

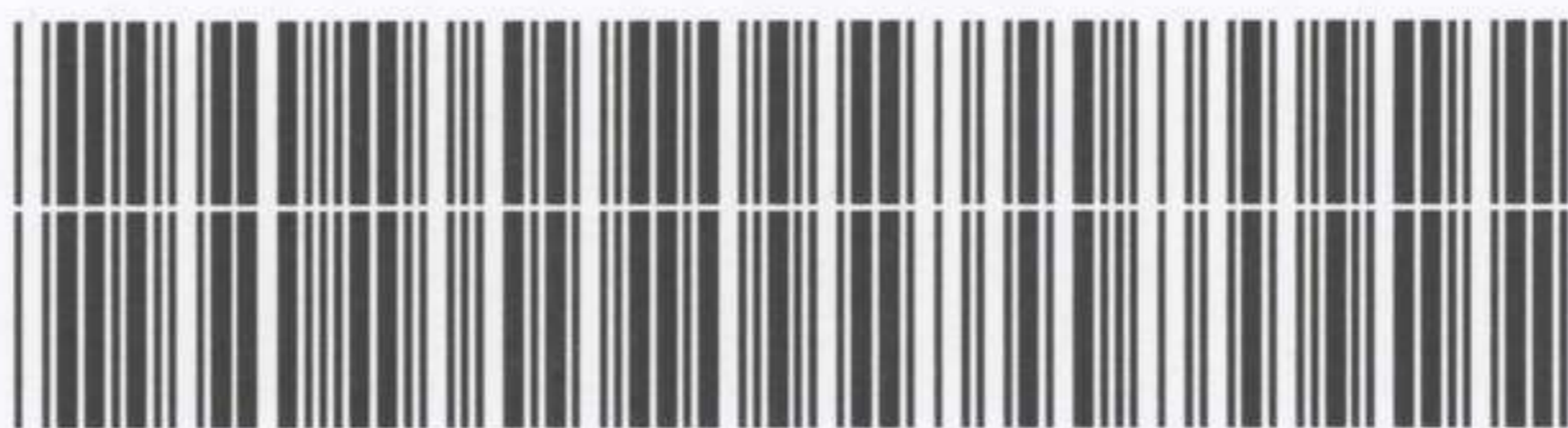
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| The "Dingle" X 27 B 117 Albert Street | 1/4/17 | | <p>Owing to prevalence of Mange in 5th Aust Field Ambulance report sent to 2nd Austn Div. Head Q. M. recommending that in view of the 16 Remounts being supplied -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16 Infected horses be sent to 2nd Aust Vet Det Section with rugs on. Remounts to be kept separate & given new rugs. Grooming kit to be disinfected - hot Lysol solution 3% Harness, poles, picketing gear taken to pieces & scrubbed in warm Cresol. Sol. (5%) & Common Soap - hose bags to be turned inside out & treated with a similar solution. Horse lines to be moved to new piece of ground. | |
| | 24/17 | | <p>16 Remounts arrived BUIRE for 5th Austn Field Ambulance to replace 16 Mange cases evacuated from that ambulance.</p> <p>Advice received from D. D. V. S. A.I.F. that that office is now in CHATEAU D'AUSSY, RUE DE BAPADME, ALBERT</p> <p>Information received from D.D.V.S. 5th Army that Bombs are being left in Stables in certain villages vacated by the enemy.</p> | |

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| The Single X27. B.67. Albert Street | 3/14/17 | | <p>Wire sent to Capt RA DOWLING. V.O. to take Veterinary charge of 2nd Aust Machine Gun Coy.</p> <p>Instructions from D.D.V.S (5th Army) "Report on experiments to increase life of Ring Mechanism of Stewarts Lepper machine Heads.</p> <p>Instructions from D.D.V.S (5th Army) to collect same animal belonging to 80th Ald. Coy R.E. 18th Div. left with MAIRE at SA DEN COURT. Letter sent to O.C. 2nd Aust Mobile Vet. Sect. instructing to collect animal & report to this office date collected and how disposed of.</p> <p>Instructions from D.D.V.S. 5th Army regarding practice of conducting parties to Veterinary Hospitals throwing rubbish at detrainings sidings - practice to cease at once. Copy of instruction sent to O.C. 2nd Aust Mobile Vet. Section</p> <p>Notification from D.D.V.S. 5th Army re OPTHALMIA - treatment with Iodoform.</p> <p>Report requested as to prevalence & character.</p> | |
| | 4/21/17 | | <p>From D.D.V.S (5) wire instructing that O.C. Mobile Vet. Sect. is to arrange that sufficient water be placed in trucks with all sick horses to ensure one good drink on journey. Copy sent to O.C. 2nd Aust Mobile Vet. Sect. today.</p> | |

