

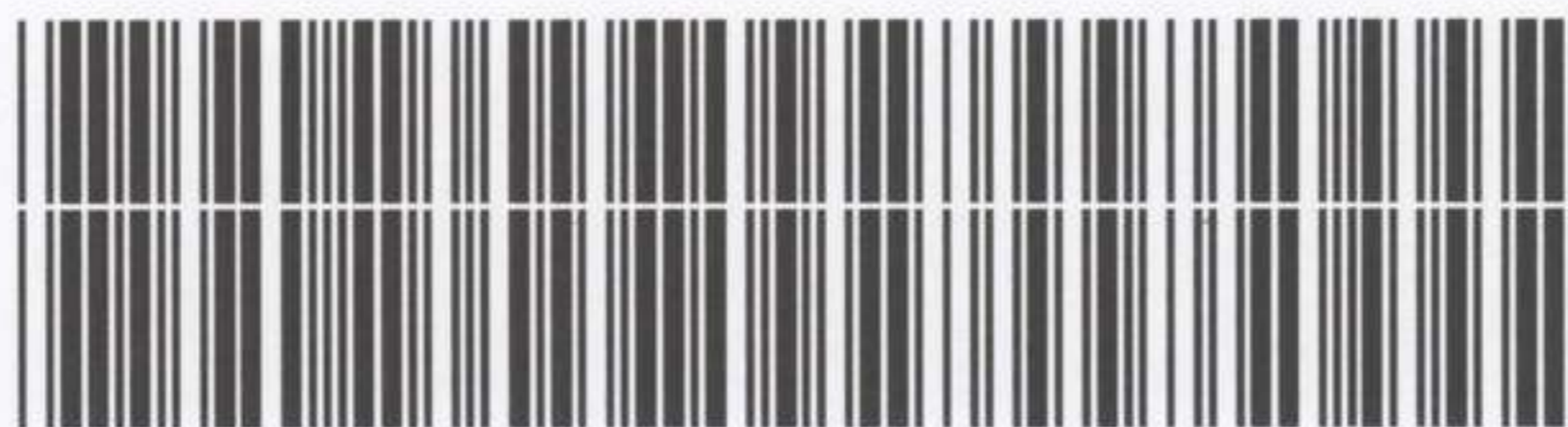
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7/2/19.

WEEKLY REPORT.

INSPECTIONS. Visits were paid to SAINS, AVESHELLES, BRAUMONT, and LNUCHISS during the week. The inspection of animals lame, blind, and showing signs of OPTHALMIA is now being carried out and lists are being prepared. A large number of animals of this Division show signs of having suffered from OPTHALMIA.

CONDITION. Of the animals is satisfactory on the whole.

FEED. Is sufficient. Grazing is still being carried out and gives the animals a chance of obtaining exercise, which otherwise would be a difficult matter in many cases.

GROOMING. Is being done as much as possible but lack of personnel is rendering this difficult to carry out properly.

SHOING. Is being kept up to date as much as possible under the present conditions.

PERSONNEL. Capt. B. LUKY A. A. V. C. left this Division for duty with 1st. Aust. Division on the 4th. inst.

GENERAL. The malleining of all animals is being carried out as quickly as possible and nearly all Z & Y class animals have now been tested. There have been no reactions up to the present.

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14th. Feb. 1919.

WEEKLY REPORT.

INSPECTIONS.

Visits were paid to 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery at LISSIES and SAINS, and to 18th. and 28th. Coys. A.A.S.C. at LEUCHIES. 550 "Y" Class horses belonging to 5th. Div Artillery were despatched to CHARLEROI for entrainment to the Base, during the week. 40 "Z" Class horses also belonging to the Div. Arty. were sold for work to Farmers, at AVEGNES on 12th. Inst. by public auction. There does not appear to be much demand for mules locally.

CONDITION.

of the animals is generally being maintained, but some of the Artillery Horses are not yet in good condition:

FEED.

is adequate. A number of the animals are turned out during the day for exercise and what grazing is available.

SHOEING.

The reduction in the number of animals by sales and entrainment to the Base now makes it possible for the shoeing to be kept up to date.

GROOMING.

