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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*D. A. D. V. S. 4<sup>TH</sup> Australian Division.*

FOR

*December 1918.*

Signature of Officer compiling

*Edward P. James, Major.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

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



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Sains	1918 1/12/18.		<p>D.A.D.V.S. spent most of the day on office routine. The table hereunder is representative of the animal wastage for month of November.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Horses.</u></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Mules.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Evacuated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">81</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Evacuated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Died</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>86</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>1 Mule evacuated by 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S.</p> <p>2 Visited M.V.S. &amp; signed returns etc. Visited 4<sup>th</sup> M.G. Bn. inspected 2 cases of mange and one of lice, gave instructions for <del>isolated</del> affected animals to be isolated and clipped. I.R. &amp; I.L.D.H. evacuated by 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S.</p> <p>3 Inspected, with Capt. Morgan, the 12<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. consisting of 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, and 48<sup>th</sup> Battalions, 12<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, and part of 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. Congrs. Animals are in a satisfactory condition. visited M.V.S. &amp; attended to usual routine.</p> <p>4 visited 13<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. and inspected 13<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, 13<sup>th</sup> Field Coy., 49<sup>th</sup> &amp; 51<sup>st</sup> Battalions. A number of chronic cases were evacuated in view of the coming march, as the animals were</p>		<u>Horses.</u>		<u>Mules.</u>	Evacuated	81	Evacuated	23.	Died	5				<u>86</u>			
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Sains	1918 4/12/18		<p>not considered to be in a satisfactory condition for a long trek. The following animals were evacuated by 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S. Division 3 L.D.H., 2 H.D. other formations 1 L.D.H. (Stray).</p> <p>5. Proceeded to Vaux Audigny to draw Remounts, and found that Remount Train would probably be 24 hours late. The officer in charge of conducting party, was, therefore, instructed to obtain billets and rations for men and await arrival of train. Returned to 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S. signed returns and inspected animals for evacuation. 1 Ride and 3 L.D.H. evacuated.</p> <p>6. visited 14<sup>th</sup> Coy A.S.C. and arranged with O.C. that M.V.S. would travel with them on move, and that O.C. would billet them on arrival at destination.</p> <p>visited 13<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. and inspected 13<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. Engis. The animals of the Engineers are in fairly good condition, but could do with more grooming, one animal evacuated with debility.</p> <p>visited M.V.S. signed returns etc. Inspected 4<sup>th</sup> Div. Sig. Coy.; most animals are in a very satisfactory condition.</p> <p>The following animals were evacuated by 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S. - Division 3 R. 5 L.D.H. and 1 Mule. other formations 1 L.D.H.</p>	

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Sains	1918 7/12/18		<p>visited ADVS. Aust. Corps and VES. Generally superintended administration of M.V.S. I.R. 2 LDH. &amp; Mule evacuated by 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S. belonging to 4<sup>th</sup> Division, and I.R. 4 LDH. &amp; Mule of other formations.</p> <p>8 general Routine at M.V.S. Instructed V.Os and Sergeants A.A.V.C re Brood Mares. Animals evacuated by 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S. - other formations II. LDH. and I.P.</p> <p>9 visited M.V.S. signed returns and inspected patients.</p> <p>visited ADVS. Australian Corps and discussed the following points:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Malleiming of horses of 104<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A.</li> <li>2. Leave for Vety. officers of 75 days to United Kingdom in lieu of Australia.</li> <li>3. Promotion of Sqts. A.A.V.C.</li> <li>4. Reinforcements for M.V.S.</li> <li>5. Animals useless to the Army for use of civilians in the area.</li> </ol> <p>Some horses of 104<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A. had been stabled in old German stables, which had contained cases of glanders. It was decided that after the move had been completed and <sup>units</sup> settled down in the new area, all these horses would be malleimed. In the meantime they are all being kept isolated.</p> <p>It was proposed that another officer be obtained to bring the division up to strength in vety. officers, and so <del>enable</del> <sup>release</sup> officers who are due for 1914 leave. <sup>to give</sup></p> <p>It was proposed to <sup>give</sup> men acting as vety. Sqts. vice Sqts evacuated sick or on leave to Australia the rank and pay of Sgt. A.A.V.C.</p>	<p>appendix No. 7.</p>

