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The improvement in the MANGE number of cases hoped for during the earlier part of the month did not occur, but the virulence of these occurring was greatly diminished owing most certainly to the Dipping and Washing.

In order to make this more effective it was decided with much reluctance to recommence Clipping and a Divisional Clipping Party was formed and sent to Units at the description of the D.A.D.V.S. Experience has shown that such a method is far more efficient and rapid than allowing each Unit to do its own clipping.

Although a Unit can hardly be blamed for the first introduction of Mange, as it often occurs through dirty stables, or through the carelessness of some individual, yet it has been very noticeable that the number of cases occurring and that the seriousness of these cases vary very considerably in accordance with the known standard of Hersemastership.

All remounts were kept isolated as one Mule, unclipped was found itchy on arrival at the Unit from the remount Depot, and on being clipped was found very lousy and showing lesions strongly suspicious of Mange.

Whitewashing of stables was continued throughout the Division and owing to these stringent measures the number of cases was greatly reduced ~~At~~ the latter part of the month. It is feared, however, that the Divisional move may result in a further spread owing to the impossibility of maintaining isolation between sections and Units.

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APPENDIX 2

METAL PLATES AGAINST P .U .N.

Appendix II

A fairly long experience ^{ment} has now been made with these, and the following results are appearing; when used over rough metal or cobble roads the plates are dented and after about 8 to 10 days many plates have split down the centre of the frog. In one of two instances probably owing to this dinting, a little sole pressure has resulted; in other instances however, where Units have been working on softer roads, the plates even after a fortnight have not shown any dinting. It is questionable whether in an area such as this, where P.U.N. is rare, the constant issue of the plates is justified, but there is no doubt they would be useful in areas where P.U.N. is frequent. It is thought that it would be economical and efficient if a supply were available to be sent to any Division on demand, or, to Divisions entering certain areas where P.U.N. is frequent.

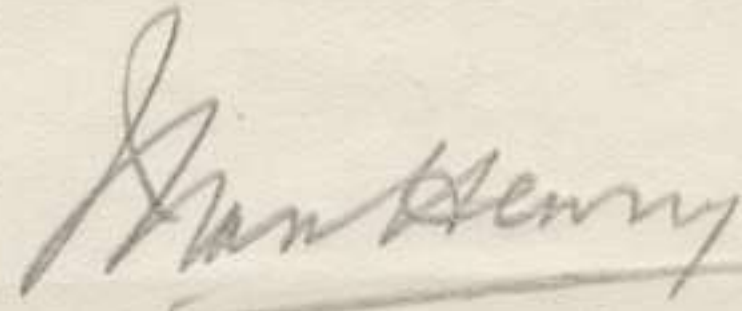
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GENERAL CONDITION AND WASTAGE.Appendix III.

Generally speaking the condition of the animals in this Division for the past month has been very good. The evacuations were greatly added to by mange and by the shelling of back areas. Bomb protections were erected around most of the stables and lines. The food ration was reduced in the early part of the month, but that that was being issued had a good deal of variety and Units salvaged a quantity of turnips which helped considerably to keep the animals in condition. It must be borne in mind, however, that the weather has been mild, shelter good, and work not exhausting. With the exception of mange and shell wounds already mentioned there is nothing of note to report.

The evacuations for the month were : - 164

Out of the above there were 76 cases of mange.



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INSPECTION OF UNIT TRANSPORT LINES.Month of March, 1918.Appendix, IV.....

