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Place	Date	Hour	ARMY VETERINARY SERVICES	Summary of Events and Information	ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel El Fara.	Augt	1st	Division at Tel el Fara.	Weather still very warm.		
	"	2nd	A.A.G. A.I.F. in Egypt informed of the allotment of Capt Stuchbery H.M. a.a.v.c. to the Anzac Mtd Divs1 Train and Capt Wardle .R.N. A.A.V.C. to the Australian Mtd Divs1 (Mtd) train, but as these officers are temporarily employed with other units of their respective Divisions, Capt Crossly.N.Z. V.C. & Capt Spence A.A.V.C. are to be attend to Trains whilst they are in formation at Moascar.			
	"	4th	A.D.V.S. inspects the watering areas	at Gamli, fara & Shellal and finds them quite satisfactory.		
	"	6th	A.D.V.S. visits the Mobile Veterinary Sections	at Bir el Malelha. Each section has an average of about 70 patients all of which are doing well.		
	"	7th	D.D.V.S. visits Anzac Mtd Division and inspects the horses	of the 18th R.H.A.Bde & Bde Transport and finds that the horses are losing condition owing to not having sufficient bulk fodder.		
	"	8th	Hotchkiss Gun pack saddles are found to be causing sore withers	and a board of officers is held in the 5th A.L.H.Regt and find that the front arches in many instances are too narrow. Further requests are made to Desert Column to obtain authority for the issue of an extra 2 lbs of grain or equivalents to all transport and artillery horses.		
	"	10th	A.D.V.S. supervises the handing over of horses of D troop	Fld Engrs to the N.Z.Fld troop. Indian hay is replaced by tibben and Dries for draught horses as it is not relished by these animals. Horses are developing the sand eating habit and all units are instructed to obtain sand muzzles immediately.		
	"	12th	East Force cease to exist and Anzac Mtd, Australian Mtd & Yeomanry Divisions	form the Desert Mtd Corps. Lt-Col Argyle is appointed D.D.V.S. Two companies and Headquarters of Anzac Mtd Divs1 Train arrive at Fara and whilst Capt Stuchbery is relieving Capt Geyer, Capt Page.A.A.V.C. attends to these animals		

Stuchbery Major
A.D.V.S.

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Tel el Fara.	Aug 12th.		The forage ration is as follows . For draught horses Tibben 6 lbs, Dries 6 lbs, Hay -- , Barley 8 lbs, Sucra 2 lbs, Gram 3 lbs, Bran 1 lb. Light horses Tibben 4 lbs, Dries 4 lbs, Hay 2 lbs, Barley 8 lbs, Sucra 2 lbs, Gram 3 lbs, Bran.1 lb.			
Marakeb.	" 13th		2nd A.L.H.Bde with N.Z.Mtd Bde in reserve makes a reconnaissance to Taweil el Harbari.			
	" 14th		Major Stafford N.Z. V.C. proceeds to Cairo on duty.			
	" 15th		Capt Johnson N.Z. V.C. evacuated sick to hospital and Capt Elphick takes over Bde temporarily.			
	" 16th		G.O.C.s Desert Mtd Corps and 20th Army Corps make a reconnaissance of the area S.W. of Beersheba.			
	" 18th		Anzac Mtd Division moves to the beach at Marakeb for a rest.			
	" 19th		D.D.V.S. inspects the Mobile Veterinary Sections at Melalha.			
	" 20th		Major Stafford returns to duty with 2nd N.Z. Mob Vet Section.			
	" 21st		Capt Johnson returns to duty with the N.Z.Mtd Bde.			
	" 22nd		Essex Battery R.H.A. temporarily attached to the Anzac Mtd Division.			
	" 22nd		A.D.V.S. inspects the 18th R.H.A.bde Horses and furnishes a report to A.A.&Q.M.G. Anzac Mtd Div advising that instructions be given to have all horses watered three times daily and that sand muzzles be used.			
	" 24th		D.D.V.S. inspects horses of the 18th R.H.A. Bde and is pleased with their condition except the Horses of the Inverness Battery which are not up to the mark.			
	" 27th		G.O.C. inspects the 1st A.L.H.BDE.			
	" 29th		" " 2nd "			
	" 30th		" " 18th R.H.A.Bde.			
	" 31st		Brig General Ryrie inspects the N.Z.M.R.Bde.			
	" 31st		A.D.V.S. inspects the Mobile Vet Sections at Melalha and finds that all patients are doing well.			
			Animal Casualties for the month are Died, Killed Or Destroyed, 45. Evacuated 47.			

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.