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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*D.A.D.V.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Division*

FOR

*April* 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

*Edward A. James Major*

A/D. A. D. V. S. 4th. Aust. Divn.

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4TH  
AUSTRALIAN DIVN.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Date 1.4.18

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Formation	OC	R	HD	LDH	LDM	P.H.	P.M.	Total	Remarks and references to Appendices
VADENCOURT	1/4/18	-	<p>Information</p> <p>Australian units - 10 5 33 10            Canadian units - - - - -            New Zealand - - - - -            Sth African "as Appendix I - - - - -</p> <p><i>This return has since been found to be incorrect. Correct return is now shown as Appendix I.</i></p> <p>Totals - 10 5 33 10 - - 58.</p>									<p>Return of animals evacuated from Colonial units to L of C by 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.V.S. for month of March 1918.</p> <p>Sent to ADVS. VII Corps (Gold Conder) copy to ADVS. Aust Corps.</p>
BEAUCOURT	2.4.18	-	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Aust. F.C.E. had two LD + I.R. animals killed by shellfire.</p> <p>9 AM. 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div Hqs moved from BAIZIEUX to BEAUCOURT. (A ECHELON). "B" ECHELON moved from VADENCOURT to BEAUCOURT.</p>									WAK.
Doitto	3.4.18	6:30 AM	<p>Inspected &amp; took over 16 LDM. at PUCHVILLERS RAIL HEAD for 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Infy Bgde - a fair lot. One small mule only fit for pack work. These animals were sent up by rail from No 3 Base Remount Depot.</p>									WAK.
Doitto	4.4.18	9 AM.	<p>Went to MERRIS &amp; METEREN to collect clerk (Pte Evans) &amp; office gear which was dumped when Division moved South.</p>									WAK.
Doitto	5/4/18	7 AM.	<p>Inspected, took over &amp; distributed 44 Remounts, from No 2 Base Remount Depot, to units of 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Division. These animals were sent up by rail to PUCHVILLERS. One H.D. suffering from Stenohalt; two R<sup>s</sup> lame; one LD suffering from Specific Ophthalmia.</p>									WAK.

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Capt CR. Seelenmeyer AAVC & AVC Sergt T. Holding returned from leave

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 4TH  
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 No. 2  
 Date 5/4/18.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information						Remarks and references to Appendices	
BEAUCOURT	5/4/18	-	Unit	R	LD	LDM	HD	P	Total	<p>Table showing Remounts received at Puchvillers from No 2 Base Remount Depot 4.4.18 &amp; distributed to units of 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Division.</p> <p>A.F.O. 1640 sent to D.A.Q.M.S. also copy of table.</p> <p>WAK.</p>
			4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. D.H.Q.	2	-	-	-	-	2	
			4 <sup>th</sup> " Infy Bgde	6	2	-	4	1	13	
			12 <sup>th</sup> " Infy Bgde	-	2	-	1	-	3	
			13 <sup>th</sup> " Infy Bgde	-	3	-	1	-	4	
			24 <sup>th</sup> " M.G. Coy.	1	-	-	-	-	1	
			4 <sup>th</sup> " Pioneer Bn	-	1	-	-	-	1	
			4 <sup>th</sup> " Div Artillery	4	-	-	-	-	4	
			4 <sup>th</sup> " Div Train	1	-	-	9	-	10	
			Field Ambulances	-	-	-	2	-	2	
			4 <sup>th</sup> " M.V.S.	2	-	-	-	-	2	
			4 <sup>th</sup> " M. Gun. Bn	2	-	-	-	-	2	
			Totals	18	8	-	17	1	44	
ditto	6/4/18	-	<p>Two L.D. mules found straying by 26<sup>th</sup> A.A.S.C. examined, &amp; re-issued to 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion 12<sup>th</sup> Aust. Infy Bgde. Two H.D. stray animals collected by 4<sup>th</sup> Aust M.V.S. re-issued to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Pioneer Bn.</p> <p>A.F.A. 2000 consolidated for two weeks (21.3.18 to 4.4.18) &amp; sent to ADVS, VII Corps by D.R.L.S.</p> <p>WAK.</p>							
ditto	7/4/18	-	<p>Inspect some animals of Div Artillery at BAKLINCOURT. VII Corps left MONTIGNY. Aust. Corps take over. List of A.A.V.C. personnel forwarded to ADVS VII Corps; copies to D.P.V.S. AIF &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Hqrs.</p> <p>WAK.</p>							Appendix No II
ditto	8/4/18	-	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Hqrs moved to ALLONVILLE, &amp; come under IV Army.</p> <p>WAK.</p>							

