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WAR DIARY of A.D.V.S.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

3rd Australian Division.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Steinwerk	1st Feb.	Thursday	<p>Conference of Vety Officers - Capt. Callow, McKenzie, Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson &amp; Legg attending.</p> <p>Visit to Spraying Station for Horses @ Brig. Gen. Delavoys D.A.A. + Q.M.S. II Auszac Corps + Lt Col. Farman.</p> <p>afternoon to 44th Mob. Vet. Sect. of 34th Div. - re "talking over."</p>	
	2nd Feb.		Inspected D.A.C. (3rd Aust. Div.) with Capt. Wakeham a.v.c.	
	3rd Feb.		Inspected 3rd Aust. Div. Train with Capt. Bishop a.v.c.	
	4th Feb		<p>To Strazeele @ Lt Col Dowse C.O. 3rd Div Train + Capt Bishop - to inspect horses of Artillery Details + to determine number suitable for allotment to other units.</p> <p>Also inspected convalescent (pneumonia) horses of Artillery units, turned out in field at Strazeele.</p>	
	"		<p>afternoon move of Div HQs to Croix du Bac.</p> <p>took over office + billet from Major Stewart A.D.V.S. 34th Div.</p>	appendix ①
	"		<p>Reposting of Vety Officers see V. 576/1</p> <p>Capt. A.J. McKenzie a.v.c. posted to Army Field Art. Brigade, with 5 a.v.c. sergeants on order of A.D.V.S. 2nd Army. V. 568/3.</p>	<p>V. 576/1.</p> <p>Reposting of V.O.s</p> <p>also copy of A.D.V.S. order.</p>

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Croix du Bae	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb.		Arranged departure of Capt. A.J. McKenzie a.a.v.c. + 5 Srgts. a.a.v.c. to 4 <sup>th</sup> Army by road. Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Mob. Vet. Sect. Selected 2 L.D.s from D.A.C. details for M.V.S.	
" " "	6 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday		Visit to Horse Spraying Station - asked Pioneers for a new, stronger, pump. No ill effects from spraying horses, spraying inside rugs, & then putting on wet. Inspected B.D. Cable Section of Y Cable Coy. re mange outbreak - very good result of 2 dips.	
" "	7 <sup>th</sup>		Inspected 3 sections 3 <sup>rd</sup> D.A.C. = Capt Wakeham a.a.v.c. Great improvement in stables & general management, but grooming bad. Many cases of minor injuries & wounds about coronet & heels (bad roadway!) progressing well. Inspected Det. 1 <sup>st</sup> Canada Reserve Park. Also 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mob. Vet. Sect.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Visit to special statute for debility cases - under O.C. Mob. Vet. Sect. Men from Artillery Details unsatisfactory - saw Staff Capt. R.A. to have them changed. Conference of Vet. Officers - Capts Callow, Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson, Legg,	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		+ Elitton Inspected 7 <sup>th</sup> & A Brigade - 25 <sup>th</sup> & 104 <sup>th</sup> Batty. = Capt. Callow - very bad grooming & much wire lying about near lines. Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> D.W. Team to see Clipping Squad at work. - Going well.	



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Crix du Bac	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.		Inspected 31 <sup>st</sup> Bally. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Brigade to Capt Davidson a.A.V.C. & Dip Wagon hives. Poor grooming - neglected "specialists" horses - deficiency of nose bags - much loose wire lying about. Weekly letter to D.D.V.S. A.I.F.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Saw 3 <sup>rd</sup> Section of 3 <sup>rd</sup> D.A.C. - reported some very dirty mules to Vety Officers. Visited 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mob Vet Sect <sup>n</sup> re Clipping Squad. Afternoon - to Spraying Station.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Inspected D.W. Signal Coy. re mange outbreak. Visited Spraying Station with D.A.C. M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anzac Corps. (Col. Collard)	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> D.W. Train to Capt Bishop - Clipping in full swing. Saw "debility" horses at sub. Mob Vet Sect <sup>n</sup> . Inspected units of 11 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade - a bad mange case in 41 <sup>st</sup> Bally. D.D.V.S. called at office.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> D.A.C. to Capt Wakeham. re number of injuries. Inspected 1 <sup>st</sup> Bally R.H.A. to Capt Callow a.A.V.C. - found many debilitated horses & arranged to evacuate same. also 108 <sup>th</sup> Bally 8 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Brigade to Capt. Davidson - very good.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		To St. Omer No 23 Vety Hosp <sup>l</sup> to a "mange demonstration" by Capt. Noel Pellers a.A.V.C. with 4 V.O.s of the Division.	