1st.		Dipped 200 animals for Mange.
2nd.	<u>51st. Bty.</u>	Conference of all V.O's at D.A.D.V.S. office. Condition of animals improving. Wind screen for stables needed. No bomb protection.
	<u>113th Bty.</u>	Condition of animals good. Stables good. Bomb protection being constructed.
	<u>8th M.G. Coy.</u>	Condition of animals improving slightly. Wind screen badly required. No bomb protection.
	<u>No. 2 Observation Group.</u>	3 (Tempy. attached) Condition of animals good. Stables good. Arranged for Veterinary attention and a supply of lime for whitewashing stables.
3rd.	<u>55th. Bty.</u>	The animals of this Unit have not been sufficiently exercised and show signs of falling off in condition. The Unit reports having been turned back from exercising by Traffic Control.
	<u>50th. Bty.</u>	Condition still on poor side.
	<u>14th Fld. Eng.</u>	Condition improving. No protection against bombs around stables Mange apparently under control
	<u>15th Fld. Eng.</u>	Condition improving slightly. No bomb protection. Mange appears to be under control.
	<u>5th. Pion.</u>	Condition still good. Stables well protected
	<u>10th A.A.S.C.</u>	Condition still good. Providing wind screens as required. Stables not whitewashed. No protection against bombs.
	<u>18th, 28th, 29th, A.A.S.C.</u>	Condition good Stables not whitewashed. No protection against bombs.
	<u>8th Fld. Amb.</u>	Condition good. Feeding hay off the ground. Stables mostly protected against bombs.
4th.	<u>25th M.G. Coy.</u>	Inspected with D.M.G.O.. Condition good. Stables not protected against bombs.
	<u>15th M.G. Coy.</u>	Condition good but animals appear ungroomed and unkept.
	<u>14th M.G. Coy.</u>	Condition good Stables unprotected. None of the above M.G. Coy. stables have been whitewashed.
	<u>5th A.M.V.S.</u>	Condition good. Bomb protection in course of construction.
	<u>5th Div. Sig. Coy.</u>	Condition good. Bomb protection inadequate. Stables require whitewashing.
5th.	<u>8th M.G. Coy.</u>	Improving No wind screen;
	<u>30th, 32nd,)</u>	
	<u>57th, 58th, Btns)</u>	Condition Good. Stables Good.

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UNIT INSPECTIONS. "2"

- (5th. 15th Bde. H.Q. Condition Good. Stables fair.
15th Fld. Amb. No whitewashing yet done bomb protection required
- 6th. 8th Fld. Coy. Engrs. Condition improving. No Bomb protection
114th Bty. Visited with A.D.V.S. Corps. Arranged Clipping party
Dipped 200 horses.
- 7th. 14th Fld. Amb. Condition Good. Whitewashing being carried out.
167th A.T.R.E. (Tempy. Attached) Condition Good. Stables Good.
- 5th Div. Sigs. 5th D.H.Q. 5th M.V.S.
Visited Ouderdom C.C.S. re trucking.
- 8th&9th. Dipped 200 horses.
10th. At CALAIS selecting remonnts.
114th Bty. Clipping party at work.
5th Div. Sigs. Evidence of slackness in control. Headcollars not washed.
5th M.V.S. Condition very good.
5th D.H.Q.. 5th D.A.H.Q. Condition good Stabling good.
- 11th. 5th Div Sigs It was pointed out to the O.C. that general *improvements* were required and that an Officer should visit the Lines more often.
5th D.H.Q. Instructed re dressing of all horses against Mange
5th D.A.H.Q. ditto
114th Bty. Clipping party at work. Progressing satisfactorily
Animals in good condition.
5th D.A.C. With C.O. Animals throughout in good condition especially No. 2 Section. Some stables need bomb protection.
54th Bty. Animals much improved. No bomb protection.
53rd. Bty. Animals very fair but not improving.
5th Pioneers . Condition good Stables Good.
- 12th. 15th Fld. Engrs. Animals at a standstill in condition. S.S.O. written re slight increase in feed.
113th Bty. Condition Good and improving.
49th Bty. " " " " More whitewashing required.
13th Aus. F.A. Bde. H.Q. Condition Good.
51st. Bty. Mange appears to be under control. Stables improved
14th Inf. Bde. This Bde. deserves credit for excellent condition of animals and stables. Grazing is being obtained whenever possible and Turnips provided. There is a tendency to use straw issued as/ feed for bedding.
56th Battn. Stables require more ventilation in the daytime. Bde. so informed.
14th M.G. Coy. Condition very fair. Rugging up taking place too early for warm days.
- 13th. 15th. Fld. Amb. Condition Good.
54th Bty. 5th D.H.Q. 5th Div Sigs. 8th M.G. Coy. Condition good
30th Btn. Animal found clipped all over including legs. "3Q" asked to obtain an explanation.
32nd. 58th. 57th. Btns. Condition good.

