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Dinant	1919 Jan 1 st		<p>D.A.D.V.S. visited Aust. Corps and attended Sports meeting.</p> <p>The table hereunder is representative of the animal wastage for month of December 1918</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="979 624 2035 856"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Horses</th> <th>Mules</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Evacuated</td> <td>54</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dead</td> <td>5</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Destroyed</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>63</u></td> <td><u>11</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Horses	Mules	Evacuated	54	9	Dead	5	1	Destroyed	4	1		<u>63</u>	<u>11</u>	
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			<p>The following animals were evacuated by 4th M.S. Division: 3 Riders, 10 L.D.H. 5 Mules, other formations 7 Riders, 1 Mule.</p>																
	7 th		<p>Orders were received from the A.D.O.S. that Veterinary Boards would be formed consisting of President D.A.D.V.S. and members O.C., M.V.S. and V.O. i/c of unit whose animals are ^{undergoing} examination.</p>																
	2 nd		<p>General office routine and the preparation of Monthly Returns</p>																
	3 rd		<p>The Day was spent in carrying out of office routine, preparing returns & other matters.</p>																
	4 th		<p>D.A.D.V.S. visited the 11th Field Artillery Brigade, and the following are remarks passed on different units of the Brigade.</p> <p>The animals of the 41st Battery are well housed though some of the stables lack drop space, they are therefore inclined to be stumpy. There seems to be a scarcity of bedding and</p>																

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			<p>in some cases the animals are packed too closely to enable them to lie down comfortably. Good water is available, but with this as with other units of the Brigade troughs are lacking. The general condition of the animals is very good, there being little or no illness & very few injuries are taking place. The general supervision is good and this Battery may reasonably be expected to give very little trouble.</p> <p>4th 2nd Battery The general impression given is rather disappointing, a large number of animals are out in the open & exposed, they are looking not at all well a large number being tucked up & regard many are in poor condition. Standings are good, but roads and surroundings very muddy consequently the animals are dirty. It is expected to have more animals under cover shortly. Good water is available & troughs are in course of erection. The O/L is working under somewhat difficult conditions, a shortage of Hore Bags is reported, a number are outstanding with DAPOL.</p> <p>Animals of 4th 3rd Battery seem to be improving in condition, most stables are well selected & good. Very little trouble should emanate from this Unit. The animals of 11th How. Battery are in good condition, though the management and general supervision could be improved. Animals are rather crowded otherwise accommodation good.</p>	

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			<p>Two very suspicious cases of Mange were ordered to be evacuated and any contact animals isolated. It would appear there is likely to be a great deal of trouble in this area with Mange. It is fair to presume that a number of stocks are unclean, as a few number of a local animals have mange. A number of lousy animals were ordered to be clipped trace high. Noe bags were also reported hard to obtain by this Unit.</p>	
	5 th		<p>D.A.D.S. visited 104th Army Bde R.Q.A. Captain O'Brien was instructed regarding classification of animals for demobilization. The Mobile Vet. Section was also visited and Capt Heywood informed on commencement of classification of animals, a number of other points were also discussed including animals to be vaccinated, and to be arranged for sale of animals to butchers. The 1915 men of the MVS will not be sent on draft to Australia at present.</p>	
	6 th		<p>D.A.D.S. Quartermaster Board visited to G. Bn Hqs classification of animals. Following is the classification:- Class "B" Riders 2 L.H. 2. "C" class Riders 1 L.H. 14 L.H. 1. Class "C" Riders 2. L.H. 6. D.A.D.S. reports only 29 Noe Bags outstanding to 42 Battery, 100 to 104 How Bty. Supplies expected</p>	

