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A.A.V.S.
3rd Australian Division

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Steenwerk	Jan 1 st	Monday	Visited 3rd Aust. Mob Vet Sect. & saw horses for evacuation Tuesday 2 nd	
"	2 nd		Inspection of 10 th Infantry Brigade Transport. with Capt. Davidson. - very satisfactory. Arrival from overseas of 1 st of Divisional Artillery.	
"	3 rd		Conference with Transport Officers of 10 th & 11 th Infantry Brigades. Inspection of 9 th Infantry Brigade Transport to Capt Davidson. - good.	
"	4 th		Weekly conference of Vety Officers - Capt Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson, Hegg. Visit to 3 rd Mob. Vety. Section	
"	5 th		Visit to Strazeeb to see Divisional Artillery. All units now arrived. Saw Capt Callow & McKenzie A.A.V.C. the Vety Officers. All animals in open on lines in open fields - no standings - no roofs. A number of cases of pneumonia & many catarrh reported by Vety Officers. Saw Staff Captain R.A. & suggested hiring of a grass field - who is charge of S.V.O. the latter to supply an A.A.V.C. Sergeant. & former to supply sufficient men. All respiratory cases to be turned loose in field.	
"	6 th		Instructions issued to all V.Os re use of Hypochlorous Acid & Ensol. Inspection of animals of Div HQ & Div Signal Coy.	
"	7 th		Office routine. Inspection of 2 nd Canadian Reserve Park Transport lines.	

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Steenwerk	Jan 8 th	Monday	Inspection of 11 th Infantry Brigade Transport with Capt F.A. Bishop. a.a.v.c.	
	Jan 9 th		Office routine Visit to 3 rd Mob. Vet Sect. - good progress in building of stable.	
	Jan 10 th		Inspection of 3 Div. Train horse lines with Capt Bishop. a.a.v.c. - to see animals with mange outbreak recently from Salisbury Plain to Divisional Artillery. (Outbreak reported on 8-1-17 - horses having come into Div. Train on 7-1-17.) Isolation secured & all precautions taken.	
	Jan 11 th		Conference of Vety. Officers. - Capt. Calbow, McKenzie, Wakeham, Bishop Davidson & Legg attending.	
	Jan 12 th		Go Mob. Vet Sect. & to 3 rd D.A.C. to see mallein reactions. - Bone positive	
	Jan 13 th		Visit to Strazell to see Div. Artillery Units. pneumonia cases. etc. arranged with 3 rd Pioneers - Major Adams - for construction of horse spraying station for mange treatment.	
	Jan 14 th		Office routine Go 3 rd Mob. Vet Sect.	

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Steenwerk	Jan 15 th	Monday	Inspection of 3rd D.A.C. with Capt. Wakeham a.a.v.c.	
	Jan 16 th		Instructions to all units re change prevention + treatment. Circ. memo V 513/12. Conference with C.R.E. - Transport Officers R.E. + Div. Sig. Coy. Reposting of a.a.v.c. sergeants. (V. 509/1.)	appendix (1) appendix (2) V. 509/1.
	Jan 17 th		Conference of D.D.V.S. 2nd Army + a.D.V.S. at Bailleul. re mange, cellulitis, P.U.N. etc.	
	Jan 18 th		Conference of Vety Officers. Visit to 3rd Mob. Vet. Sect.	
	Jan 19 th		Inspection of work at Spraying Station - Also transport of 3rd Pioneer Bde.	
	Jan 20 th		Reposting of Vety Officers consequent on moving up of Div. Artillery. see V 519/1.	appendix (3) V 519/1
	Jan 21 st		Office routine. Report on prevalence of equine pneumonia to D.D.V.S. Transfer of a.a.v.c. Sgt. Silman - + Sgt. Smith to take up duty to 11 th Inf. Brigade.	