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| The Dingle X27 B.G. P. Libert Street | 4/4/17 | (contd) | <p>Notification received from General Staff 2nd Aust. Div. that there is definite evidence that the enemy is endeavoring to spread GLANDERS amongst our animals. Copy sent to O.C. 2nd Aust. Mob. Vet. Section also published in Routine Orders.</p> <p>The following Reinforcements arrived for 2nd Aust. Vet. Sec. on 4/4/17 & were taken on strength from that date:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>734</td> <td>PER</td> <td>ROWE S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1683</td> <td></td> <td>SEATON J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>626</td> <td></td> <td>GLASSON W.</td> </tr> </table> | 734 | PER | ROWE S | 1683 | | SEATON J. | 626 | | GLASSON W. | |
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| 1683 | | SEATON J. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 626 | | GLASSON W. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5-11-17 | | <p>Re notification from D.V.S. (5) received 2nd Aust. Div. re bombs in stables:- Passed on to 'D' Branch 2nd Aust. D.H.Q. who circulated all Divisional Units with a copy of letter.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6-11-17 | | <p>Meeting of all Veterinary Officers at this Office.</p> <p>Weekly returns passed to D.V.S. (5) also accompanying letter regarding (A) COLIC (B) MANGE (C) Condition of animals.</p> <p>Report forwarded to 'D' Branch 2nd Aust. Div. re lack of water supply for animals in area around FAYREUL and BEUGNATRE. Suggested that all water holes found when advancing through new country be fenced & that troughing & pumps</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

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| The Dungle X 27 B 6.7 Albert Shiel | 6.4.17 | contd | <p>pumps be erected.</p> <p>Reported to A.D.V.S. (5) that terminal of 80th Field Coy Engineers (all entry 3rd mist) has been collected by 2nd Aust M.V.S. is awaiting evacuation.</p> <p>Report re OPTHALMIA (see entry on 3rd mist) passed to A.D.V.S. (5) - Very few cases in last year and nothing of a contagious character.</p> <p>Report to Q Branch 2nd Aust Div. that O. G. Mob Vet. Sect advise that ration of rice in lieu of biscuit would be appreciated at all times.</p> <p>Report to A.D.V.S. (5) that animals evacuated by this Division are always watered immediately prior to entrainment - conveying water a difficulty: suggestion requested as to what containers to be used.</p> | |
| | 7.4.17 | | <p>Capt. R.A. DOWLING, R.D. instructed that 2nd Aust Prov. Batta has moved to W10 D. (Albert Shiel) that he will take Veterinary charge.</p> <p>Capt. H. F. YATES instructed to take Veterinary charge of 5th Aust Field Coy Engineers now situated H16 Central Shiel 57C.</p> | |
| | 9.4.17 | | <p>Major R.H.F. MACINDOE A.A.V.C. reported for duty as A.D.V.S. 2nd Aust Div. To his Advanced Base Veterinary Stores engineering whether 3 per 7.</p> | |

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| The Dingle X27 B 27 Albert Street. | 9.4.17 | (contd) | Dressing scissors are now available to replace the 3 unsewable pairs returned to that depot. | |
| | 10.4.17 | | Report to W.A.U.S. a.s.f. regarding the 538 Sergt Faulkner D. A.V.C. that the information required by that Office regarding his promotion does not appear in this man's paybook. | |
| | 11.4.17 | | Lt Col WHITFIELD L.C. D.S.O. transferred to Command Aust Veterinary Hospital - CALAIS. Proceeded to CALAIS to-day. | |
| | | | Major MACINDOE R.H.F. assumed position of A.D.V.S. 2nd Aust. Div. today. D.D.V.S. Army & D.A.U.S. a.s.f. notified. | |
| | | | A.D.V.S. visited H.Q.'s Div Sigs. stables to see sick animal. | |
| | 12.4.17 | | A.D.V.S. paid 1st visit to Military Police Horses from D.A.U.S. (5) that horses are being kept too long at work & sent to Mobile Section are only fit for destruction - every effort must be made to evacuate in time to save life. Copy sent to each V.O. to O.C. 2nd Mob Vet Section. | |
| | | | Capt. B.C. Keech reported that the very Sgt. MARSH T.D. has been sent away for a few days for treatment of Bruised Foot. | |