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	Jan 1919		To arrive shortly. A slight shortage has been noticed, also a delay of a few days.	
	7 th		Inspected & classified annuials of 4 th Battalion as under: Class 'A' Rides 2 Class 'B' Rides 4 LD 16. AD 1. Class 'C' Rides 6 LD 45 AD 3. Class 'C' minus Rides 7 & 8. AD 9. Usual Office routine carried out.	
	8 th		Inspected and classified annuials of 4 th Machine Gun Coy. Class 'A' Rides 1 Class 'B' Rides 2 LD 12. Class 'C' Rides 5 LD 59, AD 4. Class 'C' 5 LD 59, AD 4. Class 'D' Rides 1 LD 3. 'C' minus Rides 4 LD 13. 'D' minus LD 1.	
	9 th		Inspected & classified annuials of Div Sig Coy. Class B Rides 2 LD 4 Class 'C' Rides 7 LD 19. Class 'C' minus Rides 10 LD 27. 'D' minus Rides 1 LD 1. also inspected & classified following units annuials: D. H. Coy class 'A' Rides 1. Class 'B' Rides 5. LD 1. Class Class 'C' Rides 10 LD 1. AD 2. Class D. Rides 1. 'C' minus Rides 8. Pack 1. 13 th Field Ambulance Class 'B' Rides 1. LD 2. AD 4. Class 'C' Rides 1. LD 6. AD 12. Class 'C' minus Rides 4 LD 3. AD 4. Total annuials classified 120.	
	10 th		Examined & classified annuials of 13 th Bde Headquarters classes as follows. Class 'A' Rides 1. Class 'C' Rides 4. 'C' minus Rides 5.	

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	JAN 1919 10		Classified & inspected animals of 51 st Bn classes as follows. B Rides 4 HD 2. Class C Rides 6 LD 2 HD 5 Pack 2 Class C minus Rides 5 LD 8 HD 2.	
	11 th		Inspected & classified animals of 49 th Battalion Mules class b. 18. LD. B LD 10 b minus LD 5. Horses. L.D. 13 Rides 7. HD 4 B class LD 4 R. 6. also inspected Animals 50 th Bn. Horses class A. LD 1. HD 1 class b LD 6. Rides 3. HD 4. class B LD 10 Rides 10 HD 1. Mules. LD. class a 11 class B LD 5 class b 2. Total animals. 114.	
	12 th		Inspected & classified animals of 13 th Coy Engineers class B Rides 8. class b Rides 8. P. 2. class a. LD 2. B LD 18 class b. LD 10 b minus 11 class D minus 1. Mules. class a LD 1 class B LD 8 b minus 3.	
	14 th		Inspected & classified animals at 14 th Coy asst. class B. HD 3 class b HD 4 b minus 5. also at 37 th Coy asst. class B. 1 Ride 10 LDH. 10 HD. class b 4 LDH. 4 HD. class b minus Rides 6 LD. 9 HD 8. Pack 1. also 13 th Field amb. class B. 1 R. 4 HD 7 HD. 1 st LD 3 HD 2 P 1. b minus R 4 LDH 6. HD 9. 51 st Battalion B class R 2 LD 1 HD 3. LAM. 13. b R 5 LD 2 P 2. LDM 3. b minus R 3. LD 5 HD 6. LDM 2 class A LDM 2. 13 Bde Hdqrs. class a. Rides 1 LDM 3 class b R 4 LDM 5 class B LDM 6 b minus R 6. An Reg Sect attached 13 Bde Hdqrs. B class R. 1 P. 1 LDM 2 class b. P 1 b minus R 1. P 2 Total 173.	

