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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date 1914	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOOGRAAF	4/10		Spoke to D.A.G. M.G. 1st Army re difficulties of selecting sites for Clipping Depots by Divisions as they were moving continually in and out of the line. he promised to arrange for corps to make arrangements. The	
"	2/10		Visited 1st A. M.B. at its new site, visited Corps M.A.D. spoke to D.A. G. M.G. re evacuations from Div M.B. Sections. visited French Retaining Sections.	
"	3/10		D.A.D. 2nd Aust Div notified positive diagnosis of EPIZOOTIC LYMPHADENITIS in mule at M.B. rang up D.A.D. 2nd Army. visited 2nd A. M.B. and destroyed the animal. There was very little to see macroscopically. the case had been ulcerative cellulitis and was diagnosed as such, but afterwards the inside of thigh became affected and suspicious view aroused, smears being taken and Cryptococcus discovered, little if any sign of cording in lymphatics.	The

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HoogeRAF	1917 4/10		Wrote out circular, instructing all LCO to look out for cases of Epyzotic lymphangitis. Describing symptoms as shown, sent to all LCO's. Instructed 4 th A. MHS to send float to 1 st A. MHS to assist in evacuation of wounded horses, there were a very large number coming in at this time.	
"	5/10		Conference of ADHS Corps with DDHS 2 nd army at Clipping depot the WESTOUTRE inspected plant. Discussed Epyzotic Lymphangitis. Sent out instructions re branding all contacts, all were fire branded EC lightly on off thigh, afterwards instructions were received to paint EC only on wound in contacts. All animals in unit were kept in working isolation and efforts were made to trace every evacuation for 2 nd Dab.	

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HOOGRAF	6/10		Conference DADLS of Divisions at my office. Discussed Epizootic Lymphangitis, Clipping, evacuations etc. Sent off train of sick horses from 4VD. WIPPENHOEK. Arranged another for Wednesday.	
"	7/10		Visited lines of 2 nd Div with DADLS, 2 nd Div inspected all animals and found where case had been. All ground was turned over and covered with Chlorinated lime. Received notice that DADLS A.S.F. intended making a monthly inspection (?) of units.	
"	8/10		Sent out allotments for 4H on train for 10 th .	
"	9/10		Visited all Mobile City Sections. gave instructions re evacuations, also visited Corps 4H Detachment.	
"	10/10		Saw train off with 232 cases at 4VD. Capt Robson CASB reported for duty with corps troops. I took him to some of the units in car. Sgt Butten CASB reported for duty as Clerk. JH	

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HOOGRAE	1914		Arranged for 64 horses to go from I Corps MWD on 7/12 th	
"	10/10		Visited 4 th Sections saw horses to be evacuated.	
"	11/10		DDLS A.D.F. visited, does not intend to inspect, merely wishes to keep in touch with personnel.	
"	12/10		Arranged to send men of 1 st and 2 nd AMLS to assist I Corps MWD 2 nd and 4 th MWS. Changed over sites, I find it a better method to keep sections with their Divisions, but to keep the same sites, arranging the move so as to keep section working without a break.	
			Army conference at WESTOUTRE, discussed Clipping Epizoo, types of horse ambulance in reference to change.	
			DDLB 2 nd Army visited 2 nd Dab lines and Clipping depot.	
			Arranged to have an oil engine installed.	
"	13/10		Conference all DADLS at my office, discussed current matters saw DAB's re Clipping depot	
			Visited 3 rd , 6 th + 12 th Aust Army 7 A Bdes at rest	

