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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAZEBROUCK	1914 1/9		Conference all DADLS of Corps at my office.	
	2/9		Notified by A.D. Hq. that shipping Smiths of Infantry and Ponder Battalions may be paid 1/- per day extra.	
	3/9		Rode with DASH. Hq. to see Army artillery Bdes DADLS 1st Aust Div on leave to England.	
	4/9		Preparing to move into new area	
	5/9		Moved to HOOGRAAF near POPERINCHE. fixed up office telephone etc.	
	6/9		DADLS 2nd Army came out and we went to Site of Corps Mobile Pety Detachment, under Major TRM. HORE: A.A.V.C formed of 1000 + 3 men from each Division and 30 A.V.C men from Base as train conducting party. Detachment acts as Casualty Clearing Station from Corps and some other units.	

J.L.



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Summary of Events and Information

20 Feb 1917

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HOOBRAF	1917 4/9		Very busy in office, collecting information re Corps units in area, there are 2 extra Divisions and many artillery and other units all over Corps area, all of which have to be provided with Veterinary attention, it is noticed that it is very often small units with only a few animals that get mange etc	
"	8/9		busy in office all day, organizing work, arranging returns etc.	
			Mobile Vet Detachment moved to new site near Wippenhoek railhead.	
	9/9		Conference DADDS and 46 Corps troops at my office, discussed work in Corps area, some returns late coming in, causes lot of trouble. Inspected 12 th Army 7A Bde, report attached, many animals unsatisfactory. JH	

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HOOBRAF	1917 9/9		Evacuated 240 horses from Corps Casualty Clearing WIPPERHOEK DADLS 5 th Aust Div went on leave	
"	10/9		Inspected Corps Detachment. Saw DA & GfG re Kesternay organization for coming operations. put in scheme for inclusion in Corps operations. visited DADL3, 1 st and 5 th Aust Divs to advise them own Artillery units	
"	11/9		sent in weekly veterinary report. copy attached.	
"	12/9		arranged isolation lines for Contagious Stomatitis Cases.	
"	13/9		found site for 2nd A. H.Q. saw G 2nd Div re keeping in touch with DADLS re moves. arranged site of 1st A. H.Q. 1st Aust Div had selected unsuitable site without consulting DADLS, but agreed to my selection near REMINGHELEST	

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HOOGRAF	1917 14/9		Saw DA G/H pe sites for Nobel City Section in area Conference all ADVS. 2 nd army at VIII Corps HQ discussed organization in Corps areas, clipping arranged to sent out position of all ML Sections in Area. 1 st ML Section moved to RENVILLEHELSST.	
"	15/9		Visited WIPPENHOEK. Fair and saw evacuation of 240 horses busy with returns etc.	
"	16/9		Inspected 3 rd & 6 th Aust Army 7A Bdis. 3 rd Bde neglected and unsatisfactory. 6 th fair, reports attached	
"	17/9		asked DDLS AGF. to notify me of changes in personnel, officers, as they are changed without me being informed, also reply to my request for officer to assist with Corps troops.	
	18/9		5 th Aust ML Section moved to HOOGRAF area 4 th Division moved out with 1/2 London ML Section.	

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HOOPERAF	19/9		Visited 1st, 2nd and 5th Aust Hq Sections All satisfactory sent out instructions to all Duty Officers re returns etc copy copy attached.	
"	20/9		Sent out instructions re clipping for Inauguration to all units, arranged for dip of XVIII Corps. DDBS 2nd Army came out and visited 3rd Aust Army 7A Bde, instructed me to evacuate a lot of poor horses, generally unsatisfactory. Picked out 60 and arranged for evacuation. Spoke to AAG A.I.F. re allowance on unsuitable remounts issued.	
"	21/9		Conference all ADDBS 2nd Army at XVIII Corps HQ.	
"	22/9		Discussed working of corps HQ Detachments. Conference at my office all DDBS and HQs with corps troops, discussed clipping, evacuations. DDBS A.I.F. came out. Visited corps Mobile Detachment.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOOGRAF	1917 23/9		<p>Visited 1st M/S by appointment with Capt Bishop A.M.C. to see 2 stomatitis cases, decided they were caused by unskilful administration of Ammonium Carbonate. Put in weekly returns and report.</p> <p>Interviewed A.D.C.s re head collars, grooming Kit. Clippers, rugs, shoes etc.</p> <p>Saw Capt B re selection of Clipping Depot sites. Wound 4th Div M/S to take over site from 1st Div.</p>	
"	24/9		<p>Saw D.A.C. M/S re houses of 3rd Army Bde.</p> <p>Went to 2nd A. M/S to inspect milk suspected of Epyzotic Lymphangitis, not available.</p> <p>Inspected units at CHESTRE also 1st Dab near GROVES satisfactory.</p> <p>Lectured NCOs on stable management.</p> <p>Capt WHITE A.V.C. reported for duty with Corps Heavy Artillery.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOOBRAF	1917 25/9		Inspected 1st and 2nd 7a Bdes 1st Aust Div. all Satisfactory except 5th and 107th Batteries. report attached. Saw mule at 2nd M.B. did not think it was Spezzotic lymphatic, smears sent to bacteriologist	
"	26/9		Visited sites for Clipping Depots selected 3 for Corps	
"	27/9		Inspected mobile City Sections. Arranged city attention to 9th Canadian Railway Battalion as their LB had left.	
"	28/9		conference all ADHB 2nd Army at IX Corps HQ.	
"	29/9		conference all DADTB etc at my office. discussed duties of City Officers and horsemasters. arranged for evacuation of horses on Sunday.	
"	30/9		Saw train load of horses evacuated from M.B.D. 1st Aust Div dissatisfied with evacuation replied. Copy attached	

