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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

D.A.D.V.S. 1st Aust. Division

FOR

March 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

G. Nestor Major
D.A.D.V.S. 1st Aust. Division

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Merris.	Mar. 1.		<p>1st Aust. Mob. Vety. Section moved to new site at La Blytte, in relief of 4th A.M.V.S. 11 animals evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S. Copy of roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps and units notified. Following returns forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps:- A.F.A. 2000. Weekly Vety. Return. Week ending 28.2.18. Weekly Range State. " " " " Horse Recovery Form III " " " " Weekly Vety. Report for week ending 28.2.18 forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. Copies to D.D.V.S. A.I.F., & 1st Aust. Division and War Diary.</p>	Appendix "A"
Merris.	Mar. 2.		<p>Office closed at Merris at 9 a.m., and opened at Scherpenberg at the same hour. Return of transfers of animals from Imperial Units to Colonial Units, & vice versa, during the month of February 1918, forwarded to 8th 1st Aust. Div. for transmission to D.D.P. 4th Army. (NIL return).</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar. 3.		<p>Return of animals evacuated from Colonial Units by 1st A.M.V.S. during February 1918 forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. (73 animals evacuated) Nominal Rolls of Officers & Sergeants A.A.V.C. 1st Aust. Div. and 1st A.M.V.S. forwarded to D.D.V.S. A.I.F. and A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. Recommendation for the promotion of Capt. G.F. Finlay, A.A.V.C., OC, 1st A.M.V.S. forwarded to 1st Aust. Div. Hd. Qrs. Original and Duplicate War Diary for February 1918 forwarded per registered post to C. of A. Aust. War Records Section. Received roll of 8 animals evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S. on 1.3.18 copy forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps and units concerned notified.</p>	

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Scherpenberg.	Mar. 4		<p>Triplicate copy of War Diary for December 1917 forwarded to O. & Aust. War Records Section. Arranged new allotment of V.C.'s to units of 1st Aust. Div. and notified all V.C.s accordingly.</p> <p>No 153, bpl. Wright, J. 1st A.M.V.S. promoted T/Sgt and transferred to 5th Aust. Division.</p> <p>" 86 T/bpl. Hoddinott, F. W. 1st A.M.V.S. promoted bpl, vice Wright, transferred.</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar 5		<p>Inspected 1st A. M. V. S. and animals at wagon lines of 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Arranged distribution of 300 metal plates for horse shoes to units of 1st Aust. Div. and notified D.A.D.O.S. accordingly.</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar 6		<p>Inspected animals at wagon lines of 1st A.F.A. Bde and 21st A.M.G. Coy.</p> <p>Arranged for the following animals to be dipped at Aust. Corps Mange Dip on 7th Inst.</p> <p>40 animals of 1st A.F.A. Bde.</p> <p>all animals of 1st + 2nd A.F.A. Coy regts. V.C.s and units instructed accordingly.</p> <p>Capt. G.F. Finlay A.A.V.C. proceeded on 14 days leave to Italy. Capt. G.C. Mc Lennan, A.A.V.C. instructed to act as O.C. 1st A.M.V.S. during Capt. Finlay's absence.</p> <p>Approval received from D.D.V.S. A.I.F. for promotion of T/Sgt. M.W. Whinfield to the rank of Sgt. A.A.V.C.</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar. 7		<p>Inspected animals for evacuation at 1st A.M.V.S. and also inspected animals remaining in the Section.</p> <p>Inspected animals at wagon lines of 2nd A.F.A. Brigade.</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar. 8		<p>With G.O.C. inspected animals at wagon lines of 1st Aust. Pioneer Bde.</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar. 9		<p>Attended at office of A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. + discussed routine matters. Following returns submitted.</p> <p>A.F.A. 2000. Weekly Vet. Return, Week ending 7.2.18. Weekly Mange State & Horse Recovery Form III.</p> <p>Weekly Vet. Report for week ending 7.2.18 forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps., copies to D.D.V.S. A.I.F.,</p> <p>"G", 1st Aust. Div. and War Diary.</p>	<p>Appendix B.</p>