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Sains	9/12/18.		<p>It was also suggested that authority be obtained to transfer men from units within the Division to M.V.S. to complete establishment should specially suitable men be available, or should the Base be unable to despatch the necessary reinforcements.</p> <p>No authority could be obtained for selling animals <del>that</del> except those for destruction for Veterinary reasons, to civilians.</p> <p><u>Clipping</u>:— In view of instructions from Corps and the estimated large amount of work that horses will be called upon to do in the near future it was proposed to Division that clipping take place according to appendix No. 8 attached.</p> <p>Division have, however, ruled that riding horses can be whole clipped if good stabling and rugs are available. It is considered that whole clipping riding horses will do a considerable amount of harm should these animals be exposed to the cold before the Spring weather sets in.</p>	Appendix No. 8.
	10.		Inspected animals at M.V.S. for evacuation, signed returns etc, and	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sains	10/12/18.		generally superintended administration. Some animals of 13 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb. and 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy. Ings. were inspected and were all found to be in a satisfactory condition and very clean. 1 L.D.H. 1 H.D. and 1 Mule evacuated by 4 <sup>th</sup> M.V.S. and I.R. of other formation.	
	11.		visited M.V.S. and office routine.	
	12.		Inspected Machine gun Bn. and evacuated 1 animal with punctured wound. Most of the animals are in good condition, clean and well groomed. Inspected case at Div. sig. Coy. and evacuated some with punctured wound (Kick). 4 <sup>th</sup> M.V.S. evacuated 2 Hides, 6 L.D.H., and 1 Mule from Division, and 4 L.D.H. and 2 Mules from other formations.	
	13		Moved to DINANT in Belgium.	
DINANT.	14.		All day in office on Returns.	
	15.		visited several units on move. All animals were travelling satisfactorily, very few being lame. Vet. Sgt. Holding of 13 <sup>th</sup>	



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Dinant.	13/12/18.		Inf. Bde. group reported having left 4 animals at various places en route. Vety. Sgt. Rutherford of 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. group stated everything satisfactory and no fresh cases.	
	16.		office routine. Capt. J. O. Guertin, R.A.V.C. reported for duty as V.O. and posted to 14 <sup>th</sup> Coy. A.A.S.C. and to be Vety. Officer for 10 <sup>th</sup> Aust. F.A. Bde.	
	17.		<p><u>Brood Mares.</u> In spite of the fact that a number of animals were branded within the Division during 1917, and also the fact that a great majority of the animals issued to the Division came from Imperial sources and are certainly not Australian animals, Corps have ruled that in view of the order prohibiting the branding of Colonial animals, no animals of the Australian Divisions will be branded. It is remarked that this will in all probability mean a loss of some fifty suitable brood mares to the authorities for stud purposes.</p> <p>Took Capt. Guertin to 14<sup>th</sup> Coy. A.A.S.C. where arrangements were made for him to do Capt. Bishop's work whilst the latter is away on leave.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DINANT.	17/12/18.		When Capt. Bishop returns Capt. Guertin will be posted to 11 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde. Instructed M.V.S. in reference to collecting animals that had been left behind on line of march. Inspected quarters of M.V.S. Very little accommodation <sup>for</sup> treating patients, otherwise locality considered suitable. Capt. Bishop returned to D.H.Q. with D.A.D.V.S. and was instructed to stay at D.H.Q. pending receipt of leave warrant and spend his time in getting in touch with office work of D.A.D.V.S.	
	18.		Office Routine. Visited D.A.D.O.S. re clipping machines and horse rugs.	
	19.		Visited M.V.S., signed all returns etc.	
	20.		All day in office on returns. Capt. Bishop proceeded on 14 days leave to United Kingdom	
	21		Visited M.V.S., Villers le Cambon and Lilenriens; left Horse Recovery Forms N <sup>o</sup> 2 for animals left behind and instructed M.V.S. to collect same.	
	22		Capt. Heywood returned from leave. Office Routine.	
	23		Office all day. Capt. Heywood rejoined M.V.S. The following animals	



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DINANT.	23/12/18.		were evacuated from Division by 4 <sup>th</sup> M.V.S. - 4 Hides, 2 L.D.H. & 1 Mule.	
	24.		Office work.	
	25		Office Routine	
	26		Visited 4 <sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Bn.	
	27.		A.D.V.S. Corps (Col. Matson) interviewed D.A.D.V.S. and discussed the	
			general administration of Veterinary services.	
	28.		Visited M.V.S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde, and 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb.	
	29.		Office Routine	
	30		Office Routine in morning. In afternoon visited Florennes with	
			A.A. & Q.M.G. and collected Horse Recovery Form No 1 for animal of 24 <sup>th</sup>	
			Coy. A.S.C. which died on 15/12/18. At the request of the inhabitant with	
			whom this animal was left no payment was made. The rest of the	
			afternoon was spent waiting for the car to return to D.H.Q. The	
			experiences of this afternoon, more than ever illustrate that it is	
			a waste of time for D.A.D.V.S. to attempt to do his work whilst sharing	
			a car with any other officer. Also where civilians have to be	