W. Watson ADHB 1st Army

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No.	A.Y. 161
Date	16 SEP 1917

FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters,
16th September, 1917.

VETERINARY INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.

A number of cases of Stomatitis Contagiosa have been diagnosed at the Base sent from Units of this Corps through Mobile Veterinary Sections, the Units are as follows:-

- 15th Battery A.F.A. 5th Brigade.
- 104th " " 4th "
- 45th " " 12th Army Brigade.
- 112th " " " " "

Care must be taken by Units to ensure that no cases are sent to M.V.S. and by O.C's, M.V.S. to see that no cases are sent to Base Veterinary Hospitals.

All Veterinary Officers will make regular and careful inspections of animals under their care, and also see that Veterinary or Farrier Sergeants are on the look out for symptoms of the disease.

The following procedure will be adopted where cases are discovered:-

Affected animals will be isolated, watered at separate troughs, and men told off to feed and attend to them, and not to be in contact with other animals. Cases should not be worked or allowed near clean animals at any time. They will not be evacuated to M.V.S. or to other Units. Work will not be discontinued. After seven days have elapsed since the discovery and isolation of a case in the Unit. it may be considered clean, and the partial quarantine or as it is called working isolation removed. On the discovery of cases I will be informed by wire.

M. Watson
Lieut- Colonel,
A. D. V. S.
First ANZAC Corps.

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I ANZAC CORPS.

D. D. V. S.,

Headquarters.
11th Sept. 17.Second Army.
-----VETERINARY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 6.9.17.

1. Most of the animals I have seen are in good condition, though some I have as yet been unable to see, as they have joined during the week.

Some of the horses in the recently joined up 12th Aust. Army F. A. Brigade are not at all satisfactory.

2. 60 animals were evacuated from Army Field Artillery Brigades for debility 9 from Heavy Artillery Batteries, 25th Division 9, 47th Division 7, 1st Australian Division 3, 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions nil.

The loss of condition in Army Brigades is largely due to the sandy areas on which they have been camped while in Fourth Army Area, it is also noticeable that when Batteries are in action and most of the more responsible officers with the guns condition goes back even when animals are not being overworked.

This can only be put down to one thing - slackness. I always try to impress on units the necessity of regular routine and discipline on all stable parades, the lack of which becomes so quickly obvious on horse lines.

3. Respiratory diseases - a number of cases pneumonia and pleurisy occurred, the 12th Australian F. A. Bde. had 6, this is also common in sandy country and is also largely due to loss of condition and lessening of natural resistance.

4. Digestive complaints have been common, the 3rd Aust. Army F. A. Brigade had 10 and the 6th Army F. A. Brigade 12, the Veterinary Officers attribute this to sand and it was also found in large quantities on post mortems, animals had to have their heads tied up to prevent them licking sand off ground, I am quite certain at the same time that sand licking very often follows bad feeding arrangements, and loss of condition, a lot of experience of sand colic has shown me that it is not common in animals in good condition.

5. Mange - is not very common and arrangements are being made with the IX Corps or the use of their dip, also all animals and contacts are segregated and treated with Calcium Sulphide.