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Scherpenberg	Mar 10 1918		<p>Attended at 1st A.M.V.S. and inspected Personnel and animals Inspected animal of 10th Artillery Bde. suspected to have Epizootic Lymphangitis by Capt. Seelenmeyer A.A.V.C. Made smears and examined them microscopically. No Cryptococci found. Animal admitted to 1st A.M.V.S. for evacuation for Cellulitis. Return of microscopes on charge to A.A.V.C., 1st Aust. Div. forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. Inspected animals of 1st A.D.H.Q. with Camp Commandant. Return of stray animals in 1st A.M.V.S. forwarded to 8th 1st Aust. Div. for transmission to D.D.R. 4th Army.</p>	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 11		<p>With D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Div. attended at 1st A.M.V.S. and examined mule suspected of Epizootic Lymphangitis by Capt. Seelenmeyer, A.A.V.C. Wired to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps for following allotment on sick horse train on 14th Inst - Ordinary 11, Mangle 8, Cellulitis 4, Total 23. Received notice of evacuation by 4th M.V.S. of 1 S.D. Mule belonging to No 1 Sec. 1st A.D.A.C. Notified unit.</p>	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 12		<p>Sgt A. J. K. Smith, A.A.V.C., att'd 2nd Inf. Bde. returned from leave to England and resumed duty. Sgt. A. Vernon, A.A.V.C. att'd. 3rd Inf. Bde. returned from leave and resumed duty. Inspected animals at wagon lines of 1st Aust. Div. Train.</p>	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 13		<p>Inspected animals at wagon lines of 1st Sec. 1st A.D.A.C. Inspected and distributed 26 Remounts to Div. Units and 44 to 1st Aust. Div. Artillery. With D.A.D.M.G. inspected animals at wagon lines of 2nd Inf. Bde. These wagon lines were shelled during the morning, casualties being 2 men killed, 4 wounded, 10 horses + 1 mule killed, 9 horses and 1 mule wounded. Sgt. J. Oakley, A.A.V.C. att'd 1st Inf. Bde. proceeded on 14 days leave to England. Special Remount Demand for New Formation (Machine Gun Battalion) for 800 + 9th D. = 17, forwarded to 8th for transmission to D.D.R.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JH</p>

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Scherpenberg	Mar. 14		Inspected animals for evacuation at 1 st A.M.V.S. Inspected animals of 1 st Aust D.H.Q. + 1 st Aust Div. Sig. Coy. Capt F.W. Thompson, 1 st A.M.V.S., posted (temp) for duty with 1 st Inf. Bde. during the absence of Sgt. J. Oakley, A.A.V.C. on leave 29 animals evacuated by 1 st A.M.V.S. copy of roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps + units notified.	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 15		Inspected 1 st A.M.V.S. Following returns forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps: - A.F.A. 2000, Weekly Vety. Return, Week ending 14.3.18, Weekly Gange Stake + Horse Recovery Form III. Weekly Vety. Report for week ending 14.3.18 forwarded to A.D.V.S., Aust. Corps. copies to D.D.V.S. A.I.F., 1 st Aust Div. and War Diary.	Appendix C.
Scherpenberg	Mar. 16		Sgt. G.B. Dowie, A.A.V.C., att'd. 101 st Battery, A.F.A. returned from leave and resumed duty.	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 17		Inspected animals at wagon lines of 1 st A.F.A. Bde. Return of amount received on spo. carcasses during 4 weeks ended 14.3.18 forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. Arrangements made for animals as follows to be dipped at Corps Gange Dip on 19 th Inst: - 7 th Inf. Bde., 2 nd Inf. Bde., 1 st Pioneer Bde., 20 from 16 th Bde., 2 nd Inf. Bde., 1 st M.G. Coy., 1 st Div. Sig. Coy.	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 18		Inspected animals at wagon lines of 1 st Aust. D.A. Co. Application for 6 months furlough to Australia received from Capt Paterson, A.A.V.C. Forwarded to 1 st Aust. D.H.Q. Arrangements made for 2 animals from S.A.A. Section, 20 animals from No 2 Sec., and 50 from No 1 Sec. 1 st A.D.A. Co. to be dipped at Corps Gange Dip on 19 th Inst.	

