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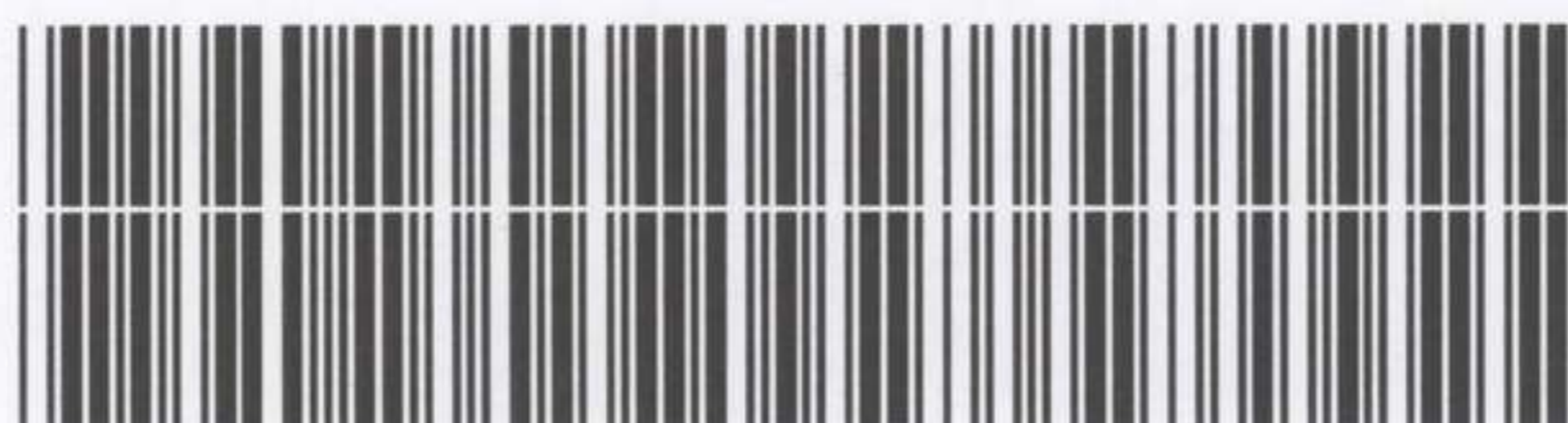
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GAMACHES. (ABBEVILLE MAP)	1/12/17	10AM	Visit 10 th AFA Bgde (110 th Battery) clipping centre at Valines; 11 th Bgde (42 nd Battery) at Marcelaines; DAC at Monchaux; & FCE at Bouwaincourt.	
		PM 1.25	Receive telegram A.V. 148 from D.V.S. "Case of epizootic lymphangitis, confirmed microscope, 13 Vet Hospital in Bay G, R, 15.1; 9 yrs; star, streak, & snip, saddle marks, ↑ N/gtr; foot brand No 667, disease necrotic dermatitis, unit 37 th Battery, 10 th Aust. FA Bgde, 4 th Aust Division, evacuated 4 th Aust MVS. No 618; brought down by 8 Corps VCCS. 27 th Oct. AAA clinically affected 26 th Nov. AAA. Take action & report.	
		2 PM	Drive to 10 th Aust FA Bgde, see Capt Seelenmeyer, D.O. 4c, who is ill with diarrhoea, notify him of outbreak, & instruct in in action he is to take. Give written instructions to OC, 10 th AFA Bgde that 37 th Battery animals are placed under strict quarantine & that V.O. instructions must be implicitly obeyed. Arrange for parade of all animals of this unit at Acheux at 10AM on 2 nd inst. Capt Seelenmeyer instructed to obtain all particulars for report to DVS, & to stencil paint brand E.C. on off thigh of all wound incontact cases. Inform Div Hqs & CRA of action taken. Wire K.L. 394 sent to DVS reporting that inspection will be made & that animals are placed in	WAK
			Animal in question was evacuated at the same time as seven F.C. wound incontacts from 2 nd Aust DAC where previous case occurred	

