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War Diary.

of.

I. A. I. F. 5th Australian Division.

for.

November 1918.

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Lt Colonel.

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Lt Colonel.

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Oisemont	20.11.18	-	Capt. R. Clarke Ad. V. B. evacuated sick.	
"	25.11.18	-	Capt. A. Tucker Ad. V. B. att'd 5 th Div Train. to be temporary att'd 13 th Aust LA Bde.	
			vice Capt. Clarke evacuated.	
Tringins	11.11.18	-	5 th Aust. M. T. S. inspected on Parade.	
	15.11.18	To		
	21.11.18		Inspection of all units of Division and calling out all animals unfit for long and hard marching.	
Oisemont	10.11.18		Attended conference held by G. O. C. Division re work of Division during past few months.	
"	16.11.18		Attended G. O. C.'s conference re possible marching Division to Germany.	
"	28.11.18		Left Oisemont 28.11.18. and moved to Larriv.	
			Type appendix 8 as marked	

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APPENDIX

WAR DIARY

OF

D.A.D.V.S. 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

NOVEMBER. 1918.

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| 10 th . | March to the Rhine. |

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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.I.12.18.
-----PERSONNEL.

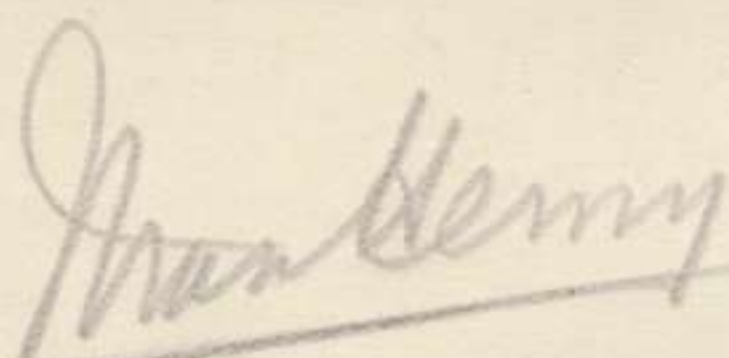
Capt.R.GRANT O.C. M.V.S. has been absent on sick leave throughout the month.

Capt.P.L.EDWARD has continued to act as O.C. M.V.S.

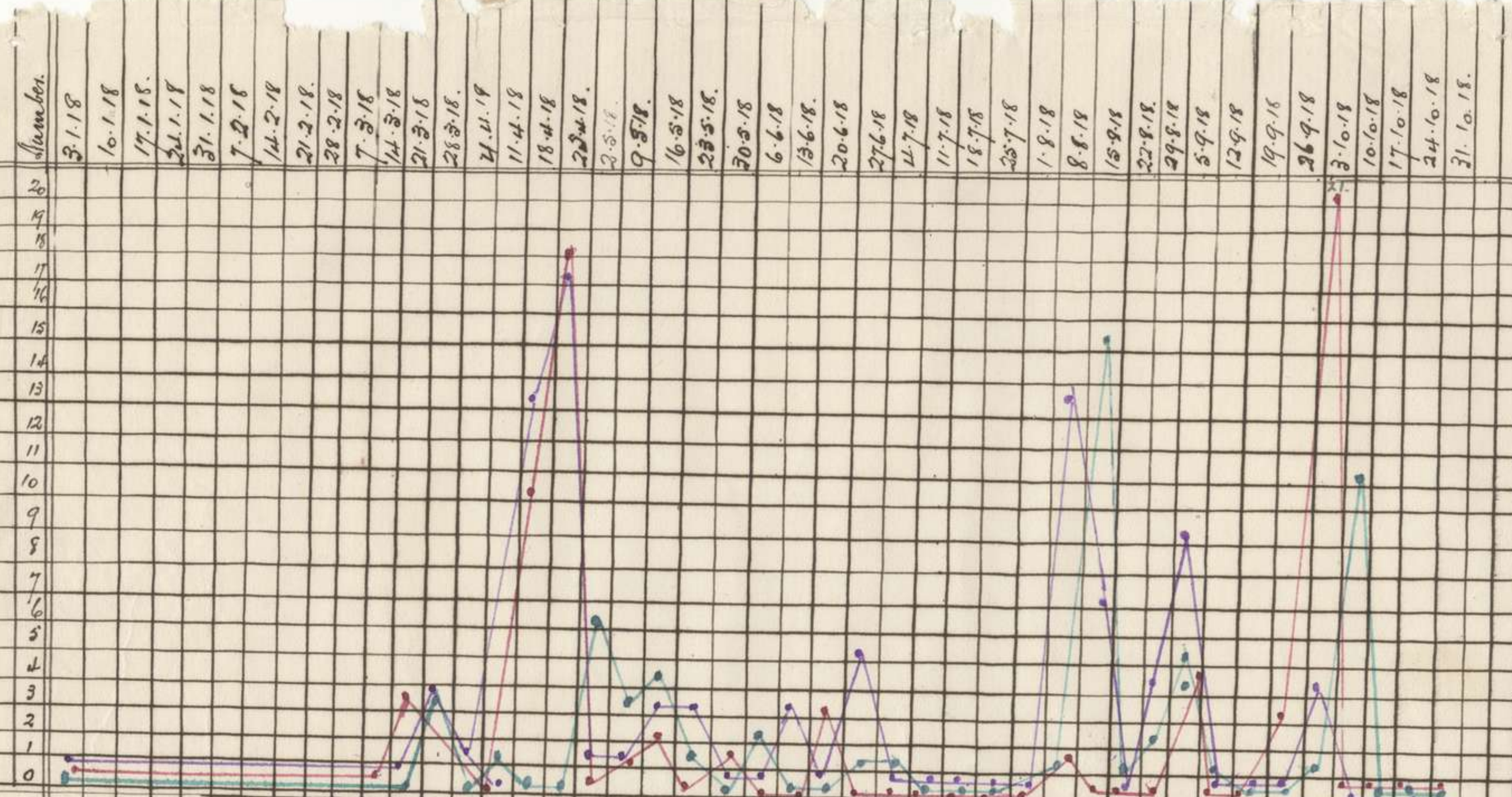
On the 20th.inst. Capt.CLARKE was evacuated sick, and as this left the Artillery without a V.O., Capt.TUCKER was sent up to take his place.