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4 <sup>TH</sup>
AUSTRALIAN DIVN.
No 3
Date 9-4-18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	9-4-18		Advised ADVS Aust. Corps. + DADVS all Aust. Divs. Map locations of 4 <sup>th</sup> A.M.V.S. and D.A.D.V.S.	
"	10-4-18		Rendered Veterinary attention to D.H.Q. Two animals with lacerated wounds dressed. Office routine.	
"	11-4-18		Instructed O.C. 4 <sup>th</sup> A.M.V.S. to arrange for three mounted men to report at V.E.S. and conduct horses to ABBEVILLE by road. Mare with lacerated wound inside N/knee (Capt. Kemmis) sent to 4 <sup>th</sup> A.M.V.S. for treatment.	
"	12-4-18		Lt. Col. W. A. Kendall examined by DADMS Rendered weekly A.F. A 2000	
"	13/4-18		O.C. 4 <sup>th</sup> A.M.V.S. sent for and informed that he was to take over the duties of DADVS during absence of Lt. Col. W. A. Kendall.	
"	14-4-18		A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. informed that Major E.S. JAMES will carry out the duties of D.A.D.V.S. and Capt. R.H. HEYWOOD be in charge of 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. M.V.S. during the absence of Lt. Col. W. A. Kendall. Div. Hqrs. + D.D.V.S. A.I.F. similarly informed. Lt. Col. W. A. Kendall evacuated to C.C.S. Major E.S. James took over duties of D.A.D.V.S. Visited D.H.Q. + D.I.V. Sig. Co. horses one R from Div. Sig Co. evacuated Amara	

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D.A.D.V.S.,
4TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVN.
No. 4
Date 15-4-18.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	15-4-18		<p>Visited M.V.S. and instructed Capt. R. H. Heywood re evacuations to Corps. V.E.S.</p> <p>Interviewed A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. at Glincourt Chateau re evacuations by road + float.</p> <p>Visited + rendered veterinary attention to D.H.Q. Div. Sig. Co. 4<sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Hld. Amb. 13<sup>th</sup> Hld Co. a case of chronic colic evacuated from 4<sup>th</sup> Hld. Amb.</p>	
	16-4-18		<p>Copy of Div. Remount Demand recd.</p> <p>Corrected Div. Sig. Co Remount demand.</p> <p>Circulars to all V.O.s re: - Nos 15. 16. Mule shoes; Specific Ophthalmia; Suspension of the use of Anti-Tetanic serum; Gun shot + Bomb wounds to be shown separately on A.F. A. 2000.</p>	
	17-4-18		<p>Visited + inspected animals at M.V.S.</p> <p>Inspected 11<sup>th</sup> A.F. A. Bde. Majority of the animals in fair condition, a certain number of poor animals in each battery, some of which will have to be evacuated.</p> <p>A number of horses + mules are suffering from harness galls of neck and withers, due to standing to at forward wagon lines with all their harness on.</p> <p>Majr. C.T. McKenna informs me that everything possible is being done to prevent this trouble becoming serious, animals changed frequently etc.</p> <p>Standings very good. Officers on stable parades; stable management good.</p> <p>Visited D.H.Q. Div. Sig. Co and 13<sup>th</sup> Hld Co horses.</p> <p>Visited 13<sup>th</sup> L.H. Troop attached to the Division, sent two horses with ophthalmia to M.V.S. for lugol injection.</p>	

