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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Place	JUNE.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bethlehem	"	4th.	A.D.V.S. leaves A.&.N.Z. Mounted Division and proceeds to Descorps to take over duties of D.D.V.S. temporarily vice Col Argyle to England.	
"	"	5/6.	Instructions are issued to 6th and 7th Mobile Veterinary Sections to move with their respective Brigades until further notification.	
"	"	6.	2nd A.L.H.Bgde and 7th M.V.S. leave Jericho for Talat ed Dumm. Major Stafford D. S.O. leaves N.Z.M.R.Bgde and is attached to A.&.N.Z. Mounted Division as A.D.V.S. temporarily vice Col Kendall to Descorps.	
"	"	6/7.	1st A.L.H.Bgde and 6th M.V.S. move from Solomans Pools to Talat ed Dumm.	
"	"	"	2nd A.L.H.Bgde and 7th M.V.S. move from Talat ed Dumm to Solomans Pools.	
"	"	7.	A.D.V.S. inspected the animals of the 2nd A.L.H.Bgde and found them looking very well considering their recent hardships on the plain. A.D.V.S. also inspects (the animals of the 2nd N.Z.M.V.S. and 7th M.V.S. section animals in good condition) a number of horses with bruised soles and Laminitis, this caused by the nature of the ground where the animals were bivouaced at Talat ed Dumm.	
"	"	7/8.	1st A.L.H.Bgde and 6th M.V.S. leave Talat ed Dumm for the Jordan Valley.	
"	"	8.	Instructions issued to Capt E.N.Wood M. C. to attend Veterinary cases of N.Z.M.R.Bgde and all Units in the vicinity of the 2nd A.L.H.Bgde area, and Capt W.C.Barry the Units in the vicinity of Solomans Pools and El-Kurd.	
"	"	10.	Instructions issued that all animal hides must be salvaged by Mobile Veterinary Sections. The 6th M.V.S. move from their position in the Jordan Valley 113.J.13.b. to 113.J.7. Sheet XV. owing to enemy shell fire.	
"	"	11.	A.D.V.S. inspected the N.Z.M.R.Bgde in company with the G.O.C. A.&.N.Z. Mounted Division and found the animals in good serviceable condition.	
"	"	12.	A.D.V.S. visits the 2nd N.Z.M.V. S. with reference to Section moving with instructions to camp near water if possible.	
"	"	13.	A.D.V.S. visits the 2nd A.L.H.Bgde and M.V. Sections at Solomans Pools respecting equipment for salving of hides.	
"	"	16.	Capt E.N.Wood proceeds to Cairo on duty to purchase Veterinary Instruments for Mobile Veterinary Sections subscribed for by the Purple Cross Fund. Capt W.D.Shew attends animals of the 2nd A.L.H.Bgde during Capt Wood's absence.	
"	"	"	A.D.V.S. proceeds to Jerusalem in company with the O.C. 18th R.H.A.Bgde to inspect a number of animals which were rejected owing to them being unserviceable as Gunners, and through lack of condition.	
"	"	17.	A.D.V.S. visits the 2nd A.L.H.Bgde together with the G.O.C. A.&.N.Z. Mounted Division, and finds the 2nd Machine Gun Squadron animals in a very bad and neglected condition, 50% of them needing shoeing, some not having been shod for at least two months.	
"	"	19.	Major A.H.Robin returns to duty from Veterinary Hospital School of Instruction.	