UNIT INSPECTIONS "3"

14th.

114th Bty. Clipping nearly complete.
14th Fld. Amb. Condition good. No bomb proof protection.
55th Bty. Condition good.
14th Fld. Eng. Improving in condition. No bomb proof protection.

15th.

5th Div. Train. Lime washing in all four Coys. very poor. No sieving of hay being carried out. No. 9 hind shoes branded "~~Bx6oxi2kx~~" B Co 1916" as now being issued unsatisfactory Letters re shoes to A.D.V.S. Corps. & D.A.D.O.S. W.Os; horse in 10th A.A.S.C. had its legs clipped from coronet to fetlock. This was reported to D.H.Q.
29th. 31st. 58th. 60th. Btns. 25th M.G. Coy. 15th M.G. Coy. Condition Good. Stables Good.

16th.

5th Div. Sigs. 5th D.H.Q. 5th D.A.H.Q. 114th Bty. 14th M.G. Coy. 15th M.G. Coy. Condition Good.

17th.

Examining nominees for the position of Farrier Sergeant.
5th Div. Sigs. 5th D.H.Q. Good.

18th.

5th M.V.S. Special inspection of all buildings and standings.
14th Fld. Amb. Condition Good.
14th Inf. Bde. 14th M.G. Coy. 18th. 28th; 29th. 10th. A.A.S.C. Condition Good. Stables Good.
8th Fld. Amb. Condition Good.
C.O. 5th Div. Train asked to draw Coy. Commanders attention to D.R.O. 88 Exchange of horses from Unit to Unit. and D.R.O. 145 Stables Whitewashing of.

19th.

49th Bty. Condition Good. Whitewashing incomplete.
51st Bty. Condition Good. Clipping nearly completed.
114th Bty. Condition Good. Stables Good.
8th M.G. Coy. Condition still improving. S.S.O. advised that extra feed may be discontinued.
30th. 32nd. 57th. 58th; Btns. Condition Good. Stables Good.
5th D.A.C. Condition Good. Stables fair.

20th.

114th Bty. Condition Good.
54th Bty. Still improving in condition.
53rd. Bty. Condition improving but still not up to standard.
15th Fld. Amb. 8th Fld. Eng. 5th Div. Sigs. Condition Good.

22nd.

15th M.G. Coy. Condition Good. Well protected against bombs.
14th. M.G. Coy. Condition very fair. Have moved into the open so at present are without Bomb protection. S.S.O. asked to supply additional diet.
15th Inf. Bde. H.Q. 29th, 31st, 59th, Btns. Condition Good. protected from bombs.
50th Bty. Improving in condition slightly. Protection from bombs very fair.
55th Bty. Condition Good. Some stables well protected against others not so well.
Conference at 5th D.H.Q. of all Veterinary Officers of the Division.

UNIT INSPECTIONS "4"

23rd.

49th. Bty. Condition Good. This Unit has a good deal of natural protection from bombs but it requires improving in many places

51st. Bty. Animals improving in condition. All the Unit clipped
No Bomb protection. Owing to the type of standings it will be difficult for this Unit to erect bomb protections without revetting material.

114th Bty. Condition Good Well protected from bombs on one side of stables only. Stables good and constantly being improved.

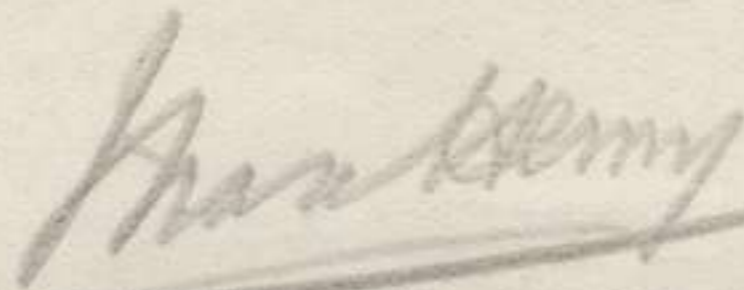
50th Bty 5th Pioneers. Condition good.

14th Fld Engrs. Improving in condition of animals. Bomb protection commenced.

15th Fld Engrs. Improving in condition of animals. Bomb protection complete.

25th

Division moving from area.



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