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Date 18-4-18.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	18-4-18		<p>Visited M.V.S. and inspected lines. Discussed M.V.S. work + method of evacuating animals with Capt. Heywood.</p> <p>Visited 4<sup>th</sup> Hld. Amb. and advised treatment of an animal with fractured jaw, decided not to evacuate.</p>	
"	19-4-18		<p>Capt. Heywood + Sgt. Holding brought in their returns. Arranged various indents for veterinary stores for 13<sup>th</sup> Bde. group.</p> <p>Visited D.H.Q. Div. Sig. Co. 13<sup>th</sup> Hld. Co. and 313 Labour Co. horses + rendered veterinary attention.</p> <p>Sgt. Williams reports 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Bns + 4<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co up to strength.</p> <p>2 Shays issued: - 1 R to Div Sig. Co. 1 L.D. to 15<sup>th</sup> Bn.</p>	
"	20-4-18	Morning	<p>Attended Corps conference of D.A.D.V.S. Handed in A.F. A 2000.</p> <p>Visited 4<sup>th</sup> Hld. Amb. D.H.Q. Div. Sig. Co. 4<sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn. 13<sup>th</sup> Hld. Co. 13<sup>th</sup> Hld. Co. had one mule killed by Bombs in the early morning. 4<sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn. two wounded at same time as 13<sup>th</sup> Hld. Co.</p> <p>Visited 4<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. at COIGNEUX. Animals in good condition but the grooming is not satisfactory.</p> <p>No 179 Sgt. ADAMS reported.</p>	
"	21-4-18	Afternoon	<p>No 179 Sgt. ADAMS. H. reported for duty as Sgt. A.A.V.C. with 4<sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn.</p> <p>Inspected 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. A. Bde. Most of the animals are in good condition and are being well looked after. There are a certain number of debility cases amongst these animals but these are animals that have always given a lot of trouble to keep in condition. Noticed a good number of harness galls, this trouble is now decreasing.</p>	

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4TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVN.
No. 6
Date 21-4-18.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	21-4-18		Inspected 1 <sup>st</sup> Section 4 <sup>th</sup> D.A.C. All the Mules with the exception of one sub section looking well & in good condition. Ordered the evacuation of three debility cases.	Weekly Report Appen. 8.
	22-4-18		Office routine: V.D.S. informed, to wire any abnormal casualties amongst animals. To vacuate bad Ophthalmia cases. Vide instructions from D.D.V.S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army. O.C. 4 <sup>th</sup> A.M.V.S. advised to show date on evacuation roll when French animals taken over.	
	23-4-18		Visited 4 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. Inspected all the animals and spoke to the Transport Officers. Animals looking well, the grooming has improved but more time should be spent on the legs. 14 <sup>th</sup> Bn grooming very good & mules looking very well. One case of Poll evil to be evacuated as soon as the Bde rejoins the Division. Visited M.V.S. on return journey. Attended Colic case at 4 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn.	
	24-4-18	9.30pm	Visited D.H.Q. 4 <sup>th</sup> Div. Sig. Co. 4 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn (Colic case better) 4 <sup>th</sup> Hld. Amnt. 13 <sup>th</sup> Hld. Co. (Afternoon) Visited 4 <sup>th</sup> A.M.V.S. and gave special instructions re. making out return of animals evacuated from Colonial units for MARCH & subsequently.	Appendix I
	25-4-18		Drew 34 L.D. Horses from 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Hld. Remount section Picquigny. Distribution: - 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde 4. 12 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde 7. 13 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde 3. 4 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn 2. 4 <sup>th</sup> Pioneer Bn 8. 4 <sup>th</sup> Div. Sig. Co. 3. 4 <sup>th</sup> F.C.E. 6. A.D.M.S. I a good lot of animals	

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Date 26-4-18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	26-4-18		<p>Held Conference of V.O's.</p> <p>Discussed the following questions: (1) Labels to be properly made out and sent with all animals evacuated. (2) No ill effects observed from eating oil cake vide wire from A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps. 738 C.V. of 25-4-18. (3) Wire when casualties amongst animals are severe. (4) Evacuation slips A.F. W3732 to be sent to M.V.S. in duplicate. (5) The evacuation of Specific Ophthalmia cases. (6) The fitting of Mule shoes sizes Nos 15 &amp; 16. (7) scheme for salvaging fat from the carcasses of horses &amp; mules battle casualties. (8) Isolating, reclassing &amp; issuing of Remounts drawn. (9) Great need to watch for Epizootic Lymphangitis amongst French Army horses &amp; mules.</p>	
	27-4-18		<p>Took weekly returns to Corps &amp; interviewed A.D.V.S.</p> <p>Weekly report see Appendix 9.</p> <p>Two men from <del>V.E.S.</del> 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. M.V.S. detached for duty with Corps V.E.S.</p>	
	28-4-18		<p>Inspected 12<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. Animals looking very well, in splendid condition grooming &amp; stable management very good.</p> <p>Another man detached from 4<sup>th</sup> A.M.V.S. to Corps. V.E.S. making a total of Three men at the Corps V.E.S.</p>	