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GAMACHES	2/12/17	9.30 ^{AM}	Visit 11 th A.F.A. Byde clipping centre. more supervision by Officer $\frac{1}{2}$ required; animals being sent in dirty & clipping machines are not being used to the best advantage.	
		10AM.	Inspect all animals of 37 th Battery; 4 wound incontact cases, one in C sub + 3 in D sub of centre section; Right section 2 in B sub, 3 in A sub; & 4 old wound cases; Left section 4 in E, 2 in F; & 2 old wound cases. AVC Sergh Brady instructed to treat all wound cases on isolated sick lines, & to be branded with stencil EC in faint on off thigh. One animal showing small swelling on inside of rear thigh isolated & to be kept under close observation. Interview C.O. of brigade & point out seriousness of an outbreak of Epizootic Lymphangitis & ask for his assistance & support for V.O.	
		2PM.	Visit D.A.C. & F.C.E. clipping centres - Transport Sergh F.C.E. instructed to use a little more care with machines & told to make a better job of the clipping. Report to DVS. KL 395 - Personally examined all animals of 37 th Battery no cases detected, all wound incontacts isolated & special instructions issued regarding treatment AAA have warned D.A.D. VS. other divisions using 4 th AMVS. at time AAA. Making enquiries if animals were returned to units by 4 th AMVS. about time this animal was evacuated. AAA.	

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SAMACHES	3/12/17	9 AM	<p>Car detailed to take party to demonstration of Lewis gun Follow up movements of 37th Battery from July 25th to present time. Div Artillery Hqrs asked to supply map locations of wagon lines used by 37th Battery since July 25th. Interview AAICMS (Lt Col Dowse) & report that DRO. re horse rugs is not being carried out. Explain that it is impossible to do my work unless car is placed entirely at my disposal. Inspect animal belonging to French Gendarme (French Mission) suffering from "Grease" N/H. Notices sent out to all V.O. & A.V.C. Serpts of division, to evacuate all animals unable to travel, in anticipation of early move of division by rail. V.O. instructed to make careful inspection of all animals under their charge & note any cases bordering on debility to be evacuated at short notice if necessary, OCs units to be informed & a report giving number of animals under this head to be sent to this office. 11 PM. Receive notification that Remounts will be drawn from Abbeville at 2 PM. on 4th inst.</p>	

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GAMACHES	4/17/17	9AM	Interview with D.A.Q.M.S. about Divisional move. Visit mobile Vet Section (Lt Spensby) & have consultation with Major James O.C. about evacuating sick animals; suggest obtaining motor ambulance from No 22 Vet Hospital Abbeville for evacuating float cases.	
		11AM	Visit DAC clipping centre; return to Div Hqrs & receive instructions to inspect & take over & distribute Remounts at No 2 advanced Squadron, Abbeville at 2PM.	
		11:30 AM	Visit 11th AFA Poyle clipping centre; go on to 10th AFA Poyle at Chépy & meet Capt Seelenmeyer V.O. who reports that he has four float cases for removal, including one from 37th Battery - wound in contact "E.C." & then on to No 22 Vet Hospital, arrange with Major Jobday O.C. for motor horse ambulance to collect float cases from 4th AMVS. & return trips until area is cleared.	
		2PM	Take over & distribute 270 remounts (13R; 111LDH; 130LDM; 13HD; & 3P) from No 2 advanced Remount Squadron. See table of distribution to units.	
		5PM	Return to divisional Hqrs, receive movement order, administrative instructions No 69 & marche table - copy No 44.	
			Warn V.O. for entraining duty; Capt Morgan at Eu; Capt Heywood at Noincourt; Majors McKenna, & James & Capt Seelenmeyer at Gamaches.	
			A.F. O 1640 & table of distribution of Remounts to units sent to Hqrs 4th Aust Div.	

