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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Vieux Berquin	Sept 1.	a.m.	<p>D.A.D.V.S. attended conference of D.A.D.V.S. at Office of A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac. Following returns forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac - A.F.A. 2000 "Weekly Veterinary Return" of 30.8.17 Weekly Range State 30.8.17 Horse Recovery Form No. 3. Monthly statement of Animals evacuated during August 1917 Monthly Statement of amount received on account of carcasses. Monthly Statement of Hides received & forwarded to Base Nominal Roll of A.A.V.C. Personnel.</p> <p>Following returns forwarded to D.D. Remounts, 2nd Army - Monthly Remount Census. Return of transfers of animals between Imperial and Colonial Units (1st Aust Div) during August 1917.</p> <p>Instructed Capt. Bruce, A.A.V.C. to give Veterinary attention to 1st Aust Pioneer Bty, which has returned to 1st Aust Div area. Reported to 1st Aust D.H.Q. that cases of injury have occurred through horses being tied to lines with pieces of wire or rope, pointing out the necessity for issue of two chains per horse. Wired to D.D.V.S. A.I.F. requesting that 3 Privates be posted to 1st Aust Job. Vety Section to complete.</p>	
Vieux Berquin	2		Animal State for week ending 30.8.17 forwarded to "Q" 1 st Aust Division.	
Vieux Berquin	3.		<p>Major Heslop, A.A.V.C., D.D.V.S. 1st Aust Div. proceeded on leave to England; Major McKenzie, A.A.V.C. O.C. 1st A.M.V.S. instructed to act during Major Heslop's absence. A.D.V.S., 1st Anzac notified by wire.</p> <p>Received A.F. 3121. Recommendation for award for Sgt. E.G. Chudleigh, A.A.V.C. attached 102nd Bty. A.F.A. for conspicuous good work during the operations at Gillebeke and Sanctuary Wood on July 31st and August 1st 1917.</p> <p>Sgt. G. Smith, A.A.V.C. attached 2nd Sec. 1st Aust D.A.C. proceeded on leave to England.</p>	
Vieux Berquin	4		Remount Demand for 29 animals for 1 st Aust Div units forwarded to D.D. Remounts, 2 nd Army.	
Vieux Berquin	5		Capt. H.S. Lucas, A.A.V.C. proceeded on leave to England.	g/a

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Vieux Berquin	Sept 6		<p>Capt. P. L. Edward, a.a.v.c. reported for duty with 1st Aust. Div. from Aust. Vety. Hospital, and was temporarily attached to 1st Aust. M.V.S. Vety. Section.</p> <p>5 Animals evacuated by 1st Aust. M.V.S. Vety. Section. Copy of Evacuation Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and notes to units concerned.</p>	
Vieux Berquin	7		<p>Recommendations for Honours and Awards submitted to 1st Aust. D.H.Q.</p> <p>Following reported to 1st A.M.V.S. from Aust. Vety. Hospital to complete establishment.</p> <p>3503 Pte. Thompson, W.D.M. 3124 " Bunningham C.F. 8471 " Taylor D.H.</p> <p>3 Animals evacuated by 1st Aust. M.V.S. Copy of evacuation roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and notes to units concerned.</p> <p>Following returns forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac. - { A.F.A. 2000 Weekly Vety. Return. Week ending 6.9.17 Weekly Mng. State. Horse Recovery Form No 3.</p>	Appendix A
Vieux Berquin	8.		Made arrangements for Capt. P. L. Edward to be quartered with 3 rd Aust. Inf. Pde. H.Q.	
Vieux Berquin	9.		Monthly statement of Animals received and issued from and to Imperial Authorities in France during August 1917 forwarded to A.I.F. Hdqrs through "Q" 1 st Aust. Div.	
Vieux Berquin	10		Report on changes in Personnel a.a.v.c. 1 st Aust. Div. during week ending 9.9.17. forwarded to D.D.V.S. A.I.F. and copy to A.D.V.S. 1 st Anzac.	
Vieux Berquin	12		1 Case Stomatitis reported by A.D.V.S. 1 st Anzac as having been sent to M.V.S. from 102 nd Battery. A.F.A. Vety. Officer is instructed to inspect all animals of battery and report.	