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Croix du Bae	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.		Inspected 9 <sup>th</sup> Inf Brigade Transport Visit to Spraying Station	
" "	17 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection of 10 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Brigade Transport & Pioneers.	
" "	18 <sup>th</sup>		Office routine. Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mob Vet. Sect <sup>n</sup> re mange cases evacuation or treatment in Section.	
" "	19 <sup>th</sup>		Go Spraying Station to see new floor & new pump. Also 9 <sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Transport.	
" "	20 <sup>th</sup>		Supervised "Sick Horse Barge" loading to G.P. Mob. Vet. Sect <sup>n</sup> . Interviewed Capt Bishop & Wakeham. at office.	
" "	21 <sup>st</sup>		Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mob Vet Sect <sup>n</sup> to D.A.D.S. re Clipping Equipment & to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. Train re mange to Capt Bishop a.v.o.	
" "	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Conference of Vet. Officers - Capt. Callow, Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson & Legg - also Capt. Elton a.v.o.	
			Visit to IX Corps Dep. at St Jans Capelle to see dipping in progress.	



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Coix du Bac.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Feb	Inspection of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div Train with G.O. & Capt Bishop a.s.v.o. Inspection of 26 <sup>th</sup> + 27 <sup>th</sup> Batteries 7 <sup>th</sup> FA Brigade - a great improvement - but lines much too crowded. - advised C.R.A.	
" "	24 <sup>th</sup>		Inspected 3 <sup>rd</sup> D.A.C. Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mob Vet Sect <sup>n</sup>	
" "	25 <sup>th</sup>		Saw Mallein Yesting in 7 <sup>th</sup> FA Brigade - 26 <sup>th</sup> + 27 <sup>th</sup> Batteries. Visit to Spraying Station.	
" "	26 <sup>th</sup>		Called on A.D.V.S. 57 <sup>th</sup> Div <sup>n</sup> at Sailly. Inspection of Div. Signal Coy. re mange.	
" "	27 <sup>th</sup>		Visit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mob. Vet Sect <sup>n</sup> re evacuation cases. Inspection of 41 <sup>st</sup> + 42 <sup>nd</sup> Battalys Transport.	
" "	28 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection of 43 <sup>rd</sup> + 44 <sup>th</sup> Battalys Transport. 11 <sup>th</sup> Brigade.	

H. A. Woodruff. Major  
A.D.V.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Div<sup>n</sup>



3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
Feb 4th 1917.

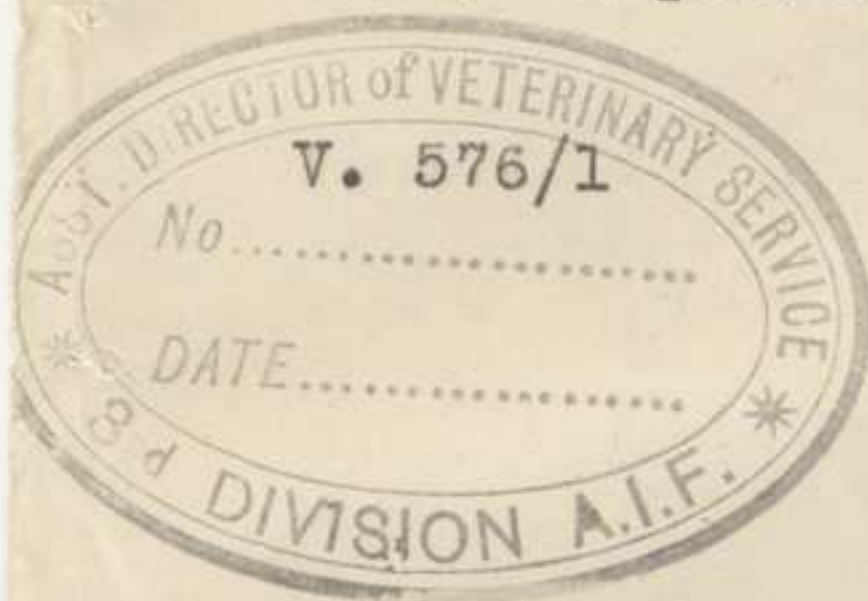
Captain F.A.C.Bishop A.A.V.C.

You will please take over as from Monday 5th inst, veterinary charge of Divisional Headquarters, (including Military Police and Divisional Signals), relieving Captain A.J.McKenzie A.A.V.C.

Also 2nd. Pontoon Park R.E. This unit I am informed has 50 rides, and 236 H.D's, and is situated at G.4., a.5.2. Sheet 36.

