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EDGEHILL	1917 2/1		<p>Inspected 312 Remounts drawn for Division, most of them in good condition, some rather poor, All these animals had been Clipped and were evidently for Veterinary Hospitals.</p> <p>Lectured Artillery School at HAVERRHAS. Horse management.</p>	
ALBERT	3/1		<p>Inspected horses of Div HQ. in good condition 2nd & 4th Amb Signal Coy. all good. Th.</p> <p>Received approval for recommendation re 20% rucks. & excess of unit establishment, also for timber for buildings for sick horses at E 12 c Camp Th.</p>	
"	4/1		<p>Inspected 1st F.A. Bde at MONTAUBAN 19 2nd Batteries not very satisfactory 3rd very good 2nd F.A. Bde 4th fair 5th fair 6th fair 1st & 3rd sections D.A.B. unsatisfactory 3rd Field Amb some horses unsatisfactory. Th.</p>	

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ALBERT	1914 5/1		Inspected all Infantry transport horses at E12, Standings very bad but horses well cared for. Th	
"	6/1		Conference all ADLS at Army Hq. Discussed several diseases causing trouble locally. Stomatitis, ulcerative cellulitis, Dermatitis etc. Th Lectured Divisional School. Lissan court on 'Horse Management' Th	
"	7/1		Inspected D.H.B. Div Sig Coy + 2 nd Field Amb Th	
"	8/1		Inspected Pioneer Batt Sgt near COST CORNER Standings bad but horses well cared for. Th Saw SSO re shortage of forage, which he explained was due to short supplies from Base and inevitable. Th Saw DADOS re horseings short. Th Saw Div Artillery re shifting their mules to back area Th	

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RIBEMONT	1914 9/1		Moved with DHP to RIBEMONT Lt	
"	10/1		Inspected 2nd Sect 1st DAB. at BUIRE these horses were in many cases without rugs and in very muddy standings. Saw C.O. 1st DAB and asked him to try and have proper standings prepared before other units came in. Inspected horses of 1st Field Amb. Satisfactory Lt. Inspected 4th and 8th Div Bde transport and 2nd Div Bde machine gun bay at Buire. (Satisfactory) and 2nd and 4th Corps 1st Div Train at K.2. horses looking very well.	
"	12/1		Inspected all horses of 3rd Div Bde at DERVAN COURT 1st Div Bde. DHP and Div Sig Coy at RIBEMONT. all horses Satisfactory also 3rd Field Amb at RIBEMONT. Some of these horses had lost condition and were much less Satisfactory than usual. pointed this out to C.O. Lt.	

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RIBEMONT	1914 13/1		Inspected 3 rd A.7.A. Bde on march, some horses were not in satisfactory condition, arranged for evacuation of some. Inspected part of Pioneer Batt 1st at FRANVILLERS. horses well cared for. part of the 3 rd Field Coy Eng was also in same town and their horses were looking rather neglected. Lf	
"	14/1		Moved with DHC to BAIZIUX. busy finding stables or cover for horses in town. Lf	
BAIZIUX	15/1		Inspected 3 rd A.7.A. Bde 21 st A.7.A. Bde 4 th section 1st Dab with Divisional Commander 24 th 10 th and 9 th Batteries. in unsatisfactory condition. D. C. B. mules not using rugs. Lf. called officers together and spoke to them on their bad horse management. Lf	

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RIBEMONT	1914 16/1		Inspected 2 nd sect 1 st Ddb. and pt a7a. Bde with Div commander, fair showing improvement. 3 rd Battery very good Ob. Complimented by G.O.C. Lt	
FRANVILLERS	17/1		Inspected 1 st and 2 nd Inf Lpt and Pioneers at FRANVILLERS. Inspected pt sect 1 st Ddb. and Pioneer Lpt with G.O.C. all fairly satisfactory. Lt	
BRESLE	18/1		Inspected 2 nd Inf Bde and 1 st & 3 rd Battalies transport. Satisfactory Lt Instructed Capt Lucas A.A.S.B. to report to 2 nd Inf Bde and to attend all Infantry houses. Lt	
QUERREAU	20/1		Inspected 3 rd Inf Bde lpt. All satisfactory. Lt Attended Conference of all A.D.S. in 4 th Army at A.H.Q. Discussed current veterinary topics with D.D.S. Lt	