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HOOB, RAF	14/10		DHS and DDHS 2 nd Army came out and visited 15 Sections and 1120.	
"	15/10		Took Engineer Officer to Westcote Clipping Depot to see plant working, in view of the erection of one in Corps area visited Mobile Sections and Detachment with DA + GfG General barruthers. I put in suggestions re change in working of Saps Detachment, which would make great improvements not approved by DDHS 2 nd Army.	
"	16/10		visited 1 st and 4 th MP Sections re evacuations Saw DA + GfG re evacuation from Army Bdes, these units had many debilitated animals and were under orders to move. Corps commander ordered evacuation.	
"	17/10		DDHS 5 th Cust Div. Ajax Henry reported slightly wounded. visited 1 st 4 th + 5 th MP re evacuations, also No 2 Clipping depot. wired Army Bdes for inspection on 18 th with DDHS 2 nd Army	

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HOOGRAF	1917 18/10		Motored with DADLS 2 nd army to inspect Army Pdes, which are just transferred to another Corps. Pdes were moving and we only saw 18 th Battery, which was not very good.	
"	19/10		Sent train from MLD at Wippenhoek with 232 sick horses.	
"	20/10		Conference at IX Corps HQ discussed Clipping, evacuations etc.	
"	21/10		Conference. DADLS at my office. discussed current matters. Saw "Q" and ADOF re Clippers, regs etc.	
"	21/10		visited Corps MLD sent back men to M2. MLD Bombs on 1/1 Highland Tife Heavy Battery horses.	
"	22/10		Arranged train for Wippenhoek 24 th , as horses coming in very fast.	
"	23/10		visited 1 st 4 th + 5 th MLD + Corps MLD re evacuations.	
"	24/10		Complained of officers being moved in and out of Corps without me being informed.	
"			Sent off 232 horses from Corps MLD	
"			Sent back some hides from train to 5 th AMLD. Not packed or labelled.	

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HOOGRAF	1914 25/10		Visited 4 th AMHS. also 5 th and IX Corps HQ re evacuations.	
"	26/10		Conference all ADKS and DDLS 2 nd Army at IX Corps HQ.	
"	27/10		Arranged train for Wippenheek. 4 th Aust Div left corps.	
"	28/10		Conference all DDLS at my office, discussed feeding etc	
"	29/10		232 sick horses on train from Wippenheek.	
"	30/10		Case of Glanders reported sent from 2 nd Div Artillery ordered Battery to be mallemed.	
"	31/10		Inspected 21 st Reserve Park attached to corps. journey bad.	
"			visited 2 nd AMHS and Clipping depot.	
"			visited 1 st Aust Division	
"			Inspected 5 Heavy Artillery Batteries. dirty horses not Clipped	
"			11 th Leicester Pioneers	
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,	
I ANZAC.	
No.	A.V. 167.
Date.	4 OCT 1917

Headquarters,
4th October, 1917.

VETERINARY INSTRUCTIONS, No. 5.

A case of EPIZOOTIC LYMPHANGITIS has been diagnosed in a Mule from the 2nd D.A.C. 2nd Aust. Division, and all Veterinary Officers are warned to keep a vigilant watch for any which may occur in Units under their Veterinary charge.

This case was first diagnosed as ULCERATIVE CELLULITIS, and it was only the commendably keen perception of the Veterinary Officer in attendance that caused smears to be sent to Base for bacteriological examination, that resulted in the presence of the CRYPTOCOCCUS of RIVOLTA being discovered.

The abscesses and thickenings of connective tissues were similar to those seen in ULCERATIVE CELLULITIS, but there was a thick creamy pus exuding from abscesses, which formed along LYMPHATICS and later infected lymphatic glands, the off hind leg was affected from the fetlock up to the inside of the thigh, the glands of this region being affected, and on cutting into, after destruction of the animal, showing the typical pus.

Care must be taken to watch for any cases, and the incubation period being up to several months, vigilance must not be relaxed, as it would be a serious matter if the disease got a good hold.

The following points must be remembered :-

1. Abscesses forming along lymphatics or affecting glands.
2. Thick creamy pus.
3. Cording of lymphatics.

If a suspicious case is noticed, the A.D.V.S., Corps will be notified by wire and will arrange to inspect the animal, it should not be dressed or the affected parts touched by hand after the suspicious symptoms are shown.

