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STEENWERCK	2/12/17.		<p>Assumed duties D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Australian Division. During the month inspected all Units under my administration. Animals on the whole well cared for and in good condition. Was not satisfied with condition of horses in 10th How. Battery and 25th Battery A.F.A. The reason for the inferior standard of stable management in these Units was to be found in the lack of strict supervision of Officer in charge of horse lines. Since drawing the Attention of C.R.A. to these conditions decided improvement has made itself evident.</p> <p><u>SHOEING</u></p> <p>(a) General. In several instances I found that Transport Officers were relying too much upon shoeing Staff and failing to make inspection of horses feet personally, with result that many animals were being left too long before re-shoeing. This matter has been adjusted.</p> <p>(b) Frost Shoeing. Was delayed generally on account shortage of Frost Wogs and wrenches at Ordnance. I drew the attention of "Q" to this matter and can now report that Division is well supplied with necessary equipment.</p> <p><u>FORAGE.</u> Has been throughout the month satisfactory both in quality and quantity.</p> <p><u>WATERING.</u> Facilities also very satisfactory.</p> <p><u>DISEASE.</u></p> <p>(a) Epizootic Lymphangitis. On the 6th one case of Epizootic Lymphangitis in L.D., on strength of 35th Battalion Transport, was discovered. Seat of Lesion left Submaxillary Gland and neighbouring Lymphatics. Animal was destroyed and carcass deeply buried. Isolation stable burnt, and main stables thoroughly disinfected after vacation. 12 Smears of other cases suspicious cases were despatched to No 23 Veterinary Hospital for examination, with negative result.</p> <p>(b) Stomatitis Contagiosa. 2 mild cases were discovered in 2nd Section 3rd D.A.C.. All necessary precautions were taken and spread of disease checked. These two animals are now working.</p>	

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			<p><u>Disease. (Contd.)</u></p> <p>(c) Mange. Has begun to make an appearance in a mild form in all Units. I am of the opinion that the majority of these cases - totalling 33 - have not become infected in the present area, but rather are recurring cases which have been treated previously in Hospitals. Cases are all in isolation and being treated by Unit V.Os.</p> <p>(d) Ophthalmia. 5 cases occurred in the Division during the month and were evacuated to Line of Communications.</p> <p><u>M.V.S.</u> During the month received 71 horses, 11 Mules; of these 65 were evacuated to Base, 15 returned to Unit, & 2 destroyed. Evacuations during the month have taken place by Barge from BAC ST MAUR to ST OMER. Barge holding 32 animals runs twice per week and is being used by 3rd and 2nd Australian Divisions. The Barge service is administered by D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Australian Division.</p> <p><u>CORPS HORSE DIP.</u> During the month I have also administered Corps Horse Dip, situated on Road between STEENWERCK and BAILLEUL. 2500 animals belonging to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Australian Divisions have been dipped as a precautionary measure against spreading of Mange. The solution used in this Dip is Calcium Sulphide solution which is renewed weekly. On an average 300 horses per day can be dipped treated but owing to extremely cold weather during this month dipping was frequently held up.</p> <p>Divisional Headquarters January 8th 1918.</p> <p><i>L. E. McKenzie</i> Major. D.A.D.V.S. 3rd Australian Division.</p>	

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