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Ooterdom	Sept. 13		<p>Office closed at Vieux Berguin at 09.00 and opened at Scottish Camp, Ooterdom at the same hour.</p> <p>6 Animals evacuated by 1st Aust. M.V.S. Copy of Evacuation Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac and units concerned notified.</p> <p>Received from A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac copy of Vety. arrangements for evacuation of sick and injured animals from 1st Anzac Corps area.</p>	
Ooterdom	14		<p>1st Aust. Mob Vety Section moved to new location at Reninghelst.</p> <p>4 Horses evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S. Copy of Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and units concerned notified.</p>	
Ooterdom	15		<p>Major G. G. Beslop, D.A.D.V.S. returned from leave in England.</p> <p>Following returns forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac. {A.F.A. 2000 "Weekly Veterinary Return" Week ending 13.9.17 { Weekly Mange Return. Week ending 13.9.17</p> <p>Received note of evacuation of 12 animals of 2nd A.F.A. Bde by 2nd Aust. M.V.S. Unit notified.</p>	
Ooterdom	16		<p>A.D.V.S attended 1st A.M.V.S. and arranged distribution of 29 animals received from Base.</p> <p>Inspected animals for evacuation.</p> <p>Instructed all V.O's that cases of Ulcerative Colitis must be evacuated as soon as diagnosed.</p> <p>Arranged new allotment of Vety. Officers to units and forwarded instructions to all Vety. Officers.</p> <p>V.O 2nd F.A. Bde reported having inspected every horse of 102nd Bty, and finds no trace of Contagious Stomatitis.</p>	
Ooterdom	17		<p>Attended office of A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac re site site for Divisional Clipping Plant.</p> <p>Capt Lucas, A.A.V.C. returned from leave in England.</p> <p>Vety Instructions No 3, re action to be taken in regard to Stomatitis, received from A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and copy forwarded to all V.O's.</p>	
Ooterdom	18	a.m. 4 p.m.	<p>Visited 1st Aust. Div. Artillery lines at Blairmauris.</p> <p>Inspected animals for evacuation at 1st Aust. M.V.S.</p>	

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Ooterdom	Sept 19		<p>Received report from Capt. Paterson, a.a.v.b. re quality of Forage issued, attributing 11 cases of colic to the clover ration. Forwarded report to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac.</p> <p>32 animals evacuated by 1st Aust. M.V.S. Copy of Roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and units concerned notified.</p>	
Ooterdom	20		<p>Visited Advanced Hd-Qrs, 1st Aust Div. and discussed clipping arrangements with A.A + M.G.</p> <p>Visited A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac re clipping, and evacuation of Wounded horses. Arranged for the use of 5th A.M.V.S float for float cases.</p>	
Ooterdom	21		<p>Visited and inspected Transport lines of 2nd Inf. Brigade. 11 horses killed and 10 wounded during night of 20/21st by Shell fire. Called at Advanced Hd-Qrs. 1st Aust. Div. and advised shifting 2nd Inf. Bde. Transport lines. - Agreed to.</p> <p>19 animals evacuated by 1st Aust. M.V.S. Copy of evacuation roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and units concerned notified.</p> <p>Instructed Capt. Lucas to attend Capt. Paterson's units when he proceeds on leave.</p>	
Ooterdom	22		<p>Visited 1st Aust M.V.S and inspected wounded animals there. Inspected 2 cases Stomatitis sent in by Capt. Bishop a.a.v.b. Notified A.D.V.S 1st Anzac regarding these Stomatitis cases.</p>	
Ooterdom	23		<p>Visited 1st Aust M.V.S. and inspected cases.</p> <p>A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac called at 1st A.M.V.S. and with O.C. M.V.S. and D.A.D.V.S. inspected 2 Stomatitis cases sent in by Capt. Bishop a.a.v.b. Capt. Bishop also attended.</p> <p>Had conversation with A.D.V.S. re unsatisfactory arrangements for evacuating wounded animals.</p>	
Steenvoorde.	24		<p>Office closed at Ooterdom at 9.00 a.m. and re-opened at Steenvoorde at the same hour.</p> <p>Inspected area allotted for 1st O.M.V.S. at Steenvoorde. Returned to Reninghelst and arranged for 1st A.M.V.S. to move to Steenvoorde. Arranged for cases in 1st A.M.V.S to be handed over to 4th A.M.V.S.</p>	J.H

