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BAIZIEUX	1/6		visited MLS and inspected horses for vaccination. Conference all 250ty officers of Division at my office.	
"	2/6		Inspected at 1st D.A.B. and No. 1 Coy 1st Div Train, train horses in perfect condition. D.A.B animals good except a few mules in 1st Section which should be better.	
"	3/6		Attended post mortem on a mule at MLS. This animal was evacuated by Capt Patterson, diagnosed Biliary Fever, very much debilitated. Post mortem showed a spleen weighing about 60 lbs.	
"	4/6		Inspected 3rd Inf Bde transport and M Gun Coy and 4th Coy Div Train. all animals satisfactory. Lt Col Latam and Lt Col Harris from 5th Army inspected some types of draught horses (Australian) JLB.	

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BAIZIEUX	1914 5/6		Inspected 1st FA Bde. these animals showing improvement 101st Battery not quite satisfactory yet.	
"	6/6		Inspected 2nd FA Bde, animals improving. Units are doing their best to get all the grazing they can pick up by the roadside, and it is doing a lot of good.	
"	7/6		Visited Remount Depot at Abbeville to inspect remounts for Division being sent by road, all in fair condition, officers chargers poor type.	
"	8/6		Visited 22 Bedy hospital and saw work of School of Farriery, which was very good.	
"	8/6		Inspected 2nd Field Ambulance good etc	

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BAIZIEUX.	1917 9/6		Inspected remnants on arrival, two had knocked partly healed wounds and would have to be evacuated again to hospital.	
"	12/6		Inspected 2nd F.A. Bde and 3. Coys of Engineers at BRAY with G.O.C. Suggested a number of improvements in Engineers, Standings, Shoeing etc.	
"	13/6		Divisional Sports and horse Show, the horses and teams were very good and generally admired.	
"	14/6		Inspected horses at M/S for evacuation.	
"	15/6		Inspected D.A.B. and 3rd Battery with C.P.A. instructor in grooming and stable management	

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BAIZIEUX	1917 15/6	1500	Conference all LTO's at office, discussed mange etc sent an officer to see a supposed rabid dog (distemper)	
"	16/5		Inspected DAB and Div Sig Coy.	
"	17/6		Inspected 3 Engineers boys at BRAY. these animals are much troubled by biting <u>flies</u> .	
"	19/6		On instruction from DDLS 3 ^d Army I handed over duties of ADLS, 1 st Aust Div to Major LEMKENZIE and reported to 1 st ANZAC as ADLS. DA + QMG had no instructions and I was told to wait with 1 st Div pending further instructions.	
			20.6.17. ADLS 1 st Aust Div J. Watson H. Col	4

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Beizewick.	June 20 th		Assumed duties of Acting A. D. V. S. 1 st Aust. Division.	
"	21 st		Inspected and took over 226 Remounts and distributed same to Units. Evacuated 13 Horse 1 Mule.	
"	22 nd		Supervised work of Mobile Vety Section. Visited 2 nd Field Ambulance. Isolated 4 Respiratory Cases.	
"	23 rd		Supervised work of Mobile Vety Section. Visited 2 nd Field Ambulance. Visited Bray and inspected 3 rd Field Coy Engrs.	
"	24 th		Inspected 1 st & 3 rd Aust. Inf. Brigade Transport.	
"	25 th		Handed over to Major Heslop. A. D. V. S.	

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Bayeux	1917 June 25	a.m.	Major G. G. Heslop, A.A.V.C. reported for duty with 1 st Australian Division, and took over duties of D.A.D.V.S. of that Formation.	
		p.m.	Capt. G. C. McLennan, A.A.V.C. reported for duty with 1 st Aust. Div., and was temporarily attached to 1 st Aust. Mobile Vety. Section. "B" 1 st Aust. Div., and A.D.V.S. 1 st Anzac notified. D.A.D.V.S. arranged re-allotment of V.O.'s to Units. All Veterinary Officers notified accordingly.	
Do.	26	a.m.	Inspected and took over 58 Remounts arriving from Remount Depot for 1 st Aust. Div. Artillery. Made arrangements for supply of Munge Dressing for 2 nd A.F.A. Bde.	
Do.	27		Accompanied G.O.C. 1 st Aust. Div. to No 2 Advanced Remount Depot to inspect and choose 3 Officers' Chargers for 1 st Aust. Div. Headquarters.	
Do.	28		Capt. A. C. Wilson, A.A.V.C. proceeded on 10 days Leave to England. Capt. McLennan, A.A.V.C. instructed to take over Vety. charge of his Units.	
Do.	29		No 91 Dvr. Jones, G. returned to duty with 1 st Aust. M.V.S. from Farriery School, Abbeville. " 4770 Spm. Savage C.H., reported for duty with 1 st Aust. M.V.S. from Aust. Vety. Hospital, Calais. D.A.D.V.S. Inspected animals of 1 st Aust. Div. Engineers at Bray, with Capt. McLennan, A.A.V.C. V.O. ip.	

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Barjeux	June 30	a. m.	<p>Accompanied by A. D. V. S. 1st Anzac, D. A. D. V. S. inspected animals of 1st D. A. C. in forward area, and animals of No 4 Coy 1st Aust. Div. Train.</p> <p>Following returns were forwarded: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monthly Remount Census, to D. D. of R. 3rd Army. (Strength of animals 4159). 2. Statement of Animals evacuated to Vety. Hospitals during June, and approximate Value thereof. - to D. D. V. S. 3rd Army. (38 Animals Evacuated; approx value £1290). 3. Weekly Veterinary Return (A. F. A. 2000). week ending 28.6.17. to D. D. V. S. 3rd Army. (Evacuated 7. Died 1. Destroyed 2). <p>Statement of Mange under treatment from 14th to 28th June 17. received from all. V. O's.</p> <p>Total cases under treatment 73: 65 of these are in Artillery units.</p>	

G. Keck Major
 D. A. D. V. S. 1st Australian Division