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| The Dingle X 27 86 7. Albert Sheel. | 12.4.17 | contd | To ADVS 4 th Austn Division regarding exchange of sites for mobile Vet Sections of 4 th + 2 nd Divisions suggesting that mobile Sections are settled, 4 th M.V.S look look after animals of 2 nd Division Units vice versa. | |
| | 13.4.17 | | To O.C. to Advance Base Vet Stores enquiring whether instructions re addressing of Units Stores to M.V.S. are being carried out as Units are still receiving stores direct. To O.C. 2 nd M.V.S. arranging a relief in place of Sgt MARSH. TA AWC, sent away to be treated for injured foot. To DDVS 5 th Army asking if arrangements can be made to evacuate animals for hospital from BAPAUME railhead instead of ACHIEZ-LE-GRAND owing to congestion of traffic on BAPAUME-ACHIEZ-LE-GRAND road. | |
| BAPAUME H 37. 41.8. Sheel syc. | 14.4.17 | | Office of ADVS 2 nd Aust Div moved from The Dingle X 27 86 7 to BAPAUME H 37 41.8. Sheel syc. DDVS 5 th Army advised also a D's V.S. of 1 st 4 th 5 th Divisions advised of change. Weekly Weekly return AF 7000 dispatched to DDVS 5 th Army together with men from | |

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| BAPAUME H3261-5. | 14/4/17 | | <p>contd from ADVS 2nd Div stating that is considered animals in this Division are not overworked.</p> <p>P/Sgt W. C. Riggs HQ 576 2nd Aust MVS reported for duty vice HQ 577 Sgt TD MARSH evacuated sick temporarily.</p> <p>2nd Aust MVS instructed to move to H 21 a 3.8. Shet 576 ADVS army notified of move.</p> <p>To S.S.O. 2nd Aust Div Train asking that arrangements be made to ration 2nd Aust MVS as from 18/4/17</p> | |
| | 15/4/17 | | <p>From ADVS (5th Div) map location of his office</p> | |
| | 16/4/17 | | <p>From S.S.O. reply to enquiry re rationing of 2nd Aust. Mob. Vet. Section copy of wire sent on to O.C. 2nd Aust. Mob. Vet. Section</p> <p>A DVS 2nd Aust Div in company with Mjr J. H. Hankin V.O. inspected horse lines of 2nd Aust Div Train</p> <p>2nd Aust Mob Vet Section moved from ALBERT to H 21 a 3.8. Shet 576 ADVS</p> <p>A 97 ADVS 5th Army notified of new location also a DVS of 1st Lt 15th Aust Div and all V.O.s of 2nd Div likewise informed.</p> | |

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| BAPAUME H37 V.I. 8. Shed 870 | 16-4-17 | Contd. | <p>Message received from Transport Officer of 6th Aust Inf Bde that 3 animals died in suspicious circumstances, possibly poisoning & another animal showing similar symptoms. Capt R. A. DOWLING V.O. instructed to examine report also to state if Horse lines are in Chateau grounds at FAVREUIL.</p> <p>A.D.V.S. 2nd Aust Div conferred with R.T.O. BAPAUME re facilities for evacuating sick animals, to call again on Wednesday 18th inst.</p> <p>From A.D.V.S. 4th Div (Aust) map location of that office</p> | |
| | 17-4-17 | | <p>To all V.O's asking that map locations of all units under their respective charges & of all V.O's billets be forwarded to this office as movement occurs</p> <p>To Mjr HAWKIN V.O. arranging Vet. attendance on "G. P. Cable Section R.E." attached temporarily to 2nd Aust Div</p> <p>To Capt B. C. VEECH V.O. arranging attendance on 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy</p> <p>To Capt H. F. YANS V.O. arranging attendance on 2nd Div Military Police</p> | |
| | 18-4-17 | | <p>A.D.V.S. inspected Horse lines of 1st & 2nd Sections D.A.C. 16th Bty sections of 5th & 6th Coy. Fld ambulances. Saw R.T.O. BAPAUME made temporary arrangements for evacuating sick animals</p> | |