6. No remarks.

7. Specific disease is absent.

8. Gas poisoning no cases.

9. Eye diseases still some cases ophthalmia but no increase.

10. A large number of gunshot wounds, chiefly shells and bombs, usually at night.

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1st, 2nd & 5th Australian Divisions nil. 25th Division killed 9 wounded 20. 47th Division - killed 5 wounded 26. Army Artillery Brigades - Killed 9 wounded 13. Chiefly in 1st and 2nd Australian F.A. Brigades, Corps Heavy Artillery - killed 14 wounded 34. Corps Headquarters and troops attached - killed 38 wounded 38, all killed and 36 of the wounded due to bombs dropped in 21st Reserve Park.

Every effort should be made to conceal horses where possible by putting them close to hedges, trees, etc., camouflaging stables and preventing any show of lights or fires.

11. Administration has been difficult during the week as units are continually changing in and out of area, and owing to the fact that we have taken over from another Corps and another Army. Things should however be much improved later, Veterinary Officers do not seem to appreciate the trouble caused in administration by not sending in prompt and complete returns and finding out their destination.

12. The two M. V. Sections in this Area are working satisfactorily but the 3 Australian M. V. Sections have very little to do at present in back areas. Much depends on the choice of position of the Sections for efficient evacuation of forward areas, and when the Australian Sections come up I would like to be consulted in the selection of sights.

The Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment is working well. It was rather rushed through having to change its site, just at the time of taking over from the other Corps, and changing to some extent its personnel, however everything is now moved to the new site and the working should be quite smooth, the arrangements for evacuation by road and rail seem very satisfactory.

13. Personnel no complaints.

14. During the week I inspected the 12th A.A.F. A. Brigade report attached. I have not been able to get out very much as in taking over and getting hold of the working I have been kept going in my Office.



Copy to :-

"Q" 1st ANZAC.

Lieut-Colonel.

A. D. V. S.
1st ANZAC Corps.

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A.D.V.S.,
I ANZAC.
No.....
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Headquarters.,
 1st Anzac Corps.

Inspection of 12th Aust. A. F. A. Brigade on 9-9-17.

On the 9th inst. I inspected the 12th Aust. A. F. A. Brigade accompanied by the C. O., Veterinary Officer and the horse ~~Master~~ adviser to the Brigade.

The condition of the majority of animals in the Brigade is fairly good, but notwithstanding the fact that 31 were evacuated during the week a lot of animals were not in satisfactory condition, at the time of my inspection, many of them were being grazed, which should result in improvement.

There were also a number of cases of mange. Some in the 47th Battery not even being segregated. I have arranged with the A. D. V. S. IX Corps for a number of these animals and contacts to be dipped. At the dip in that Corps area ~~at~~ a most noticeable feature was the lack of proper grooming which has been very superficial instead of thorough. I explained at the time that one 1/2 hour real grooming is better than 2 hours spent superficially smoothing the coat with a dandy brush. Detailed results of inspection is as follows :-

- Brigade H. Qrs. Condition of some unsatisfactory - grooming bad. 1 mange, which was isolated ~~45th-Battery.~~
- 45th Battery. Condition unsatisfactory - though some animals are good grooming unsatisfactory.
- 46th Battery. Condition general fair - some not quite satisfactory, grooming should be better.
- 47th Battery. Condition of most horses fair, some not at all satisfactory, grooming shows much room for improvement lines are dirty which encourages flies which irritate the horses and mitigate against their improvement in condition, there were a number of mange cases, not segregated, and I have arranged for dip and asked Brigade to have this Battery dipped on Wednesday 12th inst.
- 112th Battery. Condition generally unsatisfactory though a few are good unit not using hay nets but feeding hay off ground grooming is very bad.
- 12th B. A. C. Mules condition good. In some cases the feet are allowed to grow too long, a common error with mule shoeing. Grooming should be better.

L. Eaton

Headquarters.
1st Anzac Corps.
11th Sept. 17.

Lieut-Colonel.
A. D. V. S.
1st ANZAC Corps.

Copy to:- D.D.V.S., Second Army,

FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.V. 159.

Date 16 SEP 1917

Headquarters,
16th September, 1917.D.D.V.S.,
2nd ARMY.
-----VETERINARY REPORT for the WEEK ending 13-9-17.