The Division is now left with only 2 V.O.'S besides the D.A.D.V.S. Had such a condition existed in the early days of the Division it would have been impossible to carry on.

As it is proper supervision is out of the question, and the work of the V.O.'S as far as Units are concerned is confined to evacuating sick and to controlling clipping in cases of Skin disease.


Lieut-Colonel.
D.A.D.V.S.5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Notes.



Remarks. as to seasons of casualties etc.

Sept 29th + 30th ~~Sept~~: Attack on Hindenburg line

German attack on Villers-Bretonneux

Australian attack of August 8th

Attack on Peronne 31st Aug.

Continuous advance from Aug 8th to end of Sept with consequent casualties.

Sept

Evacuated

Died

Destroyed

Gunshot. Wound.	33
Gassed.	9
Bomb. Wound.	4.
Gunshot. Wound.	76
Gassed.	-
Bomb. Wound.	7.
Gunshot. Wound.	64
Gassed	1
Bomb. Wound.	1

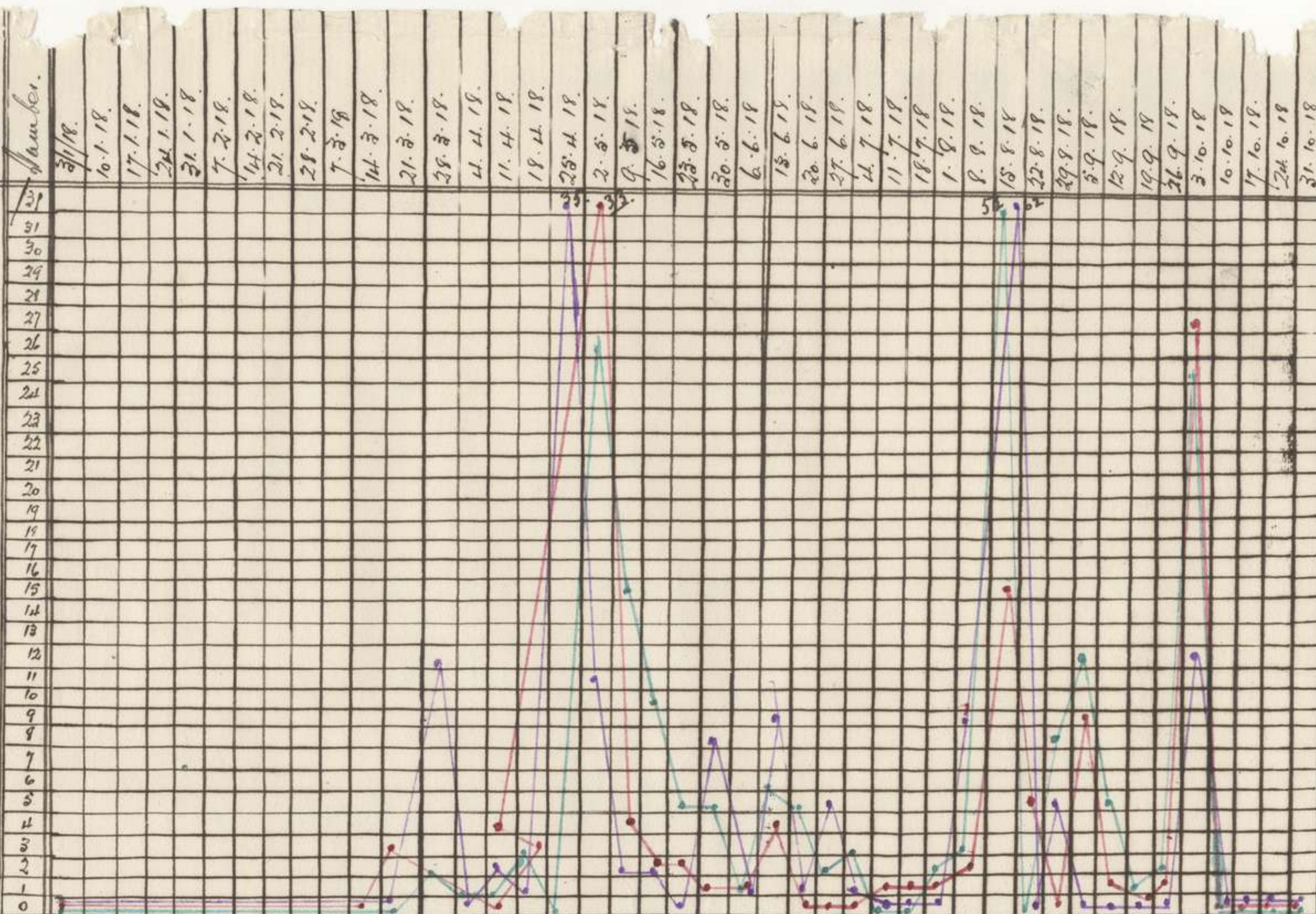
5 Australian Division Note Casualties
3/1/1918 to 31/10/1918

W. H. Berry Lt. Colonel.

APPENDIX

Kases.

over



Remarks. as to 237
seasons. of. Casualties
etc.

Australian Attack 8. 8. 18.
German attack on Villers-
-Bretonneux during week
ending 25. 4. 18.
29th & 30th ~~Sept~~ ^{Sept} attack on
Hindenburg Line.

Attack on Peronne Aug 31st

Evacuated.

Died.

Destroyed.

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			2	8	1	2																		

Gunshot. Wound. 184.
Gassed. 25.
Bomb. Wound. 7.
Gunshot. Wound. 148
Gassed. 3
Bomb. Wound. 2.
Gunshot. Wound. 139.
Gassed. 13
Bomb. Wound.

Frank Perry

APPENDIX D

WEEKLY REPORT

CONDITION.

Is being maintained but not improved upon to any great extent. Many animals are still fairly low.

FEED.

Hay rations still low, but good in quality. Bran and salt still available in fair quantities.

SANITATION.

Has much improved in many cases, being greatly assisted by supplies of saw-dust from the mills. Some units have not made sufficient use of this.