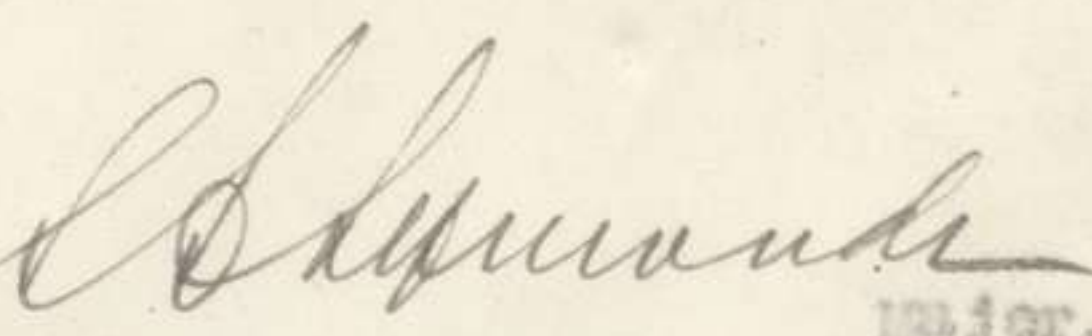
This has been difficult to carry out properly in many cases owing to lack of personnel, but with a reduced number of animals grooming should now be more satisfactory.

CLIPPING.

A few animals have had to be clipped on account of lice.

GENERAL.

225 horses suffering from Mange belonging to the French Army which have been kept at 5th. Aust. M. V. S. awaiting evacuation were sent to BEAUMONT on 13th. Inst. for entrainment to No. 13 Veterinary Hospital. A case of EPIZOOTIC LYMPHANGITIS was found amongst these animals on 9th. Inst. and was destroyed together with 7 contacts, 14 others died or were destroyed. A separate report is being submitted concerning these animals.


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WEEKLY REPORT.

21st, Feb, 1918.

INSPECTIONS. Visits were paid to Div. Artillery at SALES and BARRING during the week and to CHARLES for entrainment of 250 "Y" class horses to Base. Visits were also paid to 1st. Amb. Coy. at CIVIL and SALES.

SALES. Horse sales, arranged by Capt. Green, were held at SALES on 17 and 18th. Inst. and at CHARLES-BARRING on 19th. Inst. 59 horses and 20 mules were sold at SALES and 49 horses and 5 mules at CHARLES-BARRING. These animals all belonged to 5th. Div. Artillery and R.A.C. and were "Y" class animals.

CONDITIONS. The condition of the animals is fair. The worst class of animals are now being sold for work.


FEED. Is sufficient.

HOUSING. Is now more satisfactory owing to the fact that fewer animals now require attention.

GROOMING. Owing to the long coats and to the fact that many of the animals are grazed the proper grooming of the animals is difficult. More attention should now be given to the remaining animals however.

MANAGEMENT. There were no changes during the week.

GENERAL. Arrangements are being made with a horse butcher at CHARLES-BARRING to take unfit animals for slaughter. There is not much demand for horses for slaughter in this area however.


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WEEKLY REPORT.

28/3/19.

INSPECTIONS. Visits were paid to 5th. Div? Artillery, at SAENS, 14th. Aust Inf. Bde. at BIVRY, SHUTAIN, and RANCE and to 18th. Army Bde. at AVEBHELLES. Sales of "2" class animals arranged by Aust. Corps. H.Q. were attended at SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU and RANCE during the week.

CONDITION. of animals continues to be fairly good. The repatriation of 1915 men and their replacement by men who are not used to the care of animals is having its effect on the general condition however.

FEED. is adequate.

STABLING. The evacuation and sale of animals leaves more room for stabling and there is not so much overcrowding as formerly.

CLIPPING. When necessary animals are still being clipped for Veterinary Reasons.

SHOING. is now more satisfactory and is being kept up to date in spite of reduced personnel.

PERSONNEL. Capt. P.L. Edward A.A.V.C. O.C. 5th. M.V.S. left on 27th. inst. on 14 days leave to U.K/ Capt. R. Clarke A.A.V.C. V.O. i/c 14th. Aust. F.A. Bde. is acting as O.C. M.V.S.

GENERAL. The worst of "2" class animals are now being sent to V.E.S. for sale to H.B.. Arrangements are being made for local sales of animals to Farmers to be held through 5th. Aust. M.V.S.


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PERSONNEL.

The following changes in personnel occurred during the month of FEBRUARY 1919.

Capt. P.L. EDWARD A.A.V.C. Acting O.C. 5th. Aust. M. V.S. proceeded on 14 days leave to U.K. on 27th. inst.

Capt. R. CLARKE A.A.V.C. V.O. i/c 14th. Aust. F.A. Bde. is acting as O.C. M.V.S. in Capt. EDWARD's absence on leave.