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Steenvoorde	Sept 25	1917	<p>Report of changes in Personnel, A.A.V.C. 1st Aust. Div. for week ending 23.9.17 forwarded to D.D.V.S. A.I.F. and copy to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac.</p> <p>46 Animals evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S. Copy of evacuation roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac, and units concerned notified.</p>	
Steenvoorde	26.		<p>Inspected Transport lines of 1st Aust. Div. Signal Coy. and Bio. Train.</p> <p>Following proceeded on leave to England. -</p> <p>Capt. Paterson, A.A.V.C. Sgt. Smith, A.J.H. A.A.V.C. attd. 2nd Inf. Bde. Sgt. Trubey R.P. A.A.V.C. attd. 3rd Bty. A.T.C. Sgt. J.H. Busch, A.A.V.C. 1st A.M.V.S. posted to 2nd Inf. Bde during absence on leave of Sgt. Smith A.A.V.C.</p>	
Steenvoorde	27		<p>Attended and inspected 1st A.M.V.S. Made preliminary arrangements for 93 horses, portion of 298 to be issued to 1st Aust. Div. Artillery at Boulogne on 28th inst. To be diverted to Infantry units and to proceed to the Division by 29th Inst.</p> <p>Attended office of A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac re animals for evacuation. Requested more evacuating days for walking cases.</p> <p>Forwarded report from O.C. 1st Aust. M.V.S. that the Horse Ambulance at present in use is unsatisfactory, and suggested that a lighter vehicle be procured - to Q. 1st Aust. Division.</p> <p>No 100, Sgt. G. H. Blymont, A.A.V.C. attd 4th Bty. A.T.C. evacuated to hospital suffering from head injuries.</p>	
Steenvoorde	28.		<p>Attended Remount Depot at Boulogne, and inspected 298 animals issued to 1st Aust. Div. Artillery. Arranged for 93 to be hurried through for other Divisional Units. Attended Remount Hall at Therouanne and arranged Rations and Forage for 93 horses and 50 men for night of 28th Sept.</p>	
Steenvoorde	29.		<p>Distributed 92 Remounts to Divisional Units. 1 horse, sick & unable to travel left at Remount Hall, Long Rues, to be collected by 1st Aust. Div. Artillery when passing through.</p>	
Steenvoorde	30.		<p>Inspected site and arranged move of 1st Aust. M.V.S. to G 28 D 5.1 Sheet 28, on 1.10.17.</p> <p>Statement of amount received on 100 Barcases during September forwarded to A.D.V.S. 1st Anzac.</p>	

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Appendix "A". Recommendations for Honours and Awards,

Hd-Qrs.,

1st Aust.Division.

The following names of N.C.O's and men, A.A.V.C., recommended for "Honours and Awards", are forwarded for consideration.

No 51 Staff/Sergt R.A. FORDYCE, 1st Aust.D.H.Q.

For continuous good service and conscientious work. Has shown considerable ability and initiative in carrying out his duties. Recommendation - M.S.M.

No 10 Staff/Sergt D. McNAUGHT, 1st Aust.Mob.Vety.Section.

This N.C.O. has shown great ability in his capacity of Senior Sergeant of the Unit, and by his initiative and example to the men has proved a very valuable and efficient N.C.O. of the A.A.V.C. Has been mentioned in Despatches once to date. Recommendation - M.S.M.

No 160 Sergt. G.G. Chudleigh, A.A.V.C. attd. 102nd Bty.A.F.A.

For conspicuous good work during the Operations at ZILLEBEKE and SANCTUARY WOOD on July 31st and August 1st. When the guns of this Brigade were moved to forward positions Sergeant Chudleigh's assistance to me was invaluable. His work on these occasions was carried out at great personal risk to himself, at times under very heavy shell fire, but always with a total disregard of danger. His efforts were fruitful in salving and rendering first aid ~~to~~ not only to animals of his own ~~Brigade~~ Battery, but to wounded belonging to the whole Brigade. His conduct throughout has been exemplary to others as well as a credit to himself.

Recommendation - M.S.M.

No 162 Sergt. A. VERNON, A.A.V.C. attd 3rd Aust.Inf.Brigade.

For specially good work and initiative. This N.C.O's determination and capacity for work under most unfavourable conditions has earned the highest praise of all Officers supervising his work. Recommendation - M.S.M.

No 408 Sergt. GRAHAM W., 1st Aust.Mob.Vety.Section.

This N.C.O. has done specially good work as senior dresser of the Section, and through his persevering care has proved ~~know~~ invaluable in saving many horses for the Division.

Recommendation - Favorable Mention.

No 86 Driver HODDINOTT F.W., 1st Aust.Mob.Vety.Section.

This Driver deserves recognition for good and conscientious work. His devotion to duty and good care of Section horses and Equipment has been a good example to other members of the Unit. Recommendation - Favorable Mention.

(Sgd) L.E. McKenzie, Major.
A/D.A.D.V.S., 1st Aust.Division.