You should report to officer i/c of this unit as early as possible.

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



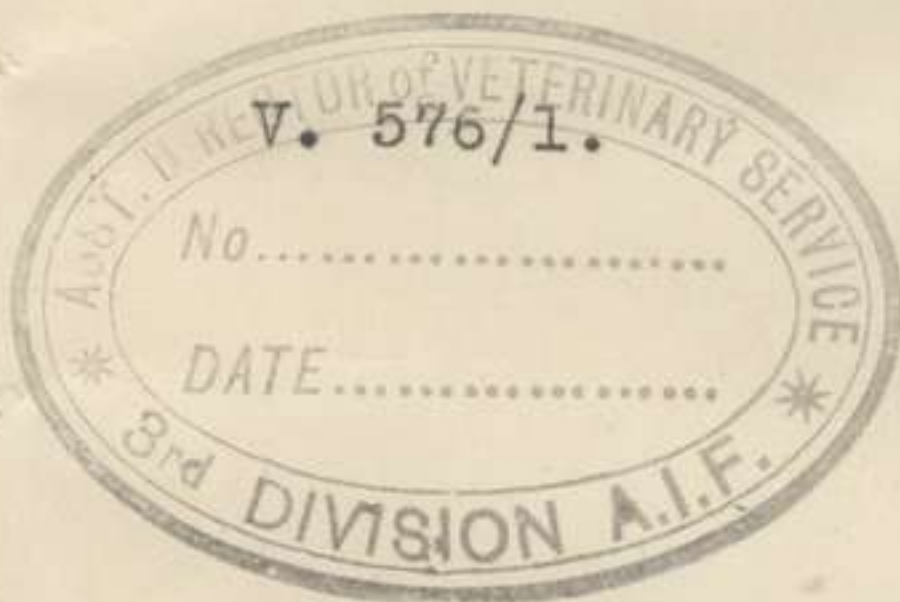
Headquarters,  
3rd. Australian Division.  
Feb. 4th 1917.

Captain C.N.Callow A.A.V.C.

In view of the approaching departure of Captain A.J. McKenzie A.A.V.C. will you be prepared to take over veterinary charge of the 9th Infantry Brigade in addition to your present charge.

You will report to Brigade Headquarters on taking over.

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



Headquarters,  
3rd. Australian Division.  
Feb 4th 1917.

Captain W.R.B.Wakeham A.A.V.C.

In view of the approaching departure of Captain A.J. McKenzie you will be prepared to take over veterinary charge of the 11th Infantry Brigade in addition to your present charge.

You will report to Brigade Headquarters, on taking over.

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



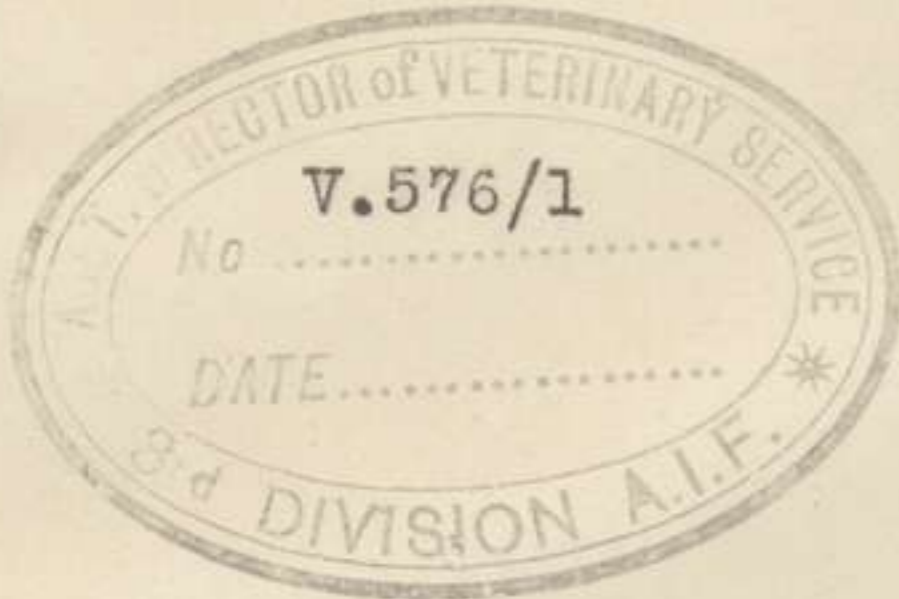


Headquarters,  
3rd. Australian Division.  
Feb. 4th 1917.

Headquarters,  
11th Infantry Brigade.

