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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Veterinary

**Item number:** 27/14/5

**Title:** 2nd Australian Mobile Veterinary  
Section

December 1915 - March 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29/12	Tel-el-Kebir	on Section duties to 2nd Div and 1st Div as well.	
Jan Dec 31		Despatched 1st lot of horses from Rail-head to S.V.H at Abbassia. 80 miles.	
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> 1916	Ismailia	Section proceeded by train to Ismailia <sup>marched</sup> on Suez Canal & thence across ferry by <del>road</del> to Staging camp to East of canal where started a temp Vet Hospital	VOLUME VII  3269 not rendered
March 3	Staging Camp.	The first casualty amongst the animals handled by the section	VOLUME VIII

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Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1916		since its arrival in Egypt Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1915 occurred at 12.15 pm on March 3. This includes 4 months as an Isolation <del>to</del> Temporary Hospital, a trip across to the Peninsular with a ship load of horses & returning them to Egypt (14 days) A.D.V.S 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div expressed his appreciation at the record.	
March 5		As a result of orders from D.H.Q to increase the Establishment up to War strength 1916 <del>was</del> six reinforcements	

Date.	Place and Time.	Promotions	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Mar 5		and one attached man were permanently taken on the strength of the section. Indents covering the increase of equipment were put in on the 1st inst.	
Mar 6	Moorea Ismaia	Section with all equipment returned to the Egyptian side of the canal & went into camp behind the R.F.C.	
<del>Mar</del>		The following promotions have been approved by the D.D.V.S: A.I.F.:— No 25 Cpl Halton H.H. } to be Sergeant " 27 Pt Simpson G.E. } A.V. Corps. " 30 Pt Wilson J.T. to be Cpl 2 M.V.S	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Transfers & Promotions	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Mar 6		Sgts Casson, Bullen & Halton were transferred to the 2 D. A.C. Sgt Simpson to the B.A.C of 2 Howitzers Bde.	
Mar 17	Moaacas	Received orders to embark at 7 P.M. for Alexandria en route for France.	
18	Alexandria	Embarked on Transport B8 H.M.S.T. "Haverford"	
19		Left Alex at 4.30 for Marseilles Lt Col Lloyd 22 Howitzers Bde	

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Date.	Place and Time.	H.M.S.T. "Haverford."	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Mar 26		<p>O.C. Troops. 2nd Major Shelshear            &amp; F.A. Bde. Other Capt. Harbottle            F.A. Capt. Ferguson 20 Inf. Capt.            Pigdon M.O. Lt. Hatton 22 Howz            Adj. Capt. S. Heleth S.V.O. Lt. Davenport:            Playfair, Moore, Mc Donald. Synot F.A.'s            Capt. Finney V.O. 22 Howly, making            about 40 officers.            No casualties on board Touched            Malla but did not stop more            than 5 minutes. Reached            Marseilles morning of Mar 26</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.	Marcellles France	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Mar 26		Camped close to town all leave refused. Order to entrain Section at 7 am for Abbeville N France. Capt Ferguson 20 Bat Inf ac. Train.	
28	Abbeville	Passed through Lyons, Dijon outskirts of Paris (night) on to Abbeville on 28 where we drew wagons & horses to complete establishment. Lt Col Burrard C.O. A.H.T. Depot treated us well. Ordered to take Command as	2 L.D } 9 R } 110

Date.	Place and Time.	Therouanne	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Mar 30		<p>Senior officers of convoy starting at 12.30 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; proceed to Therouanne halting en route at Le Boisle 30<sup>th</sup> Rossin 31<sup>st</sup> int &amp; Therouanne Apr 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Convoy consisted of 17 wagons of 18<sup>th</sup> Inf 17 of 19<sup>th</sup> Inf under Lt Harrison T.O. 17 of 20 Inf Lt Moore T.O. Br. Mc Nab. T.O.</p>	
Apr 1	Therouanne	<p>ordered to proceed with convoy to Steenbecque Apr 2 dropping 18 + 19 Transport en route</p>	<p>VOLUME IX</p>