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4 <sup>TH</sup>
AUSTRALIAN DIVN.
8
Date 29-4-18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	29.4.18		<p>Visited 175<sup>A</sup>, 44<sup>A</sup>, 715<sup>A</sup>, 15<sup>B</sup> Labour Coys.</p> <p>Visited D.D.V.S. A.I.F. Reported Capt. C.N. Seelenmeyer's loss of kit and Veterinary equipment. Enquired about reinforcement Officer.</p> <p>Visited 13<sup>B</sup> Fld. Amb. one horse sent to M.V.S. for lujol injection</p>	
	30.4.18		<p>Visited 5<sup>A</sup> A.M.V.S. an arranged for evacuation of animals through 5<sup>B</sup> A.M.V.S. until 4<sup>A</sup> A.M.V.S. moved from its present location.</p> <p>Visited Capt. Morgan + instructed him re evacuation of animals from Inf. Bdes. through 5<sup>B</sup> A.M.V.S.</p> <p>Inspected 26<sup>B</sup> Coy. A.A.S.C. animals looking very well.</p>	

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# WAR DIARY

OF

D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

FOR

APRIL

1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject.   |
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| 3.  | Quarterly Return of Hides sent to L. of C. by 4th Aust. M.V.S.-1st January 1918 to 31st March 1918.                  |
| 4.  | Wastage (Animal) Report for week ending 11-4-18.   |
| 5.  | Statement of amounts received on account of animals Died and Destroyed during four (4) weeks ending 11th April 1918. |
| 6.  | Copy of letter to 4th Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters re loss of Capt. Seelenmeyer's Kit and Veterinary equipment. |
| 7.  | Wastage (Animal) Report for week ending 18-4-18.   |
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| 11. | Table of Animals evacuated from 4th Aust. Division by various Mobile Sections from 27-3-18 to 30-4-18.               |

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RETURN OF ANIMALS OF COLONIAL UNITS EVACUATED TO L. of C.

by

4th AUSTRALIAN MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION

during Month of MARCH, 1918.

FORMATION	O.C.	R.	H.D.	LDH.	LDM.	P.H.	P.M.	Total.
Australian Units	-	8	6	28	8	-	-	50
Canadian "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
sth. African "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	8	6	28	8	-	-	50

*Edward J. James*

Major.  
A/D.A.D.V.S. 4th AUST. DIVISION.



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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION VETERINARY PERSONNEL.

APPENDIX 2 11

Major C.T. McKenna,	A.A.V.C.	V.O.	I/c.	11th Aust. F.A. Bde.
" E.S. James	"	O.C.		4th Aust. Mobile Vetny. Secn.
Capt. C.R. Seelenmeyer	"	V.O.	I/c	10th Aust. F.A. Bde.
" R.H. Heywood	"	V.O.	I/c	13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
" W.S.T. Morgan	"	V.O.	E/c	4th Aust. Div. Train.

No. 546	A.V.C.	Sergt.	V.V. Williams,	attd.	4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
" 779	"	"	A.W. Shoebridge	" 12th	" " "
" 213	"	"	T. Holding	" 13th	" " "
" 689	"	"	G. Brady	" 37th Batty.	10th A.F.A. Bde.
" 270	"	"	A.B. Munro	" 38th	" " " "
" 117	"	"	R.A. Paulson	" 39th	" " " "
" 247	"	"	E. Evans	" 110th	" " " "
" 204	"	"	D. Vaughan	" 41st	" 11th " "
" 690	"	"	W.J. Mann	" 42nd	" " " "
" 300	"	"	W. Cormack	" 43rd	" " " "
" 271	"	"	W.E. Parker	" 111th	" " " "
" 273	"	"	H. Vivian	" No. 1 Sec.	4th Aust. D.A.C.
" 193	"	"	C.A. Morphett	" " 2	" " " "
" 207	"	"	R. Jensen	" " 3	" " " "

4th Aust. Mobile Vetny. Section (Major E.S. James, O.C.).

