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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THE DINGLE X 276-67 (ALBERT Stn)	1/3/17		2 Disc Grinders for sharpening Stewarts clipping machines received from D.A.D.V.S. of Division: 1 issued to 2nd ans. mobile Vet Section; other held by A.D.V.S. for loan to units as required.	
"	2/3/17		Meeting of Veterinary Officers of Division at Office of A.D.V.S.: weekly Returns despatched to D.D.V.S. 5th Army, also accompanying letter (a) mange (b) Ringworm and (c) shortage of personnel of 2nd ans. mob. Vet. Section.	
"	3/3/17		Letter to NO. 3 advanced Veterinary Stores, ROMESCAMPS, regarding Case of Stores for 2nd ans. F.a. Bde. Case gone astray; Request enquiries. From D.D.V.S. 5th Army, requesting that Veterinary attendance be arranged for 12th. Ans. (army) F.a. Bde. To D.D. of R. requesting that authority be given for casting an animal (fitter) of 25th. Battalion, 7th ans. Inf. Bde. Recommendations on AF. 3121 sent to H.Q. "A" 2nd Ans. Divn. respecting (a) CAPT. S. FLETCHER for Military Cross (b) CAPT. H. FYANS, for mention in despatches. NO. 526 PTE. W.C. HIGGS, 2nd ans. M.V.S. reported for duty temporarily,	

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X.27.6.7. (ALBERT SHEET)	3/3/17		to replace NO 226 SERGT. H. CHAPLIN, evacuated. A.D.V.S. inspected lines of 7th. ans. Inf. Bde. with A.A. + Q.M.G. of Division	
"	4/3/17		A.D.V.S. inspected wagon lines of 5th. ans. F. a. Bde. with AA + Q.M.G. of Division Authority received from D.D. of R. 5th Army for casting animals of 7th. ans. Inf. Bde.	
"	5/3/17		A.D.V.S. inspected lines of 5th ans. Inf. Bde. with AA and Q.M.G. of Divis. NO. 28 SERGT. G. E. SIMPSON A.A.V.C. rejoined from Hospital and posted to 105th. Baking, 5th. ans. F. a. Bde. From D.D.V.S. 5th Army, that owing to shortage of wood, packing Cases, all stores will in future be sent to mobile Vet. Section, from which unit, same will be collected by addressees. D.R.O. 1325 published - "SKINS" - whenever practicable, skins of dead animals will be removed and delivered to 2nd ans. mobile Vet. Section. for salting, and transmission to the Base.	
"	6/3/17		A.D.V.S. inspected lines of 6th ans. Inf. Bde. with AA + Q.M.G. of Division. From D.D.V.S. 5th Army. Instructions regarding evacuations of Officers. A.A.V.C. - when an officer is evacuated to the Base, notification must be	

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X27607 (ALBERT Sheld)	6/3/17		<p>sent to that office, when relief will be sent. Copy of letter Circulated to all Veterinary Officers. From D.D.V.S. 5th Army, Circular regarding instances where Veterinary Officers have purchased veterinary equipment privately in England, and later claimed from public money. This practice to cease. Copy to all Vet. Officers, of Divisions. From D.D.V.S. 5th Army, instructions, that, in cases where Officers A.V.C. have articles published in veterinary manuals or periodicals, the D.D.V.S. Army will act as censor. From D.D.V.S. 5th Army, regarding animals sent to mobile Vet Sections from units, other than Divisional - when more than 6 in one batch, unit must make arrangements with O.C. Mobile Section, beforehand.</p>	
"	7/3/17		<p>A. D. V. S. inspected 5th, 6th, 17th. Aus. Field Coy's Engineers. 7th Company satisfactory. 5th, 16th. Coys. unsatisfactory. Report furnished to D.V.A. "A", that no restrictions as regards, number and length of private letters, are placed on men of 2nd Aus. M.V.S.</p>	

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X.276.6.7. (ALBERT sheet)	8/3/17		A.D.V.S. inspected lines and horses of D.H.Q. & Divnl. Sig. Coy. with AA & Q.M.G.	
"	9/3/17		A.D.V.S. attended Conference of A.D.V.S. at H.Q. 5th Army, RAINCHEVAL.	
"	9/3/17		Meeting of Veterinary Officers of Division at this office. Weekly Returns despatched to D.D.V.S. 5th Army, also accompanying letter regarding (a) Debility (b) mange (c) leucotic dermatitis and (d) Opacity of Cornea. Indent for 6 Knives - skinning: approved by D.A.Q.M.G. and passed to D.A.D.V.S. of Division	
"	10/3/17		In response to an enquiry from O.C. 5th. av. Hd. Quarters: letter forwarded regarding method of keeping records of animals of unit. From D.D.V.S. 5th Army: instructions that the term "aged" will not in future be used, on any veterinary documents or returns. Copy passed to O.C. M.V.S. and to all Veterinary officers of Division. Wire sent to D.D.V.S. 5th Army, that, at present, no pack work is being done by animals of this Division.	
"	11/3/17		Instructions received from D.D.V.S. 5th Army, that no more will be selected,	