Captain W.R.B. Wakeham A.A.V.C. will take over veterinary charge of the 11th Infantry Brigade from Captain A.J. McKenzie A.A.V.C. on 5/2/1917, and will report to Headquarters on taking over.

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



Headquarters,  
3rd. Australian Division.  
Feb. 4th 1917.

Headquarters,  
9th Infantry Brigade.

Captain C.N. Callow A.A.V.C., will take over veterinary charge of the 9th Infantry Brigade from Captain A.J. McKenzie A.A.V.C. on 5/2/1917, and will report to Headquarters on taking over.

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



Officer i/c  
2nd. Pontoon Park R.E.  
N.Z. Division.

Headquarters,  
3rd. Aust. Division.  
Feb. 4th 1917.

Captain F.A.C. Bishop A.A.V.C., will take over veterinary charge of your unit on 5-2-1917.

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





V. 643.

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

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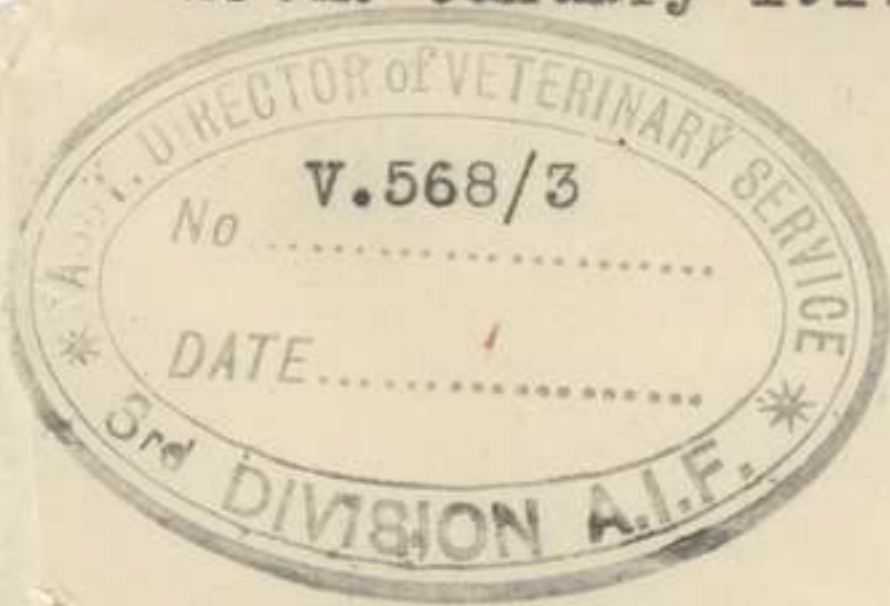
It will be necessary to allot a Veterinary Officer to  
Army Field Artillery Brigade.

Please inform me the name of the Veterinary Officer  
and the Sergeants A.V.C. that you have detailed for -

- (1) Army Field Artillery Brigade.
- (2) Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column.

(signed) F.W.Wilson Colonel.  
D.D.V.S., Second Army.

H . Q . 2nd. Army.  
28th. January 1917.



APPENDIX.

Headquarters,  
3rd. Aust. Division.  
Feb. 1st 1917.

D . D . V . S .  
2nd. Army.

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Reference your memo V 643 of 28-1-1917.

Captain A.J.McKenzie A.A.V.C. is detailed as the veterinary  
officer, the A.A.V.C. sergeants are :-

- 688 Sgt. Rigg H.N.
- 689 " Brady G.
- 690 " Mann W.J.
- 658 " Denton J.H.
- 672 " Brown C.D.

I am awaiting instructions as to the disposal of this officer  
and five sergeants.

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





APPENDIX. 2

Appendix No. 2

Q. 10/18.

Headquarters,  
3rd. Australian Division. 3

The following Veterinary personnel will proceed  
with the Artillery Details to 4th. Army :-

VETERINARY OFFICER.

Captain A.J. McKenzie.

SERGEANTS.

- No. 688 Sergeant RIGG H.N.
- No. 689 " BRADY G.
- No. 690 " MANN W.J.
- No. 558 " DENTON J.H.
- No. 672 " BROWN C.D.



H.H.Prideaux, Captain.  
D.A.A.&.Q.M.G. 2nd. A.&.N.Z. Army Corps  $\frac{1}{2}$

(A)

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
4th February 1917.

A.D.V.S.,  
3rd. Australian Division.  
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Forwarded for information and necessary action,  
please.

CAP/WJC. (signed.) C.A.Pyke Captain.  
D.A.Q.M.G. 3rd. Australian Division.