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	July 17/19 13		Inspected and classified animals of following units 12 th Field Coy Engineers Class A. LDM 2 LAM 1 Class B. R. 8 LDM 18 P. 1 LDM. 8 "b" R. 3 LDM 10 b minus R 5 LDM 12. P. 2 LDM 3. b minus LDM 1. 49 th Battalion Class LDM 1 "B" R 6 LDM 4 LDM 11. "b" R. 3 LDM 8 P. 1. b minus R. 3 LDM 5 2ND 4 LDM 6 50 th Battalion Class A LDM 1 2ND 1 LDM 11 Class B R 2 LDM 10 ND 4 LDM 5 b minus R 6 LDM 2 2ND 1 LDM 2. Total animals 178.	
	15		Inspected and classified animals of Div Det attd 12 Bde HQs Class B. R. 2 LDM 1 LDM 2 Class b LDM 1 b minus 1. 12 th Brigade Class A R 1. LDM 1 Class B. R. 3 LDM 1 LDM 7 Class b. R. 1. LDM 1. LDM 1 b minus R. 3 LDM 3 LDM 1. 12 th Field Ambulance Class B. R. 3 LDM 4 ND 6. Class b. Rules 1 ND 5 b minus R. 3. LDM 6 ND 4 4 th Pioneer Bde Class A R 1. LDM 3 LDM 1 P. 1 Class B. R. 5 LDM 9 ND 1. P. 2. LDM 15 P. 7 Class b. R. 4 LDM 11 ND 1 LDM 3 "2" LDM 2 b minus R. 2 LDM 12 ND 2 P. 1. LDM 7 P. 3. b minus nil 48 th Battalion Class A. LDM 3 Class B. R. 4 LDM 6. ND 1. LDM 10. Class b. R. 3 LDM 4 LDM 3 b minus R. 5 LDM 3 ND 2 LDM 9 Total for day 207.	
	16 th		Inspected and classified animals of following units 26 th Coy Aalt Class B. R. 1 LDM 1 ND 2 Class b LDM 1 ND 1. b minus ND 3. 46 th Bde Class A LDM 2 LDM 1 Class B R 5 LDM 4 LDM 8 Class b. R 3 ND 2 LDM 7 b minus Rules 6 LDM 3 ND 5 P. 4 LDM 9.	

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	16 th		Inspected & classified annals of 45 th Battalion class A LDH 1 B class R 7 LDH 11 LDH 1. LDH 7. class B R 2 LDH 3 2ND 3 P. LDH 4. class D R 1 class b minus R 4 LDH 5 2ND 4 LDH 2 12 th Field Coy Engineers class A LDH 4 class B. R 5 LDH 18. 2ND 1. P. LDH 5 b minus R. 6 LDH. 13 2ND 1. P. LDH 3. Total no of annals 189.	
	17 th		Inspected and classified Annals of following Units. 10 th H.A. Bde. class A 2 class B 12 class b 13. 37 th Battery class A. 8 class B. 65 class b 57- 39 th Battery class A. 15 class B 57 class b. 72. 301 Total annals classified	
	18 th		Visited Inspected and classified Annals of following Units 11 th Tab Bde class A 2 class B 12 class b. 16 class D 1. 41 st Battery class A 26 class B 65 class b. 50 x 42 nd Battery class A 35, class B 63, class b 59 Total annals examined 319.	
	19 th		Visited & inspected also classified Annals of 4 th Machine Gun Battalion class A. 6 class B 63 class b. 148 class D 4 Total Annals inspected 221.	
	20/21 st		Visited Classified & Inspected Annals of 4 th Tab. class A 83 class B. 260 class b. 242 class D 1. Total Annals Classified 586.	
	22 nd		Classified & Inspected Annals of 43 rd Battery class A 38 class B. 59 class b. 50. also Annals 11 th Tab Bde. class A 39 class B 57 class b 46. class D 2. Total annals classified 285.	