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DINANT.	30/12/18		interviewed it is most essential for D.A.D.V.S. to have an interpreter with him.	
	31/12/18.		<p>The rare opportunity of D.A.D.V.S. having a car allotted to him for a whole day was taken full advantage of. D.A.D.V.S. also obtained the services of an interpreter. Flavion was first visited and Horse Recovery Form No. 2 left by Capt. Guertin at rate of 2 francs was altered to 5 frs. per day; full particulars being; - 1 Mule left by C/331 Bde R.F.A. on 13/12/18 and destroyed on 19/12/18 = 7 days at 5 frs. per day, making total amount due of 35 Francs. 4<sup>th</sup> M.V.S. was next visited and particulars obtained of dates animals were collected from Silerieuse. Animals on lines were also inspected, most of which will have to be evacuated. Silerieuse was next visited and Horse Recovery Form No. 2 left for animals as follows:-</p> <p>1 horse K. sub. S.A.A. section 4<sup>th</sup> D.A.C. left 14/12/18, collected 19/12/18, = 6 days @ 5 frs. per day, amount due being 30 Francs.</p> <p>1 horse 5<sup>th</sup> Battal., 13<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde left 14/12/18, collected 23/12/18, =</p>	



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DINANT	31/12/18.		<p>10 days at 5 frs. per day, amount due being 50 Francs.</p> <p>Philippeville was next visited and the Bourgomestre asked if any animals belonging to the British Army had been left there, and although he had no knowledge of any animals being left by 104<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A., one animal was found in possession of Emile Mathot, Rue de la Balance, Philippeville, but no papers are available. D.A.D.V.S. was unable to ascertain the unit or precisely on what day the animal had been left.</p> <p>Villers le Gambon was next visited and Horse Recovery Form N<sup>o</sup> 2 previously left was exchanged as amount was only allowed at 2 frs. per day instead of 5 frs. — 1 horse of 38<sup>th</sup> Battery 10<sup>th</sup> Aust. F.A. Bde. left on 15/12/18 and collected 17/12/18 = 3 days at 5 frs. Amount due 15 Francs. 1 Mule of 38<sup>th</sup> Battery 10<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde. left on 15/12/18 and collected on 17/12/18 = 3 days at 5 frs. per day. Amount due 15 Francs.</p> <p>Total amount due to M. Augustine Pierard being 30 Francs.</p> <p>D.A.D.V.S. then returned to M.V.S. and instructed OC to collect</p>	







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WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

During the week the following Units were visited and inspected:-

- Machine Gun Bn.,
- 15th Infantry Brigade Group,
- 15th Infantry Brigade Group.

A number of chronic cases and cases reported as specially unfit for a long march were inspected, and where sufficient evidence was produced to prove that the animals could be classified as unsuitable, they were evacuated. A number of Veterinary cases, mostly recent injuries, were also ordered to be evacuated.

Suspected Mange cases in 15th Brigade and Machine Gun Bn. were inspected and ordered to be isolated and clipped, and remain under observation.

With very few exceptions the animals of all units inspected can be considered in good hard working condition. Some aged animals show a good deal of rib, but are considered suitable for the work expected of them, and it was decided not to evacuate some. A few riding horses show signs of having done too much work at an excessive speed. This is particularly noticeable of one animal in the 45th Bn.

It is worthy of note that there seems to be an increasing tendency throughout the Division to work animals of all classes at a greater speed than they can fairly be expected to do. This is most noticeable with the Infantry officers' hacks and most Artillery Horses.

SUMMARY of Diseases and Injuries.