1. Condition generally keeping satisfactory, some of the Artillery animals are not as good as might be desired, unfortunately they have had a lot of moving lines which always seems to unfavourably affect condition.
2. Debility.- A number of animals have been evacuated for debility, I do not think there should be so many as there are no complaints re forage or water, weather conditions are not unfavourable and I do not think any animals are overworked. The 1st Aust. Division show 15 evacuated for debility.
3. Respiratory.- Nothing specially worthy of note.
4. Digestive.- The 2nd Aust. Division had 18 cases of Colic, the 1st Aust. Division 11, the 3rd Aust. A.F.A. Brigade 14 and the 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade 11. I am asking the D.A.D.V.S. or Veterinary Officers concerned to enquire into feeding arrangements and to report why so many Colic cases are occurring in their Units.
5. Mange.- is being kept well in control and few cases are occurring. I would very much like to have a Mange Dip available in this Area so that cases or outbreaks could be more promptly and efficiently dealt with.
6. No remarks.
7. Outbreaks of Specific Disease.- some cases of Stomatitis Contagiosa have been discovered and prompt isolation of cases arranged, also a working isolation of affected Units. My Circular Memo attached.
8. Gas Poisoning.- No cases, but all necessary precautions are being taken.
9. Eye Diseases.- Ophthalmia still keeps cropping up in isolated instances.
10. Gunshot Wounds etc.- Very common in this Area, shelling and bombing usually occur at night and some Units have had to move horse lines. Most of these cases, if not killed or destroyed have to be evacuated as pieces take peculiar courses through muscle layers and are extremely difficult to locate and usually set up deep seated suppuration.
11. With the only Officer available for Corps Troops being employed with Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment and with a lot of small Units attached to Corps, it is often extremely difficult to get in touch with an Officer when required for emergency cases etc. Another Officer at Corps Headquarters would be most usefully employed.

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12. Mobile Veterinary Sections of 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions are now installed in positions where they can evacuate from forward Area, and all Veterinary Officers etc., have been notified of their location. The Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment is working satisfactorily and have evacuated 240 horses during the week.
13. Nothing worthy of special remark.
14. Every effort should be made by all Units to prepare standings for the coming winter, as close as possible to passable roads. The arrangements for Clipping Buildings are now being taken in hand by Divisions which are stationary, it is hoped that everything will be ready to commence work early next month, as in my opinion horses should have their first clipping not later than the middle of November.

L. Baker

Lieut- Colonel,
A. D. V. S.
First ANZAC Corps.

Copy to Q. 1st Anzac.

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I ANZAC.

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15 SEP 1917

With reference to
moves of officers from one
Division to another in the
Corps, it would be a
great help to me if you
could let me have a
copy of the order moving
him, for my information,
as you will see I am
at a disadvantage as I
only hear these things
afterwards from ADTS,
& as moves for other Corps
with A.V.C. officers go
through ADTS Corps
concerned.



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I know moves are made
without reference to me, but
as I am responsible
efficient working I like to
know as soon as possible
what moves are taking
place.

The work here is
is very strenuous, as I
have 4 Australian Div
and the Artillery of 5,
and one British, another
battalion just moved out
several army artillery
Bdes & a lot of
heavy Batteries, these
are all busy enough



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to handle as they all
have L.B.'s attached, but
there are innumerable
units attached to Corps
with from 2 to 400 horse
including 13th L.H. Regt.
and a Reserve Park, and
for all these I have
only Capt. Hore, who is
doing very good work in
charge of a mobile Stryker
Detachment, but is rather
fully employed as he
is evacuating for other
Corps as well as
this one.



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Would it be possible
for me to borrow one
of the new LB's for
a few weeks, to help
me and attend to some
of these odd units
during the Sherman
times of the present
operations.

I am kept busy
every day and well into
every night and have
considerable difficulty
when these odd units
in outside areas require
attention, as it takes



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Just a time to
get a touch with
any of my own
LCo with units

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LIEUT. COL.

ADV. 1st ANZAC.



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A.D.V.S.,
I ANZAC.

No. A.V. 150
Date SEP 17

Headquarters,
14th September, 1917.

The positions of MOBILE VETERINARY SECTIONS in 1st
ANZAC CORPS Area is as follows:-

1st Aust. Mobile Vet. Section.	G.28.d.5.1.	Sheet 28.
2nd " " " "	G.24.e.0.5.	" 28.
47th Division Mobile Vet. Sect.	G.22.d.3.2.	" 28.
Corps Mobile Vet. Detachment.	L.34.a.1.9.	" 27.

Lieut-Colonel,
A. D. E. S.
First ANZAC Corps.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,	
I ANZAC.	
No.	A.V. 158
Date	16 SEP 1917

Headquarters,
16th September, 1917.

Headquarters, 1st Aust. Division.