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	23 rd		Inspected classified annals of 110 th Howitzer Battalion class A 34 class B. 65 class b 55. Total annals classified 154. Manual office routine was carried out, Returns be compiled etc.	
	24		Visited inspected & classified annals of 38 th Bk, 10 a 20 th Bde. class a 27 class B 77 class b. 47. also 16 th Battalion class a 4 class B. 27 class b. 22. 14 th Battalion class a. 11 class B. 24 class b. 27 - 13 th Battalion class a. 7 class B 22 class b 26 4 th Field Ambulance class a 2. class B 16 class b. 15 Total for day 324.	
	25		Visited classified & inspected annals of 4 th Field Coy Engineers class a 5 class B 25 class b. 44. 4 th H. Bde Headquarters class a. 6 class B. 10 class b. 22 class D 1, - 15 Pw. class a 3. class B 28. class b. 24. Total for day 188.	
	26		Classified & inspected 14 long a 16. class a 8 class B. 31 class b. 81. Total annals inspected 120.	
	27 th		Visited classified & inspected annals of 4 th Aust Mobile Vet section class a 3 class B 12. class b. 4 & also 7 th long a 16. class a. 6 class B 14 class b 47. Total annals inspected for the day 80.	
	28		DAPTS & Remount Bde Visited inspected & classified the annals of NR 4 th Australian Division class a 2 class B 11 class b. 20 class D 1.	

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	July 28 th		also inspected and classified following units Div Signal Coy class 'a' 1. class B 13 class 'b' 38 class D 5 - No Police class A 2 class B. 8 class 'b' 9 25 Berg class 6. class A 121 class B 30 class b. 20. Total animals for day. 173.	
	29.		visited classified & inspected animals of Div. A. 4 hrs sig sect attend. class 'a' 1 class B. 12 class 'b' 17 Total inspected 30. S.A.P.S. visited suspected animals at A's Staying Camp.	
	30		inspected & classified animals of B. P. C. 4 Div team class A 3 class B 9 class C. 5. Total inspected 7. The usual office routine & preparation of returns also visited Mobile Vet Section.	
	31 st		visited & inspected animals of 103 rd Labour Coy under instructions received from Corps. 4 hrs. A class. 1 class B. 2 class b 8. The animals of Miscellaneous units were also inspected class A. 1 class B. 5 class b. 3 Total animals inspected 20. The afternoon was spent in office routine and preparation of monthly returns.	

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Month of January 1919.

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WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

The Mobile Vety. Section was visited twice during the week, and animals for evacuation inspected.

Where it is impossible to see the animals of individual units it is considered that by inspecting the animals evacuated D.A.D.V.S. is able to form an opinion as to the state of the animals in the Division generally.

After considerable delay, during the week it was possible to adjust and complete the necessary arrangements with regard to animals left behind on the recent line of march. Horse Recovery Forms No. 2 were left at those places from which animals had been collected, and only temporary receipts given to the inhabitants, and where Horse Recovery Form No. 2 had been left at the rate of 2 Frs. per day, it has now been changed to the new rate of 5 Frs. per day. One animal whose unit up to the present has not been identified was collected from PHILIPPEVILLE.

No regular inspection of Units has taken place during the week.

It is very satisfactory to note that the number of animals remaining under treatment within the Division is remarkably small.

Summary of Diseases and Injuries.

<u>Horses.</u>	Admissions:-	Evacuations:-
	1 Debility,	1 Debility,
	1 Pneumonia,	1 Gh. Colic,
	5 Colic,	1 Ringworm,
	2 Necrotic Dermatitis,	1 Necrotic Dermatitis,
	1 Ringworm,	1 Splint,
	1 Splint,	1 Quitter,
	1 Quitter,	1 Defective Hoof,
	1 Defective Hoof,	1 Cellulitis,
	1 Cellulitis,	1 Ophthalmia,
	1 Ophthalmia,	1 Punct. Wd.,
	1 Punct. Wd.,	1 Cont. Wd. (kick),
	4 Cont. Wds. (kick)	1 Cont. Wd.
	4 Cont. Wds.	
	1 Rope gail,	Died:- 1 Pneumonia.
	1 Open Joint,	Destroyed:- 1 Open Joint,
	1 harness gail.	1 Punct Sole (PUN).
<u>Mules.</u>	Admissions:-	Evacuations:-
	1 Tumor Malignant,	1 Tumor Malignant,
	1 Rheumatism,	1 Rheumatism,
	1 Emphysema Jaw,	1 Emphysema Jaw,
	1 Quitter,	1 Quitter,
	1 Lacerated Wd.,	1 Lacerated Wd.
	1 Cont. Wd.	

