

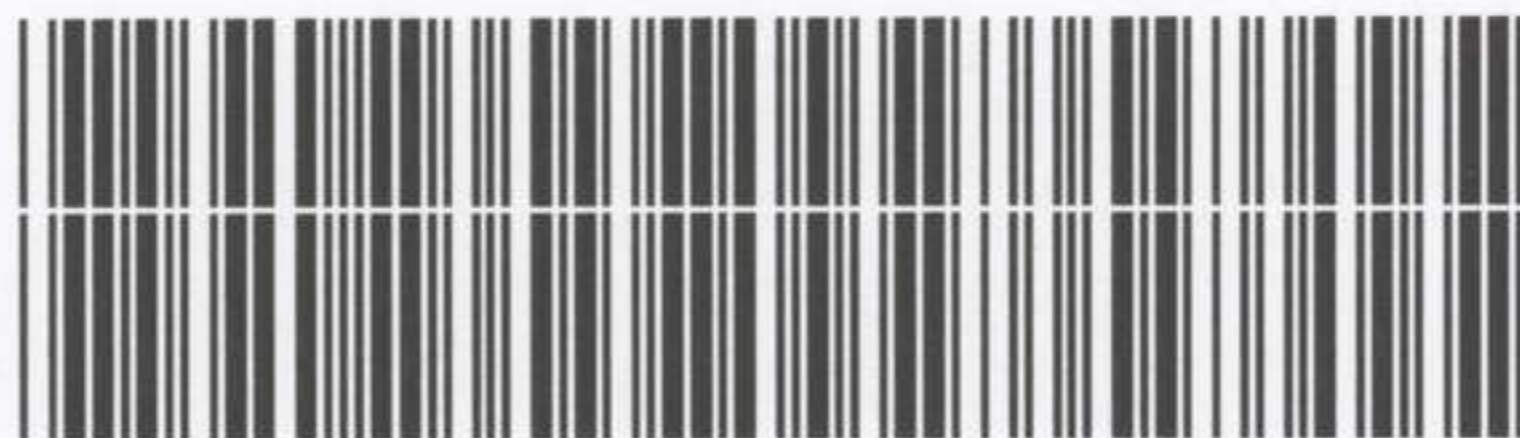
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| HOOBERAF | 1/9 | | Reported to DHB. 2 horses left on line of march with farmer without properly notifying myself or any military authority by Dab. (1st) notwithstanding orders in subject of Conference all 26's of Division, detailed duties and allotment of units to each officer. "Hb. | VOLUME IX |
| " | 2/9 | | Inspected 1st M25 and 1st Inf Bde transport. "Hb. | |
| " | 3/9 | | Saw Capt Bruce and a QLB Sgt attached to Inf units and arranged working. "Hb. | |
| " | 4/9 | | Drew and inspected 150 remounts at CAESTRIE. "Hb. | |
| " | 7/9 | | Inspected horses, 1st 7a Bde, drew attention to lack of grooming. "Hb. | |
| " | | | Inspected DHB, Div Engineers, Div Sig Coy, 4th Dab. and M25. "Hb. | |

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| HOOBRAF | 8/9 | | Inspected cases for evacuation at M.D. The conference all 250's of Division, discussed mange and its prevention, and occurrence of gangrene in wounds. | |
| " | 9/9 | | Received notice re Capt. McKenzie and C. Peill being superseded for promotion, protest by G.O.C. The | |
| " | 11/9 | | saw G.O.C. 1st M.D. re recommendations for honours + awards. | |
| " | 12/9 | | Inspected 3rd F.A. Bde horses drew attention to lack of grooming and errors of shoeing. The made inquiries re Chaffcutters which are not an authorised issue, most units have purchased them privately. I find horses do much better when hay is chaffed, because it is easier to feed and waste is prevented. The | |

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| HOOBRAF | 1916 12/9 | | 2 visited HQ of 4th Belgian Artillery and arranged to inspect units. Lb | |
| " | 13/9 | | Capt Litch A.D.S.B. reported for duty, temporarily attached 1st M.L.S. to do all small units. Lb Interviewed Senior Supply Officer re extra ration for horses, also arranged for purchase of Chaffcutters where units are willing to use private funds. Lb Capt McKenzie's Officer wallet short of instruments which I wrote to him about. | |
| " | 14/9 | | Inspected 2nd Group 4th Belgian Artillery, 80ft horses all in good condition and well cared for, evacuated 3 and recommended 2 be cast for other than veterinary reasons. Lb Inspected M.L.S. with D.D.S. 2nd Army. Lb | |

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| VLAMERTINGE | 1916 | 15/9 | <p>Inspected a horse of 154th Heavy Battery RGA suspected of glanders, considered test negative and released animal. Jh.</p> <p>Inspected 154th and 109th Heavy Batteries RGA. Jh.</p> <p>A number of men over 40 recommended for transfer from Infantry to M2S. selected 6. Jh.</p> <p>6 reinforcements from Havre for M2S arrived. Jh.</p> <p>6 from M2S transferred to Infantry with DHO approval. Jh.</p> <p>Addressed men reinforcing M2S. Jh.</p> <p>Capt G. BORMAN, M2S. went on 10 days leave.</p> <p>Capt LEITCH, AALCC in temporary charge.</p> <p>Wrote to DHO suggesting increase in number of L.C.'s to Division (copy attached) Jh.</p> | |
| HOOGRAF | | 16/9 | | |
| | | 18/9 | | |

