

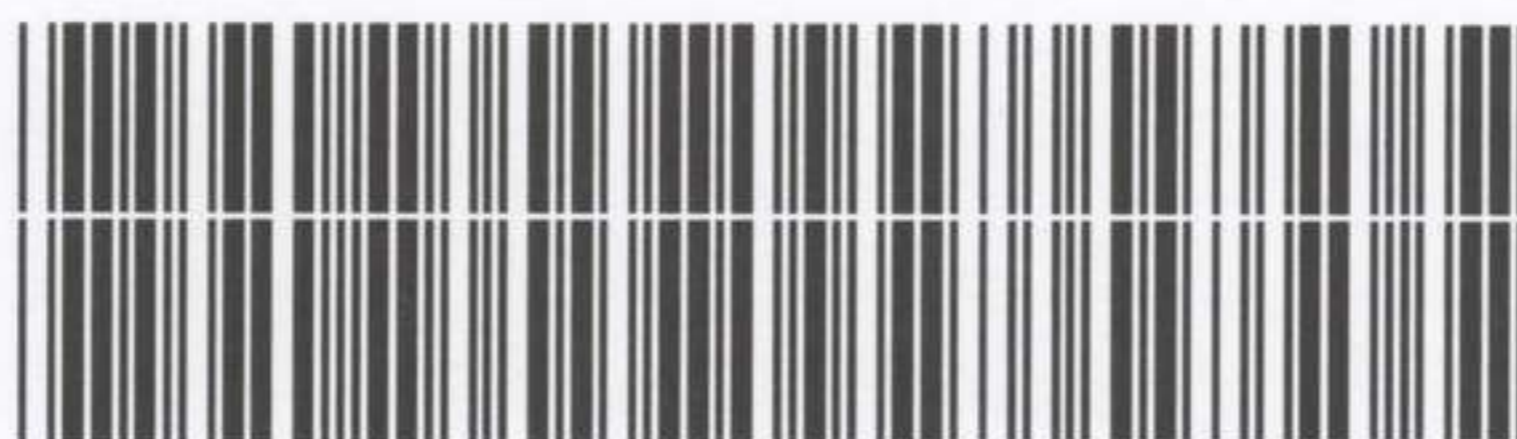
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SERAPEUM	1/3		<p>From to day we are an War Establishment Part VIII new armies, this only gives a Division 5 LC besides ADUS + Mobile Section, but allows for Sqds ALC attached to units, & increases strength of Mobile Section. This arrangement will be quite satisfactory for the conditions we have been under up to now. I & Am rather busy fixing up horse establishments as I am doing the Remount work of the Division. I Arranged for Camel Transport Coy to get extra forage as animals are losing condition. I Mobile Section sent a consignment of sick horses to Abyssia Veterinary hospital. I Inspected horses of 2nd Inf Bde, Captain Inlay was attending a Musketry School from 9 am to 5 pm & neglecting his own work. Reported this to DAB & he was instructed to discontinue it. I</p>	
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SERAPEUM	5/3		Inspected horses at TEL-EL-REBIR arranged for Capt Heslop A.M.B. to act as S.C.B. for this camp. Also for Capt Baker to attend to few horses of 5th Division & Capt W. Lehman of 4th J.F.	
"	6/3		Received wire from Col Rendall who had been appointed D.D.S. A.D.F. to meet him in CAIRO. J.F.	
CAIRO	7/3	1930	Caught train for CAIRO. J.F. Conference with D.D.S. A.I.F. re veterinary services. Saw Gen Butler D.S. who instructed me to get my complete equipment from Alexandria at once. J.F. Inspected Camel hospital at Abyssa with Lt Col Todd. D.D.S. Some camel pox & lot of mange, also some trypanosomiasis. J.F.	

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CAIRO	1916 8/3	9.30	bought train for ALEXANDRIA arranged re 40TB Chest got 7 officers wallets. caught train at 23.30 back to Cairo.	
CAIRO	9/3	0700	then train for ISMAILIA & back to SERAPEUM.	
SERAPEUM	10/3		Spoke to Captain Young re going on leave without notifying corporal Fordyce promoted Sgt.	M
"	11/3		Sent out instructions to all officers re wallets M	
"	12/3		Got order from Army Headquarters re allotment of 20 Veterinary officers to units. Capt Young still with this Division though I requested his transfer M	
"	13/3		Arranged transfer of all 20's to units as allotted. 25 Sgts reported for duty. M	M
TEL EL KE BIR	15/3		Inspected houses Astellby took officers wallets for Capt Baker MacIndoe McDonald. General Walker rejoined Division M	

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SERAPEUM	16/3		<p>Captain Young sent to Div HQ Farmer Sgt for gag I lent him & he would not give it without my adv. Young spoke to me & I told him that was quite right. He spoke in quite an abusive manner & I told him to go away or I would put him under arrest. I then walked away. He afterwards sent a very abusive letter to be forwarded to D.D.S. A.D.F. I handed this to the AA & C.H. who sent for Captain Young who then asked to withdraw it.</p>	
"	17/3		<p>Captain Young came & apologised & I said, if he did his work satisfactorily I would overlook it. This officer was a continual source of trouble to</p>	
"	18/3		<p>Inspected all horses in camp with Capt Young sent number to Hobbit section for evacuation prior to division leaving Egypt.</p>	

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SERAPEUM	20/3		Get instructions to send horses east for other than veterinary reasons to Haadi, as the Division was moving this was impossible. The entraining horses for overseas. The	
"	21/3		Instructed to meet D.D.S. Ad. 4. in Ismarha re veterinary arrangements back at 4 pm.	
"	22/3		Entrained at SERAPEUM for France. Arrived at Alexandria 1 pm. 2 nd 7a Bde, on Board. Bohemia. Capt McDonald Veterinary Officer	
	28/3		Reached Marseilles after calm & uneventful voyage all horses had done well, except 1 case of pneumonia could not be taken off boat & was destroyed. Some of the bread on shipboard was mouldy & was condemned by board of which I was member left Marseilles 2130.	

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FRANCE	1916 29/3		Long train journey with horse train.	
"	30/3		One horse died on train. p.m. ruptured stomach due to overfeeding on oats. Barley having been used previously.	Lf.
STEENBECK	31/3		Arrived, unloaded all horses & proceeded to MERRIS where an DHB was established Arranging Billeting stables for horses All our horses had lost some condition owing to very cold weather	Lf.
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