INSPECTIONS.

14th. Inf. Brigade was inspected and monthly reports furnished. 5th. M.V.S. was inspected on parade in marching order. Equipment appears complete.

WATER.

14th. Bde. Battalions in some instances have had difficulty owing to their distance from good supplies.

SHOES.

Has been kept up to date but there is still a tendency in some units to leave miles feet too long. Most units appear to have supplies of winter shoes and cogs.

W. H. Henry

Lt-Colonel.

15-11-18.

D.A.D.V.S. 5th. Australian Division.

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8th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

22/11/18.

WEEKLY REPORT.

WASTAGE.

Has been apparently heavy this week, but this is due to calling out with a view to long and hard trekking. Under ordinary circumstances, many of the animals evacuated as "debilities" would not have been so classed. Very little more will be done as some of the remounts are very little better than those called.

CONDITION.

About the same as last week.

LICE.

As was expected lice are appearing in various places and clipping has had to be resorted to. The danger of this was pointed out when the non-clipping order was first issued.

CLIPPING.

The enforcement of the order against clipping is being very irregularly carried out and nearly all remounts received are totally or partially clipped. Such action renders the work of Advisory Officers very difficult. The issue of the non-clipping orders must have had weighty reasons behind it in view of its many obvious disadvantages and yet its evasion is evidently winked at, either the order ought never to have been issued, or it should be enforced. In this Division the order is being enforced but it is fairly evident that no attention need be paid to this type of order if one disagrees with it.

STABLES.