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Steenwerk	22nd Jan.	Monday.	New posting of Vet Officers takes effect (V. 518/4). Horse Spraying Station against mange opens. Work well done by Pioneers - but not quite completed.	Appendix (3)
	23rd		Visit to Strazeele to see Artillery Horses in Details. see Rorpt. V 524/12.	
	24th		Inspection of 3rd D.A.C. - all conditions standings, roads, stables, very bad.	
	25th		Conference of Vet Officers - Capt. Callow, McKenzie, Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson & Hegg. Visit to 3rd Mob Vet Sect.	
	26th		DDVS. 2nd Army inspected mange cases in 3rd Div Train. in D.A.C. & at 3rd Mob Vet Sect. Also visited Horse Spraying Station & thought very satisfactory.	
	27th		asked to collect 3 horses - lame - left behind by Field Ambulance of 34th Div.	
	28th		Office routine. Description of Spraying Station to DDVS, A.I.F. in weekly letter. New Horse Ambulance received at Steenwerk Station.	

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Steenwerck	29 th	any	Visit to 3 rd Mob Vet Sect.	
"	30 th	"	Inspection of 29 th + 30 th Batteries 8 th F.A. Brigade. Evacuation by Barge stopped on account of frost.	
"	31 st	"	Inspection of 26 th + 24 th Batteries 7 th F.A. Brigade. Visit to Strazeele at request of D.D.V.S. to see Artillery Details horses. - report to D.D.V.S. 2 nd Army.	appendix (4)

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A.D.V.S.
3rd Australian Div.



Appendix 1.



AUSTRALIAN

DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
January 17th, 1917.-

MEASURES TO PREVENT MANGE.

Officers of Units, and all Officers in charge of animals are responsible for the carrying out of the necessary precautionary measures to prevent or limit mange infection. The following procedure will be adopted :-

- 1.- Daily inspection of all horses and mules to detect any symptoms of mange.
- 2.- Weekly inspection of all animals by a veterinary Officer accompanied by a regimental officer.
- 3.- Clipping whenever necessary of horses and mules to facilitate grooming.
- 4.- Thorough grooming of all animals daily.
- 5.- Frequent disinfection of grooming utensils, headstalls, headropes, and harness.
- 6.- Prompt notification to the veterinary officer of any suspicious case, with immediate segregation of suspect and contacts (with their harness, rugs, grooming kit, etc.,) pending the inspection.
- 7.- Remounts, after veterinary inspection on arrival, will be handed over to Units who will keep them in working isolation, (with harness, rugs, grooming kit etc.,) for one week.
- 8.- On the detection of a case of mange in a Unit, special orders will be issued by the A. D. V. S.-
- 9.- In no case must transfer of animals from one Unit to another take place without due notice to the A.D.V.S.-

DISINFECTION OF HARNESS.

RUGS, GROOMING UTENSILS, ETC.-

- 1.- Ordinary Routine.- Brushes and grooming utensils should be put to soak twice a week in the paraffin-soap emulsion.

Soap ½-lb.
Paraffin. 1 pint.
Water. 1 Gallon.

The soap should be dissolved in a little hot water, the paraffin added gradually with constant stirring, then add water to 1 gallon.

- 2.- Headstalls, ropes, harness and saddlery may all be sponged with the same emulsion.

SPECIAL METHOD IN CASE OF MANGE.-

- 3.- Every article which has come into actual contact with a mange infected horse may carry the infection. When a case is discovered all such articles should be collected, and disinfected.

Wagon poles, and stable fixtures must be scrubbed with soap and water and then brushed over with Sulphide wash.

Breast lines, headropes, headstalls, harness and saddlery are all to be scrubbed over with the sulphide wash. This wash is supplied by Veterinary Officers. It should be used hot, and has no bad effect on leather.

Rugs will have the woollen lining removed and burnt. The rug will then be treated with Sulphide wash.

Blankets will be dipped in Sulphide wash and wrung out.

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Major.-

A.D.V.S., Third Australian Division.

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1. On arrival, remounts will be inspected by a veterinary officer.
2. Any animal suspected of mange or other contagious disease will be sent to the Mobile Veterinary Section.
3. The remainder will proceed to the Horse Spraying station for washing and spraying - after which they will be handed to their Units.
4. Units will keep remounts in working isolation for at least one week.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.MANGE ORDER No. 1.