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| BAPAUME H32618 Shed 57c. | 18-4-17 | contd | Capt. RADDOLING V.O. reported having inspected animals as instructed on 16.4.17. & found death due in each case to Debility. These horses had no rugs. The Horse lines were not in or near Chateau grounds | |
| | 19-4-17 | | from A.D.V.S. 4 th Aust + 5 th Aust Divisions map locations of their respective offices & mobile Vet. Sections. Veterinary attendance arranged for one Squad of 13 th Aust Light Horse, & for Engineer Units of 4 th Aust Division. | |
| | 20-4-17 | | meeting of Veterinary Officers of Division at office of A.D.V.S. weekly return despatched to D.D.V.S. 5 th Army together with letter from A.D.V.S. re overworking of animals of this Division especially of Artillery Units | |
| | 21-4-17 | | A.D.V.S. inspected horse lines of 6 th Inf Bde, 7 th Hld Coy Engineers & 2 nd Div Head Quarters. Weekly plate sent by wire to D.D.V.S. 5 th Army from A.D.V.S. 4 th Aust Division Veterinary attendance on Engineer Units of this Division. | |
| | 22-4-17 | | A.D.V.S. inspected 6 th , 7 th Hld Ambulance, 6 th Aust. Bde M. & Coy, & 5 th & 7 th Infanteries Bde Horse lines. also interviewed D.A. D.V.S. regarding Issue of Horse Rugs to 2 nd Aust mobile Veterinary Section owing to probable move of Division no further action to be taken in proposed erection of shelter for horses. | |

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| BAPAUME | 23.4.17 | | ADVS inspected hose lines of 5 th Aust Machine Gun Coy B Echelon of 2 nd Aust DAC + 20 Coy A.A.S.C. | |
| H 32 k. 8 Sheet 57 C. | 24.4.17 | | ADVS inspected Hoses of 13 Bty + 105 Bty 5 th AFA Bde + 1 st Sect DAC. Inspected water point at Railway crossing near BAPAUME & reported adversely to AA & MG 2 nd Aust Div. Water in pond very low, giving off foul smell & being full of sticks etc. Accompanied by AA & MG went to DAC H.Q. & on to Fremicourt where water is good & supply plentiful from Bore. D.A.C. K water at FREMICOURT in future. | |
| | 25.4.17 | | From O.C. 6 th Aust Sld Coy Engrs. asking that Lt/Serjt HAYGARTH be sent to next school of Sappers reply stating this to be not eligible. From ADVS 5 th Army asking how many men to be sent to School of Sappers for term commencing 1 st May 1917. reply suggesting 3 men forwarding names & units of 3 men. From D.A.C. forwarding message from Army Corps commander that Anzac Day is to be observed as a holiday as far as practicable O.C. 2 nd Aust M.V.S. informed. | |

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| BAPAUME H32 618 Steel 576 | 25.4.47 | contd | A.D.V.S inspected 11 th , 12 th & 14 th Batteries 4 th A.F.A Bde & 6 th Squad. 13 th Austn Light Horse. | |
| | 26.4.47 | | A.D.V.S accompanied by G.O.C 5 th Inf Bde & a.d.c. 2 nd Aust Div. inspected Water Point below SAPIGNIES also Horse lines of 2 nd Div Sig Coy, 6 th Inf Bde (except M.G. Coy) & 13 th Bty 5 th A.F.A Bde. | |
| | | | From Ob. to Advanced Base Veterinary Stores addressing of all Stores for Units & C/o 2 nd M.V.S. | |
| | 27.4.47 | | Meeting of all Vet Officers of Division at office of A.D.V.S. Weekly returns completed & weekly State wired to A.D.V.S 5 th Army. A.D.V.S together with General CARRUTHERS, A.A. Q.M.G. 1st Army, & a.d.c. 2 nd Aust Division inspected 5 th & 6 th Inf Bdes, 2 nd D.A.C. & 2 nd Div Train. General CARRUTHERS being very pleased with Horse management. To A.D.V.S, A.I.F. evacuation of HQ 1127 Supt. MARSH. T.O. From A.D.V.S 5 th Army withdrawal of 5 Riding Horses from 2 nd Aust Troop. Vet Section asking that Ob. M.V.S be advised. Ob. 2 nd M.V.S so instructed. | |

