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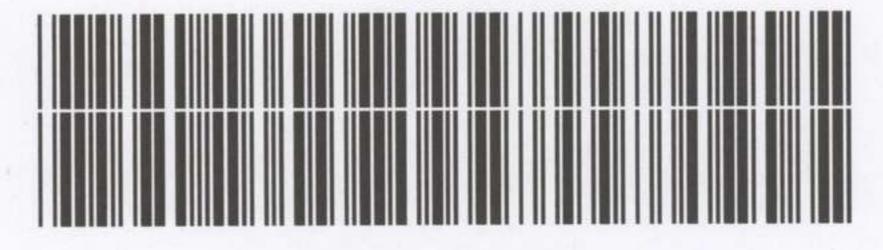
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Speaking generally the condition of the animals of the Division has been good. One or two Units were not up to the usual standard but improved in the latter part of the month.

Manga reappeared during the month - three cases appearin in three separate Units - One was a remount which was never on the lines The Sther two were both connected with the samm Unit althoug actually found on different lines. The source of infection of the animals remains obscure. The Transport Officer suggests that the infection must have occurred indirectly through the horses being awa from the direct control at schools etc., and this is quite possible and is a difficult matter to control.

The Unit is being clipped and arrangements made for a 1

constant supply of Mange dressing to all Units.

The probability of infection is always increased when hore are away from Units and are placed in old stables, barns etc.

In connection with the above the following instructions were issued

1. All head-collars should be cleaned thoroughly and disinfect weekly.

2. The head bands of nose-bags should be disinfected weekly. 3. All grooming gear should be disinfected weekly in Mange dres

if available if not in creasol.

4. The polls, cheeks, and upper parts of the neck should be wash

twice with Mange dressing.

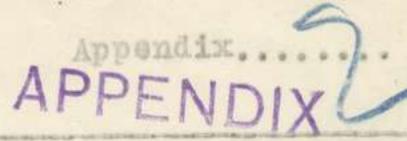
5. All Units to have a supply of Mange dressing on hand as soon possible.

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Distribution of Veterinary Officers and subordinate Veterinary

Personnel.



The distribution of the three Veterinary Officers now allowed to a Division - allotting one to each Artillery Brigade and one to the Divisional Train works satisfactorily so long as the D.A.D.V.S. is allowed to change sollows as circumstances after - if that power is taken from him the schemr would be unworkable.

In the ordinary circumstances it is possible to allow the V.O's to live with the Units to which they are attached but it often happens that to do so would involve them in travelling such distances as to render their work very difficult and sketchy. At the present moment, owing to the disposition of the Units of the Division, one V.O. is with an Artillery Brigade, one at the D.A.C.H.Q., and one with the S.A.A.Section 5th D.A.C.. Only so can Veterinary supervision be arranged. Incidently it may be pointed out that it is a very good thing for Units, not ordinarily supplied with to have a Veterinary Officer living with them for a time — The Officers get a lot of unofficial instruction from him, and the Stageants A.V.C. and Farrier Sergeants get more closely supervised.

The addition of another Veterinary Officer is greatly to be desired to should be as it were a free lance ready to proceed to and reside m

in any location as desired by the D.A.D.V.S ..

and the work unevenly divided - There seems no reason why the Farrier Sergeants of the Engineers and the Train should be considered more capable of doing the work than the Marrier's Sergeants of the Artillery yet such is the practical result. It would of course be desirable that all sickness in horses should be dealt with by Veterinary Personnel and with a few extra med this could be arranged.

The C.R.E. is provided with a Medical Officer who looks after all three Companies. If a Company gets much detached the nearest M.O. takes emergency cases - Why should the C.R.E. not have a Sergeant A.V.C. attached and working on the same plan. Generally speaking the Engineer Transport lines are seldom far apart and if one was detached the nearest Sergeant A.V.C. could be detailed to look after it. To do so at present would lead to trouble because of the constant changes,

The same thing applies to the Divisional Train - In moving warfare it might not work but ordinarily the Companies are bunched and the Sergeant could do the work. The Company most often detached is the one supplying the Artillery but here again if an A.V.C.man were doing the work the nearest Battery Sergeant could be detailed - If a third. Sergeant were placed at D.H.Q. he could deal with D.H.Q., M.M.P., Divisional Signals and could be utilised with the numerous labour Coys. and other scattered Units in the neighbourhood of D.H.Q. which are nominally handed over to the D.A.D.V.S. - This leaves only the Pioneers and the ambulances - The Pioneer Transport generally appears to be within reasonable distance of D.H.Q. but the Ambulances are a difficulty

If no better scheme could be thought of to bring them in, a Sergeant A.V.C. might be available to take up duty at the central one and work the three. If the question of provoding the personnel is raised this could to some extent, be provided by cutting down the strength of the Train and D.A.S. to two -one being with the S.A.A.Sec- instead of three

Financially it could be arranged partially, by reducing the Staff
Farrier Sergeants of the Train to Farrier Sergeants. There is no
reason why they should have higher rank as they do not do as much as the
Farrier Sergeants of the Batteries and the fiction that the Train
carried out the shoeing for the Infantry has long aho been discarded.

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