A mange suspect having been discovered among animals in your Unit, please note :-

- 1.- That the animals of must be considered contacts.
- 2.- Contacts must be kept strictly separated from all other animals. The harness, saddlery, rugs, blankets and grooming kits for each horse is to be kept separate, and no interchange of stalls or standings is to be allowed.
- 3.- No transfer of animals to or from the suspected Unit must take place until the receipt of further orders allowing such.
- 4.- The Veterinary Officer will inspect all these animals as early as possible, and directions will then be given for their disposal.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.MANGE ORDER No. 2.

As a result of Veterinary Inspection of the mange contacts in your Unit animals have been evacuated affected with Mange.

The remainder (.....) are to be treated as follows:-

- 1.- They will be clipped as speedily as possible.
- 2.- Washed with a parasiticide, as arranged by the Veterinary Officer three (3) times at intervals of not less than five or more than seven (7) days.
- 3.- Retained in working isolation, and subjected to a careful daily inspection for any signs of Mange in the presence of an Officer.
- 4.- The disinfection of the Harness, rugs, saddlery and standings will be carried out to the satisfaction of the Veterinary Officer.
- 5.- No transfers of animals into or out of this Unit are to be allowed for at least fourteen (14) days after the last case.

Major
A.D.V.S., Third Australian Division.

Headquarters,
3rd. Australian Division.
Jan 16th 1917.

C . R . A .
3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Under the reorganisation of Artillery the allotment of A.A.V.C. Sergeants leaves a surplus of ~~nine~~. The following is the new posting which has been arranged in consultation with veterinary ~~officers~~ to secure in the Division those men who have proved most efficient.

7th Field Artillery Brigade.

651 Sgt. Paul J.R.
652 " Smith W.
653 " Evans A.W.
655 " Quirk J.L.

8th Field Artillery Brigade.

675 Sgt. Cameron H.L.
708 " Russell G.H.D. from 23rd. Fld. Art. Bde.
673 " Sallmann M.E.
674 " Cooper C.

3rd. Divn. Ammunition Column.

654 Sgt. Tonking A.W.
~~663~~ " Henley J.L.
688 " Rigg H.N. from 9th. Fld. Art. Bde.

Artillery Details.

The sergeants A.A.V.C. to be retained (1 per battery) are :-

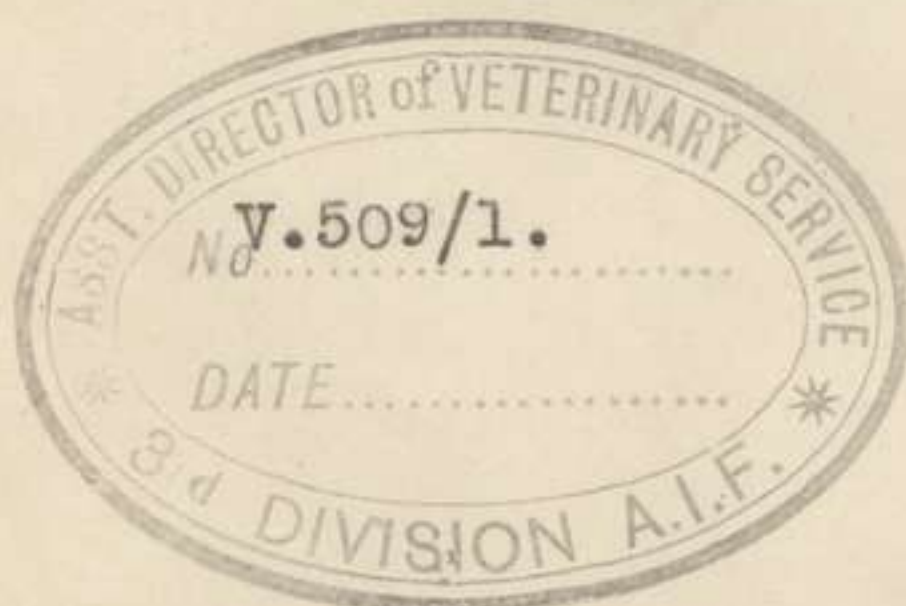
690 Sgt. Mann W.J.
706 " Daymond E.P.
707 " Holbrook F.
672 " Brown C.D.
689 " Brady G.
686 " Kelly E.
662 " Lindsay A.W.
659 " Denton U.H.

in that order.

