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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELST	1/10/16		Report passed to "Q" Branch regarding General Conditions of animals of Division, as result of observations by Corps. Commander regarding poor condition of animals of 1st ANZAC. - Reasons for debilitated condition of many animals stated, and recommendations for prevention made.	
"	2/10/16		All Sergeants A.V.C. circularised regarding "Pistols - Webley" issued to A.V.C. Sergeants, more particularly as to care of, use of & personal responsibility of Sergeants in respect of weapons.	
"			D.D.V.I. advised that No. 222 Sergt. R. Darling A.V.C. would prefer being returned to Australia as inefficient, rather than revert to Ranks & be transferred.	
			Reinforcement arrived for 2nd Aust. M.V.S. & taken on strength as from 1/10/16: - No. 568 Pk. Esdalle G. from 4th. Aust. Div. Base Depot. D.D.V.I. (2nd Army) advised.	
			Each machine Gun Coy. issued with 1 wallet - Veterinary - No. (5th, 6th, & 7th Companies)	

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RENINHELST.	3/10/16		<p>Circular memorandum sent to all units in possession of wallets - Obj. NCOs - Re Care of contents, replacing lost & unserviceable articles & responsibility of NCO in charge of wallet.</p> <p>Received from D.D.V.T. (2nd Army) { ex war office } :- "Army Veterinary Service - Consideration of administrative policy, and its relation to efficiency."</p> <p>Notification received from D.D.V.T. (2nd Army) that is intended that the A.V.C. as a whole shall send a contribution to the "Lord Kitchener Memorial Fund" - necessary action taken here regarding securing subscriptions from AVC personnel of this Division.</p> <p>D.D.V.T. (2nd Army) accompanied by A.D.V.S. 2nd Aus. Div. inspected all batteries of 4th Aus. F.a. Bde: Everything generally satisfactory - Canimals ordered to be examined - Debility. 12th. Battery animals showed poorest condition in Brigade. - 22nd. F.a. Bde. also inspected: 20th. Battery satisfactory; Shoeing in 19th. & 20th. Batteries not satisfactory, and Farrier Sergeants instructed accordingly.</p> <p>15th. Battery of 5th. Aus. F.a. Bde. also inspected, and condition found to be satisfactory. owing to shortage of fodder in area available for purchase, mangolds and beetroot were given a trial, but without success, and have been stopped.</p>	
"	4/10/16		<p>A.D.V.S. inspected 2nd. Canadian Reserve Park: Free from mange, & animals</p>	

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RENINGHELST.	4/10/16		Generally in good Conditions: 2 animals ordered to be evacuated - Debility -	
"	5/10/16		D.D.V.S. (2nd Army) accompanied by A.D.V.S. inspected animals of 2nd. D.A.C., 5th. & 7th. machine Gun Companies, 19th, 20th & 27th Battalions. - all Satisfactory - 2 debilitated animals in D.A.C. ordered to be evacuated.	
"	6/10/16		Indent forwarded to D.D.V.S. (2nd Army) for counter signature for 22 copies of "Animal management" as a 1st supply for Sergeants A.V.C. of Division. Meeting of all Veterinary officers of Division held at Office of A.D.V.S. 24 Bags of Bran condemned at Railhead by A.D.V.S.	
"	7/10/16		No. 476 Sgt. J. Gibson A.V.C. attached 14th. Battery, 5th. Aust. Fa. Bde. on leave.	
"			no. 228 " W. Leslie A.V.C. " 2nd Section, 2nd D.A.C. Returned from leave	
			no. 406 " D.J. Gillispie A.V.C. " 10th. Battery, 6th. Fa. Bde. on leave	
			no. 233 Pte. C.H. Gilbert 2nd Aust. mobile Vet. Sect. returned from Hospital.	
"	8/10/16		Capt. S. Fletcher A.V.C. OC 2nd Aust. M.V.S. returned from leave, at 2 am. 67 animals evacuated by Road to Receiving Veterinary Hospital. Report sent to HQ 5th. Aust. Inf Bde. re overworking of animals, as reported by Sgt. W.A. Walls, A.V.C.	
"	9/10/16		Reinforcement arrived at POPERINGHE for 2nd Aust. M.V.S. and taken on strength:-	