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GAMACHES	4/12/17	8PM.	Interview with Major James OC 4 th Aust MVS concerning evacuation of sick animals. 19 Road cases dispatched to No 14 Veh Hospital + two float cases from section by motor ambulance. Float case at 37 th Battery (Acheux) to be either evacuated by horse float or motor ambulance, OC to use his own discretion.							
			Unit	R	LD	LDM	HD	P	Total	Table showing animals evacuated from 4 th Aust Division by 4 th Aust MVS on 2 nd + 4 th Dec 1917; covered by ERVS 159/17 + 160/17. ERVS to DDVS Southern. Copy of tables to DAQMS. O.C. units notified.
			11 th Aust FA Bgde	-	3	-	-	-	3	
			4 th Div Sig Coy	1	1	-	-	-	2	
			12 th FCE	1	-	-	-	-	1	
			27 th AASC	1	-	-	-	-	1	
			4 th Pioneer Bde	1 ^{OC}	-	-	-	-	1	
			4 th Aust Infy Bgde	1	-	-	-	-	1	
			10 th " FA Bgde	-	1	-	-	-	1	
			11 th " " "	-	1	-	-	-	1	
			Total	5	6	-	-	-	11	
			Table showing distribution of Remounts received from No 2 advanced Remount Squadron Abbeville on 4.12.17							Remounts. total
			Unit	R	LD	LDM	HD	P	Total	
			4 th Aust Div Hqs	2	-	-	-	-	2	
			4 th " Infy Bgde	3	5	-	1	-	9	
			12 th " " "	1	6	-	2	-	9	
			13 th " " "	-	4	-	1	3	8	
			24 th " M.G. Coy	-	1	-	-	-	1	
			4 th " Pioneer Bde	-	5	-	-	-	5	
			Div Artillery	7	81	130	-	-	218	
			C.R.E.	-	7	-	-	-	7	
			A.D.M.S.	-	2	-	4	-	6	
			4 th Aust Div Train	-	-	-	5	-	5	
			Total	13	111	130	13	3	270	

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		9AM	Visit entraining points 10 th AFA Bgde at Gamaches, Capt Seelenmeyer, entraining veterinary officer; 12 th Infy Bgde at EW, Capt Morgan E.V.O.; 4 th Infy Bgde at Woucourt, Capt Heywood E.V.O. Mobile Veh Section evacuated all remaining road cases, motor ambulance from Abbeville makes one trip & removes two float cases.																																																																														
		11PM	Div Hqrs personnel (less DAAG; A learner Capt Moulden & DADVS) entrain for Peronne - staff officers move independently by motor cars.																																																																														
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GAMACHES.	6/12/17	9 AM	Visit entraining centres at Gamaches; 11 th AFA Bgde, Major McKenna E.V.O.; EU 13 th Aust Infy Bgde, no V.O.; & Woincourt, 13 th Infy Bgde. Infantry brigades on time with their loading & trains being despatched as per time table; artillery behind time - loading party not supplied.	
			Motor ambulances from Abbeville return & removes two remaining float cases.	
		2 PM	Make round of entraining points.	
			Mobile Vch section entrains at Gamaches at 11.30 PM. OC reports that he is taking two cases able to travel with his section.	
			Driver of Toden lorry reports that a horse has been left at ALLENAY by 12 th Bgde M.S. Coy. - find animal at No 37 billet, apparently abandoned - woman states that animal had been given as a souvenir to the madam at No 37 billet. Arrange for animal to be fed & watered, & the mare informed.	
			DDVS Southern informed about this animal thro R.T.O. Gamaches & by memo memo from Haut Allaines (Dut Hqrs) on 7 th inst.	WAK.
Billo	7/12/17	7 AM	Visiting entraining centres at EU, & Woincourt - 13 th Infy Bgde completed entraining & Gamaches 10 AM - artillery completed	
		AM 11.30	Commence journey in car to rejoin division at Haut Allaines sheet 62c C 29 4-5-5.	
			arrive 5.30 PM. via Amiens, Albert & Peronne. MVS camp near Dut Hqrs. Report arrival by wire to A.D.V.S. VII Corps (L Col G Conder)	WAK.