If you will inform me how many this will absorb the rest will be sent to A.A.V.C. Details at HAVRE.

709 Sgt. G.F. Smith, the only other A.A.V.C., man, is being posted to the 11th. Infantry Brigade. (see enclosure.)

Will you please instruct these N.C.O's to take over duty with their respective Units as shown above from Tuesday 16th at 10 oclock.



(signed.)
H.A. Woodruff Major.
A.D.V.S., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

Headquarters,
3rd. Australian Division.
Jan 20th. 1917.

DRAFT FOR DIVISIONAL ROUTINE ORDERS.

VETERINARY.

Alteration of)
posting of) On and after Monday 22nd. inst., the posting of
Veterinary) Veterinary Officers will be as follows:-
Officers.)

Hdqtrs. Divn. Artillery.)
7th Fld. Art. Brigade.) Captain C.N.Callow A.A.V.C.

11th Infantry Brigade)
9th . Infantry Brigade.) Captain A.J.McKenzie A.A.V.C.
3rd. Divn. Hdqtrs.)
3rd, Divn. Signal Company.)

3rd. Divisional Ammunition Column.) Captain W.R.B.Wakeham A.A.V.C.

3rd. Divisional Train.)
Artillery Details.) Captain F.A.C.Bishop A.A.V.C.

8th. Field Artillery Bde.)
10th Infantry Brigade.)
3rd. Pioneer Battalion.) Captain J.M.Davidson A.A.V.C.

O.C., 3rd. Mobile Vet. Section.) Captain J.Legg A.A.V.C.

These officers will be attached in each case to the 1st. named Unit
in their charge.

(signed- H. A.Woodnuff Major.
A.D.V.S., 3rd. Aust.



Headquarters,
3rd. Australian Division.
Jan. 31st 1917.

D . D . V . S .
Headquarters,
2nd. Army.

As instructed in your wire V 638 I proceeded to inspect horses of Artillery Details at STRAZEELE today accompanied by D.A.Q.M.G. of the Division. I was informed you had seen the horses earlier in the day and had met Captain F.A.C.Bishop the Veterinary Officer there.

There is no need for me to describe the wretched condition of the horses in "A" Battery. All one can say is that I had previously reported on these horses twice within the last fortnight. I enclose copies of Captain Bishop's report of 21-1-17, and of my own of 22-1-17 and 26-1-17.

The past history of these horses is of some interest. They are the worst of over 2000 horses brought over by our Divisional Artillery and arrived at STRAZEELE in the period Dec. 30th 1916 - Jan 3rd. 1917. The veterinary charge of these animals in England since Nov. 23rd. had devolved upon two veterinary officers Captain C.N.Callow A.A.V.C., and Captain A.J.McKenzie A.A.V.C., the former being S.V.O. After arrival in FRANCE the same two veterinary officers had charge until the Artillery moved up into the front line area a fortnight ago. The conditions at STRAZEELE were very bad - no stables, no standings even, but simple a line in a field. The supply of forage was difficult and appears to have been both irregular and short. Re-organisation of artillery, both personnel and animals. has allowed of unloading of poor horses and the less desirable men into details, with the result you have seen.

I picked out, with Captain F.A.C.Bishop A.A.V.C., (who only took over these animals on the 20th inst) 42 poor animals and 5 slight mange cases, and these are all to be brought to the 3rd. Australian Mobile Veterinary Section tomorrow 31st. A special stable is being found for these animals, and special men provided and the O.C. 3rd. Australian Mobile Veterinary Section has instructions to give extra food and use all other means in order to improve the condition of these animals.

A number of other horses probably seen by you at STRAZEELE are turned out in a field and looked after by 2 A.A.V.C. sergeants. These horses are nearly all convalescents from pneumonia and catarrh. Generally the horses so treated have done well, and with horses unable to be transferred to Mobile Veterinary Section, this appeared the best treatment. Five poor horses of this lot have been ordered to Mobile Veterinary Section today, and Captain F.A.C.Bishop is going to examine the remainder with a view to returning most of them to their units. Copies of this report are being sent to Divisional Headquarters and to C.R.A.

(signed.) H.A.Woodruff Major.
A.D.V.S., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

