

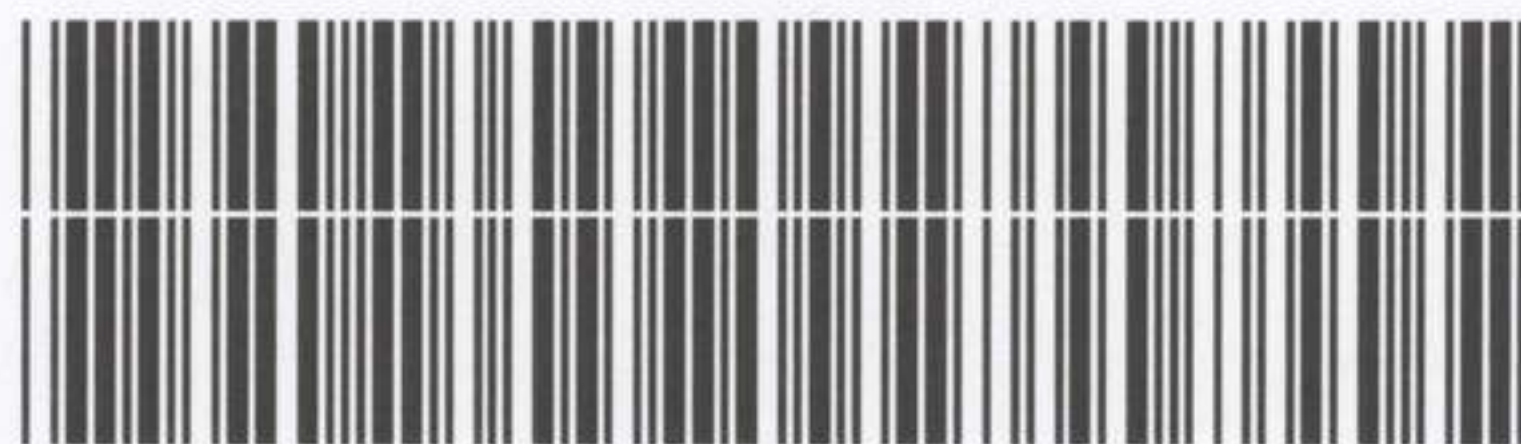
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	11/1/16		<p>Report passed to "Q" Branch as result of inspection of 7th Aus. Inf Bde. transport. Instructions received from DWT, 4th Army regarding evacuations of Officers Chargers - a special letter to be sent, in addition to ordinary routine, as instances have occurred where identity has been lost. - Col. 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section instructed accordingly.</p> <p>No. 507 Pk. Johnston J. F. evacuated. Valvular Disease of Heart.</p> <p>Instructions received from DWT, 4th Army that, as regard returns, so long as the Headquarters of a Division remains in army area, the returns of all its units will be forwarded to DWT of that army, by the ADVS of that Division.</p>	
"	2/11/16		<p>No. 33 Pk. Tubridy M. F. 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section granted special leave to DWT from 2/11/16 - 12/11/16.</p>	
			<p>No. 201 SERGT. BRAND L. R. 5th F. A. Bde. evacuated, suffering from injury to hand received whilst balling a horse.</p>	
			<p>No. 427 PTE. MARSH J. D. 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section relieving SERGT. BRAND.</p>	
	3/11/16		<p>A. D. V. S. visited 5th Aust. Mobile Vet. Section and arranged relief by 2nd M. V. S.</p>	
	4/11/16		<p>2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section moved to position near MAMETZ (F. I. d. 6. 4. ALBERT Combined Sheet)</p>	
			<p>Returns despatched to DWT, 4th Army.</p>	
			<p>1 NCO and 4 men from 2nd Aust. M. V. S. proceeded to 1st Aust. M. V. S. to assist.</p>	

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RIBEMONT	5/11/16		A.D.V.S moved to FRICOURT CHATEAU. 30th Divisional Artillery attached for administration.	
FRICOURT	7/11/16		Confidential Report on all Sergeants A.V.C. of Division forwarded to DDVS 4th Army. Report passed to "Q" Branch regarding 4th & 22nd Aus. F.A. Bdes. being very short of nose bags and hay nets as result of carelessness.	
"	8/11/16		Advice received that address of DDVT a. 7. is "attached DDVT Fourth Army.	
"	9/11/16		53 Remounts arrived for 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery. To "Q" Branch recommending following transfers:- (a) No. 28 Sgt. Simpson G. from 21st. Battery, 22nd F.A. Bde. to 11th. Battery, 4th F.A. Bde. (to replace marking Commissioned) (b) No. 249 Sgt. Evans G. from 1st. Section, 2nd D.A.C. to 21st. Battery, 22nd. F.A. Bde. (c) No. 283 Sgt. E.A. White from 18th. Battery, 6th F.A. Bde. to 1st. Section, 2nd. D.A.C.	
"	10/11/16		Report passed to "Q" Branch as result of inspection of animals at THISTLE DUMP - additional horses & drivers urgently required. Advice received from S.S.O. of Division that linseed Cake is now prohibitive in price, and Peanut Cake Recommended. S.S.O. advised that Peanut Cake will be given a trial. Full particulars of next-of-kin of all V.O's of Division to DDVS 4th Army.	