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Scherpenberg	Mar. 19		<p>Wire received from A.D.V.S., Aust. Corps. "Dir. broken down, cancel arrangements". Units + V.C. notified re cancellation.</p> <p>Memo received from D.D.V.S. A.I.F. stating Capt. J. Robson, A.A.V.C. is to be posted to 1st Aust. Div. vice Capt. Mc Lennan A.A.V.C. proceeding to Australia.</p> <p>Requested 1st Aust Div. Artillery to arrange for an additional 30 ft. of troughing for No 1 Sec. D.A.C.</p> <p>Received Return of Receipts & Issues of Remounts for 1917, sent by A.I.F. V.C. to 1st Aust. Div. for checking and amendment if necessary.</p>	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 20		<p>Inspected animals at wagon lines of 1st D.H.Q., M.M.P., Div. Signal Coy., + 2nd Field Ambulance.</p> <p>1 animal of 21st A.M. & Coy destroyed by O.C. 1st A.M.V.S. Unit notified.</p>	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 21		<p>Inspected animals for evacuation at 1st A.M.V.S.</p> <p>Attended conference of D.V.S., B.C.F. at Abele. Questions of Vety. supervision of units, relation of V.O. as advisor to C.O. discussed, and the differentiation of the duties of Vety. Officers & Horse Advisors outlined.</p> <p>Latest methods regarding the treatment of Ophthalmia, bellulitis and Mange discussed.</p> <p>Received note of 2 mules of No 1 Sec D.A.C. evacuated by 4th A.M.V.S. Notified unit.</p> <p>Proceedings of Court of Enquiry re loss of 2 Officers' chargers by 1st Fld Amb on 12.3.18 received from Q and returned with information that 2 Officers' chargers were issued on 13.3.18 in replacement.</p> <p>888 Sgt. M. W. Whinfield, A.A.V.C., att'd. 2nd Bty A.F.A. proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>Sgt. S. Harbott, A.A.V.C., att'd. 5th Bty A.F.A. proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>Inspected animals at wagon lines of 1st Fld Amb.</p> <p>1st A.M.V.S. moved to M12 C73 owing to their former location having been shelled.</p>	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 22		<p>Inspected new wagon lines of 1st A.M.V.S. and 1st Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Following returns forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. - A.F.A. 2000. Week ending 21.3.18, Weekly Mange Stake & Horse Recovery Form 117, Weekly Vety. Report to A.D.V.S., R.D.V.S. A.I.F., & 1st Aust Div. & War Diaries.</p> <p>22 animals evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S. Copy of roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps & Units notified.</p>	<p>DMH</p> <p>Appendix D</p>

