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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUBEMPRE	1:9:16		A. D. V. S. moved to RUE D'ARRAS, DOULLENS.	
DOULLENS	2:9:16		2nd Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section moved to BRETEL. 66 Remounts arrived at ACHEUX Railhead for Division. Instructions received from D.O.V.S. Reserve Army regarding Horse Recovery Form No 3 :- (a) Column no. 3 ("If abandoned, lost, or left") will include the date of such. (b) Column no 6 ("No. of days in charge of inhabitant") will be amended to include date of collection of animal. - Forms altered accordingly.	
"	3:9:16		A.D.V.S. met D.O.V.S. Reserve Army, at office of latter at RAINCHEVAL.	
"	4:9:16		D.O.V.S. Reserve Army advised that the 7th. Aust. Machine Gun Coy. left a brown mare - 8 years - faint star - white near hind Coronet, - suffering from a wound - near hock with M. DUBAILLE EMILE at VADENCOURT.	
"			Following animal collected by 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section, from M. GAMBIER ABEL at BRETEL :- Brought Black Gelding, aged - 16.1 - Bay - race - Saddle and collar marks - near fore fetlock - suffering from Laminitis, original unit - 4th Coy. 6th Divisional Train A.S.C. - animal evacuated to-day.	
"	5/9/16		A.D.V.S. entrained at DOULLENS NORTH Station at midnight.	

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DOULLENS	5:9:16	M.H.	2nd. Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section entrained at AUTHEILE Station.	
HOPOUTRE	6:9:16	8:30 AM	A.D.V.S. disentrained at HOPOUTRE - proceeded by road to RENINGHELST arriving at 10am. (map Position G.34d 38 Sheet 28).	
RENINGHELST	"	-	2nd. Aust. Mobile Vet. Section situated at G.14.b.36. - Sheet 28 - under administration of D.D.V.S. Second Army.	
"	7:9:16		2nd. Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section took over from 4th. (Imp) Div. Mobile Vet. Section, which unit left 21 animals to be evacuated. arrangements for evacuating animals by road trail, received from D.D.V.S. 2nd Army.	
			A.D.V.S. the responsible officer for carrying out the branding of animals in the Division; vide 2nd Army Routine Order no. 464 of 4:9:16.	
"	8/9/16		Report furnished to "Q" Branch regarding Dipping Baths - 1 Bath for each Corps area suggested.	
			A.D.V.S. moved to position 500 yards distant, and took over from ADVS 4th. (Imp.) Div.	
			Meeting of all Veterinary officers of Division, at office of ADVS - D.D.V.S. 2nd Army present.	

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RENINGHELST	8/9/16		<p>Veterinary Officers instructed that care must be exercised regarding evacuation of animals which are only slightly lame, and which are fit for service in the field - vide DVS instruction 17/3474/16 -</p>	
"	9/9/16		<p>Advice received from DDVS A.I.F. regarding promotion of Captain AVE. A.I.F. to rank of Major. Weekly Returns despatched to DDVS 2nd Army.</p>	
"	10/9/16		<p>Following animal left by 16th Battery, 6th Aust. Fa. Bde. Collected: - LO. Roan Mare - 15 hands. Aged - N.Y.D. Following animal left by 16th Battery, 6th Aust. Fa. Bde. Collected: - R. Bay Gelding - 15.2. Report passed to 'Q' Branch regarding horse lines being taken over by Division - Recommended that lines allotted to 1st Section, 2nd DAC. be thoroughly inspected, and that new posts be put in to replace the old ones, which should be burnt. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Animals inspected by ADVS: - 25th Battalion, Grooming very bad and general management slack and unsatisfactory. Same applies to 26th Battalion.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	10:9:16		<p>27th. Battalion; Condition & management much improved, but shoeing not up to date.</p> <p>28th. Battalion; management and Condition, good. - The attention to slackness in 25th. & 26th. Battalions, was directed to Senior Transport officers, with a view to early improvement.</p> <p>Report passed to "Q" Branch re shortage of horse rations issued at present, resulting in poor condition: Full ration as laid down in GPO 1399 Imperative. Suggested that grazing be procured.</p>	
"	11:9:16		<p>Following animal left by 7th Aust. Field Coy. Engineers, collected: - R. Blk. Gelding, 14.2 - 6 years - suffering from punctured wound, of Shifle.</p> <p>4th Aust. F.a. Bde inspected by ADVS - 10th. Battery: Stable management & Condition of animals Satisfactory. - Same applies also to 11th. & 104th. Batteries - 12th Battery: Condition poor - 3 animals sent to Mobile Section for evacuation, suffering from Debility.</p> <p>13th. and 14th. Batteries of 5th. F.a. Bde. inspected: 13th Battery; Condition Satisfactory, except as regards 8 animals, of which 2 were ordered to be sent to Mobile Section suffering from Debility, and the remaining 6 ordered special feeding.</p>	



