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OF

A.A.D.V.S. 3rd Aust Division

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WAR DIARY

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will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			GENERAL	
	14th		I handed over the Units under my charge to Captain W.R.B. WAKEHAM, and while enroute to report to Divisional Headquarters to assume duties as Acting D.A.D.V.S., vice Major L.E. McKENZIE, D.S.O., on leave to England - I inspected 7th Field Artillery Brigade and 3rd D.A.C., which for several days previous to that had experienced severe work and fatigue. Nevertheless most animals looked surprisingly well; the exceptions were to be found in a few Remounts recently issued, which had not only lost condition, but were also Harness Galled. It was also apparent that the Mules withstood the hardships much better than the Horses.	
	16th		I inspected 90th Labour Company B.E.F., and No. 1 Section Aust. Tunnelling Company, and found their respective animals in good health and condition.	
	17th		I searched for and found 173rd Labour Company B.E.F., were receiving Veterinary Attention from 5th Australian Division.	
	19th		Captain F.A.C. BISHOP, A.A.V.C., reported for duty to D.A.D.V.S. 4th Australian Division, vice Major SEELENMEYER, MC. Died of wounds, thus rendering the 3rd Division Veterinary Officers to Establishment strength.	
	20th		Divisional Headquarters moved to VAUX sur SOMME on account of having taken over a Sector north of the Somme. Battle casualties during the previous fortnight were moderate till 23rd when the following occurred through shell wounds :- 9th A.I. Brigade 1 Destroyed. 3rd M.G. Battalion 3 Died. 11th A.I. Brigade 10 Died.	
	21st		60 Remounts arrived by rail at CORBIE comprising 12 Rides, 37 L.D. Mules, and 11 Heavy Draughts for various Units. The Mules were of good type, Heavy draught Horses moderate, but most of the Rides somewhat inferior in quality	
	26th		Battle casualties were :- 7th F.A.B. 1 Died, 3rd D.A.C. 2 Died (Bomb wounds) and Engineers 1 Died.	
	27th		Divisional Headquarters moved to ETINHEM on account of an advance made during the previous days. On night 27th 7th F.A. Brigade lost 4 animals as result of Shell fire.	
	28th		10th A.I. Brigade lost 5 animals as result enemy action.	
	29th		Divisional Headquarters moved to SUZANNE, where it still remains. Animals are shewing the effects of the recent operations but a few days rest is anticipated. During the Month 19 Captive German horses were admitted to M.V.S., and on authority of A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps, were handed over to Australian Corps Transport Officer, after having been malleined.	
SUZANNE (Somme)	2/9/18			

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Remarks and references to Appendices	<p><u>ANIMAL WASTAGE</u> (a) Battle Casualties :- 92 Horses Died and Destroyed. 45 Mules " " Natural Causes :- 6 Horses Died and Destroyed. (b) Evacuations :- 106 Horses 41 Mules.</p> <p><u>Condition</u> A falling off in condition is noticeable in all animals during the last month, which is to be expected as a result of the recent movement and activity, and furthermore of the bare ration supplied.</p> <p><u>VETERINARY EQUIPMENT</u> Complete and serviceable.</p> <p><u>SHOEING and STAFF</u> Shoeing has been kept up throughout, and all of the staff have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner.</p> <p><u>REMOUNTS</u> 60 were received on 28th inst.</p> <p><u>ANIMAL MANAGEMENT</u> Has been carried out satisfactorily.</p> <p><u>WATER</u> Has been available and plentiful; though some units have had to travel long distances.</p> <p><u>FORAGE</u> Has been good, but the ration slightly short during the last few days. Grazing plentiful when it can be availed of.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES IN A.A.V.C.</u> No. 55 Sergeant COLLETT, A.A. admitted to C.C.S. on 28/8/18. Sick is struck off strength.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL</u> No. 654 Sergeant TONKING, A.V. to England on leave 7th inst. Returned 24/8/18. No. 52 Sergeant BRENNAN, J. to England on leave 10th inst. Returned 27/8/18. No. 238 Sergeant PRITCHARD, J.L. to England on leave 12th inst. No. 51. Sergeant BEGBIE, E.C. to England on leave 24th inst.</p> <p><u>M.V.S.</u> Admitted for the period 146 animals from Divn. and 222 animals from other Formations. Evacuated 226 animals from other Formations and 147 from Division. 10 Strays were admitted, of which 9 were evacuated and one returned to Unit.</p> <p>For period under review the Veterinary duties were carried out as per list attached.</p>
Hour	<p>Div. Headquarters Sept. 2nd 1918,</p> <p><i>J. Lewis. Cannon</i> Major. A/ D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Aust. Division.</p>
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FOR

AUGUST 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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WEEKLY REPORT

APPENDIX

During the week the following Units were inspected :-

3rd Div. Ammn. Column.
10th Infantry Brigade Group.
3rd Div. Signal Company.
3rd M.V.S.

CONDITION A percentage of animals in each Unit have lost a little condition, nevertheless the condition throughout is most satisfactory.

WATERING Although all Units have been moving frequently they are usually near good water.

FORAGE GOOD.