No. 299	S/Sgt.	A. Owens		
" 252	Sgt.	W. Fawcett		
" 672	"	C.D. Brown		
" 572	Cpl.	C. Kelly.		
" 457	Cpl.	E.T. Trounson		
" 797	Dvr.	F.E. Dodds	No. 1207	Pte. Claydon S. A.A.V.C.
" 259	"	H.L.D. Marchant.	" 4132	" Edwards A.A.V.C.
" 2474	S/Smith	H. Stephenson.	" 1979	" McInnes J.R. 4th Pion. Bn
" 557	Pte.	G. Austin.	" 4193	" Owen F. 4th F.C.E.
" 796	"	W.G. Cooper.		
" 310	"	G.H. Gill.		
" 7072	"	S. Gray.		
" 251	"	F.C. Harper.		
" 559	"	A.W. Kelly.		
" 10059	"	G.A. Leer.		
" 461	"	T.L. Levick.		
" 573	"	D. McSwain.		
" 33171	"	G. Madden.		
" 33172	"	J.C. Madden.		
" 691	"	J.O'Brien.		
" 239	"	T. Ridgwell.		
" 537	"	N.J. Rutherford.		
" 574	"	C. Sly.		
" 1409	"	G.N. Turner	- Reported from A.V.H. 22-3-18.	
" 960	"	J.B. Ure	- Reported from A.V.H. 22-3-18.	
" 4234	"	E. Tunbridge.		
" 404	"	R. Vanderzee.		
" 277	"	J.E. Walsh.		
" 447	Cpl.	G.S. Shaw	(attached pending absorption)	

TEMPORARY ATTACHED.

III Army, VII Corps; SOMME Area.

*W. Kendall* Lt. Colonel.  
 D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Div. Hqrs.  
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APPENDIX 3<sup>12</sup>

QUARTERLY RETURN OF HIDES SENT TO L. OF C. BY THE 4th Aust. MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION - 1-1-18 to 31-3-18.

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Date	UNIT.	HIDES		How disposed of	Date of Disposal.
		Horse	Mule		
1918.					
5th January.	4th Pioneer Bn.	1	-	To No. 7 Vetny. Hosp.	8-1-18
19th "	4th F.C.E.	1	-	X Corps V.C.C.S.	24-1-18
23rd "	52nd Bn. 13th A.I.B.	1	-	X " "	24-1-18
31st "	14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	1	-	XXII " "	7-2-18
2nd February	42nd Batty. 11th				
	A.F.A.Bde.	1	-	" " "	7-2-18
2nd "	Artillery H.Q.	1	-	" " "	7-2-18
12th "	42nd Batty. 11th				
	A.F.A.Bde.	1	-	" " "	13-2-18
14th "	C/242 Army F.A.				
	Bde. B.E.F.	1	-	" " "	20-3-18
15th "	No. 2 Sec. 4th D.A.C.	-	1	" " "	20-3-18
18th "	136th H.B. R.G.A.	1	-	" " "	20-3-18.
19th "	14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	1	-	" " "	20-3-18
21st "	42nd Batty. 11th				
	A.F.A.Bde.	1	-	" " "	26-3-18
22nd "	No. 4 Sec 4th D.A.C	-	1	" " "	26-3-18.
22nd "	140th H.B. R.G.A.	1	-	" " "	26-3-18
27th "	No 3 Sec 4th D.A.C.	-	1	" " "	28-3-18
27th "	140th H.B. R.G.A.	1	-	" " "	28-3-18
1st March	1st Aust. M.V.S.	2	-	No. 23 Vetny. Hosp.	5-3-18
11th "	51st Bn 13th A.I.B	2	-	" " "	12-3-18
15th "	No 2 Sec 1st D.A.C.	1	-	" " "	22-3-18
15th "	14th Bn. 4th A.I.B.	1	-	" " "	22-3-18
15th "	301st Rd. Constren.				
	Coy. R.E. B.E.F.	1	-	" " "	22-3-18
20th "	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	1	-	" " "	22-3-18
23rd "	30th Batty, 8th				
	E.A.B. 3rd Aust Div	1	-	2nd Aust. M.V.S.	24-3-18
28th "	189th Bde. A.F.A.				
	B.E.F.	-	1	VII Corps V.C.C.S.	31-3-18
31st "	39th Batty. 10th				
	A.F.A.Bde.	1	-	" " "	31-3-18
31st "	13th M.G.Coy.	1	-	On Hand.	
TOTALS		24	4		

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Hqrs. 7-4-18.



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WASTAGE IN HORSES DURING WEEK ENDING 11-4-18.