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X 276.67. (ALBERT SHEET)	11/3/17		In promotion to rank of Sergeant A.V.C. ^{unless} he has a Clear Conduct Sheet.	
"	12/3/17		A.D.V.S. moved to S.S.A.9.1. - ALBERT SHEET. - (BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT.)	
BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT.	14/3/17		Instructions received from D.D.V.S. - A.I.F. that lists are required by that Office, at the end of each month showing (a) list of A.V.C. Sergeants, and how posted and (b) nominal Roll of 2nd Aus. Mobile Vet. Section.	
"	15/3/17		Instructions received from D.D.V.S. 5th Army, that in future, a statement will accompany A.F.A.2000. stating whether, in opinion of the A.D.V.S., the animals of the Division are being overworked.	
"			Notification received from D.D.V.S. 5th Army, that 2 men from this Division will go to School of Training, ABBEVILLE, on 1/4/17.	
"			Instructions received from Headquarters, Division, "Q", that A.D.V.S. will advise Divisional Train how linseed cake is to be distributed.	
"	16/3/17		Enquiry from D.D.V.S. 5th Army, as to whether the spare parts (1 wheel, and 2 shafts) have been issued for float, on charge of 2nd Aus. M.V.S. Replied that shafts have been issued, but not spare wheel.	
			Meeting of Veterinary officers of Division at this office.	

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BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT	16/3/17		Weekly Returns despatched to D.D.V.S. 5th Army, also accompanying letter regarding (a) mange and (b) General condition of the animals.	
"	17/3/17		A. I. I. list of Promotions, Appointments etc. NO. 152 of 13.3.17 received showing promotion of MAJOR L. C. WHITFIELD DSO, A.D.V.S. 2nd Aus Div, to rank of Lieut. Colonel. Dated 27.1.17.	
"	18/3/17		From D.D.V.S. 5th Army, instructions regarding Care of veterinary appliances. For all cases of loss and deficiency in instruments etc., the Officer or NCO concerned, will be charged with cost of same. Copy of letter passed to every Veterinary Officer and Sergeant A.V.C. in Divisions.	
"	19/3/17		1st ANZAC Corps Routine order 118 of 18/3/17 published, showing award of Military Medal to NO. 27 SERGT. J. COONERTY A.A.V.C. attached 4th Aus. & a Bde.	
"	22/3/17		Notification received from O.C. 2nd Aus. Mobile Vet. Section, that Ambulance Float is broken, and has been condemned by 2nd Aus. - new float ordered from D.D.V.S. of Divisions.	
"	23/3/17		Meeting of all Veterinary Officers of Divisions at this office. Rept received from 7th Aus. Field Company, Engineers that 2 animals	

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BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT	23/3/17		have died, and several more are ailing - veterinary attendance requested: wire despatched immediately to CAPT. H. FYANS to investigate and report.	
	24/3/17		From "Q" Branch re Horse Rugs - Suggestion requested as to date of returning same to D.A.D.V.S.: To Q Branch suggesting that the rugs be returned on 1st June is advisable. Weekly Returns despatched to D.A.D.V.S. 5th Army also accompanying letter regarding (a) mange & (b) general work of animals.	
	25/3/17		From D.A.D.V.S. 5th Army, that an extra man may be sent to School of Farriery, ABBEVILLE, on 1/4/17: Following names sent to D.A.D.V.S. and requested that the men be instructed to report to O.C. 2nd Veterinary Hospital on 1/4/17. - NO. 359 PTE. R. LANGINS - 7th. Aust. M. G. Coy. (names also forwarded to D.A.D.V.S. 5th Army) NO. 1520 DVR. H. RICHARDS - 4th. Aust. F. a. Bde. A.D.V.S. inspected NO. 10952 S/Smith L. C. BAILEY - 5th. " " " 7th. Aust. Field Coy. Engineers. Report of CAPT. H. FYANS regarding death of animals in that unit, received; Post-mortem examination.	