Any suspected cases should be at once isolated, and every precaution taken to prevent possible contacts with injuries being lost trace of, as it is well known that infection is carried by hands, instruments, etc., from one wound to another where it may not show symptoms for a considerable time, thereby being a source of possible spread of the disease.

J. J. A. T. S.

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



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,
I ANZAC.
No. A.V. 229.....
Date 6 OCT 1917

Headquarters,
6th October, 1917.

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

War Diary

IMPROVEMENTS IN HORSE LINES.

I strongly recommend that efforts be made to make proper standings for horse lines, and suggest that they be approachable by good tracks from or near to main roads.

Good standings always make an appreciable difference to condition and general welfare, chiefly by making it possible for men to get amongst them during stables and feeding times, also, that the lines be single, and flanked on both sides by an earth parapet about 3 feet high, this, would in my opinion save 50% of the casualties by bombs which have been so common of late.

W. G. G. G.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

No. A.V. 231

Date 8 OCT 1917

Headquarters,
8th October, 1917.D. D. V. S.,
2nd ARMY.
-----Veterinary Report 1st A.N.Z.A.C. Corps,
Week ending 4-10-17.

1. Condition of animals is being fairly well maintained except with some Artillery Units, which, owing to excessive pack work have lost some condition. I have instructed the D.A.Ds.V.S. or Veterinary Officers concerned to evacuate all poor animals, but it is very important that when the strength of a Unit is diminished by numerous evacuations, that the supply of Remounts to replace them should be prompt, otherwise, the result is the remainder have to do extra work and when the Remounts arrive there is another lot of Debility cases.
2. Debility.- there are still a number being evacuated, chiefly from Artillery Units.
3. Respiratory diseases are not common.
4. Digestive diseases figures low.
5. Mange returns are very pleasing, only 2 slight cases being shown as remaining in 4 Divisions, and 6 in Army F.A. Bdes.
7. Specific Diseases.- 1 case of Strangles in 2nd Aust. Division, some Tetanus cases but these are only to be expected with the number of bomb and shell wounds occurring in the Area.
I would like to know if Tetanus is very common in Base Hospitals as there are a large number of deeply penetrating wounds sent down. In the case of valuable animals we use anti-tetanic serum as a prophylactic apparently with good results, but the supply is limited.
One case of Epizootic Lymphangitis was discovered in the 2nd Aust. D.A.C., the animal was destroyed and every effort is being made to prevent possible spread of the disease.
The origin of this case is very doubtful as no other cases have been discovered and the animal was 7 months with the Unit. It seems extremely probable that the contagion was picked up, either in part of the SOMME Area recently occupied by the French or possibly, country round BAPAUME after being occupied by the enemy.
8. Gas poisoning.- no cases reported.
9. Eye Diseases.- a few cases of OPHTHALMIA.
10. Gunshot Wounds.- Bombs etc., a bad week, a large number of animals killed and wounded. I have recommended that every effort be made to protect horse lines by building parapets alongside, in my opinion single horse lines and 3 foot parapets would prevent 50% of the bomb wounds.
11. The D.A.D.V.S., 2nd Aust. Division has reported two Veterinary Chests and one Officers wallet destroyed by bombs, I have asked for a statement by the Officers concerned and his remarks on same. I know one Veterinary Officers hut was demolished by a bomb.

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12. The Mobile Veterinary Sections are doing very good work and employed to their fullest capacity, though casualties have been heavy, they have been able to cope with all cases coming in.

One of the greatest difficulties is getting cases from M.V.S. to rail, and at the same time having float cases to collect from forward Areas, arrangements are made for M.V. Sections in the Corps to help one another, but with only one float to each Section this is difficult. A Motor Horse Ambulance would be invaluable in a Corps Area, at a time like the present, or even a horse float attached to Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment would be useful.

Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment is evacuating animals from the M.V. Sections, and it will be necessary to arrange an extra train for this week.