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HAUT ALLAINES Sheet 62C C 29 to 5-5	8/12/17	10AM	Attend conference at office of ADVS VII Corps at batelet - Subjects discussed; differentiation between acute dermatitis & orange. - exfoliation & pus formation under crust may be mistaken for orange. - Specific Ophthalmia, evacuation of all cases after being injected with 1cc Lugol's solution, date of injection, if primary or recurrent attack to be recorded in Army book 32. - evacuation of all cases, impracticable while in forward areas owing to difficulty in obtaining remounts to replace & MVS is fully occupied evacuating battle casualties - Epyzotic Lymphangitis, precautions to be taken. Report new map locations to ADVS VII Corps, DDVS AIF; & V.O.S.4 AVC. Verpts of division.	
		10AM	Mobile Vety section move to new lines at Sheet 62C I 21 C 8-6, near cemetery, Peronne. Office at old Gendarmene opposite EFC Peronne.	
		2PM	Capt Carter DAQMS reports that VII Corps Q have ordered 37th Battery to remain in present location owing to case of Epyzotic Lymphangitis. This unit had been ordered to move from Courcelles to Doingt. This order was cancelled & the unit had to return to Courcelles after reaching Doingt. Informed by DAQMS that ADVS VII Corps will inspect this battery, drive out, see unit returning to Courcelles, meet Lt Col Conder ADVS & explain that there has only been one case discovered & that after the animal had been	
			in hospital a month. He is satisfied that all precautionary measures are being carried out, & that there was no need for such drastic action.	J.P.H. ∞

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HAUT ALLAINES.	8/12/17	5.30 ^{PM}	<p>Draw up allotment of units to V.O. while in VII Corps area. Capt Heywood, 4th + 12th Infy Bde Groups at Meislans & HAUT ALLAINES respectively; Capt Morgan, 7th + 26th Coy AASC; 10th Hqrs MMP; 10th Sig Coy, CRA, CRE. & 24 MG Coy; Major James MVS 13th Infy Bde Group & 4th Pioneer Battr; Major McKenna 11th AFA Bde, No 3 sect DAC & 14th Coy AASC; Capt Reckenmeyer, 10th AFA Bde, No 1 & 2 sect & Hqrs DAC nominal roll of AAVC. personnel with divisions forwarded to A.D.V.S. VII Corps. Report to ADVS. VII Corps on case of Erysipathic Lymphangitis & forward copy of were received from DVS. Warn Major Spurge OC. 37th Battery, regarding meaning of strict isolation, & that all wound uncontact cases must be isolated on separate sick lines & watered separately. AVC Serjt Brady to be in charge, & to be allowed one man for every three animals under treatment. Arrange with ADVS. VII Corps for 13th Aust Infy Bde (Etucourt) to evacuate their sick animals thro' III Corps MVD. at YTRES.</p>	
		8PM	<p>Send memo to ADVS. VII Corps cancelling this arrangement as 13th Bde are under orders to move to TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE. MVS. to evacuate sick animals by rail on Tuesdays & Fridays to VCCS (formed by M.V Sections of 6th Div, 21st Div + INCO + 20 men from Base) at VILLERS-FACON with railhead at ROISEL. Arrangements will be made if possible, thro' Col Pallin DDVS 3rd Army for sick animals from 4th Aust Div MVS. to be trucked at Peronne.</p>	

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ditto	9/12/17	9AM	Thaw precautions being taken in VII & III Corps areas - cars not to be used on roads unless under exceptional circumstances. Work up report on Epizootic Lymphangitis cases & send to DVS. G.H.Q. thro ADVS VII Corps (6.30PM) all "possible incontacts" traced, map locations of wagon lines used by 37 th Battery from July 25 th 1917 forwarded. OC 4 th Aust MVS instructed (verbally) to render Vch attendance on 13 th Inf Bgde group which has moved from Etrecourt, to TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE Sheet 62C D 29 a 5.5.																																				
			OC 47 th Battr asked for report on animal left at Bethencourt (Gamaches area) AVC Capt Shaebridge reports that he saw two L.D. Govt animals being worked in plough driven by French farmer near Bethencourt - ask DDVS Southern to make enquiries as these are probably abandoned animals.																																				