<u>HORSES.</u> Admissions:-	3 Debility	Evacuations:-	3 Debility,
	1 Broken wind,		1 Broken wind,
	1 Enteritis,		2 Greasy heels,
	2 Colic,		1 Mange,
	2 Greasy Heels,		1 Cellulitis,
	1 Mange,		1 Ophthalmia,
	1 Lice,		2 Cont. Wd.,
	1 Cellulitis,		1 Funct. Wd.,
	1 Ophthalmia,		1 Cont. & Lac. Wd.,
	1 Injured eye,		1 Lac. Wd.,
	3 Harness Galls,		1 Cont. Wd. (kick),
	1 Open Joint,		1 Injured eye,
	1 Ch. Lameness,		1 Ch. Lameness,
	2 Lac. wd.		1 Bruised Sole.
	1 gall, pastern.		
	7 P.U.S.	Died:-	1 Enteritis.
	3 Funct. wd.		
	11 Cont. wd.	Destroyed:-	1 Open joint,
	1 Fract. pedal bone,		1 Fract. Pedal
	2 fract. sesamoid.		bone & fract.
	1 Cont. & Lac. Wd.		Sesamoid.
	2 Bruised Sole.		
	4 Cont. Wd. (Kick)		

MULES:- Evacuated 1 Lac. Wd.

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During the week the following Units were visited:-  
15th Inf. Bde., 15th Field Coy., 4th Div. Sig. Coy., 15th  
Battalion, 4th Field Ambulance, 4th Field Coy., and 4th  
Machine Gun Battalion.

The majority of the 15th Brigade animals are in fairly good condition. The animals of the 15th Field Coy. on the whole are fairly good, but could do with more grooming; one debility case was evacuated. With the exception of one L.D.H. evacuated with punctured wound (kick), the animals of 4th Div. Sig. Coy. are in a satisfactory condition. The animals of the 15th Battalion, 4th Field Ambulance, and 4th Field Coy. are in a satisfactory condition and very clean. One animal of 4th Machine Gun Battalion was evacuated with Punctured Wound. The animals of this Battalion are highly satisfactory, most of them being in good condition, clean, and well groomed.

Some horses of the 104th (Army) Bde. R.F.A. had been stabled where German Horses suffering from Glanders had been. These horses have been isolated and kept under observation, and as soon as the move is completed (about 20th Dec.) they will be salicined.

CLIPPING. Recommendations were made for Horses to be clipped Trace High. Division however, instructed ~~that~~ Units that where good stabling was available, Riding horses could be whole clipped.

Owing to the O.C. 4th M.V.S. being on leave, D.A.D.V.S. spent a great deal of time superintending administration.

It was arranged with O.C. 15th Coy. A.A.S.C. that M.V.S. would be attached to them during the move, and that they would find billets for them on arrival at destination.

SUMMARY OF DISEASES AND INJURIES.

<u>HORSES.</u> Admissions:-		Evacuations:-
5 Debility,		3 Debility,
3 Sores,		1 Dermatitis,
1 Dermatitis,		1 Ringbone &
2 Ringworm,		Sidebone,
1 Ringbone & Sidebone,		1 Injury (N.Y.D.)
3 Punct. Wd. (PUN)		1 Cont. Wd.
1 Cont. Wd. (kick),		1 Lac. "
15 " "		1 Bruised heel.
1 Bruised Sole,		1 Punct. Wd.
1 Lac. Wd.		1 " Sold (PUN)
1 Injury N/F. (N.Y.D.)		1 Frot. Ulc.
3 P.U.N.		1 Punct. Wd. (kick)
1 Strain, Tendon.		
2 Contusion o/P.		
1 Bruised Heel (PUN)		
1 Frot. Ulc.		
2 Punct. Wd.		
1 " " (kick)		
<u>MULES.</u> Admissions:-	3 Cont. Wd., 3 Bruised Sole, 4 P.U.N.,	
	1 Bruised Heel, 1 Anthraxis Hoek.	
Evacuations:-	1 Bruised heel, 1 Anthraxis Hoek,	
	1 Bruised Sole.	

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No definite inspection of Units has been made during the week.

A number of animals were inspected on the line of march on the 15th inst., and apparently were all travelling well, very few lame horses were seen, and none of the animals appeared exhausted.

The move of the Division from the SAINS to the DINANT Area must be considered, from a point of view of casualties to animals, as the worst the Division has ever done. Apparently no definite charge of carelessness can be made against any Unit, but the fact that between the 13th and 16th inst. six animals died or were destroyed, and nine animals had to be left on the line of march, discloses a certain amount of slackness, which always, under similar circumstances, gives rise to abnormal casualties. The failure of Units to report immediately animals left behind, has caused a considerable amount of trouble and unnecessary correspondence; practically the whole of two days were spent getting in touch with these animals.