If the Division is to remain in this area for any lengthy period, a stable should be built for the 14th. M.C. Company similar to that of the 8th. and 15th. The two latter Companies are now very comfortable.

EVACUATIONS.

The artillery are situated a long distance from any M.V.S. and evacuations are difficult. Arrangements were made to collect all sick in one convey and to despatch it under an officer.

PERSONNEL.

Capt. Clarke M.C. 15th. Aust. F.A. Bde. was evacuated sick during the week.

Walter Henry

Lt. Colonel,
D.A.M.V. 8th. Australian Division.

5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

30th. Novr. 1918.

WEEKLY REPORT.
-----MOVE.

During the week the move of the Division to LE-CATEAU Area commenced and is still in progress.

RESULTS OF REST.

The animals after the culling out ordered are in very fair condition, and should stand a considerable amount of hard work.

ANTHRAX.

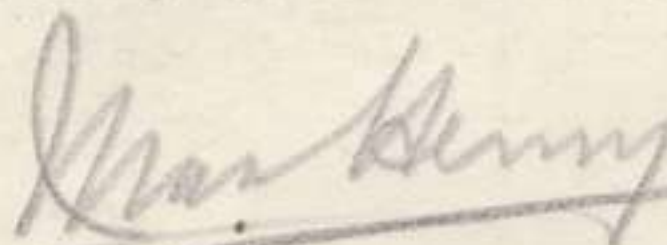
A case of Anthrax occurred in the 25th. M.G. Coy. at NESLE-NORMAN-DEUSE. All precautions against the spread of disease were taken.

PERSONNEL.

Capt. Clarke and Grant are still absent on sick leave and the M.V.S. has also had two men evacuated sick.

EVACUATIONS.

The evacuations this week appear heavy, but most refer to evacuations during the previous week, of which full notice has only just been received.



Lieut-Colonel.
D.A.D.V.S. 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

10.11.18.

INSPECTION OF ARTILLERY.

During inspection of the animals of the Batteries yesterday the following points were noticed-

CONDITION.

Varies considerably. The 113th. are probably in the best condition and the 53rd. (the only battery not seen) are according to the reports of the V.O. i/c the worst. Considerable improvement in condition is visible in the 13th. Bde. generally since they were last seen a week ago. Taking it right through the 13th. Bde. is better than the 14th. at present. The animals are still tired and listless and many would crack up if put to work now.

LINES.

Very fair but nearly all in open. Sanitation very fair.

FEEDING.

Generally good but more use should be made of chaff-cutters so that some chaff at least is given with each oat feed. At the 51st. and 54th. Batteries the chaff-cutters are not available and have been so far a long while. There was much waste of food taking place at 54th. The food controllin most batteries appears good. Difficulty in obtaining permission to graze are said to have been encountered by 14th. Bde.

SHOEING.

On the whole satisfactory. Marked improvement in the 51st. which had been adversely reported on previously. Some mules ~~st~~ still too long in various batteries. Shortage of shoes at 55th. which should not exist if indents have been correctly put in.

WATERING.

Satisfactory as far as supply goes. Three waterings a day is desirable if only for the sake of the exercise to make the animals warmed for their first feed.

GROOMING.

The animals are fairly dirty but no grooming has been possible in many cases for several days before inspection, owing to rough weather. Some units are short of dandy brushes which should not be. Body brushes are very little good with the present dry coats. Sufficient home-made curry combs are not in evidence, rolled wire-netting and other home made types are in some ways better than purchased curry combs.

EFFICIENCY OF SHOEING STAFF.

Efficient.

EFFICIENCY OF VETERINARY STAFF.

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STATE OF VETERINARY SUPPLIES.

1 wallet short has been indented for, Drugs are on indent and advice has been received that they have been despatched from Base.

SKIN DISEASE.

Mange Nil.
Lice one.

Necrotic Dermatitis rather common as usual in debilitated animals kept on muddy lines.

DEBILITY.

From 5th. Div. Artillery 14 evacuated during past week a few more to go.



Lieut-Colonel.

D.A.D.V.S. 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

5th. Australian Division.23rd. Novr. 1918.TRANSPORT SCHOOL.

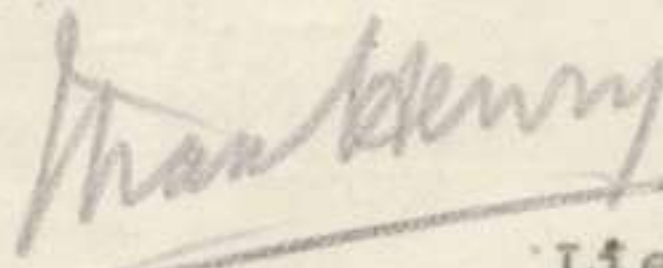
During the past month the Divisional Transport School has continued and has done very satisfactory work.