"	2nd	"	"
"	4th	"	"
"	5th	"	"

When a Division is changing Area, it is much better for efficiency in collection and evacuation of sick horses if the D.A.D.V.S. is consulted, and, if possible, allowed to select a site for the Mobile Veterinary Section, Vide Veterinary Manual War 1915 9 Mobile Veterinary Sections para. 3.

He will keep in touch with me and I will do my best to assist him in selection of a suitable site.

[Signature]
 Lieut-Colonel,
 A. D. V. S.
 First ANZAC Corps.



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A.D.V.S.,
 I ANZAC.

No. V. 167
 Date 19 SEP 1917

Headquarters,
 17th September, 1917.

VETERINARY INSTRUCTIONS, No. 4.

Instructions for making out and forwarding WEEKLY RETURNS
 and GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. ARMY FORM A. 2000 should be prepared in DUPLICATE by BRITISH DIVISIONS, TRIPLICATE by AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS and single copies by VETERINARY OFFICERS of Corps Troops, Corps Heavy Arty or Army Field Artillery Brigades.
2. It will be made up to THURSDAY in each week, and brought to Office of A.D.V.S. at 10 a.m. on SATURDAY morning when a conference will be held. If for some reason illness, distance being too great etc., conference cannot be attended, a wire will be sent explaining and RETURNS sent D.R.L.S. to A.D.V.S., Corps, not later than FRIDAY evening.
3. Returns are rendered by :-
 - (a) D.A.D.V.S. Divisions to A.D.V.S. Corps,
 - (b) Vety. Officers Corps Troops do. do.
 - (c) " " Heavy Arty. do. do.
 - (d) " " Army Arty. Bdes. do. do.
 - (e) " " of Divisional Arty. do. do.

When not administered by D.A.D.V.S.
 (D.A.D.V.S. should notify these Officers and
 also A.D.V.S. Corps.)

 - (f) Vety. Officers of Divisions to D.A.D.V.S. Divisions.
4. All the abovenamed Officers except those of Divisions, should attend the weekly conference at office of A.D.V.S. Corps.
5. Any change of address of a Veterinary Officer not with a Division should be immediately notified to A.D.V.S. Corps and any such Veterinary Officer moving into Corps Area should at once report to A.D.V.S. for instructions.
6. ARMY FORM A. 2000 will be made up as per attached pro forma.

All cases admitted since will be enumerated in the remarks columns giving disease etc., also a detailed list of Evacuated Died or Destroyed at bottom of front of form. Divisions will show the number remaining in M.V.S.

Wastage Return on top of each form will show Evacuated, Died, Destroyed or Missing in each class, and any Missing will show underneath from what Unit they are missed.

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All Veterinary Officers with Map Location with the Units they are attending to will show on back of form, and the Certificate of Contagious Disease inspection will always be sent in.

7. ALL RETURNS, correspondence will be signed with the name, rank, Corps and appointment of the Officer.

8. MANGE returns as per attached pro forms will be sent weekly in DUPLICATE by Divisions, and single copies for Corps Troops, Artillery etc.

9. Care must be taken to diagnose cases with more accuracy. It is not sufficient to show an animal lame, injury elbow etc., but a more accurate description of injury such as sprain tendon or muscle, or wound incised, punctured etc., should be given.

An Officer should supervise the preparation of his Return, some have been obviously prepared by Vety. Sergeants.

10. Divisions will always send in a Return "HORSE RECOVERY FORM 3, with A. 2000 WEEKLY, even if it is a NIL RETURN.

11. All Veterinary Officers and Sergeants should have copies of HORSE RECOVERY Form I, and know the proper procedure when animals have to be left en route.

12. Urgent float cases may be collected by ARMY Motor Float on application to A.D.V.S. Corps.

13. Any outbreak of Contagious or Infectious Disease should be at once reported to A.D.V.S. Corps.

14. A Weekly Report of any unusual occurrence of disease, injuries etc., should accompany the weekly returns, also any suggestions re ADMINISTRATION etc.

15. All animals arriving in a Unit should at once be examined by Veterinary Officer.

J. H. H. H.

Lieut-Colonel,
A. D. V. S.
First ANZAC Corps.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,
I ANZAC.

No. A.V. 169
Date 18 SEP 1917

Headquarters,
17th September, 1917.

Headquarters,
1st A.N.Z.A.C.

On the 17th instant I inspected the 6th Aust. Army F.A. Brigade, and found the condition of the animals on the whole fairly good, though a number were rather poor.

Haynets are not being used and much hay is being wasted. Chaffcutters would be a great assistance if available.

