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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
G 23A8-6	8 th		Inspected 164 remounts for 5 Australian Division at Calais	
	10 th		A.D.T.S moved from G23A8-6 to H26B7-7.	
H 23B7-7	10 th		Captain R Clarke A.A.T.B reported for duty	
	10 th		Captain J Reynolds reported for duty	
	17 th		Captain C J W Waller A.A.T.B O.C. 5 Aust Mobile Veterinary Section transferred to Australian Veterinary Hospital Calais (authority A.S.G. A.17 148/320 Appendix I)	
	17 th		Captain R Grant A.A.T.B transferred from 5 Divisional Train to 5 Australian Mobile Veterinary Section as O.C.	
	23 rd		It was suggested to "Q" branch that Russian screens should be provided for horse lines as a sound break.	
	27 th		A.D.T.S moved from H26 B7-7 to G 23A8-6	
G 23A8-6	28		One case of stomatitis reported in 28 A.A.S. and one case in 32nd Battalion Both animals were isolated and the remainds of the animals in these units examined daily for suspicious symptoms Q branch advised	
	29		No 5 Aust Division asked to instruct S.S.C to issue all surplus food to the Artillery	

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APPENDIX 1

Captain WALTERS has held command of the 5th AUSTRALIAN 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.

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C l i p p i n g .

Clipping officially commenced on the 15th OCTOBER.

Instructions had previously been received that D.D.V.S.

2nd. ARMY would provide machinery to establish a DIVISIONAL CLIPPING DEPOT to which all the horses of the Division should be sent, but this machinery not coming to hand the Division had to arrange the clipping under Divisional orders. During the early part of OCTOBER an N.C.O. and man of the 5th MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION were despatched to No. 23 VETERINARY 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 VETERINARY 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 machines except to the ARTILLERY who provided their own personnel. Rugs were issued direct to the ARTILLERY, DIVISIONAL TRAIN, and MOB. 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 MOB. VET. SEC. and the other at the Clipping Depot. Orders were issued in accordance with 2nd 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.

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APPENDIX II (continued)

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



W a s t a g e .

Wastage during the month was fairly heavy. The number of cases of GUNSHOT and BOMB 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 sick horses at the MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION became at times somewhat large. The practice of having a MOB. VET. DETACHMENT under the direction of CORPS acting as a CASUALTY CLEARING STATION and placed at RAIL HEAD worked admirably, relieving the MOB. VET. SEC. of the arduous duty of providing numerous train parties.



Animal WastageMonth of October 1917

	<u>R.</u>	<u>L.D.</u>	<u>Mules</u>	<u>H.D.</u>	<u>Packs</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Evacuated</u>	20	149	30	2		201
<u>Died</u>	3	65	27	2		97
<u>Deceased</u>	13	39	38			110
<u>Missing</u>	2	13	1			16
<u>Total</u>	38	286	96	4		424

APPENDIX



Handbags
Bank of Victoria 1917

<i>Handbags</i>	<i>Bank of Victoria</i>	<i>1917</i>	<i>1917</i>	<i>1917</i>	<i>1917</i>
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