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RENINGHELST	9/10/16		<p>No. 144. Pte Andrew Robertson from 4th Aus. Div. Base Depot.</p> <p>Protest from Capt J. H. Handlin AVC, Veterinary Officer, 2nd Div. Train, forwarded to D.D.V. as result of receiving notice that he will be superseded in Promotion.</p> <p>ADVS inspected 16th, 17th, + 18th Batteries, 6th Aus. Fa. Bde:- 16th Battery, Condition Satisfactory. Shoeing good. 2 animals ordered to be evacuated.</p> <p>17th Battery, Condition Fair. Shoeing Good. 3 animals ordered to be evacuated.</p> <p>18th Battery, Condition good, with exception of 8 animals ordered to be evacuated. Shoeing not good.</p>	
"	10/10/16		<p>ADVS inspected 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Everything highly Satisfactory.</p> <p>" " 5th, 6th, + 7th. Fld. Companies, 72nd Pioneer Bn. all Satisfactory.</p>	
"	11/10/16		<p>Circular memorandum No. 115 (D.V.S.) received. - Copy passed to each Veterinary Officer.</p> <p>22 Remounts arrived at Railhead for Division.</p>	
"	12/10/16		<p>Report of D.D.V. (2nd Army) received, through 'Q' Branch, as a result of inspection of Certain Divisional Units on 3rd + 5th inst.</p> <p>Instructions received from D.D.V. (2nd Army) requiring a weekly report on all matters of exceptional occurrence, such as outbreak of Disease, large numbers of battle Casualties, or on matters of professional interest.</p>	

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RENINGHELST.	12/10/16		ADVS inspected 7th. Fld. Ambulance, 19th, 20th, & 106th Batteries: 7th. Fld. Ambulance Condition Satisfactory - Grooming needs improving: Sholing being neglected - Adjutant informed. 106th. Bty. Condition Good - Sholing and grooming good with exception of spare horses which are being neglected: one animal ordered to be evacuated - Deformed feet. 19th. Battery, grooming greatly improved since inspection by DDVT. 2nd Army. Quality of sholing also much improved on lines laid down by DDVT, but quantity not sufficient. 20th. Battery satisfactory - one animal ordered to be evacuated.	
"	13/10/16		Meeting of Veterinary Officers of Division at Office of ADVS: Sick & injured animals entrained at WIPPENHOEK at 10 am. Subscriptions for Kitchener Memorial Fund taken over from Veterinary Officers. Returns despatched from DDVT 2nd Army. DDVT asked to approve of leave for CAPT. T.H. HANKIN AVC. for 17th inst.	
"	14/10/16		No. 23 Sergt. A.K. BUTTON AVC 3rd Sect. 2nd D.ac. on leave.	
"	15/10/16		No. 302 " G. MARTIN AVC 11th. Bty. 4th. F.a. Bde on leave.	
"	16/10/16		all Batteries of 5th. F.a. Bde. & 106th. Battery inspected by ADVS & CRA. Condition of horse lines satisfactory.	