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Scherpenberg	Mar. 23		Cpl. F. W. Thompson, 1 st A.M.V.S. temp. att'd. 1 st Inf. Bde. as A.A.V.B. Sgt., resumed duty with 1 st A.M.V.S.	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 24		Sgt. M. W. Whinfield A.A.V.B. att'd 2 nd Bty. A.F.A. returned to unit in consequence of all leave being stopped. Instructed V.O. that all animals unable to travel are to be evacuated to 1 st A.M.V.S. by 26 th Inst. Received note of evac by 5 th A.M.V.S. of 1 animal of 1 st Div. Sig. Coy. Notified unit. Received wire from A.D.V.S. "Dep. allotted for your exclusive use tomorrow Monday". Wired Capt. Lukey & 1 st Aust. D.A.C.	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 25		Instructed Capt. Lucas, A.A.V.B. to give Vety attention to 1 st A.D.A.C. 2 Sections of No 1 Sec D.A.C. dipped at Corps Munge Dip, also 20 animals from No 2 Sec D.A.C. Inspected animals of 1 st Div. Sig. Coy. and No 16 P.	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 26		Inspected animals for evacuation at 1 st A.M.V.S. Forwarded requirements for Sick Horse Train on 28 th Inst. to A.D.V.S. Aust. corps = 55 animals. With Camp Commandant inspected animals of 1 st Aust. D.H.B. Capt. J. Robson, A.A.V.B. reported for duty, and is posted temporarily to 1 st A.M.V.S. Instructed 1 st A.D.A.C. to collect three mules (strays) from 1 st A.M.V.S. & take them on strength. Arranged with A.D.V.S. Aust. corps for about 25 animals to be evacuated to 22 nd Corps V.C.C.S. on 27 th Inst., provided sufficient men went with them to entrain feed, water and entrain them. OC, 1 st A.M.V.S. instructed accordingly.	
Scherpenberg	Mar. 27		Inspected animals at 1 st Field Ambulance. Inspected animals at 2 nd Field Ambulance and arranged for 1 H.D. to be sent to M.V.S. Capt. G. F. Finlay, A.A.V.B. returned from leave to Italy and resumed duty as OC, 1 st A.M.V.S.	<i>QIM</i>

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Scherpenberg.	Mar 28		<p>Inspected animals for evacuation at 1st A. M. V. S. With D.A.G.M.G. inspected and distributed 53 Remounts to units of 1st Aust. Division. Inspected animals at transport lines of 3rd Inf. Bde. and 1st Sec. D. A. C. Inspected 11 animals at 10th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers to be handed over to 1st Aust. Div. on 29th Inst. 56 animals evacuated by 1st A. M. V. S. copy of roll forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps and units concerned notified.</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar 29		<p>Capt. G. B. McLennan, A.D.V.C. proceeded to A. S. F. H. Q. London for passage to Australia. Notified "Q" 1st Aust. Div., A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps + D.D.V.S. A.I.F. Capt. J. Robson A.D.V.C. instructed to attend Capt. McLennan's units until further notice. Recommendations for changes in posting of V.C. to units - Capt. Robson to 1st A. F. A. Bde., Capt. Lucas to 1st Aust. Div. Train, - forwarded to 1st D. H. Q. Instructed O.C. 1st A. M. V. S. to receive and Mallem Test 11 L. D. horses arriving from 10th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers today. Called on D. D. Remounts, 2nd Army, re Remount Demand for 1st Aust. Div. to be hastened. 76 Remounts to be drawn at No 5 Base Remount Depot, Calais, on 31st Inst. Inspected 20 L. D. Remounts for 1st Aust. Div. at No 23 Vety. Hospital and arranged accommodation for 1 Officer + 10 men arriving as Remount Party to take them to 1st Aust. Division on 30th Inst.</p>	
Scherpenberg.	Mar 30		<p>Attended at office of A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. Routine matters discussed. Following returns submitted:- A.F.A. 2000 Week ending 28.3.18., Weekly Range State, + Horse Recovery Form III Weekly Vety Report for week ending 28.3.18 forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. Copies to D.D.V.S. A.I.F., 1st Aust. Div. and War Diary. Amended statement of Receipts and Issues of Remounts during 1917 forwarded to "Q" for transmission to A. S. F. H. Q. London. 20 L. D. horses received from No 23 Vety. Hospital and issued to 1st Inf. Bde.</p>	<p>Appendix E JMA</p>

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Scherpenberg.	Mar 31.		<p>Return of hides salvaged by 1st A.M.V.S. during Quarter ending 31.3.18 forwarded to D.H.Q. for transmission to A.I.F.M.C. (Total 25 hides).</p> <p>Report of Gallin Test of 11 horses received from 10th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers forwarded to A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps (All negative reactions)</p> <p>Forwarded to D.D.V.S. A.I.F. request for 3 men to be sent to 1st A.M.V.S. from reinforcements.</p> <p>Notified 1st Aust. Div. re issue of 3 stray mules to 1st A.D.A.C. Information to be sent to D.D.P. 2nd Army</p> <p>Arranged the following alterations in allotment of V.O. to units:- Capt. Paterson to attend 3rd Field Coy. Engin. Capt. Robson to attend 1st Field Ambulance.</p>	

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D.A.D.V.S. 1st Aust. Division

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Appendix A

1st Australian Division.