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RENINGHELST.	11:9:16		14th. Battery: Satisfactory; but attention directed to animals being tied with too long a lead & rope.	
"	12/9/16		Request sent to "Q" Branch that built standings and overhead cover be erected at position occupied by 2nd Aust. In-able Veterinary Section (G. H. B. 3.6. Sheet 28) Details of requirements given & plan attached. Advice received from D.D.V.S. Reserve Army that animal left by 7th Aust. M. R. Coy with M. DUBAILLE EMILE of VADENCOURT on 3:9:16, was collected & examined on 6:9:16.	
			Instructions received from D.D.V.S. 2nd. Army. (D.V.S. 7/3378/16 dated 9:9:16) regarding horse shoe nails which are slightly rusted being refused by units - Passed to "Q" Branch; inserted in Divisional Routine orders - (D.R.O. 1052)	
"	13/9/16		Report forwarded to D.D.V.S. A.P.F. regarding incompetency of No. 222 Sgt. R. Darling A.V.C. Requesting instructions as to action to be taken.	
"	14/9/16		21 Pistols - Webley MARK VI. Received from DA DOS for A.V.C. Sergeants.	

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RENINGHELST.	14/9/41		Report sent to S.S.O. 2nd. Aus. Div. that grazing be purchased for 22nd. F.a. Bde. whose animals are low in condition.	
"			Report sent to Q Branch, regarding condition of horses, consequent on having no rugs, recommending that horse rugs be issued for animals picketed in open, without overhead cover.	
			ADVS inspected 22nd. F.a. Bde: 20th. + 21st Batteries showing improvement in condition; 19th Battery, gone off in condition.	
			No. 209 Sgts. C. M. Ashton AVC attached 20th. Battery, 22nd. F.a. Bde. admitted to Field ambulance, suffering from Influenza.	
"	15/9/41		Meeting of all Veterinary officers of Division at office of ADVS. Reinforcement arrived for 2nd. Aus. Mobile Vet. Section, and taken on strength. No. 1131 Pte. C.A. Reimouth from 5th Aus. Div Base details. Report passed to Q Branch that the number of injuries as a result of kicks and galls, admitted during a week, is still much too high - majority are preventable - method of prevention detailed - Divisional Routine order no. 1077.	

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RENINGHELST	15.9.16		Weekly Returns despatched to DDVS Second Army.	
"	16.9.16		A.D.V.S. inspected animals of 7th. Inf. Bde., alleged to be cases for Culling at STEENVOORDE	
			All animals interchanged within the Brigade.	
			Nominal rolls of A.V.C. personnel in Division sent to DDVS 2nd Army.	
"	17.9.16		Advice received from DDVS A.I.F. that 25% of Captains A.V.C. A.I.F. have been recommended for promotion to Rank of Major.	
"	18/9/16		Applications for leave from OC. 2nd. Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section, forwarded to DDVS. 2nd army. for approval.	
"	19/9/16		Approval of Leave received from DDVS 2nd Army.	
			Notification received from Q Branch that authority has been given for the work of erecting stabling at G.146.36. Sheet 28. (2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section) to proceed.	
			A.D.V.S. inspected 5th, 6th, & 7th. Field Coy. Engineers & 2nd. Pioneer Battalion - all generally satisfactory.	
			6th Aust. Inf. Bde. lines inspected by A.D.V.S. and found to be satisfactory, with the	

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RENINGHELST	19.9.16		exception of the Machine Gun Coy, whose animals are low in condition: Sholing also not up to date.	
"	"		5th + 6th Field Ambulance lines inspected: 5th animals improving in condition: 6th Satisfactory. 1st + 4th Sections of DAC inspected - Generally satisfactory: Standings bad, & mules looking rough from exposure to weather. ADVS arranged with COL. GIBBS. 1st ANZAC re supply of horse rugs at once for animals not under shelter.	
"	20.9.16		No. 209 Sergt. E. W. Ashton AVC attached 22nd Fa Bde. returned to duty.	
"	21.9.16		ADVS inspected 2nd + 3rd Sections DAC: 2nd Section very short of nose-bags, & Condition of mules not satisfactory - arranged with adjutant to have a full supply of nose-bags issued at once. 68 Remounts arrived at RENINGHELST Station for Division.	
"	22.9.16		Meeting of all Veterinary officers of Division held at Office of ADVS - Instructions issued regarding replacement of instruments, and particularly scissors; before any article is replaced, the unusable one will be returned to ADVS.	