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HAUT ALLAINES	10/12/17	9.30 AM.	Receive HRF No 1 (duplicate) for animal left by 47 th Bn, 12 th Aust Inf Bde at Bethencourt, thro Bn orderly room, & Bde Hqs; envelope addressed DADOS in error. - Passed to DDVS, Southern, so that animal can be collected.	
		10AM	Visit DAC clipping centre at Dought - 10 machines working & only an average of 36 animals per day are being clipped. Lieut Mein complains that he is not receiving necessary assistance & that dirty animals are being sent in. See CRA & Bde major, & ask that this be remedied - warn them that machines will be withdrawn on 16 th inst.	
			11 th AFA Bde have 74 animals still to clip. 14 th AASC, about 20; 4 th FCE 20; 4 th Pioneer Bn 22;	
			Interview with Capt Morgan & Heywood on veterinary matters.	
			Interview with OC, 4 th Aust Div Train (Maj Holdsworth) complains that his V.O. Capt Morgan is constantly being detailed for other duties - explain that during the movement of the Division V.O. are liable to be detached temporarily, such as entraining Vets officer & V.O. with Infy Bde group while on the line of march.	
			During these times the four train companies AASC are with their respective Bde groups & the artillery & cannot be attended to by the V.O. doing duty with the Divisional Train.	
			nominal roll of Vets officers & dates of present rank forwarded to ADVS VII Corps.	Wax ==

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HAUT ALLAINES	11/12/17	9AM	<p>Receive report from Capt Seelenmeyer V.O. 10th AFA. Byde, that N^o 662 AVC Sgt LINDSAY 39th Battery, has been evacuated sick. DDVS. AIF. informed & asked to send AVC. Sgt from Base to replace. Car commandeered by GSOI. W/O Bernard.</p> <p>Receive copy of wire Q 575 dated 10/12/17 from VII Corps Q (from DAQMS. Capt Carter) " If no actual case of Epizootic Lymphangitis has occurred at COURCELLES, battery should now be moved out into your area. AAA. addressed 4th Aust Div, repeated Cavalry Corps + VII Corps. See Capt Smart in absence of C.R.A. & Byde major & give instructions that 37th Battery can be moved to DOINGT & that stables used by wound incontact cases must be thoroughly disinfected. Wire Capt Seelenmeyer V.O. Byde to see that disinfection is carried out (K.L. 399)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Unit</th> <th>R</th> <th>LD</th> <th>LDM</th> <th>HD</th> <th>P</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Table showing animals evacuated from 4th Aust Division by 4th Aust M.V.S. on 11.12.17.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10th Aust FA Byde</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td rowspan="3">ERV 163/17 to ADVS. VII Corps, copy of table to DAQMS. VC units notified</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11th " "</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th DAC</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>5</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Unit	R	LD	LDM	HD	P	Total	Table showing animals evacuated from 4 th Aust Division by 4 th Aust M.V.S. on 11.12.17.	10 th Aust FA Byde	-	1	-	-	-	1	ERV 163/17 to ADVS. VII Corps, copy of table to DAQMS. VC units notified	11 th " "	-	2	-	-	-	2	4 th DAC	-	-	5	-	-	5	Total	-	3	5	-	-	8		
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HAUT ALLAINES	12/12/17	9AM	<p>Car used by Q branch to take officers to Avalon. Go with C.R.E. + Q learner (Mr Bartlett) to 13th Diff Bgde at Templeux-la-Fosse - inspect animals of 13th FCE. + 27th Coy AASC. - draw farmer's attention to irregularities in choosing FCE. animals. Visit Pioneer Bath at new site sheet 620 J 5 a 5-5. Major James instructed to render vet. attendance of this unit. Visit 4th FCE. animals at Mouslans, clipping nearly completed, badly done. Draw Transport Sergh attention to the fact that his animals are not being well cared for - C.R.E. makes a note of this. T. Sergh instructed to hand his clipping machines to M.V.S. for overhauling before being sent to Pioneer Bath. DDVS. AIF. asks 3rd Echelon to send NCO. from Vch Hospital Calais, to replace AVC. Sergh Lindsay.</p>	WAK.
Ditto	12/12/17	10AM	<p>Visit DAC. clipping centre at Dought, working much better, 'clippers' from 10th AFA. Bgde restarted; rich animals clipped on 12th inst. Instruct Adjutant 11th AFA. Bgde. to hand over three clipping machines to DAC. + three to 14th Coy AASC. after being overhauled by Capt. Tronson. Copies of DVS circular memo No 199 Specific ophthalmia received from ADVS VII Corps - extracts sent to all VOs + AVC. Sergh, with covering memo to VO. that during active operations paras C + D might be unobserved + animals in forward areas are difficult to replace</p>	WAK.