STABLE
MANAGEMENT Tin all Units is being well carried out.

GENERAL Most cases under treatment, and evacuated, have been due to Gunshot wounds, and Bomb wounds, and several cases have occurred accidentally through live Bombs lying about in the Standings and Areas.

Grazing is plentiful, but owing to movement during the last few days, advantage of same could not be fully availed of.

PERSONNEL
No. 654 Sergeant TONKING A.W., returned to duty from leave on 24th inst.
No. 58 Sergeant BRENNAN .J. returned to duty from leave..27th
No. 51 Sergeant BEGBIE, E.C. departed fro leave to England on 24th inst.

M.V.S. Admitted during the week 22 animals from Division, and 12 ~~fr~~ from other Formations .21 were evacuated from Division ,and 13 from other Formations.

2 Stray animals were admitted and evacuated.

		O.	O.R.
Strength...	Establishment	1..	20
	Present Strength	1..	21. S/Sgt Spny. to Est

Div. Headquarters
Aug. 30th, 1918.

L. J. Callow
A/D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Australian Division. Major.

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WEEKLY REPORT

APPENDIX

During the week the following Units were inspected :-

- 3rd Divisional Train
- 3rd Div. Signal Coy.
- 9th Infantry Brigade Group.
- 11th Infantry Brigade Group.

CONDITION. Very satisfactory considering the work performed, and the atmospheric conditions during the past few days.

WATERING. Arrangements throughout very satisfactory.

STABLE
MANAGEMENT Reasonably good.

DISEASE Specific Ophthalmia slightly on the increase during the past week. Mange almost non-existent, injuries caused to feet by Foreign objects, also on decrease.

GENERAL Throughout the condition and health of all animals is satisfactory, although the work has been very trying. Shell Wounds, although not excessive, have been responsible for the majority of cases on Sick lines, and those evacuated. All Units are still able to avail themselves of the facilities for grazing, there being good feed almost everywhere.

M. V. S. Admitted 26 animals from Division, and 32 from other Formations; of these 25 were evacuated from Division and 32 from other Formations.

Two stray animals were admitted, one was evacuated and one returned to Unit.

PERSONNEL Captain F.A.C. BISHOP, A.A.V.C. departed for duty with 4th Aust. Division on 19th inst.

Sergeant PRITCHARD, J.L. proceeded to England on leave on 12th inst 14 days.

	<u>M. V. S.</u>
Establishment	0. O.R.
	1. 20
Strength	1. 21. S/Sgt Sup. to Establishment.

Div. Headquarters
Aug. 23rd 1918.

Chris Callan Major.
A/D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Aust. Division

WEEKLY REPORT

I assumed duties as acting D.A.D.V.S., and have inspected the following

Units :-

7th Field Artillery Brigade
8th Field Artillery Brigade.
3rd Div. Ammunition Column.

CONDITIONS

Considering the work performed during the past week, most animals are in surprisingly good condition. The exceptions are a few Remounts which have both lost condition and Galled nevertheless very few are unworkable.

WATERING

Although animals have had to travel some distance at times owing to activity and movements, conditions have been reasonably good.

STABLE

MANAGEMENT Good.

GENERAL

During the past two days all Units in the Forward Areas have been able to graze their animals; which have greatly benefited thereby.

An Enemy bomb fell in the Horse Lines of 108th Battery on night 11th, in the Forward Area, killing eighteen and wounding seventeen; seven of which had to be destroyed.

M. V. S.

62 animals were admitted from Division, and 82 from other Formations.

6 Strays were admitted and evacuated including one captive German Horse

PERSONNEL

Captain W.R.B WAKEHAM returned to Duty from leave on 9th inst
Major L.E. MCKENZIE D.S.O., D.A.D.V.S. departed for leave on 14th inst.

	<u>M. V. S.</u>
Establishment	1. 20
Strength	1. 21. S/Sgt Supny. to establishment.

Div. Headqrs.

Aug. 16th, 1918

Major. A. D. V. S.
A/D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Australian Division

During the week the following Units were inspected :-

M.V.S.	3rd Machine Gun Battalion.
Div. Headquarters	11th Infantry Brigade Group.
Divisional Signal Coy.	8th Field Artillery Brigade.

CONDITION. of animals is satisfactory; they have been doing constant and strenuous work, and are maintaining condition well.

WATERING Arrangements throughout are good.

FORAGE is satisfactory. Artillery Units requested an issue of salt per horse through Veterinary channels as same was not available through A.S.C. I instructed Units that A.S.C. were making representations to ARMY re same.

STABLE
MANAGEMENT is good.

DISEASE Eight Ophthalmia cases were admitted. 17 cases of Gunshot wounds were admitted from Machine gun Battalion.

GENERAL. 16 Horses and 2 Mules captured from German Formations were admitted to 3rd M.V.S. on 8th inst., and tested for Glanders morning of 9th; animals still under observation. Condition poor throughout.

Shell burst on revetment of Machine Gun Battalion Lines killing 7 and wounding 11.