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BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT	25/3/17		<p>revealed that deaths occurred from some irritant poison:</p> <p>6 copies of D.V.S. Circular memo. no. 147 received from D.D.V.S. 5th army regarding naked lights in horse trucks: Copy to all Vet. Officers and OC 2nd Aus. M.V.S.</p> <p>6 copies of D.V.S. circular memo. no. 149 Received from D.D.V.S. 5th army regarding procedure in use of Horse Recovery Forms, no. 1, 2, & 3: Copy to OC M.V.S. and all Veterinary Officers.</p> <p>New ambulance float (English pattern) received by 2nd Aus. mobile Vet. Section.</p>	
"	26/3/17		<p>wire to D.D.V.S. 5th army, reporting deaths in 7th Aus. Field Coy. Engineers.</p> <p>Instructions received from D.D.V.S. 5th army, re (1.) Evacuations from ALBERT, BEAUCOURT, and BAZENTIN on Tuesdays and Saturdays, by arrangement with R.T.O's on the day before. (2.) D.D.V.S. 5th army, must be notified the day before any M.V.S. moves.</p> <p>wire to OC 2nd Aus. M.V.S: man to be sent to collect 2 animals, walking cases, from 12th Battery, at H.27.a.5.3. (Sheet 57c) and take</p>	

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BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT	26/3/17		<p>Mem to 2nd Aus. Mobile Vet. Section. Advice received from W.D.V.S. - a.s.f. that that office is now attached to D.V.S. - B.E.F. A.D.V.S. inspected animals of 6th. Aus. Field Ambulance.</p>	
THE DINGLE (X.27.6.6.7)	27/3/17		<p>A.D.V.S. moved to "THE DINGLE" (X.27.6.6.7 - ALBERT Combined Det)</p>	
	28/3/17		<p>4 "Chicago Clipper Knife Handles" received from W.D.V.S. of Division. W.D.V.S. 5th army visited this office. (a) A.D.V.S. requested to inspect 122nd. Heavy Battery (b) Regarding outbreak of MANGE in 5th. Aus Field Ambulance, 16 Remounts will be forwarded if possible.</p>	
"	29/3/17		<p>A.D.V.S. inspected animals and lines of 122nd. Heavy Battery at FAVREVL with CAPT. H. FYANS, to investigate sickness.</p>	
"	30/3/17		<p>Instructions received from W.D.V.S. 5th army, regarding Officers AAVC reporting for duty after being discharged from Hospital: Copy passed to all Veterinary officers. Meeting of all Veterinary Officers at this office. Weekly Returns despatched to W.D.V.S. 5th Army, also accompanying</p>	

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"THE DINGLE" X27667 (ALBERT Street)	30/3/17		<p>Letter regarding rough weather during past week, coupled with the increase in work, which has been evenly spread between units. The animals have not suffered to any great extent.</p> <p>Full report regarding sickness in 7th. area Field Company Engineers, and 122nd. Heavy Battery, passed to W.D.V.S. 5th. army: dealing with (a) History, (b) symptoms, (c) Post mortem Examination, and (d) Cause.</p> <p>From Q Branch regarding oat-crushing plant at VIVIER MILL: arrangements can be made with owner, for use of same; the owner of the plant to receive 7% of the crushing, as payment.</p> <p>To Q Branch that the plant would be of great benefit to animals, the increase in food-value, compensating for the 7% crushing given to the owner.</p>	
	31/3/17		<p>Lists forwarded to W.D.V.S. 5th army showing (a) Roll of Sergeants A.V.C. and how posted, (b) nominal roll of 2nd. area M.V.S. - Report regarding MANAGE sent to W.D.V.S. 5th army: For period 1-10-16 to 31/2/17, 90 horses and 5 mules have been admitted with MANAGE: very little of this disease occurred</p>	

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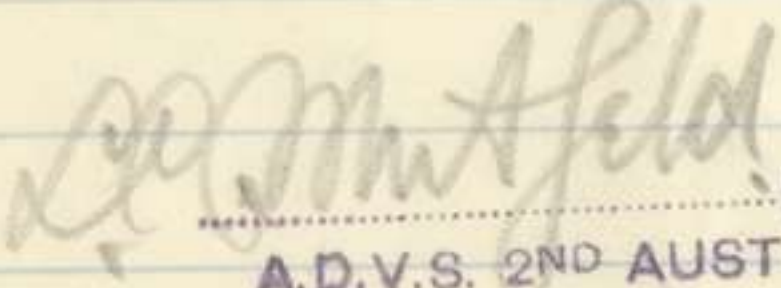
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THE DINGLE X 276.87 ALBERT Sheel	3/13/17		<p>in October and November of 1916, but made rather rapid progress in December, and in January and February of 1917. Animals were not clipped as suggested by D.V.S. as it was the wish of the G.O.C. Division that the animals be not clipped.</p> <p>Returns of Carcasses and Hides sent to HQ 5th Army in month of March - Total of 29 Hides sent to No. 7 Vet. Hospital.</p>	
			4 - APR 1917	 Lt-Col. A.D.V.S. 2ND AUST. DIV.