Grooming was rather neglected, and wants more energy putting into it, good brushes should be available and every Officer and N.C.O. should be in lines during grooming and see that they are well used.

Headcollars should be regularly scrubbed and with grooming kits disinfected at least once a week.

Many of the animals were itchy and some showed Mange, I am arranging to get all the animals dipped as soon as possible.

All harness should be disinfected at the same time.

The following is the detail of inspection:-

6th F.A. Brigade, H.Q.

Condition good, short of haynets, grooming neglected.

16th Battery.

Animals in good condition and well cared for, this Unit deserves credit for getting good results under same conditions as others got very unsatisfactory ones.

17th Battery.

Condition generally satisfactory, some animals appear to be mangy and I instructed Capt. McGregor the Veterinary Officer to have them segregated and dressed with Mange dressing.

18th Battery.

Condition generally fair, a number of animals unsatisfactory, shoeing showed very bad "dumping" or shortening front of feet.

106th Battery.

Hay being fed on ground and a lot wasted. Condition of some animals unsatisfactory, remainder fair, 2 cases of Mange not segregated, all Officers and N.C.O's should look out for these cases and not leave it to the Veterinary officer or Sergeant. Grooming was neglected.

6th B.A.C.

Very good, Horses and Mules are well cared for.

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A. D. V. S.
First ANZAC Corps.

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Corps Horse Adviser.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.
-----A.D.V.S.,
I ANZAC.No. A.V. 165.
Dtd 18 SEP 1917Headquarters,
17th September, 1917.Headquarters,
1st A.N.Z.A.C.

On the 17th instant I inspected the horses of the 3rd Aust. Army F.A. Brigade, and found many of them in an unsatisfactory condition, Officers in charge of wagon lines informed me that the animals are working very hard, and for very long hours, they also seem to have had rather bad time while in the sand dune area, prior to joining up with this Corps, but the fact that some Batteries are much better than others, and the best Units give one the obvious impression of better management as soon as one enters their lines, and the most obvious signs of mismanagement and neglect, in feeding and grooming, and general dirtiness and untidiness of horse lines.

Grooming is on the whole unsatisfactory, and though I understand traffic conditions cause the animals to get dusty again quickly, they really require more thorough grooming, in order to prevent Mange and other parasites making their appearance.

Men must be supplied with good brushes and they must be used energetically, no man should be in stables during grooming time with his coat on, and Officers and N.C.O's should be continually on duty in lines.

All headcollars and grooming kit should be washed and disinfected at least once a week.

Some Units report shortage in haynets, this results in waste of hay, which gets trampled in the mud in wet weather, and blown about when it is windy.

Chaffcutters are not on issue, but might be supplied with advantage, as chaffing part of hay ration usually results in improvement.

The following is the detailed report of inspection of Units of the Brigade:-

7th Battery.- Condition of many animals very unsatisfactory and some are really not fit for work, and I instructed Capt. McKenzie the Veterinary Officer to advise that they be rested. I understand that a number of mules in good condition were exchanged with another Unit for horses in poor condition. Battery had no body brushes and most of the Dandy brushes in use were worn out. Horses badly groomed and headcollars not kept clean or disinfected. Some horses were tied to short pegs of angle iron, which is a very dangerous practice.

Shoeing.- In many cases the toes were left too long.

8th Battery.- Lines were dirty and untidy, many horses were tied all over the place, instead of being in lines. No Officer was present, the Sergt. Major just appeared, the lines being in charge of a Corporal. Horses had just been fed and fully 30% of the nosebags were on the ground, mostly with the feeds tipped out, no line orderlies seemed to be in evidence. Animals were in very bad condition. Grooming was very bad. A lot of hay wire was lying about lines.

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9th Battery.- Condition generally fair, a number were unsatisfactory, on the whole this Battery was fairly well cared for.

103rd Battery.- Condition with few exceptions unsatisfactory.
Grooming much neglected.

Shoeing.- Mules feet left too long.

B.A.C.- Condition of many horses unsatisfactory. Mules do not look well cared for.

Feeding without haynets and hay being wasted.

Shoeing.- Mules feet left too long.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.
-----No. A.V. 197.....
Date 23 SEP 1917Headquarters,
23rd September, 1917.D.D.V.S.,
2nd ARMY.
-----*van Dary*VETERINARY REPORT for the WEEK Ending 20/9/17.