FORMATION.	W A S T A G E.					Preventable Cases and Principal Diseases.					
	Number of Animals on Strength.	Killed and Destroyed.	Died.	Evacuated.	TOTAL.	Debility.	Colic.	Mange.	Cracked Heels.	Picked up Nail.	Kicks.
<u>ARMY TROOPS</u>	549	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
<u>III CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	5685	119	3	119	241	40	11	-	1	7	1
5th Aust. Div.	2409	7	2	1	10	-	8	-	-	3	-
14th Div. Arty.	1110	40	1	16	57	-	1	-	-	2	-
18th Divn.	2553	4	-	25	29	6	-	-	-	-	-
58th "	2593	4	1	21	26	1	1	9	-	5	-
<u>AUST. CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	5775	36	2	63	101	23	10	-	2	13	2
2nd Aust. Div.	2951	10	3	5	18	4	8	8	1	7	-
3rd " "	2880	11	2	11	24	1	1	-	2	-	-
4th " "	2527	44	1	42	87	2	3	1	-	7	-
8th Divn.	2608	27	2	29	58	3	1	1	-	2	-
<u>XVIII CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	3044	119	3	20	142	23	4	2	-	5	2
20th Divn.	2901	16	2	12	30	1	-	-	-	1	-
24th "	2587	25	1	34	60	12	2	-	-	2	1
66th "	1237	-	-	7	7	1	-	-	-	-	1
<u>XIX CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops.	925	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	3	-
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>42,334</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9</b>



WASTAGE IN MULES DURING WEEK ENDING 11-4-18.

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FORMATION.	W A S T A G E.					Preventable Cases and Principal Diseases.					
	Number of Animals on Strength.	Killed and Destroyed.	Died.	Evacuated.	TOTAL:	Debility.	Colic.	Mange.	Cracked Heels.	Picked up Nail.	Kicks.
<u>ARMY TROOPS</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>III CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	1399	1	1	14	16	3	-	-	-	1	3
5th Aus. Div.	1415	1	1	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
14th Div. Arty	111	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
18th " "	1210	2	-	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
58th " "	1176	5	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>AUST. CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	1195	10	-	2	12	-	-	-	-	5	-
2nd Aus. Div.	1013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd " "	1028	5	-	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th " "	1263	13	-	10	23	2	-	-	-	2	-
8th Div.	876	11	-	1	12	-	-	-	-	4	-
<u>XVIII CORPS</u>											
Corps Troops	977	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
20th Divn.	818	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
24th " "	1059	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
66th " "	218	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
<u>XIX CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	825	-	2	2	4	-	1	-	-	1	-
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>14,583</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>





Statement of Amounts received  
on a/c Animals died and des-  
troyed during four weeks ending  
11th April, 1918, inclusive.

FOURTH ARMY.

4th Aust. Division.

No. of animals	Authy. of disposal.	How disposed of.	Amount recd.	Reference as to receipt of the money by Field Cashier.
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Statement "A" "Died".

64	V.O.	Buried	-	-
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Statement "B" "Destroyed fit for food"

4	V.O.	Buried.	-	-
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Statement "C" "Destroyed unfit for food."

43	V.O.	Buried.	-	-
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*W. Kendall* Lt. Colonel.  
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4th Aust. Div Artillery  
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The attached correspondence is passed to you please.

As Capt. Seelenmeyer is attached to the 10th Brigade Headquarters, as laid down in WE Part VII, provision is made for his kit &c. to be taken by that Unit each time a move takes place, and in future this must be provided for.

Will you please call the attention of the O.C., 10th A.F.A. Brigade to G.R.O. 3764 of 7-4-18 "Transport of Veterinary Equipment whether on Unit or personal charge will remain as at present provided for".

It has caused considerable inconvenience and probable loss of valuable animals owing to the absence of the requisite veterinary equipment to enable the V.O. to carry out his duties effectively.

Every effort should be made to obtain Capt. Seelenmeyer's kit and Veterinary equipment immediately.

(Signed) W. A. KENDALL. Lt. Col.  
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Div. Hqrs.  
14-4-18.



WASTAGE IN HORSES DURING WEEK ENDING 18-4-18.