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| BAPAUME 432 4.8 Sheet 576 | 27-11-17 | | <p>Daily Mtg 2nd Aust Div - Rugs for Remounts - Instructions to Units that Establishment of Rugs must be kept up as all Remounts arriving may not be provided with Rugs</p> <p>DDOS 5th Army - Withdrawal of Horses from 2nd Aust Trob Vet Section</p> <p>Veterinary attendance arranged for animals of 1st ANZAC Advanced Headquarters</p> <p>Weekly Returns despatched to DDOS (5 Army) together with letter from A.D.V.S. - Increase in wastage due to all 'Debility' cases being evacuated.</p> <p>Weekly Returns for Division completed & forwarded.</p> <p>From HQ Advanced Base Veterinary Stores stating trichine Solution not now issued - Acetic Acid can be sent Reply asking that same be forwarded.</p> <p>From A.D.V.S. 4th Aust Div HQ 202 Sgt PARKER of AA.V.C. detailed to report & replace HQ 427 Sgt. MARSH T.D. evacuated. Sgt PARKER reported & was sent on to 15th Coy 5th AFA Bde.</p> <p>From DDOS 5th Army School of Saddlery - Three men to report to HQ 22 Veterinary Hospital. Acknowledged & 2nd Aust Div Headquarters asked that instructions be issued for men selected to report on 1/5/17.</p> | |

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| BAPAUME H32 61 B. Sheet 57 C | 29.4.17 | | <p>Formation of Corps Mobile Veterinary Detachment - From Dalgmy 2nd Div giving particulars of above.</p> <p>From D.D.V.S 5th Army list of medicines Instruments to be supplied to Units at the front copy sent to each V.O. & O.C. 2nd Aust Mob Veterinary Section.</p> <p>Veterinary attendance arranged for 22nd Aust Machine Gun Coy.</p> <p>From Dalgmy 2nd Aust Div - Withdrawal of Horses from 2nd M.V.S. - as M.V.S. is 3 Prany horses short of establishment only 2 will be handed over, these to be sent to 2nd New Train Report compliance. O.C. 2nd Aust M.V.S. instructed & asked to report to this office when action completed.</p> <p>To D.D.V.S, a.s. Lt Col G.L. O'Byrne left 2nd Aust M.V.S. to take up position of P.M. at Austn Veterinary Hospital</p> <p>From Dalgmy water available for water carts & horses at SUCRERIE BAPAUME</p> | |
| | 30.4.17 | | <p>From O.C. 2nd Aust Mob Vet Section - destination & condition, of charges belonging to Mjr DUDLEY ARBY RHA - forwarded to D.D.V.S 5th Army.</p> | |

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| BAPAUME H32418 Sheet 57c | 30.4.17 | contd | <p>From Cpl. 2nd Aust MVS. reporting Lieut O'BYRNE promoted & transferred to Aust Veterinary Hospital & recommending promotions consequent on this transfer.</p> <p>forwarded to DDVS, A.S.F., for approval.</p> <p>From DDVS, A.S.F., - information re Sergt reporting vice Sergt MARSH evacuated. Information forwarded.</p> <p>To DDVS A.S.F., asking approval for Capt VEECH. V.O. proceed on leave.</p> <p>ADVS accompanied by A.A.G.M.G., 2nd Aust Div inspected horse lines of 2nd Aust Pioneer Btn, 10th Bly 100th Bly of 4th AFA Bde, 105th Bly 5th AFA Bde, & 24th Section 2nd DAC also new water point in FAYREVIL - Water good & supply of 1000 galls per hour.</p> | |
| | | | 1 MAY 1917 | R.H. Macindoe Major A.D.V.S. 2ND AUST. DIV. |