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The 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. was visited and animals inspected. With the exception of some of the horses of the 42nd Battery, the animals are in good condition. They are, however, not as sleek as might be expected; the very heavy coats may to a certain extent account for this, also numbers of animals are being turned loose to graze, with the result that they roll and get very muddy.

The stable accommodation throughout is good, but hardly sufficient, the animals being crowded in low roofed stables. Bedding is very scarce, and animals are being kept standing on the hard floors. The 42nd Battery have a number of animals still in the open. This Unit badly needs stables, as the animals are showing marked ill effects of the exposure they are being subjected to. Good water is available throughout the area, but troughing is needed. At present such time is likely to be wasted with watering parades.

The rest of the week has been spent examining and classifying animals for demobilisation. This is considered a large undertaking, but affords an excellent opportunity to examine thoroughly all the animals of the Division.

It will be noted from figures below that the number of injuries and the wastage generally has increased largely. With animals well housed and doing very little work, kicks may be expected to increase. Great care should be exercised by all concerned to prevent wastage from injuries.

Winge is on the increase, which is very much regretted. Unfortunately this is likely to give further trouble, as it is almost impossible to tell whether a stable is clean or Winge infected. The animals having such thick coats makes it rather difficult to detect Winge in its very earliest stages.

SUMMARY of Diseases and Injuries.HORSES. Admissions:-

3 Debility,
 2 Colic,
 5 Winge,
 2 Ringworm,
 2 Greasy heels,
 1 Laminitis,
 1 Ringbone,
 1 Ulc. Cellulitis,
 4 Punct. Wds.
 5 Cont. Wds.
 2 Lac. Wds.
 1 Spavin Muscular,
 2 Rose Gall.
 1 Cont. Wd. (kick)
 1 SpF. Tendon,
 1 Punct. Wd. (P.U.N.)
 1 Fract. Scapula (Kick)
 1 Fract. leg.

MULES. Admissions:-

1 Lymphangitis,
 1 Thrush,
 1 Cracked Heel,
 1 Fract. H/H (kick),
 1 Lac. Wd.

Evacuations:-

3 Debility,
 1 Colic,
 4 Winge,
 1 Fecrotic Dermatitis,
 1 Punct. Wd.,
 1 Spavin Muscular,
 1 Incised wound.

Died:-

1 Colic.

Destroyed:-

1 Punct. Wd. P.U.N.
 1 Fract Scapula (Kick),
 1 Fract. leg.

Evacuations:-

1 Lymphangitis,
 1 Thrush.

Destroyed:-

1 Fract. H/H. (kick).

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During the week the classification of animals prior to demobilisation has been proceeded with. The number of animals classified each day is satisfactory, and it is hoped to maintain a daily average of 200 animals.

The following Units/have been completed.- 13th Inf.Bde.Group, consisting of B.H.Q., 49th Bn., 50th Bn., 51st Bn., 13th Field Ambulance, 13th Field Coy., and 27th Coy.A.A.S.C.. This Group of animals is considered very satisfactory, as they appear to have improved considerably. The following points are, however, noted.- Attention was called to the shoeing of the 51st Bn. Mules, as the feet of these animals were allowed to grow too long. The shoeing of the Horses is fairly satisfactory. It was noted that the 13 th Field Coy. animals had improved considerably, and may now be said to be at their best; grooming is very satisfactory. The 13th Field Ambulance have improved considerably.

The 12th Inf.Bde.Group, consisting of the B.H.Q., 45th Bn., 46th Bn., 48th Bn., 12th Field Ambulance, and 12th Field Coy. are also in very good condition, with the exception of 12th Field Coy., whose animals appear to receive very little grooming, and are therefore very dirty.