D.A.D.V.S.
1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. Q.V. 459
Date 2.3.18

A.D.V.S., *Corps.*
Australian Division.

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VETERINARY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 28/2/18.

During the week the following units have been inspected -
2nd A.F.A. Brigade.
1st A.M.V.S.
Portion of 2nd Inf. Brigade.
Portion of 1st A.D.A.C.

Condition of animals generally is good.

Dipping has been carried out with animals of the following units during the week -

- 40 animals from 1st A.F.A. Brigade.
- H.Q., 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 1st Aust. Pioneer Battn.

DISEASE. Casualties during the week very low. Summary as follows -

1. Debility. 2 cases remaining.
 2. Respiratory. Nil.
 3. Digestive. 1 case remaining.
 4. Skin. 2 Mange admitted, 1 evacuated, 20 Mange remaining.
 5. Eye. 9 admitted, 1 evacuated, 18 remaining.
 6. Specific. 3 Cases Ulcerative Cellulitis remaining.
 7. Gunshot Wounds. Nil.
 8. Picked up Nail. 4 cases.
- Contused Wounds. 1 evacuated.

NOTE. Mange of the 20 cases shown as Mange only 2 have been definitely diagnosed as Mange; the remaining 18 are suspects and animals under isolation and observation.

A.A.V.C. Personnel and M.V.S. The following N.C.O's A.A.V.C. proceeded on leave to England on dates shown -

- Sgt. A.J.K. Smith, 2nd Inf. Brigade 23/2/18.
- " A. Vernan, 3rd Inf. Brigade. 24/2/18.
- " C.B. Dove, 101st Battery A.F.A. 27/2/18.

26 cases were evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S., of which 22 were animals cast by D.D.R., 4th Army for other than Vety. reasons, and 4 Vety. cases. 1 barge conducting party was supplied.

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Major,
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Appendix B

A.D.V.S.,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

D.A.D.V.S.,	
1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	QU.478
Date	8-3-18

WEEKLY VETERINARY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 7/3/18.

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During the week the following units were inspected at their wagon lines :-

- 2nd Field Ambulance.
- 1st A.M.V.S.
- 1st Aust. D.H.Q.
- 1st A.F.A. Brigade.
- 21st A.M.G. Coy.
- 2nd A.F.A. Brigade.
- 1st Pioneer Battn.

Condition of animals throughout is generally good. Stables taken over by 2nd A.F.A. Brigade from 4th Aust. Division were handed over in a very dirty and insanitary state. Large accumulations of manure blocked the entrances of some of the sheds, while drains had been allowed to become blocked up with the same material. This filth is now being removed by the unit in occupation.

DIPPING. The following were dipped at Aust. Corps Mange Dip during the week :-

- 40 animals of 1st A.F.A. Brigade.
- 1st Field Coy. Engrs.
- 2nd Field Coy. Engrs.

Disease. 23 animals were evacuated to L.of C., 1 died and 1 destroyed. Summary as follows :-

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| 1. Debility. | 5 cases evacuated. |
| 2. Respiratory. | 1 Pnaumonia under treatment. |
| 3. Circulatory. | 1 case Thrombosis, died. |
| 4. Digestive. | 7 treated, 5 cured, 2 remaining. |
| 5. Skin. | 3 Mange admitted, 5 evacuated, 18 remaining. |
| 6. Cracked Heels etc. | 13 Cracked Heels etc. remaining. |
| 7. Nervous. | 1 Paralysis. Destroyed. |
| 8. Eye. | 7 cases evacuated, 23 remaining. |
| 9. Specific. | 1 Cellulitis evacuated. |
| 10. Gunshot Wounds. | NIL. |
| 11. Picked up Nails. | 9 cases admitted. |

A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL AND M.V.S.

