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BAPAUME	1914	1/5	A case somewhat simulating glanders reported in 9 <sup>th</sup> of Batt. Visited with Major McKenzie, decided not glanders, but tested the animal with Mallin, no reaction. 76	
"	2/5		Visited Bayonne and saw D.H.Q. horses all in good condition. 76 Saw a a.s. of. of. re improving horse watering places in area. 76	
"	3/5		Saw General Hoore D.H.S. + D.D.H.S. 5 <sup>th</sup> Army in Albert, D.H.S. spoke about watering sick horses on trains. 76	
"	4/5		Major G. Gorman a.s. notified of transfer to 12 <sup>th</sup> A. Bde. 76 Inspected 8 <sup>th</sup> + 10 <sup>th</sup> Inf Regt 2 <sup>nd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Regts. Div train. All these horses satisfactory. 76	
"	4/5		Inspected Mobile Vet Section in BULLER-AU-FLOS. Chatou, a very good site, very few cases & all satisfactory, there is now practically no mange in the Division which is very satisfactory, as we had a fair amount. 76 Inspected 1st Machine Gun Coy. very satisfactory. 76	

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BARAVME (near)	1914			
	4/5		Conference all LCO's at office, spoke to them re procedure on discovery of glanders and mallein testing. Jb	
	5/5		Inspected 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ambulance satisfactory. Jb	
	6/5		Inspected 2 Artillery Bdes and Dab, a number of horses in artillery Bdes still thin unfit for work. Instructed Det'y officers to put them off work and arranged for better watering and grazing. Jb	
	7/5		Gave Capt Wilson a demonstration in French method of mallein testing, tested all horses of 9 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde transport, no reaction. Jb	
	8/5		Inspected horses at MHO. 5 pm evacuation. Jb	
	9/5		Visited MHO with Dir Gas officer, and gave a demonstration of fitting gas respirators on horses. Jb	

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BAPAUME	1917 9/5		Inspected Artillery Bdes and Dab at FREMICOURT. This area was regularly shelled, but fortunately only one casualty had occurred. advised moving horse lines. M.	
"	10/5		visited Squadron of 13 <sup>th</sup> LH in area. also 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inf Bde. all horses in good condition and getting plenty of grazing. there is a lot of good grazing procurable in this area wrote to C.R.A. re grazing artillery horses. M.	
"	11/5		visited 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf Bde. some horses rather poor, but all improving with grazing. M.	
"	12/5		visited 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Amb tpt at FRICOURT. Very satisfactory M.	
"	13/5		visited 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Amb → 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf Bde. All improving M.	
"	14/5		Inspected Dab, now at HAPLIN COURT. good grazing, improving M. 1 <sup>st</sup> F.A. Bde at VEAU. 2 <sup>nd</sup> F.A. Bde just moving in, site very dirty an annual. M.	

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near BAPAVME	1914		ADLS. A.D.F. inspected me, but did not inspect any units, suggested arranging date later. Th	
"	15/5		Inspected MLD and DAb. Th	
"	14/5		Inspected horses at MLD. In evacuation. Th	
"	18/5		Inspected 1st Inf Bde cpt at BEZANTIN. Th	
"	18/5		Inspected 2nd Inf Bde at BAPAVME. Satisfactory. Th	
"	20/5		MLD moving to BAIZIEUX. Artillery also moving into reserve area. Saw ADLS 48th Division re care of details in moving out. Th	
"	21/5		Saw units on horse, all animals looking fairly well. Th	
"	22/5		DAB moved to BAIZIEUX. Th	

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BAIZIEVY	1917 23/5		Inspected 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fa. Bde 4 <sup>th</sup> Battery some poor horses, but improving 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> + 102 <sup>nd</sup> also number of poor ones there is little grazing here, only what can be found on roadsides, but advised units to make most of it, but to keep off any crops. $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	25/5		Inspected Ddb. 1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> sections fair, Beechelon mules have gone back a bit. $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	26/5		Inspected 1 <sup>st</sup> Fa. Bde, all horses showing improvement, 107 <sup>th</sup> Battery not yet satisfactory. $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	28/5		Inspected all Infantry cpt, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Eng Coy + 1 <sup>st</sup> Amb with Capt Wilson, all showing considerable improvement and satisfactory. $\frac{1}{2}$	

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BAIZIEVX	1917 30/5		Rode round all artillery units.	
"	31/5		Visited Engineers, recommended CRE arrange to move 2nd & 3rd Coys into open, as they are crowded into stables & yard at HENENCOURT Chateau. 74	
			3.6.17	
			of Watson H. Col.	
			ADL 1st Aust Div	