

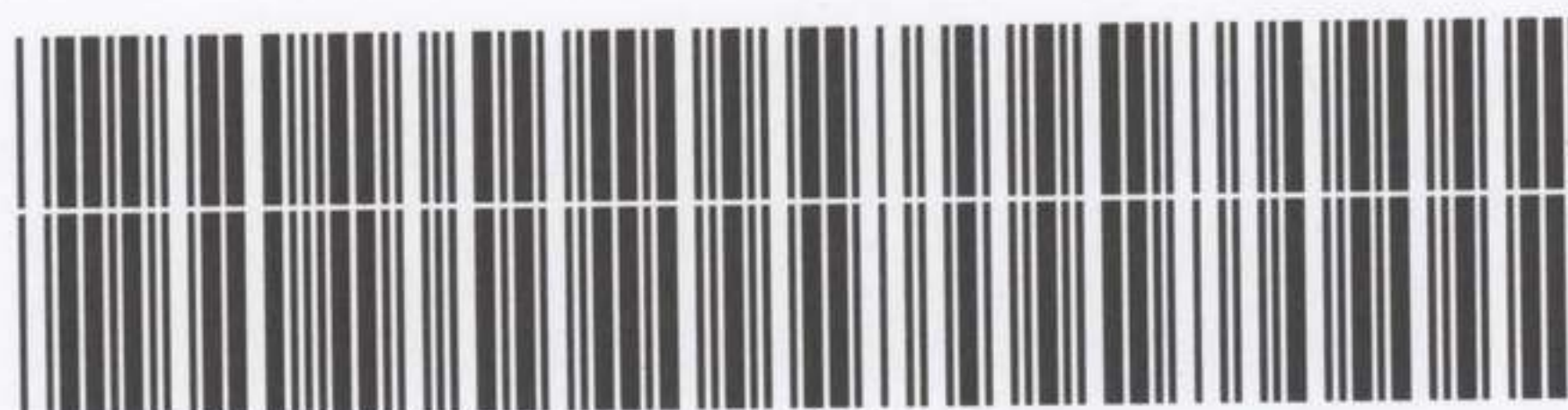
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JAFFA	Dec 1st	17 <i>MC</i>	A.D.V.S. inspected the horses of D.A.C. at Selme. They were in very poor condition and arrangements were made to evacuate many of them to hospital through the 7th Mobile Veterinary Section at Yazur.	
"	" 2nd	<i>MC</i>	The 7th Australian and 2nd New Zealand Mobile Vet Sections moved from Yazur, owing to enemy shelling, to Ayan Kara (sheet Xlll square 20 N). The new site is a particularly good one owing to plentiful grazing and proximity to water also high dry ground.	
"	" 3rd	<i>MC</i>	Capt E.N.Wood Bde Vet Officer 2nd A.L.H.Bde reported on the condition of the horses. Bulk forage is urgently required. A.D.V.S. inspected the horses of the Divisional Train. These horses were in particularly good condition and have had practically no casualties. A.D.V.S. also visited the horses of the 1st A.L.H.Bde and 6th Mob Vet Section at Ayan Kara. These animals had greatly improved owing to the good grazing around and the rest. Forage ration at present is as follows Grain 10lbs and Tibben 2lbs. New Zealand Mtd R.Bde leave Jaffa and Sarona to relieve the I.C.C.Bde near Mulebbis.	
"	" 4th	<i>MC</i>	1st A.L.H.Bde attached to 52nd Division.	
"	" 6th	<i>MC</i>	Capt .A.Johnson N.Z.V.C. reported for duty.	
Ayan Kara	" 7th	<i>MC</i>	Heavy rains fall making the roads impassable except where metalled. D.H.Q. move from Jaffa to Ayan Kara and are billeted in the village. 2nd A.L.H.Bde relieved by infantry from Selme and move to Ayan Kara.	
"	" 8th	<i>MC</i>	Forage ration increased. Bran, Tibben, Barley and Sucraphaille available. A.D.V.S. reported again on the neglect of rugging and grooming of the horses generally. A.A.V.C. reinforcements arrive for the 7th Mob Vet Section and 5 more are asked for for the 6th Mob Vet Section. Still raining heavily (about 5 inches) and the roads are very bad so that transport arrangements are greatly interfered with. The emergency ration of 9 lbs grain is used.	
"	" 10th	<i>MC</i>	New Zealand Mtd Bde is relieved by infantry. A.D.V.S. inspected the horses of the 1st and 2nd A.L.H.Bdes. Many horses showing the effects of want of food and the cold weather.	
"	" 11th	<i>MC</i>	6th Mob Vet Section move from the 1st A.L.H.Bde to a point near the 7th Mob Vet Section. D.D.V.S. and A.D.R. inspected the horses of the 2nd A.L.H.Bde and reported that they were greatly surprised to find them looking so well except the Ayrshire Battery R.H.A.	
"	" 12th	<i>MC</i>	No 5 Coy N.Z.A.S.C. of Anzac Divisional Train proceeded to Esdud from Yazur.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ayan Kara	Dec 13th	JH	N.Z.Bde HdQtrs and Canterbury Mtd Rifles and 2nd A.L.H.Bde and 7th Mob Vet Section move from Ayan Kara to Esdud	
"	14th	JH	2nd N.Z.M.V.S. joins its Bde at Esdud. Ayrshire & Somerset Batteries R.H.A. move with their Brigades. Horses for evacuation are now sent to Dier Seneid instead of Gaza.	
"	17th	JH	Good forage ration now being received at Esdud. Capt E.E. Elphich N.Z.V.C. evacuated sick and Capt Johnson N.Z.V.C. takes over the 2nd N.Z.M.V.S.	
"	21st	JH	Heavy rains again fall and the roads are impassable for the transport.	
"	25th	JH	Auckland and Wellington Regts move from front line to Esdud	
"	26th	JH	D.H.Q. and 1st A.L.H. Bde move from Ayan Kara to Esdud. Roads are so bad that wagons take two days to reach there.	
"	28th	JH	5th A.L.H. Regt moved to Ayan Kara and return to Esdud next day.	
"	29th	JH	Forage very scarce, also very wet and mouldy so that animals only receive quarter ration i.e 6 lbs grain per animal. Small quantities of tibben are requisitioned from neighbouring villages. Anzac Mounted Division leaves 21st Corps and reverts to Desert Corps.	
"	30th	JH	Remaining 2 Coys of Divisional Train moved from Yazur to Esdud. Roads are very bad so that animals are severely tried. Horses are being speedily clipped and are improving with the rest on the sand but forage ration is too greatly affected by the difficulties of transport to allow of their becoming fit.	
"	31st	JH	A.D.V.S. inspected the horses of the D.A.C. The animals have greatly improved and are being clipped. Forage ration up to date has only averaged half ration.	
			Animal casualties for the month are Died, Killed, and Destroyed 74. Evacuated to L of C. 124.	

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Major. A.D.V.S.

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