

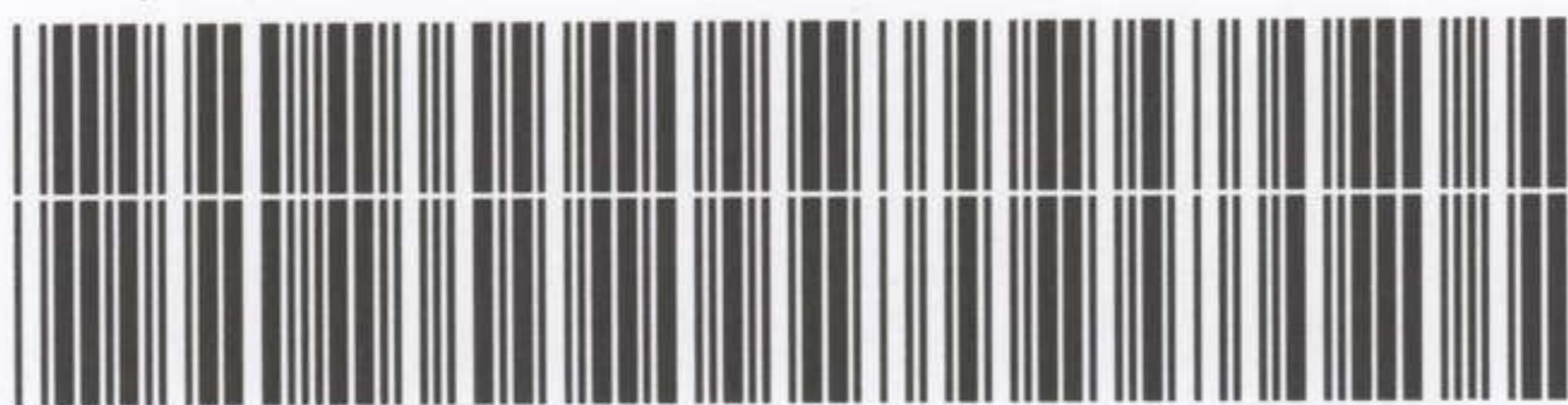
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DEC. 2. TRIPOLI			Capt. Collins RAVC (Reinforcements) arrived at TRIPOLI by sea and was posted to Signal Squadron to act as veterinary officer Divisional Troops. Capt. Kelley ADC OC 9th AMWS instructed to proceed on 4th unit to act temporarily as B.V.O. 5th LHBde and OC 10th AMWS	Same
3			Authority obtained (ADVS AIF wire VS38 of 2/12/18) for Capt. Seddon, being discharged from hospital D.I., to attend Base Veterinary Hospitals in Egypt for 3 weeks. Course of instruction	Same
4			Capt. Kelley proceeded to Baalbek to P.M. Brigade.	Same
5			Continuous rain. 69 Remnants (L.D.) received from 40th Reinforcement Squadron Ludd.	Same
7			Capt. Seddon proceeded to Kantara Vet. Hospital as authorized above.	Same
8			Animals during week ending 7th not accepted for embarkation under Category laid down by L.H.Q. and therefore destroyed - 69.	Same
9			ADVS requested to arrange for 50 sick animals to be taken over at BEIROUT for evacuation by sea.	Same
10			7th LHB Brigade asked, through DADMG, if watering in wet weather may be limited to once daily. DADVS replied "no objection in wet weather providing animals are adequately exercised daily."	Same



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TRIPOLI DEC. 11.			Memo. to ad. staff regarding washing of animals in fresh water. Requesting that unit Commanders see that this practice does - animals may be washed in sea-water when possible to thoroughly dry them afterwards.	Sum
	12		DDVS. instructs that 27 sick and 3 captured animals may now be evacuated to M.V.S. of XXI <sup>st</sup> Corps at Beirut. (These animals are at present with 5 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bde at BARZBEK - B.V.O. of that Brigade instructed to arrange for evacuation immediately).	Sum
	14		8 <sup>th</sup> AMVS moved with 3 <sup>rd</sup> BZ Brigade from MEDDELYA to a site on beach E. of TRIPOLI (2 miles). Location of other M.V.S. - 9 <sup>th</sup> AMVS at 209 4 miles S. of TRIPOLI. 16 <sup>th</sup> AMVS at BARZBEK. Preparation of Remount and Evacuate Returns for September (delayed) and November now completed and forwarded to A.I.F. Head Quarters. Mutilating of captured animals completed. All animals passed test. Wet weather continues.	Sum
	16		Recommendations asked for inclusion in Cin. C's despatch covering period 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1918. to end of war. Major Worthington (C.O. 8 <sup>th</sup> amvs.) and Capt Maloney (AMVC (9 <sup>th</sup> amvs.)) put forward.	Sum
	17		G.H.Q. instruction issued regarding names of Descorp's units "when supply situation allows". This Division to concentrate at BEIRUT. Date later.	Sum.
	18		Delayed weekly AF AMVO return prepared and forwarded. (week ending 14/12/18). Animals destroyed and died during week - 56. weather greatly improved.	Sum. W



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TRIPOLI DEC. 19.			D.D.V.S. instructed that No. 23. INDIAN MOB. VET. SECTION embark at KANTARA on 22 <sup>nd</sup> inst for BEIRUT. This is first Veterinary Receiving unit to be arranged for on L. of C. N. of RAHEL AIN (near NAPLUS) since commencement of operations (sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> ).	Sum.
	20		B.V.O. 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Brigade notifies that 50 animals that Brigade await evacuation also that 20 more would be unable to travel in the event of a move to BEIRUT.	Sum.
	22		A.D.V.S. visited 4 <sup>th</sup> Brigade to make inspection of these animals.	Sum.
	25		Instructed by A.D.V.S. A.D.V.S. to have instruments, in possession of Aust. Vets., which were provided by Purple Cross Society, of Melbourne, collected and returned to Head. Quarters A.I.F.	Sum.
	25		Wired Admcom. Beirut asking if Indian Field Vety. Section was yet established at that place for reception of sick animals. Estimate 100 animals await evac.	Sum.
	26		Circular memorandum received from D.V.S. regarding spread of Egyptian Spuophagitis. memo. issued to all Veterinary Officers of Division. Major H. Worthington returned to duty from Hospital. Wired for him to assume duties of A.D.V.S.	Sum.
	27		Animals evacuated during week ending 21 <sup>st</sup> inst from 5 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bde. 22. Major Worthington assumed duties A.D.V.S. Major Mountjoy assuming duties as B.V.O. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde.	Sum.
30			Requested by Base Commandant to notify French Military Governor when animals are to be destroyed in order that flesh may be made available for distribution to poor of Tripoli and El. Mina. D.V.S. notifies to inform French Military Governor direct.	Sum.

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