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Bethlehem	19/20		D.H.Q. and Divisional Troops leave the Bethlehem area for the Jordan Valley at 1715, starting point, Carmelite Monastery.	
Jordan Valley	20th		D.H.Q. and Divisional Troops arrive in the Jordan Valley about 0330 and take over from Ausdiv. Command of Left Sector passes from G.O.C. Ausdiv to G.O.C. A.N.Z. Mounted Division at 0900.	
"	21st		2nd A.L.H. Bgde and 7th M.V.S. leave Solomans Pools for Talat ed Dumm.	
"	22nd		2nd A.L.H. Bgde and 7th M.V.S. leave Talat ed Dumm for Left Sector.	
"	"		A.D.V.S. inspects animals of the N.Z.M.R. Bgde.	
"	"		Major A.H. Robin leaves the 7th M.V.S. and proceeds to Deiran to form the 16th Mobile Veterinary Section. Capt W.D. Shew takes over the command of the 7th M.V.S. from that date.	
"	23rd		A.D.V.S. proceeds to Enab and to Ayun Kara to inspect the animals of the 18th R.H.A. Bgde and those of the 8th Squadron C.M.R., the former animals looking very poor.	
"	"		7th M.V.S. arrive in the Jordan Valley and are situated at K3, Sheet XVIII.	
"	24th		D.V.S. and D.D.V.S. inspect the 2nd N.Z.M.V.S. and the 7th M.V.S. at K 3.	
"	25th		A.D.V.S. inspects the N.Z.M.R. Bgde, 2nd N.Z.M.V.S. and the 7th M.V.S.	
"	"		About this time a few cases of Dermatitis become noticeable in various Units and instructions are issued by the A.D.V.S. to all Units to adopt precautionary methods against the spread of this disease.	Append. 1.
"	"		A.D.V.S. inspects the animals of the 1st A.L.H. Bgde and finds them in very good condition.	
"	27th		A.D.V.S. inspects the animals of the 19th R.H.A. Bgde as a result of which 4 horses and 4 mules of the B.A.C. are sent to hospital, and 6 horses from the Notts Battery, all suffering from lameness and debility.	
"	"		Owing to heavy shell fire the 7th M.V.S. and the 2nd N.Z.M.V.S. leave their position at K 3. and return to a site near to their old position on the Wadi Kelt. K 15.a.	
"	"		7th M.V.S. lose two horses killed and one wounded. Capt W.C. Barry O.C. 2nd N.Z.M.V.S. evacuated sick to Hospital, Capt W.D. Shew to attend the animals of the 2nd N.Z.M.V.S. during his absence.	
"	28th		A.D.V.S. inspects the 2nd N.Z.M.V.S. and the 7th M.V.S. at their new location on K 15.a. The weather is consistently hot and very trying for the animals. 0900. 92. 1600. 101. Arrangements are made to supply Veterinary attendance for all animals of the 18th and 19th Bgdes H.Q. and D.A.C. R.H.A.	
"	"		Extract from G.R.O. 432 dated 24/6/18. Para 4129. Equipment:-	
"	"		Approval is hereby given for the issue of Troughs, Water, and Pumps, lift and force, to Mobile Veterinary Sections as under:-	

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Jordan Valley.	JUNE.		28th Troughs, Water, 600 Gallons. Pumps, lift and force, complete with hose. Indents to be submitted through the usual channels and issues made as supplies become available. Replacements will be made by Advanced Park, R.E.	1. Per Section. 1. Per Section.
"	"	"	Temperature 0900. 98° at 1600. 105°.	
"	"	"	29th Capt E.N. Wood M.C. returns to duty from Cairo, to 2nd A.L.H. Bgde. A.D.V.S. inspects 23 Pack animals at D.H.Q. issued to the 1st and 2nd A.L.H. Bgdes but which proved unsuitable for the work they were called upon to perform, they were handed over to the Sikh Pioneers and the Indian Infantry Bgdes and replaced with remounts.	
"	"	"	30th Extract from A.I.F. orders List No 337, dated 31/5/18. A.A.V.C. Transfers:- Capt P.T. Kelynack from A.I.F. Depots in U.K. to 2nd Australian Division, 20/5/18, and Capt H.R.N. Fyans from 2nd Australian Division to A.I.F. Depots in U.K. 24/5/18.	
"	"	"	Temperature. 0900. 90° 1600. 104°.	
"	"	"	Animal casualties for the month as a result of enemy action were:- K 16, W.22. Dyd.2.	
"	"	"	" " " " " week ending June 29th were as follows:-	
			1/6/18. K. D.3. Dyd.2.	
			8/6/18. D.5. Dyd.1.	
			15/6/18. D.2. Dyd.1.	
			22/6/18. Dyd.1.	
			29/6/18. K.10. D.3. Dyd.5.	
			<u>TOTALS. K.10. D.13. Dyd.10.</u>	
<p>Forage ration consumption for the month averaged as follows:- 1/6/18. Barley 4. Gram 6. Tibben 6 Dries.4. Hay.2. 4/6/18. Barley 5 Gram 3. Maize.2. Sucra 1. Tib ben 5. Dries.6. 8/6/18. Barley 6. Gram.2. C.S.Cake.2. Sucra.1. Dries.4. Tibben.7. 12/6/18. Barley 6. Gram.2. Maize.2. Dries.1. Tibben.9. Sucra.2. 17/6/18. Barley 6. Gram.2. Maize.2. Dries.5. Tibben.7. 25/6/18. Barley.4. Gram.3. Maize.3. Tibben.8. Dries.2. Sucra.2. 28/6/18. Barley.5. Gram.4. Maize.1. Dries.3. Tibben.9.</p>				
				Major. A.D.V.S.
<p><i>J. Stafford</i></p>				
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No.	Subject.
1.	Dermatitis.

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