it necessary
 that Brown bands be issued as soon
 as possible to prevent the spread of
 Ophthalmia, as they are one of the
 probable means of infection if the
 disease is of a specific nature.

Sgd P. Mitchell Roseman
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No.	10/40
Date	17.5.18

Herewith attached weekly
H 2000 for week ending 16.5.18
The following units were
inspected during the week.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 st of 2nd Sect 2nd ADAC | 2nd ADVS |
| H AFA Bde | 5 th AFA Bde |
| 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy | 2nd Aust Div
Batter |
| 2nd Aust Bde | |

General stable management &
condition of horses are fairly satisfactory
there is nothing of particular importance
to record

The weekly return of sick
animals shows a slight increase in
cases of colic admitted which is in
my opinion, due to grazing now
available.

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No. 10/11
 Date 21.5.18
 Return

I forward herewith weekly
 (A 2000) for week ending 23/5/18
 the following visits were inspected
 during the week

5th Aust Fld Unit	2nd AMVS
112 Sigs 2nd AASC	5th AT Bde
28 Battr	6 do
5th MG Coy	115th AFIA Bde
2nd Bkfl	forward Wagon Lines

There is nothing of particular
 importance to record on condition of
 animals or stable management

The following changes in Vet Officers of
 this Division have taken place during the week:
 Capt W MacGregor assumed duty as
 OIC 2nd Aust AMVS vice Major S Fletcher
 transferred, & Capt P. J. Kelly back as V.O
 i/c Hvy Troops vice Capt Lyons
 transferred

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Bomb breaks -

All standings in the open are fairly well protected by Bomb breaks with the exception of 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy where they are now under construction.

Watering

Watering facilities are good.

Animals captured

Two German horses (Packs) crossed the line & were captured by 7 A.F.F. Bde handed over to the 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy where they are in isolation & have been malleined.

These are included in stray animals recovered in return.

Disease -

Four animals slightly affected by Mustard Gas were admitted during the week. These animals were at work carrying rations to the line & a shell containing Mustard Gas burst almost under one of them resulting in an oedematous condition of the under surface of the belly & conjunctivitis & the remainder of the team a mild conjunctivitis only.

Ophthalmia cases admitted show an increase as compared with previous week, i.e. 52 for present week, 24 for week ending 23rd inst while

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Date 31.5.18

20 A.D.V.S.

Aust Corps

Herewith attached please find weekly A 2000 for week ending 30/5/18.

The following units were inspected during week -

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2nd Dkt | 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy |
| 2nd A.M.V.S | 2nd Div Train |
| 4 A.F.A Bde | 5 A.F.A Bde |
| 2nd Am G Batta | 2nd Sect 2nd ADAC |
| 17 + 18 Battalies | |

Condition -

The condition is satisfactory in all animals inspected with exception of those of 11 + 12 Battalies & a few animals in the 13 + 105 Battalies.

Horses on 11 + 12 Battalies though improved are much below the average condition of those of the other units inspected while in 13 + 105 Battalies the average condition is satisfactory but there are a few animals in each on the poor side, which need extra attention.

The animals of 5 A.M.G Coy which were not satisfactory a few weeks ago have greatly improved.

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Disease control
 while evacuations show an increase
 of 6 on previous return
 the majority of cases are
 of a very mild form & they are remaining
 for treatment owing to the difficulty in
 getting Remounts to replace them, many
 of which have Ophthalmia when received
 by Units from Remount Section

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