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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
Croix du Bas	1st March		<p>Thursday Conference of Vety. Officers - Capt's. Callow, Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson & Legg present. Also Capt. Clifton a.v.c. of attached Army FA Brigade.</p> <p>Visit to Mob. Vet. Sect^m to make P.M. examination on a peculiar "esophagus" case with vomiting & regurgitation of food.</p> <p>G.O.C.'s lecture on "New Offensive Methods"</p>	
	2nd		<p>Inspection of 26th + 24th Batteries of 7th FA Brigade with Capt Callow a.v.c.</p> <p>Visit to Div Artillery H Qr Stables.</p> <p>Inspection Parade of Div Signal Coy. with G.O.C. & Capt Bishop a.v.c.</p>	
	3rd		<p>Visit to 3rd Mob Vet Sect^m; & to 10th Field Ambulance with Capt Davidson re mange cases.</p>	
	4th		<p>Revolver practice - Armentieres range.</p>	
	5th		<p>Office Routine.</p>	
	6th		<p>Inspection Parade of No 1 Sect^m D.A.C. with G.O.C. & Capt Wakeham a.v.c.</p> <p>Inspection of 9th Inf by Brigade Transport with Brigade Transport Officer</p> <p>Visit to Horse Spraying Station.</p>	

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Croux du Bac	7 th March		Visit to 3 rd Aust. Mob Vet Sect Investigated complaint about hay forage from 7 th FA Brigade - saw SSO of Division & forwarded report & sample to ADVS 2 nd Army	appendix I V. 639/3.
	8 th		Conference of Vet Officers. Capt Callow, Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson, Leggs & Milton attending	
	9 th		Inspection of 10 th Light Brigade Transport @ Capt Davidson a.v.o.	
	10 th		Inspection of 3 rd Batty, 8 th FA Brigade @ Capt Davidson a.v.o. Report unsatisfactory - many poor horses, insufficient nosebags, poor grooming.	
	11 th		Office routine.	
	12 th		Inspection @ C.R.A. of 26 th 27 th + 107 th Batteries 7 th FA Brigade	
	13 th		Inspection @ C.R.A. of 29 th 30 th + 31 st Batteries of 8 th FA Brigade	
	14 th		Visit to 3 rd Aust. Mob Vet Sect To 3 rd Div Train re ? stomatitis outbreak - found a few mild cases	

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Crosix du Bae	15 th	March	Conference of Vet. Officers - Capt. Gallow, Wakeham, Bishop, Davidson, Legg & Hilton attending.	
			Inspection of 11 th Inf. Brigade Group @ Capt Wakeham. a.s.c.	
	16 th		With D.D.R. & DAQMG inspected surplus horses - for remounts, evacuation etc.	
			Inspected 25 th Bally. 4 th Brigade & 108 th Bally 8 th Brigade	
	17 th		Visit to 3 rd Div. Train re cases of Stomatitis	
	18 th		Go 3 rd Mob. Vet. Sect.	
			Office routine.	
	" 19 th		Visit to Spraying Station.	
	" 20 th		Conference of ADVS 2 nd Army & AD _s V.S. at Baillend.	
			Conference of C.C.s Brigades & Batteries, Dac., & Vet. Officers of Artillery with ADVS.	

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Croix du Bue	21 st	March	Visit of DDVS 2 nd Army + DDVS A.I.F. to Division inspecting all mounted units + transport.	
	22 nd	"	Visit of DDVS continued. Conference of Vety Officers with DDVS. Move of 10 th Gulf Bn into Framing Area - Capt Davidson A.V.O. posted as Vety Officer accompanying.	
	23 rd		Office routine.	
	24 th		Instructions received re administering 2 nd Anzac Corps Horse Dip. Visit to St Gans Cappel (IX Army Corps Dip) to see working	
	25 th		To 2 nd Aust. Mob Vet Sect.	
	26 th		To 2 nd Anzac Corps H.Q. to see DAQ.M.G. re Corps Dip. Then to St Gans Cappel with Major Horner A.V.O. - administering IX Corps Dip to see working arrangements.	
	27 th		To see DAQ.M.G. II Anzac Corps re Dip arrangements + to Dip itself to see if completed. Lecture to P.C.O.s + Transport Personnel of 2 nd Field Coys. on Horse management.	

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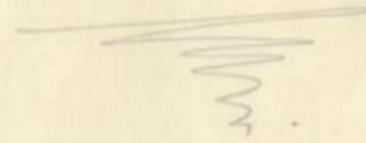
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Croix du Bae	28 th	March.	Office Routine	
	29 th		Vet. Officers Conference - Capt. Callow, Wakeham, Bishop, Legg, & Milton.	
	30 th		Visit to 2nd Anzac Corps Horse Dep - met DDVS & CRE. (Corps)	
	31 st		Visit to 3rd Aust Mob Vet Sect with S.O.C. S.O.C. expressed his satisfaction & complimented C.O. M.V.S.	



J. A. Woodruff Major.
DDVS.
3rd Aust. Div.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
March 7th 1917.

A . A . & . Q . M . G .
3rd. Australian Division.

I have to report that a considerable proportion of the forage sent up as hay is of very bad quality and is either being refused by the horses or, if eaten, is giving rise to many cases of colic.

The particular quality of hay referred to has been on issue - as a proportion of the hay ration - for the past 10 days, and Artillery Units, notably the 7th Field Artillery Brigade, have had a high percentage of it.

The Veterinary Officer in charge of that Brigade, Captain C.N. Callow A.A.V.C. has reported to me the large number of cases of colic which have occurred since this material began to be fed.

The A.A.V.C. Sergeants attached to the Batteries have all complained of horses refusing their food - both when this material is fed as long hay, and when it is chaffed and mixed with straw chaff and oats.

I have examined the hay and find that a proportion of it is extremely coarse, likely to be quite innutritious, is bitter in taste, and from the evidence quoted, likely to be dangerous.

Part of it - i.e. some trusses - are of finer quality and might be fed chaffed and mixed with other food such as chaffed meadow hay, straw chaff and oats but only then if other good forage is unobtainable, and with a clear knowledge of the likelihood of digestive trouble and even serious colic.

I would suggest that representation be made to the Base Supply. :-

- (1) that the feeding of this hay is dangerous, and likely to cause disease.
- (2) that even if little disease results, it is innutritious and our animals will lose condition.
- (3) that if the best of it must be feed, 50% of good meadow hay be issued with it so that animals get a mixture.
- (4) Also that the Divisional Supply Officers be instructed to see that each Unit gets only its fair proportion of this marshy hay along with its proportion of good meadow hay.

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

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

This report has been sent to "Q" Divisional Headquarters, today. Can you assist in securing at any rate a 50% proportion of good meadow hay.

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