13. Personnel.- no complaints, Officers, N.C.O's., and men are working hard, but cheerfully.



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

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"Q" 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

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A.D.V.S.,	
I ANZAC.	
No.	A.V. 167.
Date.	9 OCT 1917

Headquarters,
 9th October, 1917.

VETERINARY INSTRUCTIONS No. 6.

More care must be taken by Veterinary Officers in diagnosing cases before sending them to Mobile Veterinary Sections.

It is useless sending cases which are obviously hopeless, and it is not only cruelty to the animals themselves, but involves extra labour on the small personnel of a Unit, which is at the present time fully occupied. One case occurred quite recently of an animal which marched to a Mobile Veterinary Section on three legs, only to be destroyed on arrival with a fractured FEMUR, which should have been obvious. Also deeply penetrating abdominal wounds are often ^{better} left a time before evacuation, to see if they are hopeless, that is when a Unit is stationary and circumstances allow it.

J. Watson

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

Copies to-
 D.A.Ds.V.S., Divisions.
 All Veterinary Officers.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,	
I ANZAC.	
No.	A.V. 215.
Date.	14 OCT 1917

Headquarters,
14th October, 1917.

VETERINARY INSTRUCTIONS No. 7.

Complaints have been received of hides being sent to Base badly skinned, salted and improperly labelled. Care must be taken in this matter as hides improperly salted soon become useless and are wasted.

Attention is drawn to D.V.S. Circular Memo. No. 158, of 5/5/17, also diagrams attached re method of skinning.

The best method of labelling is to use label (Appendix II Veterinary Manual War) used for attaching to sick horses for evacuation and put on address in ink.

Walter Dray

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

No. A.V. 231.
Date 15 OCT 1917

Headquarters,
14th October, 1917.

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

Veterinary Report 1st A.N.Z.A.C. Corps,
Week ending 11-10-17.

1. Condition generally good, except some Artillery Units doing heavy work under difficult conditions, chiefly packing ammunition.
2. Debility.- In Artillery Units where there are debilitated animals, Veterinary Officers have been instructed to have them properly evacuated and not to allow them to get too low.
It is not considered advisable to attempt to condition animals which are already debilitated, in the field.
3. Respiratory.- Diseases, very few cases.
4. Digestive.- Disease ~~very~~ few cases.
5. Mange.- almost cleared up, only 4 cases discovered during week, probably when animals are clipped we will find cases.
7. A few cases of TETANUS, one case diagnosed as BILIARY FEVER in the 1st Aust. Division. While in Egypt we had cases of PYROPLASMIC BILIARY FEVER and the symptoms shown are similar, though we have been unable to attempt to demonstrate any organism microscopically. I myself doubt the existence of PYROPLASMOSIS, emaciation; ICTERUS of MUCOUS MEMBRANES, and enlarged spleen on post-mortem, being insufficient reasons for diagnosis.
8. Gas Poisoning.- No cases.
9. Eye Diseases.- A few cases of OPHTHALMIA.
10. Gunshot Wounds.- Nearly all the 139 died and 95 destroyed where gunshot wounds, also most of the 287 evacuated.
11. During the week Captain ROBSON, A.A.V.C. reported for duty with Corps Troops, and has been very useful, it being now possible to arrange Veterinary attention for all small Units attached to the Corps.
12. Mobile Veterinary Sections and corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment working well and having no difficulty in coping with the large number of evacuations.
13. Personnel.- All working satisfactorily; 5 new officers reported for duty, 1 for Corps Troops, the other 4 to replace Officers for A.V.H. CALAIS.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

No. A.V. 262.
Date 16 OCT 1917

War diary

Headquarters,
16th October, 1917.

D.D.V.S.
2nd ARMY.

After experience of the present method of evacuation of sick horses from Corps Area and an appreciation of present and probable future requirements, I make the following suggestions for expediting the transfer of animals to Base, and facilitating the working of Divisional Mobile Veterinary Sections and Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachments.

