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| Hayebrouck | August 1     |              | <p>Reports from Vety Officers 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. received and forwarded to 'B' 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Division.</p> <p>The following returns forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Statement of animals evacuated to L of C. from 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Division during July, and approximate valuation of same. (71 animals evacuated. Approx Valuation £2415<sup>/-</sup>)</li> <li>2. Return of hides collected by 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Mobile Vety. Section of during July 1917, and disposal of same.</li> <li>3. Statement of Amount received by 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Mobile Vety Section during July 1917 of sale of carcasses.</li> <li>4. Nominal Roll of A.A.V.C. Personnel of 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Division.</li> </ol> |  |
| Hayebrouck | 2            |              | <p>D.A.D.V.S. inspected the following units at LUMBRES and surrounding district:-</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Inf Bde., 3<sup>rd</sup> M. G. Coy, No 4 Coy. Div Train., No 1 Sec 3<sup>rd</sup> Fld. Ambulance., 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion.</p> <p>Authorised the issue of 100 lbs Beans weekly to 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Inf Bde. M. G. for use by the Vety. Sergeant for Vety. purposes only.</p>  |  |
| Hayebrouck | 3            | p.m.         | <p>D.A.D.V.S. attended at 1<sup>st</sup> A.M.V.S. with A.A.+G. M.G. and examined Officers Charges reported unsuitable 2 horses evacuated by 1<sup>st</sup> A.M.V.S. Copy of Evacuation Roll, forwarded to A. D. V. S. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac, and evacuation notes to Div. Train., 1<sup>st</sup> Fld. Coy and V.C. Div. Train.</p>   |  |
| Hayebrouck | 4            | a.m.<br>p.m. | <p>Attended conference of D.A.D.V.S. at office of A. D. V. S. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac. Submitted Weekly Vety Return + Mange State.</p> <p>Inspected animals of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Inf Bde Group with A.A.+G. M.G. 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. and V.C. ip.</p> <p>Instructed C.R.C. + A.D.M.S. re disposal of surplus horses in Engineers and Field Ambulances.</p> <p>Received note of evacuation of 6 horses of this Division by 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.V.S. Notified units concerned.</p>   |  |

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| Hazebrouck    | 1917<br>August 5. |          | Instructed Capt. Mc Lennan A.A.V.C. to give Veterinary attention to 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Group on its return to Staples area from Lumbres area.   |                                      |
| Hazebrouck    | 6.                | a.m.     | Inspected animals of the following units:— Hq. Gp. 1st Aust. Div. Train, 1st Aust. Field Ambulance, 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance, 3rd Field Coy. A.C.   |                                      |
|               |                   | p.m.     | Visited 1st Aust. M.V.S. and examined animals rendered surplus by reduction of Divisional Establishment.   |                                      |
| Hazebrouck    | 7.                |          | Received application for leave to Edinburgh from Capt. Mc Lennan A.A.V.C. Forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac for his approval.<br>Arranged for 19 Horses + 1 Mule, surplus in Division owing to reduction of Establishments, to be sent to 2nd Army Field Remount Section.  |                                      |
| Hazebrouck    | 8.                | 1.m.     | Attended 3rd Inf. Bde. Group, where Mares were paraded for inspection by Committee. 16 mares selected and branded.<br>Issued instructions for 1st Aust. M.V.S. to move to Berguin area on 9. 8. 17.  |                                      |
| Vieux Berguin | 9.                | am. p.m. | Office closed at Hazebrouck at 0900 and opened at VIEUX BERGUIN. at the same hour.<br>Accompanied Inspection Committee to 2nd Inf. Bde. Group to examine Mares suitable for Breeding purposes. 6 mares selected and branded.   |                                      |
| Vieux Berguin | 10.               | a.m.     | Accompanied Inspection Committee to Divisional Troops Group to examine Mares suitable for Breeding purposes. 3 mares selected and branded.<br>Arranged new site for 1st Aust. M.V.S. at L.I.C.I.I. Sheet 36A.<br>Cancelled previous allotment of V.O's to Units and issued new allotment.<br>Instructions received from A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac. to collect a sick animal at FLETRE. 1st Aust. M.V.S. instructed to collect same. |                                      |

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| Vieux Berquin  | 1917<br>August<br>11. |      | Inspected Watering arrangements for animals in DOULIEU area + found same satisfactory.<br>balled for list of A.A.V.C. Personnel considered by Vety Officers as deserving of Special mention for good work.<br>Forwarded Report on Occurrence and treatment of "Ophthalmia" to A.D.V.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac, in accordance with D.V.S. No 12/1675/17, of 15.7.17. |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin  | 12.                   |      | Inspected animals of Div. Headquarters, Div. Signal Coy, and Mounted Military Police.<br>Inspected animals for evacuation at 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Mobile Vety Section.  |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin. | 13.                   |      | With D.D.V.S., A.I.F. and 1/4 A.D.V.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac, inspected 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Mobile Vety Section.<br>Remount Demands for 70 horses for Division less Artillery, and 198 for Artillery forwarded to D.D. Remounts 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army.  |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin  | 14                    |      | Inspected animals of Div. Headquarters, Mounted Military Police, and Hd-Quarters Div. Train.<br>Inspect animals of 1 <sup>st</sup> Pioneer Bn at LUMBRES.<br>Return of Remounts received and issued during period January to June inclusive, and during July forwarded through 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Division to A.I.F. Hd-Quarters.                               |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin. | 15.                   |      | Inspected 10 animals for evacuation at 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Mobile Vety. Section.<br>Called for report from Capt. H. S. Lucas, A.A.V.C. in reference to complaint received by D.H.Q. re Vety attendance on 1 <sup>st</sup> Aus. F.A. Bde. and 1 <sup>st</sup> Aus. D.A.C.<br>Capt. G. C. Mc Lennan proceeded on 10 days leave to England.                         |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin. | 16.                   |      | Inspected animals of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Signal Coy.<br>10 horses evacuated by 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. M.V.S. Copy of Evacuation Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac, and units concerned notified.  |                                      |