FORMATION.	W A S T A G E.					Preventable Cases and Principal Diseases.					
	Number of Animals on Strength.	Killed and Destroyed.	Died.	Evacuated.	T O T A L.	Debility.	Colic.	Mange.	Cracked Heels.	Picked up Nail.	Kicks.
<u>ARMY TROOPS.</u>	509	-	-	3	3	1	-	1	-	1	-
<u>AUSTRALIAN CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	6746	10	2	80	92	39	13	5	2	20	5
2nd Aust. Divn.	2922	15	1	13	29	2	2	4	-	5	8
3rd " "	2930	2	2	12	16	3	5	-	1	-	-
4th " "	2506	12	-	7	19	2	7	-	-	6	5
<u>III CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	3852	19	2	35	56	14	5	1	1	9	9
5th Aust. Divn.	2455	4	-	6	10	-	2	-	-	2	2
14th Div. Arty.	1411	-	1	2	3	-	3	-	-	3	-
18th Division	2696	4	-	53	57	12	-	3	-	4	9
20th Div. Arty.	1453	3	4	10	17	-	1	-	-	1	-
58th Division	2502	15	2	17	34	14	1	11	2	6	1
61st Div. Arty.	1370	7	-	4	11	2	-	-	-	3	-
8th Division	2578	12	-	18	30	2	2	-	-	1	6
<u>XIX CORPS</u>											
Corps Troops	6925	9	3	283	295	116	9	10	-	11	29
66th Div. (less Artly. etc.)	1238	-	1	9	10	5	1	-	-	1	-
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>427093</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>

Battle casualties amounting to 194, of which 44 were killed and 42 destroyed, are included in the Wastage shown above.



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WASTAGE IN MULES DURING WEEK ENDING 18-4-18.

FORMATION.	W A S T A G E.					Preventable Cases and Principal Diseases.					
	Number of Animals on Strength.	Killed and Destroyed.	Died.	Evacuated.	T O T A L.	Debility.	Colic.	Mange.	Cracked Heels.	Picked up Nail.	Kicks.
<u>ARMY TROOPS.</u>	197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
<u>AUST. CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops	1399	1	-	4	5	2	-	-	4	-	-
2nd Aust. Div.	1001	7	-	5	12	-	-	-	-	1	3
3rd " "	1030	2	-	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th " "	1259	2	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	2	3
<u>III CORPS.</u>											
Corps Troops.	886	4	-	8	12	2	-	-	-	1	-
5th Aust. Div.	1414	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
14th Div. Arty.	322	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
18th Division	1301	-	-	15	15	3	-	-	-	2	3
20th Div. Arty.	246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58th Division	1202	7	-	1	8	-	-	-	-	2	-
8th Division	874	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	1
61st Div. Arty.	575	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	-
<u>XIX CORPS</u>											
Corps Troops	1529	1	-	20	21	4	-	-	-	1	12
66th Division.	306	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>13,541</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>

Battle casualties amounting to 45, of which 16 were killed and 6 destroyed, are included in the Wastage shown above.



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 WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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During week ending 19th April, 1918, veterinary attention was rendered to animals of Divisional Headquarters, Div. Sig. Coy., 4th Field Ambulance, 4th Machine Gun Battalion, and 13th Field Company Engineers.

11th A.F.A. Brigade.

A number of animals in this Brigade are suffering from Harness Galls in the form of pustules about the neck and withers. This is mostly due to the animals having to remain for long periods without removing the harness. On the animals being rested these lesions heal rapidly. Steps are being taken to reduce these cases to a minimum. A large proportion of these animals are only in fair condition, which is only to be expected whilst they are working at present pressure. Stable management good, standings very good, and with warmer weather an improvement may be expected.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

DEBILITY. Eight fresh cases admitted - One evacuated.

DIGESTIVE. Seven cases of Colic were admitted, and of these one case was evacuated.

EYE DISEASES. Fourteen cases admitted - Two evacuated.

SPECIFIC DISEASES. Two horses developed Ulcerative Cellulitis and were evacuated.

P.U.N. Eight cases admitted, all of which are still under treatment.

MANGE. It is most satisfactory to note that there are no cases of Mange under treatment in the Division.

HARNESS GALL. Total 33 cases.- 14 horses and 19 mules, all of which occurred amongst the Artillery Brigades.

DIED and DESTROYED. Twelve horses and two mules, the effects of Gunshot Wounds.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. Visited the Mobile Veterinary Section three times during the week. Arranged evacuation of sick animals by road to Abbeville, and float cases through Aust. Corps V.E.S.

WORKING OF A.V.C. PERSONNEL. Satisfactory.

CONDITION OF ANIMALS. Majority good.

*Edward J. James* Major for Lt. Colonel.  
 D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Div. Hqrs.  
 20-4-18.