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RENINGHELST	16/10/16		<p>no. 197 Serjt. D. MONTGOMERY AVC 13th Battery, 5th FA Bde - Evacuated with Appendicitis - D.D.V.T. notified.</p> <p>CAPT. H. FYANS AVC V.O. 4th Aus. FA. Bde reports having found SOLANUM NIGRUM in oats - "Q" Branch notified & all units Circularised also reported to D.D.V.T. 2nd Army.</p> <p>Instructions received from D.D.V.T. 2nd Army, re Stencil plates to be made by Mobile Vet. Section for marking animals - OC. 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section instructed.</p> <p>advice received from D.D.V.T. 2nd Army, that RINGWORM has occurred recently in animals brought from England - all V.O.'s Circularised.</p>	
"	17/10/16		<p>CAPT. T. H. HANKIN AVC V.O. 2nd Aus. Div. Train on leave.</p> <p>no. 406 Serjt. GILLESPIE D.J. returned from leave.</p> <p>no. 427 Pte. MARSH T.D. 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section reported on duty temporarily at 13th Battery, 5th F.A. Bde. with SERGT. MONTGOMERY evacuated. - 3 Chests - Vety. Unit (25 lbs) issued to 4th aus. FA. Bde. 1 Chest - Reserve - 5 lbs. issued to 2nd Aus. Mobile Vet. Section.</p>	
"	18/10/16		<p>7th Aus. Inf. Bde. Completed branding of all animals of Brigade.</p>	
"	19/10/16		<p>no. 476 Serjt. GIBSON T. AVC returned from leave.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	20/10/16		ADVS moved to STEENVOORDE.	
			Advice received that address of DDVS AIF is now: "attached DDVS 2nd Army".	
STEENVOORDE	21/10/16		61 Remounts arrived at WATTEN for Division.	
			ADVS moved to TILQUES. - Returns despatched to DDVS 4th Army.	
TILQUES	22/10/16		ADVS examined animal left at ARNEEKE by 18th. Battalion - arranged with OC 23rd. Veterinary Hospital to collect same.	
			2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section moved to RYVELD.	
"	23/10/16		ADVS with CRE inspected 5th. & 7th. Field Companies. - one animal of latter sent to 23rd. Base Vet. Hospital.	
			Advice received that address of D.D.V.S. AIF is now: "attached D.V.S. HQ. I.G.C."	
"	24/10/16		arranged with 23rd. Base Veterinary Hospital to collect 2 animals from 2nd Div. Sig. Coy. at TILQUES.	
			2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section moved to BONNIGUES.	
"	25/10/16		ADVS moved to AILLY LA HAUT CLOCHER.	
AILLY-LA HAUT CLOCHER	26/10/16		No. 23 Sergt. BUTTON A.K. returned from leave.	
"	27/10/16		ADVS moved to RIBEMONT. 2nd Aust. M.V.S. moved to ARORIGUES.	
RIBEMONT	28/10/16		Final instructions re Returns etc. received from DDVS Fourth Army.	

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RIBEMONT.	28/11/16	7:10	<p>Returns despatched to DDVS Fourth Army.</p> <p>Notification received from DDVS Fourth Army regarding elderly men in mobile Vet. Sections, who, it is considered would be better in Veterinary Hospitals for duty, during winter. OC 2nd. M.V.S. asked for Report: Instructions received from DDVS Fourth Army that all "Sicks" must be sent to own Divisional mob. Vet. Sections if possible and all sergeants must know position of mobile section at all times: all T.O's circularised requested to instruct Sergeants AVC in the matter.</p>	
"	29/11/16	7:10	<p>2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section moved to LA NEUVILLE.</p> <p>" " " " " " " " RIBEMONT.</p> <p>Report passed to "Q" Branch that units are not utilising horse-shoe valves properly - Published in Divisional Routine Order 1169.</p> <p>Reported to DDVS Fourth Army, re accidental damage caused to billet, occupied by 2nd Aust. M.V.S.</p> <p>Reported to DDVS 4th Army that 20 AAASC left an animal at J 33 6 55 sheet 27 on 24/10/16 (B. DEGRÖOTE) - Collection requested.</p> <p>Reported to DDVS 4th Army that 15th Battery left an animal at I 29 6 67 sheet 27 on 24/10/16 (G. DEQUIOT) - Collection requested.</p>	

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RIBEMONT	30/10/16		<p>Report passed to "Q" Branch that instances have occurred where animals have been left with inhabitants by units, but without the prescribed forms being completed.</p> <p>Instructions received from DDVS (Fourth Army) that in future, O's C. mobile sections will accompany "Sick" to entraining stations, & sign papers at time of despatch.</p> <p>OC 2nd Aus. Inv. V. S. instructed accordingly.</p>	
"	31/10/16		<p>Reported to DDVS 4th Army that 19th Battalion 5th Aus. Inf Bde. left an animal with the name of COCQUEREL on 26/10/16. Collection requested.</p>	
			<p>No. 53 Sergt. H. Bretherick A.V.C. reported for duty vice Sgt. Montgomery, evacuated. Posted to 13th Battery, 5th F.A. Bde.</p>	
			<p>All Veterinary Officers circularised regarding condition of animals during rest few weeks - Heavy work will be required of the animals, under bad conditions & exposure - all animals showing signs of debility to be sent to M.V.S. immediately for evacuation.</p>	
			<p>Report passed to "Q" Branch re Horse Rugs which have arrived - all of large size, and will require altering to fit L.D. horses. - Method of altering same detailed.</p>	
			<p>All units concerned circularised by "Q" Branch re altering rugs.</p>	
			<p>No. 201 Sergt. L. R. Brand A.V.C. - 5th F.A. Bde - Evacuated - Injury to head</p>	

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