At present the Corps Mobile Detachments of the 10th Corps and 1st ANZAC are evacuating the sick from 10th Corps and 1st and 2nd ANZAC Divisional Mobile Sections which are divided between the two and each sending the selected Corps Detachment. By this method it takes about a week to make up a train, and it would be better if gunshot wounds could be evacuated more quickly.

At present the 10th Corps Veterinary Casualty Clearing Station (M.V.D.) is at OUDERDOM Railway and that of 1st ANZAC at WIPPENHOEK.

My suggestion is that the 1st ANZAC M.V.D. be moved to OUDERDOM which is more centrally situated, and located in the field next to the 10th Corps Detachment. 1st ANZAC "Q" are willing to do their best to assist in erecting premises etc. for the reception of cases requiring cover. The two Detachments to work in conjunction as follows :-

MONDAY,)
TUESDAY,) 10th Corps Detachment receiving.
WEDNESDAY,)
(or as arranged)

Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning entrain, rail party provided from Base attached to 10th Corps M.V.D. accompanying train.

THURSDAY,)
FRIDAY,) 1st ANZAC Detachment receiving.
SATURDAY,)

Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning entrain, rail party attached from Base to 1st ANZAC M.V.D. accompanying train. If 2nd ANZAC evacuations come through, it will probably be necessary to have a train every second day, making still quicker evacuation. Cases that have to be carried to M.V.D. by float should be admitted any time, and cases able to march, the day before entrainment.

I would also recommend a permanent establishment for Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment, as the present method robs Divisional Mobile Veterinary Sections and Base Hospitals of men on their establishments.

Also that present road cases are sent by train.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

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

No. A.V. 274.

Date. 17 OCT 1917

Headquarters,
17th October, 1917.

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

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The previous request is wire attached, I did not consider holding 40 "A" cases sufficient reason for a special evacuation; there were only 42 cases awaiting evacuation in the Section, and there should have been no difficulty in giving such a number adequate attention.

The D.D.V.S. Army was unable to supply Motor Ambulance for this request as the only one in the Army was otherwise employed, arrangements were made for these cases to be sent by rail.

I have put up a scheme to Army Headquarters which will, if accepted, provide for evacuation of cases at intervals of about 3 days, this I am sure will provide all that is required by 1st Australian Division.

The arrangements for evacuation from Corps Area are made by D.D.V.S. Army, not by me, and I suggest the matter be referred to him.

Re the last para., I do not refer to evacuations through 1st Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section, but figures shown in weekly returns from D.A.D.V.S 1st Australian Division, in my office. I am attaching the evacuation figures copied from returns of the three Australian Divisions, in the Corps during the three months in question.

Handwritten signature: J. H. H. H.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S., 17

I ANZAC.

No. *W. 318*

Date **21 OCT 1917**

Headquarters

D. D. V. S.,

2nd A R M Y.

War Diary

Veterinary Report Week Ending 13. 10. 17.

1. Condition of most animals satisfactory; some Field Artillery horses are not in good condition. During the coming week I hope to inspect some of these Units.

2. Debility. A number evacuated from Divisions: 2nd Aust. Division - 35; 1st Aust. Division - 17; 4th Aust. Division - 13; 5th Aust. Division - 13., mostly from Artillery Units: these animals are working hard, chiefly packing at night, and in some cases work long hours without being properly watered and fed. In some cases no Officer is present in Artillery Wagon Lines, and without an experienced Officer, and often with very junior and inexperienced M.C.Os. the animals always suffer in condition.

3. Respiratory. Only 3 cases of Pneumonia and a few cases of simple Catarrh.

4. Digestive. A few cases of Colic, mostly recovered; 2 deaths. Probably the chief cause is working long hours without feeding, then being fed when tired or very hungry.