The Pioneer Battalion were inspected and classified. The animals of this Bn. are not in a particularly good condition.

Summary of Diseases and Injuries.

<u>Horses.</u>	Admissions:-	Evacuations:-
	2 Debility,	2 Debility,
	4 Colic,	1 Colic,
	1 Ch. Colic,	1 Chronic Colic,
	11 Cracked Heels,	1 Necrotic Dermatitis,
	1 Necrotic Dermatitis,	2 Ringbone,
	1 Ringbone,	1 Ulcerative Cellulitis,
	1 Spr. Muscular,	1 Sprain Muscular,
	3 Rope Gall,	1 Wd. Contused.
	4 Wd. Lacerated,	
	1 Wd. Contused (Kick),	Died:-
	1 Broken Leg,	1 Broken Neck,
	1 Broken Neck,	
	7 Wd. Contused,	Destroyed:-
	1 Wd. Punctured (PUN),	
	1 Bruised Sole,	1 Broken Leg.
	1 Sprained Tendon.	

<u>Mules.</u>	Admissions:-	Evacuations:-
	1 Broken Wind,	1 Broken Wind,
	1 Heart Failure,	1 Lymphangitis,
	1 Lymphangitis,	1 Ringbone,
	1 Cracked Heels,	1 Ulcerative Cellulitis,
	1 Ringbone,	2 Amaurosis,
	1 Ulcerative Cellulitis,	1 Sprain Muscular.
	2 Amaurosis,	
	1 Sprain Muscular,	Died:-
	1 Rope Gall,	
	1 Bruised Sole,	1 Heart Failure.
	1 Wd. Contused,	
	1 Wd. Lacerated.	

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WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

During the week the examination and Classification of animals was carried on. With the exception of a few cases, the animals of the Division are ~~in~~ very good.

Summary of Diseases and Injuries.

<u>HORSES.</u>	Admissions:-	Evacuations:-
	2 Enteritis,	1 Enteritis,
	2 Laminitis,	2 Ophthalmia,
	14 Ophthalmia,	2 Ulcerative Cellulitis,
	2 Ulcerative Cellulitis,	4 Amaurosis,
	4 Amaurosis,	1 Bruised Stifle,
	1 Bruised Stifle,	1 Sprain Muscular,
	1 Sprain Muscular,	1 Wd. Punct.,
	2 Wds. Contused,	1 Contracted Tendon,
	4 " Punctured,	1 Wd. Punct. (PUN)
	2 " Lacerated,	
	1 Contracted Tendon,	Died:-
	2 Wds. Punct. (PUN),	1 Enteritis.
	1 Sprain Tendon.	

Died:-

1 Enteritis.

Destroyed:-

1 Colic.

<u>MULES.</u>	Admissions:-	Evacuations:-
	1 Enteritis,	1 Navicular Disease,
	2 Cracked Heels,	2 Ophthalmia.
	1 Necrotic Dermatitis,	
	1 Navicular Disease,	Died:-
	1 Ophthalmia,	1 Enteritis.
	2 Wds. Punct.	
	1 " Contused.	Destroyed:-
		1 Necrotic Dermatitis.

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During the week the examination and classification of animals by Veterinary and Remount Boards has been proceeded with, and is now nearing completion.

The Divisional Staging Camp for Animals being transferred to Army Concentration Camp has been visited on two occasions and animals inspected.

The general condition of the animals is considered satisfactory.

It is noted with regret that in spite of all orders to the contrary a general practice throughout the Division has been to clip Riding Horses legs.

SUMMARY OF DISEASES AND INJURIES.

HORSES.

Admissions:-

- 2 Ophthalmia
- 3 Wis. Contd. (Kick)
- 1 Wd Lacerated.
- 1 W. Punct (P.U.N.)
- 3 Wis. Cont.
- 1 Spr. Tendon.
- 1 Enteritis.

Evacuations.

- 1 Ophthalmia.
- 1 Spr. Tendon.