Capt. G.F.Finlay A.A.V.C., O.C. 1st A.M.V.S., proceeded on leave to Italy 6/3/18.
Capt G.C.McLennan A.A.V.C., acting as O.C. 1st A.M.V.S. during Capt Finlay's absence.

1 N.C.O. and 3 men from 1st A.M.V.S. reported to 22nd Corps V.C.C.S. at Ouderdom for duty. 28/2/18.

153 Cpl. Wright J. 1st A.M.V.S., promoted T/Sgt. and transferred to 5th Aust. Division 4/3/18.

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86 L/Cpl. F.W.Hoddinott, 1st A.M.V.S., promoted Corporal 4/3/18.

888 T/Sgt. M.W.Whinfield A.A.V.C. attd. 2nd Battery A.F.A.
promoted Sergeant. 5/3/18.

32 animals were evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S. during the week.

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Appendix "C"

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1ST AUSTRALIAN	
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Date	15.3.18

VETERINARY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 14/3/18.

During the week the following units have been visited and animals inspected at wagon lines :-

- 1st Aust. D.A.C.
- 1st A.M.V.S. (3 times)
- 1st Aust. D.H.Q.
- 1st Aust. Div. Train.
- 1st Div. Signal Coy.
- 2nd Inf. Battalion.

Condition of animals generally is good. In some units, notably 1st Div. Train, animals are in excellent condition. A certain amount of grazing can be got in the forward transport areas, and advantage is being taken of this wherever possible to supplement the forage ration, which during the week has been further reduced, vide G.R.O. 3545 of 8/3/18.

DISEASE. This continues low. Summary as follows :-

1. Debility. 3 cases admitted, 2 evacuated.
 2. Respiratory. 1 case remaining from last week now cured.
 3. Digestive. 2 cases remaining from last week now cured.
 4. Skin. Mange shows a decrease. 3 cases evacuated from M.V.S. during the week.
 5. Eye. 9 cases Ophthalmia admitted during the week. 1 case evacuated. 20 eye cases remaining.
 6. Specific. 1 case of Cellulitis. Evacuated.
 7. Gunshot Wounds. 21 cases during the week, 11 of which were fatal. These were all caused by enemy shelling of wagon lines.
 8. Picked up Nail. NIL.
- Contused Wounds. 9 cases.

A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL AND M.V.S.

Sgt. A.J.K. Smith A.A.V.C. attd. 2nd Inf. Bde. returned from leave to England and resumed duty 12/3/18.

Sgt. A. Vernon A.A.V.C. attd 3rd Inf. Bde. returned from leave to England and resumed duty 12/3/18.

Sgt. J. Oakley A.A.V.C. attd. 1st Inf. Bde. proceeded on leave to England 13/3/18.

Cpl. F.W. Thompson. 1st A.M.V.S. posted tempy. to 1st Inf. Bde. to act during the absence on Sgt. Oakley on leave.

29 cases were evacuated by 1st A.M.V.S. through 22nd Corps V.C.C.S. during the week. Of this number 12 were from 1st Aust. Div. units.

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D.A.D.V.S.	
1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	Q.V. 531
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VETERINARY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 21/3/18.

During the week the following Units have been visited and animals inspected at Wagons Lines :-

1st Aust. F.A. Bde.,
1st A.M.V.S.,
1st Aust. D.A.C.,
2nd Field Ambulance,
1st Field Ambulance,
1st Divisional Signal Company,
1st D.H.Q. and M.M.P.,
10th Battalion.

Condition of animals generally is good and in practically every Unit inspected improvement in the condition of animals was noticed. The condition of the Mules in the S.A.A. Section, 1st Aust. D.A.C. was particularly good.

DIPPING. Arrangements were completed to dip 400 animals belonging to Divisional Units, but owing to the Dip breaking down Dipping could not be carried out.