M. V. S. Established an Advanced Aid Post at A. O. IO. a. Central in charge of N.C.O., and 3 men Two men were detached for duty with Advanced Aid Post of V.E.S.
21 animals were admitted from Division and 68 from other Formations. 26 animals were evacuated from Division and 65 from Other Formations.

No. 180 Corporal WOODFULL, B.S.A.) Returned to duty from
No. 779 Trooper MORRISSEY, F.J.) leave on 8th inst.

Establishment	0.	O.R.
	1..	20
Strength	1..	31 S/Sgt Supny to Establishment.

Div. Headquarters.
Aug. 9th, 1918.

(Sgd) L.E. MCKENZIE, Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Aust. Division.

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August 2nd, 1918.

During the week the following Units were inspected :-

Div. Headquarters
Div. Signal Coy.
7th Field Artillery Brigade
3rd Div. Ammn. Column.
10th Infantry Brigade Group.

CONDITION of animals is very satisfactory. I think a slight falling away in condition might result shortly from the ~~reduction~~ reduced Hay ration coupled with restricted Grazing.

WATERING Arrangements are good throughout all Units.

FORAGE As issued is fair in quality - a certain percentage of straw being issued to make up 9lbs hay flat rate, is liable to give rise to lighter condition in animals. Grazing in present Area is very limited and restricted.

STABLE MANAGEMENT generally is good.

SHOEING Throughout the Division is up to Standard.

DISEASE Four cases of Debility were evacuated from Div. Arty.

Bomb.Casualties

On night 31st a bomb fell in Horse lines of 30th Battery directly in amongst the Horses. Two Rides, and 16 L.Ds were killed outright, V.O destroyed 1 Ride and 12 L.Ds and 13 were evacuated to M.V.S.. I inspected lines after occurrence and am of the opinion that no blame rests with Unit.

GENERAL

Reference Weekly Report No. 1717/6 of 5.7.18. :-
A remount received from 4th Army Remount Section on 30/6/18., was on arrival, in Division, found to be suffering from Stomatitis Contagiosa in an advanced stage. Animal was destroyed. Action was severely criticised by 4th Army and Australian Corps. On referring to Standing Orders prohibiting admission to M.V.S. of such cases, the following ruling was received by this Office from Aust. Corps for future guidance:-

- " Under the circumstances related, the animal should
- " be sent to the nearest M.V.S., care being taken
- " that the O.C.M.V.S. is informed at once of the dangerous nature of the case - orders to the contrary
- " issued when dealing with a widespread outbreak notwithstanding.
- " This ruling is only to apply in exceptional cases
- " and the Administrative Officer concerned would be
- " expected to justify his action in so doing. "

In view of the doubt which still exists in my own mind, and those of the Veterinary Officers under my administration, as to the relation of this ruling to Standing Orders, I have forwarded the correspondence to D.H.Q. with a request that same may be forwarded submitted to D.V.S., G.H.Q.

M.V.S. Evacuated 15 animals from Div. and 37 from O Formts. 2 stray animals were issued and 3 ret'd. to Unit.

(Sgd) L.E. Mc KENZIE Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Aust. Division.

APPENDIX

VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS AUGUST, 1918.

<u>Veterinary Officer</u>	<u>Unit.</u>
Major L.E. McKENZIE, D.S.O. D.A.D.V.S. To England on leave 14/8/18.	Div. Headquarters Div. Signal Company. 90th Labour Company. No 1 Section Aust. Tunn. Coy
Major C.N. CALLOW As from 19th inst..	8th Field Art. Brigade 11th Inf. Brigade
As from 14th inst.	{ Div Headquarters Div. Signal Coy. 90th Labour Coy. No 1 Sect Aust. Tunn. Coy.
Captain W.B. WAKEHAM	7th Field Art. Brigade 3rd Div. Ammn. Column.
Captain F.A.C. BISHOP	¥ Up to 19th inst. 3rd Div. Train. " " " 11th Inf. Brigade.
Captain J. LEGG As from 19th inst..	O.C. 3rd M.v.S. 3rd Div. Train. 11th Inf. Brigade
Captain J.M. DAVIDSON M.C.	10th Inf. Brigade 3rd M.G. Battalion. 3rd Pion. Battalion.

Sergeants A.A.V.C. :-

No.	Name		Unit to which attached
238	PRITCHARD.	J.L.	9th Infantry Brigade Group.
710	WESTBROOB	J.	10th " " "
709	SMITH	G.F.	11th " " "
662	LINDSAY	A.W.	3rd M.G. BATTALION.
287	TASKER	L.R.	25th Battery, 7th F.A.B.
726	BATEY	B.	26th " "
455	COLLETT,	A.A.	27th " "
51	BEGBIE	E.C	107th " "
675	CAMERON	H.L	29th " 8th F.A.B.
707	HOLBROOK	F.	31st " "
708	RUSSELL	G.H.D.	30th " "
674	COOPER	C.	108th " "
654	TONKING	A.U.	No. 1 Section 3rd D.A.C.
74	BLACK,	L.	No. 2 " "
52	BRENNAN	J.	No 3 (S.A.A.) "

Div. Headquarters
Sept. 2nd, 1918.

Chris. Callow Major.
A/D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Aust. Division.