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FRICOURT	10/11/16		Meeting of all Veterinary Officers of Division at Office of ADVS.	
"	11/11/16		Advice received from "Q" Branch that the hay ration is temporarily reduced to 8 lbs.	
"	11/11/16		Transfers referred to inventory on 9th inst. approved by W.A.A. & Q.M.G. - Forwarded to C.R.A. for action.	
			Report passed to Q Branch re water supply at S. 276.4.6. (Albert Combined Sheet) more troughing and continuous water supply urgently needed.	
"	12/11/16		Weekly Returns despatched to D.W.V.S. 4th Army. Advice received from D.W.V.S. A.I.F. that men of 2nd Aus. M.V.S. considered suitable by ADVS. may be promoted to Ranks of Sergeant A.V.C. to fill vacancies.	
			Instructions received from D.W.V.S. 4th Army regarding large number of cases of "Picked-up-nail". - Trial to be given with metal covering over soles of animals feet, results reported to D.W.V.S. 4th Army. Circulated to all V.O.s.	
"	14/11/16		Reported to 2nd D.H.Q. that 22 men of 2nd Aus. M.V.S. have not had leave in 9 months.	
"	15/11/16		A.D.V.S. attended Conference at Office of D.W.V.S. 4th Army.	

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FRICOVRT.	18/11/16		DDVS A.I.F. visited ADVS and 2nd Aust. mobile Vet. Section.	
"	19/11/16		ADVS inspected 1st ANZAC Corps Heavy Artillery lines and animals.	
"	20/11/16		Report passed to DDVS. FOURTH ARMY as result of inspection of 1st ANZAC Corps Heavy Artillery. Instruction received from DDVS. 4th army regarding Rough Shunting of animals - The NCO of train to report to R.T.O. immediately after occurrence. - Copy to O.C. 2nd Aust. M.V.S. for information & compliance. DVS Circular mem. no. 123 Received: re collection of animals left on line of march. Copy passed to O.C. 2nd M.V.S. No. 287 PTE. TASKER L.R.F. evacuated - Scabies.	
"	22/11/16		ADVS and 2nd Aust. M.V.S. moved to RIBEMONT.	
RIBEMONT.	23/11/16		No. 24 SERGT. WELLS R.T. 2nd Aust. M.V.S. on leave. DDVS A.I.F. accompanied by DDVS 4th army, visited ADVS and 2nd Aust. M.V.S. 1 NCO and 5 men proceeded from 2nd Aust. M.V.S. to 5th Aust. M.V.S. to assist in evacuation of animals.	
"	24/11/16		Meeting of V.O's of Artillery Brigades and Divisional Train at FRICOVRT CHATEAU.	
"	25/11/16		Weekly Returns despatched to DDVS FOURTH ARMY. All Veterinary officers of Division Circularized re "neurotic ulcer" - To be Classified on A.F.A. 2000 as Class 9. (SKIN)	

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RIBEMONT	25/11/16		Report passed to Q Branch regarding heavy wastage for week ending 23/11/16:- Mainly due from injuries below knee and hocks due to foreign bodies. Inserted in Divisional Routine orders (DRO. 1197) re "Picked-up-nail" - Instruction to units with a view to lessening wastage under this head.	
"	26/11/16		advice from DDVS AIF that relief will be sent to enable a Veterinary Officer to proceed on leave.	
"	27/11/16		ADVS. inspected 2nd. D.A.C. lines. - Report passed to "Q" Branch dealing with each Section.	
			CAPT. W. MCGREGOR AVC. 6th. Aus. F.A. Bde. on leave.	
			CAPT. LUCAS AVC. reported as relief for CAPT. MCGREGOR.	
			Instructions received from DDVS 4th. Army regarding wastage of hay on sick-horse trains. - Copy to OC. 2nd. Aus. M.V.S. for information & compliance.	
			Report passed to "Q" Branch DDVS as to result of trial given to system of prevention of "Picked-up-nail" cases.	
			No. 446 Sgt. GOLDNER C. evacuated - Dysentery. - No. 33 PTE. M.F. TUBRIDY, 2nd. M.V.S. sent in relief.	
	28/11/16		CAPT. LUCAS. AVC reported to 6th Aus. F.A. Bde. to relieve CAPT. MCGREGOR	
			DVS Circular mem. no. 124 received - re Lost Charges of Brigades of 3rd. Inf. Bde. -	
			All Veterinary Officers of Divisions Circularised.	

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RIBEMONT	29/11/16		No. 25 SERGT. HATTON AVC, attached 6th Inf Bde. proceeded on leave.	
	30/11/16		No. 30 CORPL. WILSON J.T. 2nd Aust MVS sent to Relief SERGT. HATTON.	
			2nd Aust. MVS moved to FRANVILLERS (en route to VIGNACOURT.)	
			No. 209 SERGT. ASHTON EM attached 22nd. F.A. Bde. proceeded on leave.	
			" 220 " CHAPLIN H. " 5th. " " " " " "	

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