

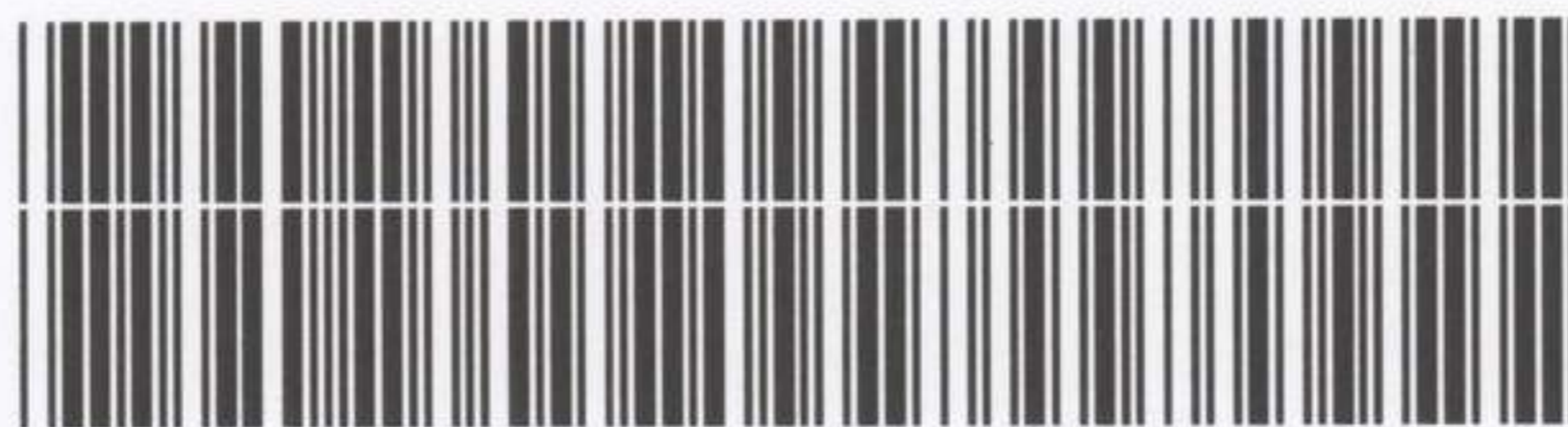
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WAR DIARY

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OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917 11/11		D.A.D.T.S. moved from G23. a 8. 6 Sheet 28 to Parleul	
	15/11		D.A.D.T.S. moved from Parleul to M35 a 0. 2. Sheet 28	
	28/11		D.A.D.T.S. acting as A.D.T.S. 1st Anzac while A.D.T.S. 1st Anzac on leave	
	28/11		Captain G. B. Sinton A.A.V.C. transferred to 1st Australian Division as O.C. 1st Mobile Veterinary Section from 13th Bus & A Bde.	Appendix IV
				Clipping " I
				Evacuation of Horses " II
				Animal Wastage " IV
			Major Frank Perry D.A.D.T.S. 5 Australian Division	

CLIPPING

Appendix I.

Experience of this year has shown beyond question that the grouping of all the Clipping Machines in the Division under trained personnel results in quicker work, better clipping, stricter carrying out of A R Os as regards clipping, less dislocation and annoyance to the Units and a more certain detection of the cases of skin disease revealed in clipping. It has also involved far less wear and tear on the machines and they have been returned to Ordnance in as good working condition as they were received, whereas machines withdrawn from the Units from time to time were found in many cases to be in very bad working order due mostly to lack of knowledge and partly to neglect.

It is strongly recommended that in future, whenever possible, Clipping should be made a Divisional matter under the control of the D.A.D.V.S. As far as the animals are concerned they have picked up in condition since Clipping.

The N.C.O. in charge of the Clipping No. 175 Sgt. Pentland. W 5th. Aust. Mob. Vetry. Sectn. carried out his duties very satisfactorily. This was brought to the notice of the G.O.C. 5th Division who officially expressed his appreciation of the work done.

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EVACUATION OF HORSES.

Appendix. II

Owing to the fact that sick horse trains were only available when a large number of horses had accumulated in the Mobile Veterinary Sections it is considered that they were probably received at the base in a considerably worse condition than when they arrived at the Mob. Vet. Sec. as with personnel depleted by the Mobile Veterinary Detachment and Advanced Post it was impossible to give the necessary attention, and where operations were necessary the delay would have been more serious.

Appendix. III

CAPTAIN G. F. FINLAY A.A.V.C. proceeded to take command of the 1st Mob. Vetry. Sectn. from the 13th Aus. F.A. Bde.

When Capt. Finlay took over the Brigade the Veterinary Services were not in a satisfactory condition. Horsemastership defective, and a large number of Mange cases in the Brigade. He left the Brigade in good condition and free from Mange.

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ANIMAL WASTAGE.

Appendix. IV

Several cases have occurred in the Division somewhat simulating Biliary Fever, which were at first classed as Influenza but further observation showed that they were neither Influenza nor Biliary Fever and for want of a more definite term they were afterwards classified as Jaundice since the most symptoms were the Jaundiced condition of the Mucus membrane, intestinal Catarrh and Low fever.