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Place	Date	Hour	ARMY VETERINARY SERVICES.	Summary of Events and Information	ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abasan el Kebir.	July 1st	19 th 17.	A.D.V.S. inspected transport horses and finds that owing to the small ration they are receiving they have lost condition rapidly. A request is made to increase the ration by 2, lbs grain. Major J. Stafford is posted with the 2nd N.Z. mobile veterinary Section and Capt Johnson. A. with the N.Z. Mtd Bde.			
2 "	3rd.	9 th	Further reports on the shortage of forage ration is received from Camp Commandant of D.H.Q., Brigade Veterinary Officers of 1st A.L.H. Bde and Inverness R.H.A. Battery. A general report is forwarded to A.A.&Q.M.G. 1st A.L.H. Bde and N.Z. Mtd Bde join the Australian Mounted Division at Tel el Fara and make a reconnaissance with G?O?C? East Force. One horse wounded in the N.Z. Mtd Bde.			
	6th.	9 th	D.H.Q. N.Z. Mtd & 2nd A.L. H. Bdes move from Abasan el Kebir to Tel el Fara. 22nd Mtd Bde leave Anzac Mtd Division and join Yeomanry Division.			
	8th.	9 th	Anzac Mtd Div make a reconnaissance with the C in C to Kasif. WEather is very hot. 24 hours rations are taken. During the operations the animals casualties were one horse killed 13 wounded and 10 missing. Numerous complaints are received by A.D.V.S. on the quality and quantity of forage ration. It is recommended that the Indian may be chaffed to relieve the shortage of Tibben.			
	9th)	9 th	N.Z. Mtd Bde make a reconnaissance to the Wadi Imliieh over night and from this time on a			
	10th)	9 th	regiment nightly patrols this area			
	12th)	9 th	Capt .R.N. Wardle A.A.V.C. reports his arrival in Egypt with 36 other ranks A.A.V.C.			
	14th)	9 th	Liecester Battery R.H.A. leaves this Division and joins the 22nd Mtd Bde.			

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Tel el Fara.	July 14th	1917	A.D.V.S. visits 1st, 2nd and N.Z. Mtd Bdes. and finds that the horses are losing condition rapidly but are in fair condition.			
	15th.		Capt Geyer. F.C.E. A.A.V.C. on leave till 22-7-17 .Capt Stuchbery. A.A.V.C. is posted temporarily with the 1st A.L.H.Bde.			
	16th.		Capt R.N.Wardle. and 36 O.R's A.A.V.C. are available for absorption as the quarantine restrictions are lifted.			
	18th.		A.D.V.S. visits Bir el Malelha and inspects the Mobile Veterinary Sections stationed there . The work is very satisfactory and animals are being freely sent from Bdes to get a rest and then be returned to their units.			
	19th.		Division moves out to force the enemy out of a new position they are attempting to make near Hill 570.			
	20th.		Capt Geyer. evacuated to number 14 General A.G.H.			
	23rd.		Division less one Regt (6th L.H.) make a reconnaissance towards Beersheba and finds the latter place strongly held.			
	24th.		Capt Wardle posted for duty with Divisional troops ,Australian Mtd Division .			
	26th.		Capt. E.E.Elphick N.Z.V.C. reports for duty with the N.Z.Mobile Veterinary Section. A.D.V.S. visits the 2nd and N.Z.Mtd Bdes and finds horses improving in condition except transport and artillery horses .			
	29th.		Anzac Mtd Division make a reconnaissance with C in C.			
	31st.		A.D.V.S. inspects horses of the Division and finds the horses (light) are in fair condition but the Artillery and transport Horses are very bad and almost unfit for any strenuous work. It is also found that the Hotchkiss guns and packs are causing sore withers owing to the arches being too narrow. Animal casualties for the month are Killed, Died and Destroyed 60 . Evacuated to L of C 62.			

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