Died.

- 1 Enteritis.

Destroyed.

MULES.

Admissions.

- 1 Enteritis.
- 1 Cont. Wd.
- 1 Wd. Punct.

Evacuations.

Died.

- 1 Enteritis.

Edward P. James

Major.

31/1/1918.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION VETERINARY PERSONNEL.

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

Note:- Capt. Bishop proceeded on leave to United Kingdom 31/12/18.
 Capt. Heywood rejoined from leave 22/12/18.

No. 4284	T/Sgt.	McGervie R.F.	Att.	4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
557	T/	" Rutherford H.J.	"	12th " " "
482	T/	" West S.	"	13th " " "
179	Sgt.	Adams H.	"	4th M.G. Bn.
7072	T/Sgt.	Gray S.	"	37th Bty.
940	"	" Kennedy. D.J.	"	38th "
574	"	" Sly. C.	"	39th "
942	"	" German H.	"	110th How. Bty.
569	"	" Kelly A.W.	"	41st Bty.
690	Sgt.	Mann W.J.	"	42nd "
507	T/Sgt.	Johnstone J.F.	"	43rd "
1251	"	" O'Brien F.J.	"	111th How. Bty.
1099	"	" Smith S.C.	"	No. 1 Sect. D.A.C.
941	"	" Blackley A.	"	" 2 " "
1867	Sgt.	Chandler W.H.	"	S.A.A. " "

4th AUSTRALIAN MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION.

No.	672	Sgt.	Brown C.D.
	572	T/Sgt.	Kelly C.
	556	Cpl.	Austin G.
	572	T/Cpl.	McSwain D.
	9132	Pte.	Edwards A.G.
	33171	"	Hadden G.
	2724	"	Mossenton. V.J.
	792	"	Riley W.H.
	7560	"	Trowbridge W.
	1499	"	Turner C.H.
	1756	"	Vance S.K.
	1249	T/Dvr.	Ryland, E.A.
	1141	Pte.	Townsend F.G.
	1364	"	Tubman, A.R.

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HIDE RETURN, quarter ending 31/12/18.
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Date Received	Unit	Hides NOTED AWAY	Where sent	Date.
7/10/18	16th Bn. 4th Inf. Bde.	1	No. 14 Vety. Hosp.	12/10/18.
31/10/18	40th " 13th " "	1	" " " "	25/10/18.
25/10/18	No. 4 Sect. 5th ARMY AUX. (H) Coy.	1	" " " "	25/10/18.
20/10/18	16th Bn. 4th Inf. Bde.	1	1st Aust. V.E.S.	5/11/18.
9/11/18	4th Field Coy. A.E.	1	" " " "	10/11/18.
11/12/18	A/104th ARMY Bde. RFA.	1	" " " "	12/12/18.

Headquarters,
1/1/19.

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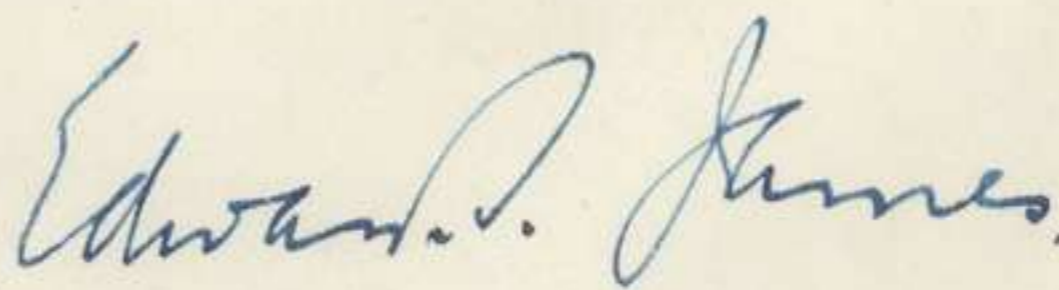
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED ON A/C ANIMALS DIED
AND DESTROYED DURING FOUR WEEKS ENDING 19th
January 1919 INCLUSIVE.FOURTH ARMY.