Owing to the M.V.S. joining and moving with the Artillery Group on the 15th inst., they were unable in any way to help the Infantry Brigade Groups, who moved by a different route.

On the occasion of a similar move, should it be possible to arrange supplies, it would undoubtedly be advisable for the M.V.S. to remain behind for 48 hours. They should then be able to clear the Divisional area of animals injured in the last 24 hours prior to Units moving. By then moving after the Division it would be possible to pick up a certain number of animals left behind, also to inspect most other animals, and estimate the extent of their injuries; some animals would undoubtedly be destroyed and saved a great deal of suffering.

The difficulty of notifying the M.V.S. as to animals left behind could be got over by:-

1. Arranging the staging points for the M.V.S. at centrally situated places in each staging area.
2. Units notifying D.A.D.V.S. by wire immediately it is decided an animal has to be left.
3. By the car which is an establishment for use by D.A.D.V.S. always being made available. This would undoubtedly be the best method of keeping in touch with the Units, as D.A.D.V.S. would obtain full particulars from those Officers leaving animals. He would then be able in most cases to inspect the animals and advise M.V.S. of exact location and action to be taken.

Inst. Capt. J. O. GUERTIN R.A.V.C. reported for Duty of 16th



Summary of Disease and Injuries.

HORSES.

Admissions:-

- 1 Simple Fever,
- 1 Sand Colic & Debility,
- 1 Rupture Vessel,
- 2 Enteritis,
- 3 Cracked Heels,
- 1 Laminitis,
- 1 Ophthalmia,
- 13 Contused Wds,
- 3 P.U.N.,
- 1 Fract. Humerus,
- 1 Spr. Fetlock,
- 1 Bruised Sole,
- 2 Punct. wd. (PUN),
- 1 Contused wd. (kick).

Evacuations:-

- 1 Contused wd. (kick),

Died:-

- 1 Rupture Vessel,
- 2 Enteritis,
- 1 Sand Colic & Debility,

Destroyed:-

- 1 Fract. Humerus.

MULES.

Admissions:-

- 1 Enteritis,
- 5 Contused Wds.,
- 1 Fract. Tibia,
- 1 Punct. wd.,
- 2 Spr. Tendon,
- 1 Punct. Sole (PUN).

Died:-

- 1 Enteritis,

Destroyed:-

- 1 Fract. Tibia.

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29/12/18.

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WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No regular inspections of animals of the Division were undertaken.

Owing to the great distance of the 11th A.F.A.Bde. from any Vety. Officer, it has been decided that whenever a car is available, they will be visited by the D.A.D.V.S. twice weekly.

The following changes in posting of Vety. Officers has taken place;- Capt. BISHOP proceeded on leave to United Kingdom on 31/12/18. Capt. KEYWOOD returned from leave 22/12/18. Capt. GUERTIN, R.A.V.C., under instructions from Hdqrs. A.I.F. was posted to 2nd Aust. Division.

This leaves the Division still one Vety. Officer under strength, which causes considerable inconvenience, and makes the allotment of work for Vety. Officers very heavy. They cannot be expected to keep in close touch with all the animals under their charge.

Summary of Disease and Injuries.Horses.

## Admissions;-

1 Debility,  
3 Colic,  
2 Mange,  
2 Necrotic Dermatitis,  
1 Defective Hoof,  
4 Contused Wds.  
1 " " (kick)  
1 Punct. wd.  
1 Lacerated wd.,  
1 Bruised Heel,  
1 Fracture Shoulder.

## Evacuations;-

1 Debility,  
2 Mange,  
1 Contused wd.,  
1 Defective Hoof.

## Destroyed;-

1 Fracture Shoulder.

Mules.

## Admissions;-

1 Ophthalmia,  
1 Sprain Tendon.

## Evacuations;-

1 Sprain Tendon.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION VETERINARY PERSONNEL.

Major E.S.James	A.A.V.C.	D.A.D.V.S.
Capt.W.S.T.Morgan	"	V.O.Inf.Bde.Groups.
Capt.F.A.C.Bishop.	"	V.O.Div.Artillery.
Capt.R.H.Heywood.	"	O.C.4th M.V.S.