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RENINGHELST	22/9/16		<p>Indent for 22 pairs of High Gum Boots for A.V.C. Sergeants, sent to Q Branch for approval.</p> <p>Report sent to D.D.V.S. 2nd Army regarding non-supply of Metal Syringes in Wallahs - Veterinary - NCO's: Syringe very useful in cleansing of wounds.</p> <p>Weekly Returns despatched to D.D.V.S. 2nd Army.</p>	
"	24/9/16		<p>7th Aust. Inf. Bde. lines inspected by A.D.V.S. - Great improvement noticed since last inspection on 10th. inst.</p>	
"	25/9/16		<p>Instructions received from D.D.V.S. 2nd Army, that 40lb. Chests at present in possession of Mobile Veterinary Sections are to be replaced by 80lb. Chests, which will be indented for on Base Veterinary Stores - Indent submitted.</p>	
"	26/9/16		<p>No. 283 Supt. W. Leslie A.V.C. attached to 2nd Section, 2nd D.A.C. proceeded on leave.</p> <p>No. 233 Pt. C.H. Gilbert, 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section, admitted to Field ambulance, suffering from Skin disease.</p> <p>Capt. S. Fletcher A.V.C. O.C. 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section, proceeded on leave.</p> <p>Instructions received from D.D.V.S. 2nd Army that Machine Gun companies, will now be issued with Wallah - Veterinary - NCO's to each company. - Indent submitted.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	27/9/15		<p>^(13 Copies) Circular on "microscopic Diagnosis of mange" - The Taking and preparation of Scrapings" received from D.D.V.S. 2nd Army. - Copy forwarded to OC 2nd. Mobile Vet. Section, & copy passed round all Veterinary officers of Division, for perusal return to A.D.V.S. A.D.V.S. inspected following units: 15th. A.A.S.C., 15th, 105th, 20th, & 106th. Batteries: 15th. A.A.S.C., 20th, 105th, & 106th Batteries satisfactory: 15th. Battery showing much improved condition.</p>	
			<p>6th. Aust. F.A. Bde. less 106th. Battery moved to STEENVOORDE. - Capt. W. MCGREGOR, AVC moved to STEENVOORDE, & to take over Veterinary Charge of 17th A.A.S.C. & 7th Aust. Inf Bde. & Machine Gun Company.</p>	
	28/9/15		<p>Advice received from D.D.V.S. A.I.F. regarding No. 222 Serjt. R. Darling AVC. - He is to be informed that he has been reported as inefficient, and will probably be returned to Australia for Discharge, unless he prefers to revert to Rank of Private and be transferred to another unit.</p>	
	29/9/15		<p>Meeting of all Veterinary officers of Division held at office of A.D.V.S. - CAPT. W. MCGREGOR,</p>	

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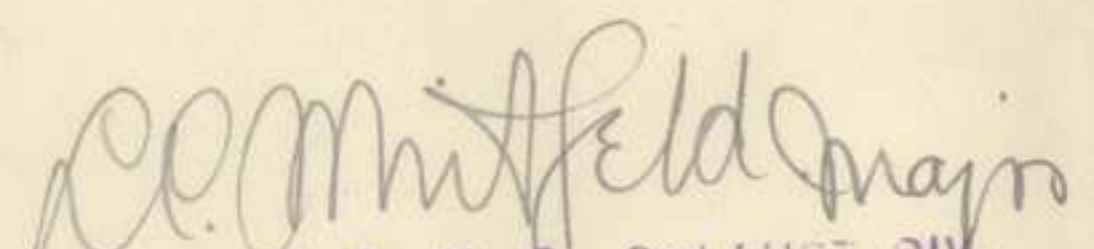


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RENINGHELST	29.9.16		not present. - Stationed at STEENVOORDE. - Returns collected by ADVS. Weekly Returns despatched to DDVS 2nd Army.	
"	30/9/16		ADVS attended Conference of AD's VS 2nd Army, presided over by DDVS 2nd Army, at BAILLEUL.	
			 A. D. V. S. 2nd AUST. DIV. 5 - OCT 1916	