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HAUT ALLAINES	13/12/17	5PM	Instruct Major James OC. 4 th Aust M.V.S. to test stray mule fit for re-issue with mallein, in anticipation of DDPS sanction for absorption in division in accordance with para 2 of G.R.O. 1810.	
			Major McKenna V.O. 11 th A.F.A. Bgde instructed to examine Driver Smith 41 st Battery in shoeing + report.	
			A.I.F. order 924 alteration in establishment of div Hqrs; 3 Vch officers + 3 batmen to be shown on strength of unit to which attached.	3 WAK
Ditto	14/12/17	9AM	No car available. office routine AFA 2000 consolidated (17 cases specific ophthalmia)	
			Reports on N° 270 Tempy AVC. Sergt A.B. MUNRO attd 38 th Battery, & N° 247 Tempy AVC Sergt E. EVANS, attd 110 th Battery, received from Capt C.R. SEELENMEYER, V.O. 4 th 10 th Aust FA. Bgdes; & forwarded to DDVS AIF. with recommendation that these N.C.O.'s be given substantive rank of AVC. Sergt.	
			37 th Battery moves from sheet 62c J 25 to lines used by 39 th Battery in DOINVT I 29. notified of move verbally by Major Bates, Bgde major. Capt Seelenmeyer V.O. 4 th instructed to see that wagon lines used by 37 th Battery are thoroughly disinfected. DAQMS. informed that stray mule,	
			reported as fit for re-issue, has developed ulcerative cellulitis & been evacuated by 4 th Aust mobile Vch section.	

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HAUT ALLAINES	14/12/17	4 PM	Major James, OC 4 th AMVS. reports that only one Stewart clipping machine, 4 spare heads, + 1 spare hose, have been handed in by 4 th FCE. (1 machine & two spare heads loaned to 12 FCE.)																																																		
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ditto	15/12/17	10 AM	Car taken by Major Plant G 50 II, causes great inconvenience; late for conference at office of ADVS VII Corps - Discussion on establishment of Vety Casualty Clearing Station at Railhead of Corps - suggest Field Vety Section composed of 2 officers & 100 NCO. men, all MV Sections in Corps area to evacuate to this centre, where they could be classified, serious cases sent to Base Vety Hospital, other cases treated & returned to units.																																																		
		11 AM	Visit DAC clipping centre - machines working well, over seventy animals clipped on 14 th inst - Three machines from 11 th AFA Bgde handed over to DAC & put into work, no men to use clippers were sent. See Adjutant 11 th AFA & arrange for three men to be sent to work these machines.																																																		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAUT ALLAINES	15/12/17	11:30 AM	<p>Two clipping machines for use of 14th Coy AASC not required for that unit, handed over to DAC, making total on charge sixteen; Remaining machine from 11th AFA handed over to Corpd Trounson AVC; - broken beyond repair.</p> <p>Capt Seelenmeyer V.O. of 10th Bgde reports that clipping of his brigade will be completed by 16th inst - all Remounts recently received included.</p> <p>Receive report from Adjutant 10th AFA Bgde (Lt Burke) that wagon lines used by 37th Battery at Courcelles, from 10th to 14th inst, have been thoroughly disinfected.</p> <p>Memo from DAG AIF dated 10.12.17 re application from No 10059 Pte G. LEER 4th AMVS. for return to Australia received - regretted that application cannot be approved. Forwarded to OC 4th AMVS. to be noted by Pte Leer, & returned to</p> <p>D.A.S. 4th Aust Div</p>	WAK
Ditto	16/12/17	9AM	Routine office work. Car broken down.	WAK
Ditto	17/12/17	9AM	<p>Arrange for D.R.O.S. to be published withdrawing Stewart pattern clipping machines; to be returned to Mob. Vch Section for overhauling before being distributed in accordance with G.R.O. 1812.</p> <p>Supply of whale oil to be drawn and applied to animals legs as a preventive against necrotic Dermatitis & frostbite - To be well rubbed in twice a week</p> <p>Memos sent to V.O. & AVC. Legts to see that this work is carried out properly.</p>	