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>				
1	-	Buried	-	-
<u>Statement "B" Destroyed fit for Food.</u>				
3	4th. O.C., M.V.S.M	Butcher CORENNE.	300 150 <u>100</u> 550 Frs.	Receipt from 4th Division paymaster herewith Rec.NoB2032 B2087.
<u>Statement "C" Destroyed unfit for Food.</u>				
1	-	Buried	-	-



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4TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVN.
No. <i>AV 57/19</i>
Date

Headquarters,
4th Australian Division.

Reference your No.G./18/103/3 of the 2nd instant.

1. The shortage of Veterinary officers has for some time past been a source of trouble and inconvenience in the allotting of V.Os. to Units. The allotment having constantly to be changed and in consequence the strictest supervision is unable to be exercised in all cases. The present establishment of D.A.D.V.S., O.C. M.V.S., and three Veterinary Officers is not sufficient to enable the staff to carry out the axiom of "Prevention is better than the Cure". I therefore suggest that the staff should consist of D.A.D.V.S., O.C. M.V.S., and Four Veterinary Officers, the latter being posted as follows:- One V.O. to each Brigade of Artillery, One V.O. to Divisional Train, and one V.O. who would, depending on the disposition of Units, live at the M.V.S. or with an Infantry Brigade Hdqrs. O.C. M.V.S., V.O. Div.Train, and the spare V.O. would between them render Veterinary attention to the M.V.S., the whole of the Div. Train, Three Infantry Brigades, D.H.Q., Pioneer Bn., three Field Coys., three Field Amb., Div.Sig.Coy., and S.A.A. Section D.A.C. These Units, however grouped, are considered three V.Os. each. It is considered that the work entailed in attending these Units efficiently, however grouped, is sufficient to employ three Veterinary Officers constantly. V.Os. of each Artillery Brigade would look after the Arty.Bde. and one section of the D.A.C.

2. I consider a M.V.S. most essential. In my opinion it is the backbone of the Veterinary services of a Division.

3. I am very strongly in favour of increasing the subordinate personnel. At present in Units where no Sgt.A.A.V.C. is attached the dressing is done either by the Farriers or by a man who acts as a dresser or offsider to Sgts.A.A.V.C., whose duty it is to visit the Unit. Unfortunately it is quite often impossible for the Sgt.A.A.V.C. to visit all his Units every day; a dresser is therefore essential. The Farriers, of whatever rank, have quite sufficient to do to keep the animals of the Division well shod, and in giving instructions to those who are not thoroughly proficient. It is very rare to meet with a Unit whose horses can be said to be really well shod. I therefore suggest that in every Unit where there is an establishment of Veterinary equipment, there should also be an A.A.V.C. Cpl., L/Cpl., or Dresser as the case may be, depending upon the number of animals e.g. 1 Cpl. to Pioneer Bn., 1 Cpl. to each Field Coy., 1 L/Cpl. or Dresser to each Machine Gun Coy. Battalion, 1 Dresser to each Machine Gun Coy., and 1 Dresser assistant to Sgt.A.A.V.C. in each Battery of Artillery and Sections of D.A.C. I would also suggest that one Sgt.A.A.V.C. be attached to the Div.Train., and 1 L/Cpl. with each Coy.A.A.S.C. It would be preferable for all Dressers to be Lance Corporals. D.A.D.V.S. would then have a representative in every unit who would be conversant with all orders affecting the animals, and who would also be directly responsible to D.A.D.V.S. for reporting all irregularities.

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

Headquarters,
8/1/19.

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RETURN OF COLONIAL ANIMALS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL DURING
MONTH OF DECEMBER BY 4th AUSTRALIAN MOBILE
VETERINARY SECTION.

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Canadian, }
New Zealand. }
4th Africa. }

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