Note;- Capt.R.A.B.Stanhope rejoined Aust.Corps, 21/11/18.  
Capt.R.H.Heywood on leave to United Kingdom

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No.4264	T/Sgt. McGarvie R.F.	Att.	4th Aust.Inf.Bde.
" 537	A/Sgt. Rutherford N.J.	"	13th " " "
" 213	Sgt. Holding T.	"	13th " " "
" 179	" Adams H.	"	4th M.G.Bn.
" 940	T/Sgt. Kennedy D.J.	"	38th Bty. 10th A.F.A.Bde.
" 574	" " Sly C.	"	39th " " " "
" 942	" " Gorman H.	"	110th How.Bty. " " "
" 559	" " Kelly A.W.	"	41st Bty. 11th " " "
" 690	Sgt. Mann W.J.	"	42nd " (Adm.Fld.Amb.19/10/B
" 697			
" 1251	T/Sgt. O'Brien T.J.	"	111th How.Bty. 11th A.F.A.Bde.
" 1099	" " Smith S.C.	"	No.1 Section D.A.C.
" 941	" " Blackley A.	"	" 2 " "
" 1867	Sgt. Chandler W.H.	"	S.A.A. " "

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4th AUSTRALIAN MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION (Capt.Heywood O.C.)

No.672	Sgt. Brown C.D.	No.2724	Pte Mossenton V.J.
572	T/Sgt. Kelly C.	691T/Dvr.	O'Brien J.
556	Cpl. Austin G.	3871A	Pte Olsen F.
573	T/Cpl. McSwain D.	1175	Plummer J.L.
1519	Pte. Barr G.	798	Pte.Riley W.H.
2060	" Contencin L.T.	7560	" Trowbridge W.
9132	" Edwards A.G.	1409	" Turner C.N.
7072	Dvr. Gray S.	1756	" Vance S.K.
793	Pte. Kemp A.C.	492	S/Smith West S.
33171	" Madden G.		

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STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED ON A/C ANIMALS  
DIED AND DESTROYED DURING FOUR WEEKS ENDING  
19th December 1918 INCLUSIVE.

FOURTH ARMY.

No. of Animals	Authority of disposal	How disposed of.	Amount Recd.	Reference as to receipt of money by Field Cashier
<u>Statement "A" Died.</u>				
6.	V.O.	Buried.	-	-
<u>Statement "B" Destroyed fit for food.</u>				
4	V.O.	Buried.	-	-
<u>Statement "C" Destroyed Unfit for Food.</u>				
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COPIES to V.Os. for distribution to Vety.Sergeants.

SELECTION OF BROOD MARES.

Following on the action taken in 1917 in branding a certain number of Brood Mares, it is proposed to again go through the Mares of the Division and re-inspect those already branded, and select and brand all other suitable animals.

The classes required are;-

- (a) The very highest class of Hunter Mare.
- (b) The very highest class of riding pony not exceeding 15 hands.
- (c) Active clean legged, or "half legged" mares of Horse and Field Artillery types.

The main points to be considered in selection are;-

- (1) Conformation. (a) The Hunter mares should be at least up to 14 stone. (b) The Pony Mares should have pony character and should be up to weight. (c) The Artillery Mares should be particularly wide and compact with riding shoulders, well sprung ribs, and good girth, and standing squarely on short legs.
- (2) Activity and perfectly true action.
- (3) Soundness and freedom from all hereditary diseases.
- (4) Docility and good constitution.

V.Os. and Sgts.A.A.V.C. will at once go through all animals under their care and select as above all likely animals. These will have a cross clipped on the near cheek, and will be pointed out to Transport or Waggon Line Officers as the animals to be paraded when parade is called by "Q" of Division.

The D.A.D.V.S. will inspect and eliminate doubtful cases at first opportunity.

All V.Os. and Sergeants will render a return as soon as possible according to the below pro forma.

Unit.	Already Branded.			Total	Not Branded			Total.
	Class.				Class.			
	A.	B.	C.		A.	B.	C.	

Colonial Mares are NOT required, and are NOT to be marked.

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Reference the recent memo. from Aust. Corps  
authorising the Clipping of Horses, I beg to suggest;-

1. Mules will not be clipped.
2. That no horses are whole clipped except for  
Veterinary reasons.
3. That Units be instructed to clip horses trace  
high. A strip four inches wide may be clipped up  
along the wind pipe and strips two inches wide running  
up from crutch and meeting above butt of tail. This  
will leave a very substantial blanket of hair over the  
whole body.

I consider rugs will not be needed for the  
present.

OBJECTS. Animals will sweat less, and dry off quickly.  
They will love less condition and can be kept clean.

Most of the Units have sufficient hand  
clippers to do a considerable number of animals in a  
few days.

May action be taken accordingly as soon as  
possible please.

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