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HAUT ALLAINES	17/12/17	-	Receive sanction from DDVS. AIF to appoint, No 270 Tempy AVC. Sergt AB MUNRO att'd 38 th Battery + No 297 Tempy AVC. Sergt E. EVANS att'd 110 th Battery, Sergeants AAVC. to these units - DDVS. memos No 409 & 422 dated 16.12.17 respectively. OC 4 th Aust MVS instructed to strike these NCOs off strength of his unit + OC 10 th Aust FA Bgde notified of their appointment as AVC. Sergeants to his brigade. Arrange thro ADVS VII Corps for Vets attendance to be rendered to 12 th FCE at Sheet 57c W 2 a 1-1. (Dessart Wood)																																				
			new allotment of units to VO ^o as from 20 th inst, when 4 th Infy Bgde move to TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE to relieve 13 th Aust Infy Bgde, sent out.	WAK.																																			
Bello	18/12/17	9 AM	Office routine. Arrange with AA & QMS to publish DRO that foot coys are to be used during frosty weather (GRD 301) In walking along roads in area find they are very slippery & animals are having considerable difficulty in keeping their feet.																																				
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAUT ALLAINES	19/12/17	9AM	Office routine. Arrange with AA&QMS. to publish D.R.O. for frost coqs to be used in animals chols during severe frosts in accordance with G.R.O. 301. second occasion. Interview with Major James & Major Tackett DADOS re holding Stewart Clipping machines instead of issuing them in accordance with G.R.O. 1812, because units damage them unless used under supervision. See AA&QMS.	WAK
Ditto	20/12/17	9AM	Office routine. Walk along roads used by animals of division & watch them working - roads very slippery, several accidents, hasten use of frost coqs. Interviews with Capt Morgan & Heywood on Veterinary matters.	WAK
Ditto	21/12/17	9AM	Office routine. Instructions given to Major James regarding duties while acting DA DVS. Memo re distribution of Stewart clipping machines sent to DWHQ. Reply to memo from OC 4 th AMVS. re men transferred to AAVC. being attached to 4 th AMVS, transferred to AAVC. not to unit. Notification received from OC 14 Vch Hospital, Abbeville that animal left at Berthenecourt by 47 th Batts has been collected - DA&QMS & OC unit notified ERV 166/17 number of animals evacuated from Division thro 4 th Aust MVS. on 21/12/17 R 1; LD 7; LDM 1; total 9.	WAK

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HAUT ALLAINES.	22/12/17	A.M.	G C 4 th Aust M. V.S took over duties of DADVS during the latter's period of Leave. A/DADVS attended conference at VII Corps Hqrs. A 2000 rendered. Return of hides forwarded thro the 4 th Aust M. V.S (during active service in FRANCE) to receiving Veterinary Hospital, sem to br Hqrs 909/17. Circular memo M. 918/17 issued to all Cos of Division regarding duties of Co as entraining Officer during move of division.		
"	23/12/17		DVS Memo M 12/3792/17. Reference separate AFA 2000 to be rendered for horses and Mules, commencing 3/1/18. All Vetis officers instructed accordingly. Further DVS Memo 204 regarding "Monthly statement of animals" from Colonial Units. Instruction to render same a copy of Pro Forma forwarded to G.C. 4 th M. V.S.		
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HAUT ALLAINES	26/12/17		Office routine	
"	27/12/17		Office routine	
"	28/12/17		Divisional order No 91 received advising move of 1st Artillery to H ^t Army Area. ERV 167/17 forwarded to units concerned as follows:- 3 R. 2 LD. 11 LDM. 1 HD - Total 17 animals	
"	29/12/17		AFA 2000 for week ending 27/12/17 rendered and taken by A/DADVS to conference at Corps Hqs.	
"	30/12/17		A/A.D.V.S. accompanied Capt Suckett in Car to BAPRUME. Inspected H ^t 1st Div Artillery on march also entraining - noted room for improvement in condition of horses. Arranged evacuation of animals through 51 st Division M.V.S.	
"	31/12/17		Office routine:- Lists of Veterinary Personnel of Division forwarded to D HQ DDVS - A. I. 7 and ADVS VII Corps. 92/17 Return of evacuations from Colonial Units for Month of December, forwarded to:- ADVS VII Corps - copy to D HQ - DDVS - A. I. 7.	