1. The condition of the animals in the Corps generally is satisfactory so far as I have been able to see them, with the exception of some of the Army Artillery Brigades, separate reports on which have been furnished.
2. There have not been a large number of evacuations, but there are a number in the 3rd Army F.A. Brigade awaiting evacuation, the reasons given are being camped on Sand Areas, but there are many faults in stable management, including waste of feed.
3. Nothing worthy of note in RESPIRATORY Diseases.
4. DIGESTIVE Disease less than last week.
5. MANGE on the decrease, a number of animals have been dipped during the week.
6. Nothing worthy of note.
7. Outbreaks of SPECIFIC Disease.- There have been a few isolated cases of STOMATITIS, but prompt isolation has prevented its spreading. Special Corps Routine Order published and instructions sent to all Veterinary Officers.
8. GAS POISONING, I saw 2 animals affected with shell gas from a shell which burst quite close, the conjunctiva was very much injected, lids swollen and eyes closed up, but simple treatment resulted in recovery. Respirators were not used as animals were taken away from Area as quickly as possible.
9. EYE DISEASES, the usual few cases of OPHTHALMIA.
10. Not quite as many gunshot casualties, as dark nights prevented bombing to such a great extent as previously. Shell Wounds fairly common, mostly with animals going on duty towards forward lines.
11. No great difficulties in administration except the difficulty in giving proper attention, and getting returns to the number of small Units attached to Corps. The Officer with Corps Troops has his time very much taken up with Mobile Veterinary Detachment, and I could do well with another Officer attached to Corps during the present operations.
12. Working of M.V. Sections and Mobile Veterinary Detachment is satisfactory and the organisation has been quite sufficient to meet all actual or probable demands.
13. PERSONNEL, no complaints. Captn. Whyte, A.V.C. has not yet arrived to relieve Veterinary Officer with Corps Heavy Arty.

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14. There has been some difficulty in Corps Troops procuring Chaffcutters, these would be very useful and help to bring many of the rather poor animals into condition.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,
26th September, 1917.1st A.N.Z.A.C.

It is desired to bring to the notice of the Corps Commander the unsatisfactory arrangements for the evacuation to hospital of wounded animals from the 1st Australian Division during the period 13/9/17 to 24/9/17 inclusive.

Animals for evacuation are divided into two classes :-

- (1) "Class A" - Those fit to travel by road to the receiving hospital at ST. OMER.
- (2) "Class B" - Those unfit to travel by road; these animals have to be conveyed by train or ambulance to ST. OMER.

"Class A" animals are evacuated each Wednesday, and do the journey by road to ST. OMER in three stages. Owing to the number of Divisions evacuating animals over the same route, "Class A" animals could only be evacuated by this Division once weekly, i.e. every Wednesday.

Under these arrangements it was necessary to hold in the Mobile Veterinary Section for several days, animals whose injuries demanded speedy evacuation to hospital for purposes of operation. The necessity for so holding these animals decreased their chances of successful operation and consequent recovery. Three animals which on receipt by the Mobile Veterinary Section showed a favourable prognosis (if operated upon within a reasonable time) died as a result of having to wait in the Mobile Veterinary Section for the usual evacuating day, whilst another animal had to be destroyed as beyond recovery.

Other animals which were "Class A" on receipt by the Mobile Veterinary Section were "Class B" when evacuated, and their chances of recovery were thus considerably reduced owing to their having to wait for evacuation and consequent operation.

It is pointed out that a Mobile Veterinary Section can only receive and evacuate such cases. It has neither the equipment nor facilities to hold and treat severely wounded animals; and where such animals have to be retained in the Mobile Veterinary Section and operation delayed in consequence, the chances of the animal's successful recovery are considerably reduced.

For the successful treatment of shell wound cases it is considered that more facilities are required for speedy evacuation to hospital and that more evacuating days per week are necessary, particularly for "Class A" cases, in order to ensure such cases being received at the Veterinary Hospital as early as possible, and consequently with a greater chance of ultimate recovery from their injuries.

(Sgd.) H.B. WALKER, Major-General,
Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

No. A.V. 214.
Date 27 SEP 1917

Headquarters,
27th September, 1917.

Headquarters,
1st A.N.Z.A.C.

On the 25th instant I inspected the 1st Aust. Div. Artillery and report as follows :-

Most of the animals were in satisfactory condition and well cared for, but two Batteries, the 5th and 101st were not at all satisfactory, many horses were in poor condition and the grooming was much neglected, there must be some serious fault in stable management, which was not apparent at the time of inspection, otherwise, these Batteries would not be so much worse than the average.