5. Mane. Six cases discovered and treated during week.

7. Specific Disease. Six deaths from Tetanus, 5 from 1st Aust. Division following gunshot wounds.

8. Gas Poisoning. No cases reported.

9. Eye Diseases. The usual crop of Ophthalmia cases.

10. Gunshot Casualties. These are still numerous - 75 killed in 4th Aust. Division. Of the 117 died, 357 evacuations, and 88 destroyed, the biggest proportion were gunshot wounds. Picked up nail accounted for 117. The casualties in the Corps from picked up nails were chiefly due to corduroy road made of pit props which turn over, rip off shoes, and feet are punctured with nails in shoes.

11. Working of Mobile Vety. Sections and Corps Detachment.

Still busy; cases have been coming in quicker than arrangements for trains could be made, but Sections have been able to cope with and hold cases until disposed of.

Still experiencing difficulties with horse ambulances; three in Corps Area are not sufficient with the present number of casualties.

Clipping is being proceeded with, but it is difficult to clip horses which are up to their hocks in mud, but it is being done as expeditiously as possible.

No machinery for Clipping Plant yet available, hand power being used.

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

Copy to "Q"
 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

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

No. *AV. 321*
22 OCT 1917

Headquarters

"QH"

1st ANZAC.

Suggested Corps Routine Order.

Owing to shortage of leather horse hides are very valuable, and every effort should be made to save skins, which should be salted and sent to Mobile Veterinary Sections to be forwarded to Base.

10 lbs. of salt for each hide can be drawn from A.S.C. on signature of a Veterinary Officer.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,	
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No.	AN 343
Date	4 OCT 1917

Headquarters.

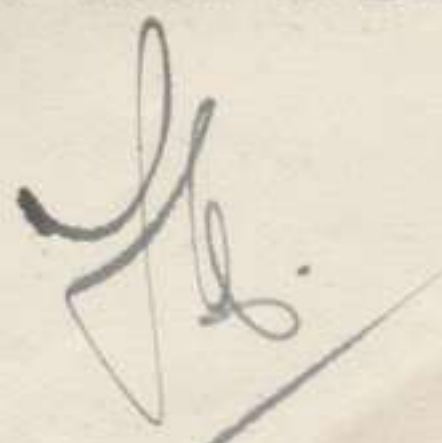
D. A. D. V. S.,
 5th AUST. DIVISION.

Please explain why 8 hides were sent from the M. V. S. of your Division to the train at Wippenhoek just as they came off the horses, neither salted, packed, or labelled.

I instructed the O. C. Corps Mobile Detachment to arrange to have them returned, and on my way home I informed the O.C. 5th A.M.V.S.

If these hides had reached the Hospital in that condition I would most certainly have been called on for an explanation.

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



FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.
I ANZAC.

No. *AV. 344*
Date *24 OCT 1917*

Headquarters.

D. A. D. V. S.

5th AUST. DIVISION.

Please explain why the 5th Aust. M. V. S. is not availing itself of the method of evacuation by road.

It is difficult to get sufficient train accommodation for all cases, and quite a large proportion are fit to travel 10 miles on three successive days, and the men can take nearly as many horses as they can look after in the Section.

As train parties are provided from Base, the men with Corps Mobile Detachment cannot be counted as loss to your Section.

The O. C. Section is unaware of the day on which horses are to be sent; please instruct him, also re halts: Ryvelde Saturday night and Zuytpene Sunday morning, arriving at St. Omer on Monday. 20 cases are being sent from Wippenhoek today, and 50 from Ouderdom on Friday. A road evacuation on Saturday should almost clear the Section.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

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

No. *AV. 315*
Date. 24 OCT 1917

Headquarters.

D. D. V. S.,

2nd A R M Y.

Reporting that Capt. J. M. Walters, A.A.V.C. left for Australian Veterinary Hospital, Calais, on 17th inst., and Capt. R. Grant, A.A.V.C. transferred to command 5th A.M.V.S.

Up to the present I have not been officially informed Capt. Walters when he left took with him two men of the 5th A.M.V.S. as groom and batman, thus depleting the unit at a very busy time.

W. Grant

J. M. Walters

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,
1 ANZAC.No. *AV. 369*
Date **28 OCT 1917**

Headquarters.