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| HOOGRAF | 19/9 | | Saw Div DADOS re issue of clippers to units. <i>Sh</i> | |
| " | 20/9 | | Capt LEITCH went to NEUFCHATEL with train load of sick horses for Corps. Saw train with DORS <i>Sh</i> | |
| " | 21/9 | | Inspected 1st Group 7th Belgian Artillery. <i>Sh</i> Drew 56 remounts, riding horses in poor condition. <i>Sh</i> DDR 2nd Army saw remounts for casting for other than veterinary reasons. Cast. 3. | |
| " | 22/9 | | Conference all 256's re current matters. <i>Sh</i> | |
| " | 24/9 | | Inspected 2nd F.A. Bde. also stables in course of erection. <i>Sh</i> Capt Leitch wrote asking reasons for being superseded for promotion, referred to DMB. <i>Sh</i> | |

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| HOOGRAE | 1916 25/9 | | Inspected 1st Infantry Bde transport, horses in good condition | |
| " | 26/9 | | Inspected all horses of Div Train, in first rate condition and well cared for. | |
| " | 27/9 | | Inspected all 2nd Inf Bde Transport, satisfactory | |
| " | 28/9 | | Inspected Pioneer Batt. Some horses not quite satisfactory suggested improvements in stable management | |
| " | 29/9 | | Capt O'GORMAN, M.L.S. reported back from leave Inspected 2nd and 3rd F.A. Bdes with DD25 2nd army, show lack of grooming, also legs being clipped contrary to orders. Conference all L/O's 3pm DD25 addressed them Inspected M.L.S. and 4th section. Dab. with DD25. Satisfactory | |

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| HOOGRAF | 1916 30/9 | | Inspected 1st and 21st Fa Bdes with DDLS 2nd army also 1st 2nd + 3rd sections Dab. Dab. fairly satisfactory. Brigades show lack of grooming and unauthorised clipping of legs. | |
| BAILLEUL | 30/9 | | Conference All ADLS. 2nd army discussed mange; clipping and other matters. | |
| | | | 3-10-16 | |
| | | | Walter Maya ADLS 1st Cust Div | |

A.D.V.S. V/107.

A.D.V.S.

For information and return.

(Sgd) G. C. Donerville Major
A.

19/9/16

"A" DAB

Noted and returned

L. G. Bates
Major

21.9.16

A.D.V.S.

War Diary

A.D.V.S. 1/109
D.H.B. 68/69

quarters.
1st Aust Div.

Reporting that in my opinion the Estab. of Vety Officers shown in Part VII W.C. New Guinea, viz 5 attached to units besides A.D.V.S. + O.C. M.V.S. is quite inadequate to the requirements of a Division.

When units are moving about, it is sometimes impossible to arrange Veterinary attention. The D.A.C. is the largest horse unit, and has no V.O. attached. When the Division is stationary, fairly satisfactory arrangements can be made when all Officers are on duty, but even then if one is sick or on leave it is very difficult; then when the Division moves all the arrangements are upset, and sometimes the move is not completed for a week or more, during which time the A.D.V.S. cannot make satisfactory arrangements. This Establishment would perhaps be adequate for a Division in a standing camp.

I would suggest the Establishment be made 7 Officers to a Division besides the A.D.V.S. and O.C. M.V.S. and that the extra two be left at the disposal of the A.D.V.S. to attach as required; possibly one would be attached to the D.A.C., and one to M.V.S., with the Infantry Brigades, Field boys, and Field Ambulances under his Veterinary charge.

(Sd) Tom Makson Major
A.D.V.S. 1st Aust. Division.

H.R. 1st Aust Div.
10/9/16.

D. H. R. 65/69.

1st Australian Division

Div. Headquarters.

1st A. Inf. Army Corps.13th September 1916.Establishment of Veterinary Officers

It has been suggested that the Establishment of Veterinary Officers (P.V. W.C. New Armies) by detached counsels other than the A.D.V.S. and the O.C.M.V.S., is inadequate for requirements.

When the Division is stationary, satisfactory arrangements can be made, when all officers are available for duty; but when units are on the move such arrangements are upset, and additional officers are required.

Although the D.A.C. is the largest horse unit no provision is made on the Establishment for it.

The suggested Establishment is 7 officers to a Division other than the A.D.V.S. and the O.C. mobile Veterinary Section, 2 being left at the disposal of the A.D.V.S. to attach as required.

(Sd) H. B. Walker.

Major General.

Commanding 1st Aust. Division.

D.H. 8. 68/69.
1st Army A878/77

Headquarters,
1st Australian Division

Your No 68/69 of 13/9/16. The Army
Corps Commander does not see his way to
forwarding this recommendation, which amounts
to a proposal to change the New Establishment
of the Army Veterinary Corps. What applies to
one Division applies to all in the B.C.F.

(Sd) Col Barnham
Brig-General
D.A. & M. G.
1st Aust. + New Zealand Army Corps

MB. 18-9-16.