Grooming right through wants to be more thorough, and Unit Commanders want to see that they have a proper supply of good brushes, many men were trying to groom animals with worn out Dandy brushes, which is impossible, every man should have a body brush and use it thoroughly and energetically, this is the best method of preventing Mange and other skin disease.

Forage etc., seems to be quite satisfactory.

At the request of the acting O.C., I gave a short lecture on Stable Management to the N.C.O's., of the D.A.C.

Detailed result of inspection :-

1st Brigade, Headquarters,	Satisfactory.
1st Battery,	do.
2nd "	do.
3rd "	do.
101st "	, condition generally unsatisfactory,
many animals not fit for work, and I had to order	
evacuation, grooming neglected.	

2nd Brigade, Headquarters,	Satisfactory.
4th Battery,	do.
5th "	, condition generally unsatisfactory,
ordered evacuation of some, grooming much neglected.	
6th Battery, generally fair, condition not quite	
up to average.	
102nd Battery, generally satisfactory, but some	
animals are rather poor.	

D.A.C., This Unit is now very good and shows evidence of systematic stable management.

D.A.C., Headquarters,	Satisfactory.
1st Section,	do.
2nd "	do.
"B" Echelon,	do.

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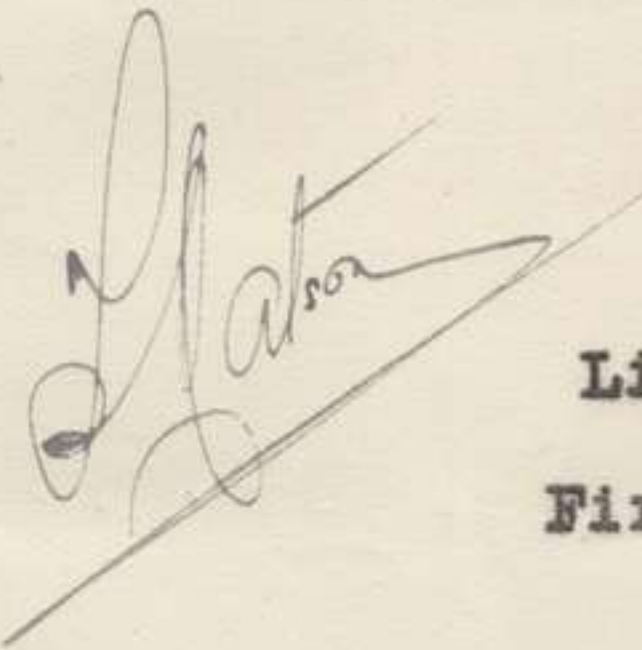
All arrangements for evacuation of sick and wounded animals from Army Area are made by D.D.V.S., 2nd ARMY, and this matter should be referred to ARMY Headquarters.

All the Divisions in the Corps are working under the same arrangement and it seems quite satisfactory. Animals so badly wounded that they die in a few days, are rather hopeless, and it must take a few days to get them to Base.

Arrangements can always be made for any urgent cases such as those mentioned being sent to Hospital by motor horse ambulance.

Mobile Veterinary Sections are expected to treat cases until there are a sufficient number to evacuate, and this has always been done, and is still done by other Mobile Veterinary Sections satisfactorily.

The evacuations from the 1st Aust. Division, have, of late been much higher than other Divisions in the Corps, and some very slight cases are sent to Base. Two recovered recently while in the Corps Casualty Clearing Station awaiting evacuation.



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

Veterinary Report 1st A.N.Z.A.C. Week ending 27-9-17.

There is little to report during the week except battle casualties, i.e. Gunshot Wounds caused by shells, bombs etc., cases of sickness and casual injuries have been few, Mange is almost non-existent, and Stomatitis has, I think, been stamped out.

Twelve cases of Colic occurred in the 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery, this should be inquired into, this Artillery has now rejoined its Division and is in II ANZAC.

No Gas Poisoning.

Mobile Sections working satisfactory, also Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment. I would suggest that no cases be sent to Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment after 8-30 am. on evacuation days, as train is generally loaded and consignment notes made out before 9-30.

There is considerable difficulty in arranging Veterinary attention to many small Units of Corps Troops as Divisional V.O's. have their time fully occupied as has also V.O. with Heavy Artillery.

Army Brigades move in and out of line and the only Officer with Corps Troops has much of his time taken up with Corps Casualty Clearing Depot, even without this I doubt if he could get round all Corps Units.

I understand an A.A.V.C. Officer is likely to be temporarily attached for this duty.

Altogether the Veterinary arrangements in this Corps are now in my opinion satisfactory, with the exception mentioned above.

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