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WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

During week ending 25th April, 1918, Veterinary attention was rendered to D.H.Q., Div. Sig. Coy., 4th Field Ambulance, 4th Machine Gun Battalion, 13th Field Coy. Engineers, and 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

10th A.F.A. Brigade.

The animals of this Brigade were inspected on 21-4-18. A certain number of animals in each Battery are in low condition. These are mostly those which have always given a great deal of trouble to keep in good condition, and it is probable that some of them will have to be evacuated. The rest of the animals are looking very well and being well cared for.

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

The animals of this Brigade were inspected on 20th and 23rd instnat. On the 23rd I was able to see all the animals during, and shortly after, midday stables. Animals looking very well, none poor, and the majority in really first class condition. Grooming improved since last visit, but still room for more improvement. The 14th Battalion animals looking particularly well, mules especially so, grooming very good.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

DEBILITY. Four fresh cases, of which three were evacuated.

DIGESTIVE. Three cases of colic cured on the Unit lines.

EYE DISEASES. Twentyone fresh cases - one evacuated, twentyfive remaining under treatment.

P.U.N. Six fresh cases.

MANGE. Two cases of suspected mange reported from 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

HARNESS GALL. Nine fresh cases admitted, which is a considerable decrease compared with the figures of last week.

DIED AND DESTROYED. Seven horses and three mules died, eight of which were from the effects of wounds.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION Visited Mobile Veterinary Section three times during the week. Attended Conference at Office of A.D.V.S., Australian Corps, on 20th instant. Held Conference of Veterinary Officers at which a number of various important matters were discussed.

WORKING OF A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL. Satisfactory.

CONDITION OF ANIMALS. Very satisfactory.

REMOUNTS. Thirty four L.D. horses were drawn at picquigny on the on the 25th instant. A good lot of animals.

*Edward P. James*

Major for Lt. Colonel.  
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Hqrs. 26-4-18.

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TABLE OF ANIMALS EVACUATED FROM 4th AUST. DIVISION  
 by 4th AUST. MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION from 24-3-18 to 30-4-18.

UNIT.	R.	LD.	LDM.	HD.	P.	TOTALS.
10th Aust. F.A.Bgde.	5	26	2	-	-	33
11th " " "	4	19	7	1	-	31
4th Aust. D.A.C.	-	2	6	-	-	8
12th " Inf. Bde.	2	3	5	-	-	10
13th " " "	-	3	1	-	-	4
4th Field Coy. Engrs.	1	1	1	-	-	3
12th " " "	-	-	1	-	-	1
13th " " "	1	-	1	-	-	2
4th Field Ambulance	-	1	-	1	-	2
12th " " "	-	1	-	-	-	1
13th " " "	-	1	-	-	-	1
4th Pioneer Battn.	-	1	1	-	-	2
4th Machine Gun Battn.	-	1	-	1	-	2
4th Div. Headquarters	1	-	-	-	-	1
4th Div. Sig. Coy.	3	-	-	-	-	3
14th A.A.S.C. Coy.	-	-	-	1	-	1
27th " " "	1	-	-	1	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107</b>

*Edward D. James*

Major.  
 A/D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Div. Hqrs.  
 1-5-18.



TABLE OF ANIMALS EVACUATED FROM 4th AUST. DIVISION  
 by VARIOUS MOBILE SECTIONS from 27-3-18 to 30-4-18.

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UNIT.	R.	LD.	LDM.	HD.	Total	By whom evacuated.
4th Aust. D.A.C.	-	-	1	-	1	XXII Corps V.C.C.S.
4th " "	-	-	1	-	1	1/1 N.M. M.V.S.
13th " Inf. Bde.	-	-	-	1	1	2nd Canadian M.V.S.
10th " F.A. "	1	3	-	-	4	1st Aust. M.V.S.
11th " " "	-	1	1	-	2	" " "
4th " D.A.C.	-	1	1	-	2	" " "
13th " Inf. Bde.	-	-	1	-	1	" " "
4th " Pioneers	-	1	-	-	1	" " "
14th A.A.S.C. Coy.	-	-	-	2	2	" " "
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	2	-	-	-	2	2/1st (W.R.) M.V.S. )
7th A.A.S.C. Coy.	-	-	-	1	1	62nd Division )
4th Div. Sig. Coy.	-	1	-	-	1	XI Division, B.E.F.
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	

Div. Hqrs.  
 1-5-18.

Major.  
 A/D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

