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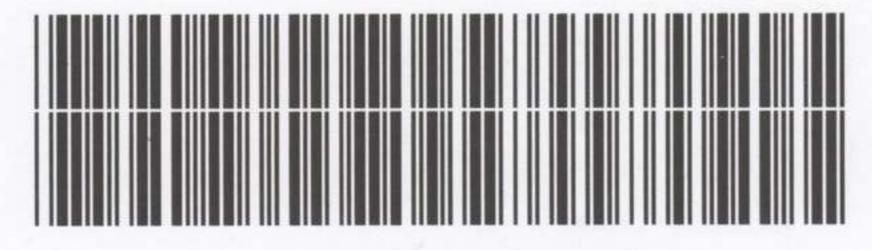
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APPENDIX

Captain WALTERS has held command of the 5th AUSTRAIAN
MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION since the formation of the
Division in EGYPT. Whilst holding this command he has given
very great satisfaction and shown himself an officer of energy
and ability. His professional work has been especially good
and his departure has been a great loss to the Division.
Captain GRANT took over the command of the Mob. Vet. Sec.
on the departure of Captain WALTERS. He had previously
been Veterinary Officer of the 5th DIVISIONAL TRAIN for
about TEN months.



clipping.

Clipping officially commenced on the 15th OCTOPER. Instructions had previously been received that D.D. V. S. 2nd. ARMY would provide machinery to establish a DIVIS-IONAL CLIPPING DEPOT to which all the horses of the Divisio n should be sent, but this mechinery not coming to hand the Division had to arrange the clipping under Divisional During the early part of OCTOBER an N.C.O. and orders. man of the 5th MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION were despatched to No. 23 VERERINARY HOSPITAL StOMER for instruction in the care and sharpening of combs, cutters &c. and THIRTY men who were either experienced horse-clippers or machine sheep-shearers were selected from the Infantry and sent to Reinforcement Camp to be available when clipping started) TWENTY machines were available for the Division and these were allotted as follows:- ELEVEN were sent to ARTILLERY who were then some distance from the Division. TWO were sent to DIVISIONAL TRAIN . ONE was placed at MOBILE VET-ERINARY SECTION and ONE at DIVISIONAL HEAD QUARTERS. The remaining FIVE were placed in charge of a Sergeant A.A. V. C. and grouped at the Horse Clipping Depot. The selected personnel were distributed with the machined except to the ARTILLERY who provided their own personnel. Rigs were issued direct to the ARTILLERY , DIVISIONAL TRAIN, and MOP. VET. SEC. and remainder held in reserve to be supplied to the Horse Clipping Depot for issue as the horses were clipped. Two Sharpening Machines were available, ONE being placed at the MOE. VET. SEC. and the other at the Clipping Depot. Orders were issued in accordance with 2n)d ARMY ORDERS that all horses were to be clipped all over except the legs below the elbow and stifle and that rugs would not be placed on the horses until they were clipped.

APPENDIX II (continued)

Clipping proceeded satisfactorily during the month. Many of the smalled Units commenced operations on their own account with hand clippers.

APPENDIX III

Wastage.

Wastage during the month was fairly heavy. The number of cases of GUNSHOT and HOME WOUNDS exceeding those of any month since the formation of the Division. The number of cases of P.U.N. showed a large increase such as occurred at a similar period last year. The condition of the horses generally was well maintained except for the ARTILLERY , the horses of which were working very hard. Generally speaking the methods of horse management, particularly in shoeing, showed a great improvement over the same period last year. It was found that owing to the infrequency in which sick horse trains were run the number of sack horses at the Loring Viterinary SECTION became at times somewhat large. The practice of having a MOE. VET. DETACHMENT under the direction of CORPS acting as a CASUALTY CLEARIN G STATION and placed at PAIL HEAD worked admirably, relieving the MOP. VET. SEC. of the arduous duty of providing numerous train parties.

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