D. D. V. S.

Moan Diary
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2nd A R M Y.Veterinary Report Week Ending 25.10.17.

Condition. Fairly well maintained, except Artillery horses doing pack work, which are losing condition which is a serious matter this time of the year; either work will have to be lessened for these animals, or an increased ration given.

Debility. 71 cases evacuated, mostly Artillery horses doing pack work. When the new Divisional Rest Depots are established it should be possible to save a number of these cases if they are taken in time.

Respiratory Diseases. Only one case of Pneumonia during the week.

Digestive Complaints. Very few cases of Colic; five cases recorded, with two deaths: four cases of Enteritis, with three deaths.

Mange. Only two cases admitted during the week; clipping, which is in progress, is not disclosing any, and the cleaning up is evidently real, not imaginary, as suggested.

Specific Disease. Seven cases of Tetanus following wounds, particularly small bomb wounds. The fragments are usually hot enough to be considered sterile, but probably Bacilli or Spores are on the hair or skin and carried into the wound which often heals up, and the symptoms shown after healing has taken place. Anti-tetanic serum is giving good results when used.

One case of strangles reported, which was isolated.

Gas Poisoning. No cases reported.

Eye Diseases. A few cases of Ophthalmia. Injection of Lugols Iodine Solution in the Supra-orbital fossa reported as giving good results. It is rather early to judge its action, but it is being closely observed.

Gunshot Wounds. These are responsible for 252 deaths, and most of the evacuations. The use of a parapet alongside horse lines has undoubtedly saved many horses from bombs.

Working of M.V.Ss. & M.V.Ds. Satisfactory, except 4th and 5th A.M.V.Ss. who were not sending cases by road, resulting in unnecessary congestion. I found it necessary to issue special instructions to have this carried out.

Administration. M.V.D. working satisfactorily. The chief difficulty is the lack of a car, and the time taken in getting round Units on horseback. With several Divisions and Corps Troops it is impossible to do much inspecting.

Copy to "Q",
1st ANZAC.

L. H. H. H.
LIEUT. COL.
A.D.V.S. 1st ANZAC.

APPENDIX

FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S. 235
I ANZAC.
No. 16/19
Date 29 OCT 1917

Headquarters.

"Q"

1st ANZAC.

Reporting that I inspected the horses of the 21st Reserve Park, A.S.C. today.

They were in satisfactory condition, but very dirty, and ~~many~~ evidently have not been thoroughly groomed for weeks.

Clipping should be proceeded with at once; the Unit has Clippers and Rugs.

A more systematic method of watering should be adopted, as men take animals out two at a time instead of having a proper watering parade.

Efforts should be made to erect parapets alongside Stables and Lines, as so many horses have been lost through bombs.

Forage, &c. satisfactory, also shoeing.

L. L. L.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

A.D.V.S.,

I ANZAC.

No.

16/26

Date

1 - NOV 1917

Headquarters.

Headquarters,

1st ANZAC.

Reporting that I inspected the horses of the following Heavy Batteries, R.G.A. today.

1/1 West Riding H.B. Clipping had hardly commenced; Unit was not in possession of horse rugs. Condition fairly satisfactory. Grooming should be more thorough.

111th Heavy Battery. Horses very dirty; condition fair; clipping very slow.

117th Heavy Battery. Condition only fair; horses not clipped and very dirty; no clipping machines or horse rugs yet drawn by unit. Horses would be better with covered standings.

159th Heavy Battery. Clipping not progressing; horses very dirty. Shoeing is very much behind and condition of some horses poor.

1st Siege Battery. Grooming bad; condition fairly satisfactory.

I would like to impress the desirability of expediting clipping, as all animals should be clipped before the end of November: if this is done they will not suffer from the cold.

Also more supervision should be exercised by Officers with Wagon Lines, over Stable Parades; the grooming particularly needs attention.

One Battery, of the 117th, badly needs cover for their ~~the~~ animals.

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

31.10.17