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| Vieux Berquin | August 17    |              | With A.A. & M.G. attended inspection of animals of 1st Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. by Divisional Commander.<br>24 Remounts taken over by 1st A. M. V. S. from 2nd Army Field Remount Section for 1st Aust. Division.  |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 18           | a.m.<br>p.m. | With A.A. & M.G. inspected animals of 3rd Inf. Bde. Group and 1st Field Coy Engrs.<br>Inspected animals of 2nd Inf. Bde. Group.<br>A 2000 "Weekly Vety. Return, and Weekly Munge State for week ending 16.8.17 forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac.  |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 19           |              | Reports on inspection of 2nd and 3rd Inf. Bde. Groups by D.A. D.V.S. on 18.8.17 forwarded to Hd. Qrs. 1st Aust. Division.  |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 20           |              | Reported to 1st Aust. Div. that one of the 24 Remounts received on 17.8.17 is too old and debilitated for issue, and suggested that a Board be appointed to inspect and report on this animal before it is evacuated to a Veterinary Hospital.<br>Weekly animal State, for week ending 16.8.17 forwarded to 8th 1st Aust. Division.                                    |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 22           |              | With A.A. & M.G. inspected animals to be exchanged for smaller animals from 13th A.L.H. Regt.<br>Arranged the exchange of 1 animal.<br>Inspected animals for evacuation at 1st Aust. M.V.S.<br>10 Animals evacuated by <sup>25th M.V.S. Supply Coy 101st Bn. P.F.A.</sup> 1st Aust. M.V.S. Copy of Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and units concerned notified. |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 23           | a.m.<br>p.m. | Lectured on "Animal Management" to officers of 3rd Inf. Bde. Group<br>Lectured on "Animal Management" to officers of 2nd Inf. Bde. Group<br>46 Remounts arrived for Division from No. 4 Remount Depot, Boulogne.<br>10 horses evacuated by 1st Aust. M.V.S. Copy of evacuation roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac,<br><br>JOMK                                       |                                      |



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| Vieux Berquin | August 24    | p.m. | Lectured on "Animal Management" to officers of 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bde. Group.<br>4 horses evacuated by 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. M.V.S. Copy of evacuation roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac, and units concerned notified.   |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 25           | a.m. | Attended conference of D.A.D.V.S. at Office of A.D.V.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac. Submitted following returns.<br>A.F. a 2000 Weekly Vet. Return, Weekly Mang. State, and Horse Recovery Form No 3.<br>O.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> A.M.V.S. reported a case of "Strangles" in a horse which arrived from No 4 Remount Depot, Boulogne on 23.8.17.<br>Nominated the following N.C.O. and man from 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. M.V.S. to attend a course of instruction in Horse clipping at St. Omer.<br>No 412 Sgt. H. Busch. No 5583 Pte. W. J. Jansen. |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 26.          |      | Forwarded to "A.Q." 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Division a statement of the number of Horses and Farrier Personnel in Coys. of Div. Train, and Inf. Battalions respectively, and suggested that one Farrier from Div. Train be attached to each Infantry Brigade Headquarters to supervise the shoeing of the Brigade, and assist the Battalion shoers where necessary.  |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 27.          |      | Capt. G. C. McDennan, A.A.V.C. reported back from leave to England.<br>Weekly report on changes in Personnel, A.A.V.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Division, for week ended 26.8.17 forwarded to D.D.V.S. A.I.F.   |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin | 29.          |      | Lectured on "Shoeing" to Farrier Personnel of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Division less Div. Artillery and Pioneer Battn. at 1 <sup>st</sup> A.M.V.S.  |                                      |

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| Vieux Berquin  | 1917<br>August<br>30. |      | 10 horses evacuated by 1st Aust. Mob. Vety. Section. Copy of Evacuation Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Angac, and units concerned notified.   |                                      |
| Vieux Berquin. |                       |      | 2 horses evacuated by barge by 1st Aust. Mob. Vety. Section. Copy of Evacuation Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Angac, and units concerned notified.<br>Forwarded request to D.D.V.S. A.I.F. that one of the Officers' A.D.V.C. now at Aust. Vety. Hospital supernumerary to Establishment be attached temporarily to 1st Aust. Division for duty. |                                      |
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