It was in charge of a Selected Officer of the Div. Train and a series of lectures were given during the course by the D.A.D.V.S.

It is held that these schools are much superior to the schools at the Veterinary Hospitals, because they ^{deal} solely with actual transport work, and a great deal of practised routine is included.

At the Hospitals the men are inclined to spend their time watching operations and so on, which are of no earthly use to them, and are inclined to units imagining themselves budding Veterinary Surgeons.

The Divisional School moreover is entirely controlled and instructed by Officers who have been working continuously in forward areas and understand exactly what can be expected from men in such conditions.



Lieut-Colonel.
D.A.D.V.S. 5th. Australian Division.

5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ANIMAL WASTAGE. FOR NOVEMBER. 1.12.18.

<u>Evacuated.</u>	<u>Died.</u>	<u>Destroyed.</u>
256.	6.	9.
CLASS. 1.	CLASS. 6.	CLASS. 6.
150.	3.	1.
CLASS. 10.	CLASS. 11.	CLASS. 13.
34.	2.	8.
CLASS. 11.	CLASS. 13.	-----
9.	1.	9.
CLASS. 12.	-----	-----
8.	6.	
CLASS. 13.	-----	
52.		
CLASS. 6.		
2.		
CLASS. 5.		

1.		
256.		

W. H. Murray
W. H. Murray

5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.30.11.18.ANTHRAX REPORT.

On Monday 25.11.18; a telephone message was received from 5th. M.G. Battn. that a mule had died suddenly and that Anthrax was suspected. On proceeding to the battn. the Sgt. A.A.V.C. informed me that the animal had died suddenly the previous evening, he had directed that it should not be skinned, and all other animals removed from the stable.

We proceeded to NESLE-NORMAN-DEUSE (Map DIEPPE a little South east of BLANGY) and found the animal in process of burial.

The order not to skin had been observed but in order to facilitate burial the neck and legs had been chopped off. As much Chloride of Lime as possible was put over the carcass and the axe and all ~~animals~~ instruments used disinfected by fire.

An ear was taken and submitted to NO.5V.H. and a diagnosis of Anthrax received. The French Mission was informed giving full details of location etc.

No further sickness has been observed.

Frank Henry
Lieut-Colonel.
D. A. D. V. S. 5th. AUST. DIVISION.

20.11.18.

VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARCH TO THE RHINE.

Veterinary Officers ^{will march} with the following units:-
H.Q. 13th.F.A.Bde., H.Q. 12th.Aust.Army F.A.Bde., 5th.M.V.S.,
28th.A.A.V.C., 5th.D.H.Q.

Units requiring services of a V.O. may call on the nearest V.O. to supply same.

Sergeants A.A.V.C. and Farrier Sergeants will march in rear of units to deal with casualties and to pass back injured animals to the M.V.S.

The O.C. M.V.S. will receive animals injured on the march without a V.O.'S certificate.

When necessary, animals will be left at farms with Horse-Recovery Form No.1., which should be in possession of all Sergeants A.A.V.C. and Farrier Sergeants.

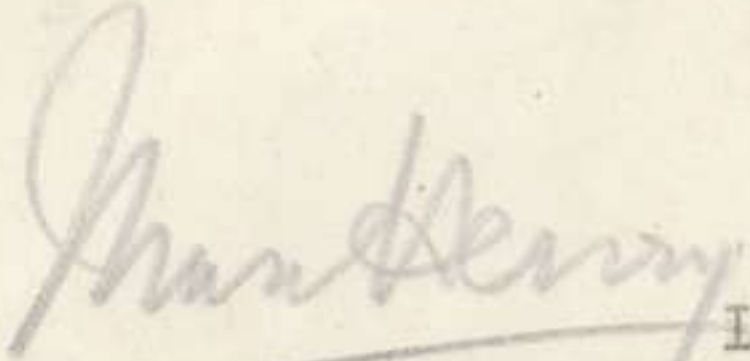
At least three days forage will be left with such horses and the number of so left stated on the form.

It is always preferable to hand injured animals over to an M.V.S.

Wherever animals are left at farms, the D.A.D.V.S. should be notified as soon as possible, giving name of farmer, map location name of village, nature of injury or whether float or walking case. Units are responsible that this information is sent on without delay.

The O.C. M.V.S. will notify V.O.'S daily of his whereabouts and the road along which he will move next day.

The M.V.S. will move in rear of the Division.


Lieut.-Colonel.
D.A.D.V.S. 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.