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	1917			
	20/11		Inspected 1st A.F.A. Bde at RAINVILLE with 1st sect Dab all horses doing well and well cared for. Y.	
BAIZEUX	21/11		Inspected 103 rd Battery and 3 rd sect Dab at MAOURS, the 3 rd Dab were short of rugs and some horses very poor. Y. DDTS A.S.F. called at my office and reported that 5 cases of Contagious stomatitis were reported as being evacuated from 101 st Battery and 2 nd sect Dab. time of evacuation 2 weeks ago and horses evacuated for other causes. I inspected every horse in 2 nd sect Dab without delay and found no cases, also instructed all L.O's in Div to examine every horse under their care (wire) arranged new troughs at HAVERNAS. Y.	
HAVERNAS	22/11		Inspected 101 st Battery, no stomatitis reported to DDTS 4th Army that I did not consider it possible for the disease to have existed prior to the cases	

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ALBERT	1917 23/1		<p>being evacuated, as all the horses in the Division were free of it, but that it had been contracted on the journey to the hospital. No</p> <p>Moved to ALBERT. No</p> <p>Inspected 1st and 3rd Coy Div Train at E 12, reported to C.O. concerned that horses needed more grooming. No</p> <p>Sgt AAKB reported case of stomatitis from 1st Inf Bde had been left at BAIZEVX. Noted over. Not stomatitis. No</p> <p>Capt Litch AAKB. evacuated to hospital. No</p>	
"	24/1		<p>would 1st ANZAC be moving M Section into forward area as it was no use to be at VIBRACOURT. Approved. No</p> <p>If I had had the Section forward I am sure I could have lessened the number of</p> <p>evacuations. No</p>	4

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ALBERT	1917 24/1		Recommended Lt Hallison AAWC be appointed temporary Sgt AAWC after interviewing the CO & Brigade Major of 1st Inf Bde, they spoke well of him and considered the F.C.M. reduction to ranks was very severe. Lt Major Macdonald AAWC appointed as ADLS (temp) 4th Div	
"	25/1		Visited 1st A.M.S. and examined 4 cases of suspected Stomatitis, did not consider them affected.	
"	26/1		Saw DDLS 4th Army re Stomatitis at M.S. he had seen the cases and agreed with my diagnosis, but destroyed them as being mangy and debilitated, not for 1st Div	
"	27/1		walked round some horse stables in new area also buildings for M.S. of Division being relieved, which we were however not to take over. on seeing these places it was easy to understand, why	∞

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FRICOURT FARM.	1917	28/11	<p>our evacuations had been higher than other Divisions as we had no cover and all horses standing in mud and no M/S where simple cases could be treated. The Major Maender reported to 4th Aust Div. The moved to quarters with DHO at FRICOURT FARM. Arranged construction of covered stables for M/S at BECOURT. fixed plans parties etc. Inspected some stables we were taking over found some mange cases & arranged through disinfection before unit took over. The Inspected some Inf tpt morning in The.</p>	

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FRICOURT FARM.	1917 29/11		walked to BECOURT in connection with construction of stables for MDS. Picked site. Y _h . D.H.Q. Signal boy, D.C.C. Div Engineers & Ambulance horses all under good cover. Y _h .
"	30/11		Conference all ADLS at Army H.Q. Y _h . Inspected 1 st and 2 nd A.C. Bdes. reported 102 nd Battery to G.O.C. for neglecting horses. Y _h .
"	31/11		Inspected all D.C.C. Satisfactory Y _h . Had interview with G.O.C. P.A. re management of Artillery horses and suggested improvements. Y _h .

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