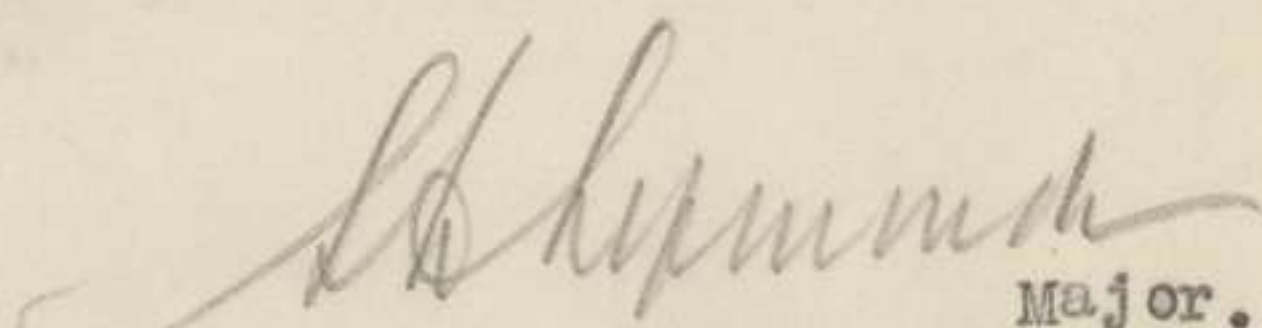
Capt. E. J. LUKEYA A.V.C. attached 5th. Aust. Division was recalled to 1st. Aust. Division on the 4th. inst.

The undermentioned men from the M.V.S. were promoted to Temp. Sergeants A.A.V.C. to fill vacancies during the month.

No. 3746 T/Sgt. GOLDSTEIN D.H.
No. 1356 " " MATHESON J.M.

No. 1215 Sgt. DRUMMOND J.J. A.A.V.C. attached 8th. Aust. Inf. Bde. proceeded to Australia on 3.2.19.

No. 5303 Sgt. SEDGERS J.C.E. A.A.V.C. is reported to have been admitted to Hospital while on leave in PARIS.


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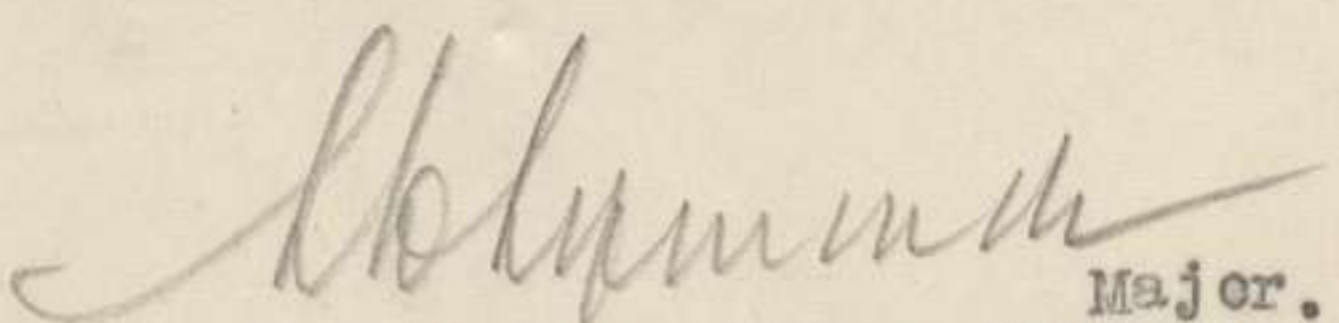
28.2.19.

Regular inspections of Units has been difficult during the month as most of the time has had to be devoted to inspection of animals being sent to Base or sold locally.

Local sales of "Z" class animals arranged by Aust. Corps. H.Q. were held at AYESNES, SAINS, and SOIRE-LE-CHATEAU, RANCE. during the month. All animals before being sold are certified as having been tested with mallein and as being free from Contagious Disease.

From 1st. March 1919 Sales are being arranged by the Veterinary Services in accordance with Director of Veterinary Services memo 20/1/19. dated 11/2/19.

All animals in the Division were tested with mallein during the month and no reactions occurred.


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ANIMAL WASTAGE FOR MONTH ENDING 28.2.19.

<u>Class.</u>	<u>Evacuated.</u>	<u>Died.</u>	<u>Destroyed.</u>
Class 1.	1.	1.	
Class 4.	1.		
" 5.	1.		
" 6.		3.	1.
" 9.	16.		
" 10.	5.		
" 11.	5.		1.
" 12.	2.		
" 13.	3.	3.	2.
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Totals.	34.	7.	4.

Class 14. "Other Causes"

69 Horses	"Z"	class	to Concentration Camp	for sale to Belgium Govt.
350 "	"YB	"	to Base.	
40 "	"Z"	"	Sold to Inhabitants.	
70 "	"	"	"	"
20 Mules.	"	"	"	"
49 Horses	"	"	"	"
5 Mules	"	"	"	"
13 Horses	"	"	"	"
4 Mules	"	"	"	"
9 Horses	"	"	"	"

(By AUSTRALIAN CORPS.)

Total; 629.

28.2.19.

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