DISEASE. This continues to be low. Summary is as follows :-

1. DEBILITY. Four cases evacuated. No cases remain.
2. RESPIRATORY. One case of Catarrh admitted and cured.
3. DIGESTIVE. Six cases of cholera admitted, one of which proved fatal. The remainder are cured.
4. SKIN. Mange remains about the same as last week. Four cases were evacuated and ten slight and suspected cases remain under treatment. Six cracked heels in Mules admitted. A few cases of lice noticed in long-coated animals for which treatment has been carried out in Unit Lines.
5. EYE. There is no increase in the number of cases of Ophthalmia for the week.
6. SPECIFIC. Nil.
7. GUNSHOT WOUNDS. Fifteen cases during the week, one of which proved fatal. These were all caused by enemy shelling of wagon lines.
8. PICKED UP NAILS. One case amongst the Mules.
9. CONTUSED WOUNDS. Eleven cases during the week, principally kicks through animals becoming excited and restless owing to the shelling in close proximity to their Lines.

During the week the enemy Artillery continued Active and although Gunshot Wounds are not excessive, shelling close to wagon lines was common. Both the 1st Australian Mobile Veterinary Section and the 1st Australian Field Ambulance had to be moved to new locations owing to the shelling. The animals of the first Field Ambulance were very visibly affected by the shelling of their Lines and in some instances animals showed signs of Shell-shock and had to be put off duty.

A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL AND M.V.S.

Sergeant DOWE, A.A.V.C., attached to 101st Battery returned from leave and resumed duty.

Sergeant HARBOTT, A.A.V.C., attached 2nd A.F.A. Brigade proceeded on leave to England 21/3/18.

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Sergeant WHINFIELD, A.A.V.C., attached 1st F.A. Brigade proceeded on leave to England 21/3/18.

Twenty two (22) cases were evacuated by 1st Australian Mobile Veterinary Section through 22nd Corps V.C.C.S. during the week. Of this number nine were from 1st Aust. Division Units.

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A.D.V.S.,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS,

VETERINARY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 30/3/18.

During the week the following units have been visited and animals inspected :-

- Div. Headquarters & M.M.P.
- 1st Sec. D.A.C.
- Div. Signal Coy.
- 3rd Infantry Brigade.
- 1st Field Ambulance.
- 2nd " "
- 1st A.M.V.S.

DIPPING. The following animals were dipped at Corps Mange Dip during the week :-

- 2 Secs. of No. 1 Sec. D.A.C.
- 20 animals of No. 2 Sec. D.A.C.
- 40 " " 1st M.G. Coy.
- 60 " " 7th Inf. Battalion.
- 87 " " 1st Pioneer Battn.

DISEASE. About the average number of animals treated. 34 Evacuated. Summary as follows. -

- Debility. 1 case evacuated.
- Digestive. 2 cases Colic admitted and cured.
- Skin. Mange on the decrease. 3 cases only remaining under treatment. Other skin cases admitted were - 2 Cracked Heels, 2 Lice & 1 Sandcrack. 6 Skin cases evacuated.
- Locomotor. 9 admitted, 2 cured, 2 evacuated, 6 remaining.
- Specific. 1 case slight Ulc. Cellulitis admitted & remaining.
- Eye. 14 admitted, 9 cured, 7 evacuated, 17 remaining.
- Gunshot Wounds. 15 admitted, 8 evacuated.
- Contused Wounds. 23 admitted, 2 evacuated.
- 8 other injuries were evacuated.

A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL AND M.V.S.

Capt. J. Robson A.A.V.C. reported for duty 26/3/18, vice Capt G.C. McLennan A.A.V.C. proceeding to London for return to Australia.

Capt. G.F. Finlay A.A.V.C. returned from leave to Italy and resumed duty as C.C. 1st A.M.V.S. 27/3/18.

Cpl. F.W. Thompson, Temp. att'd. 1st Inf. Brigade, returned to 1st A.M.V.S. for duty. 23/3/18.

Sgt. M.W. Whinfield A.A.V.C. returned to 1st F.A. Bde. owing to leave to England being stopped.

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Major.

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