

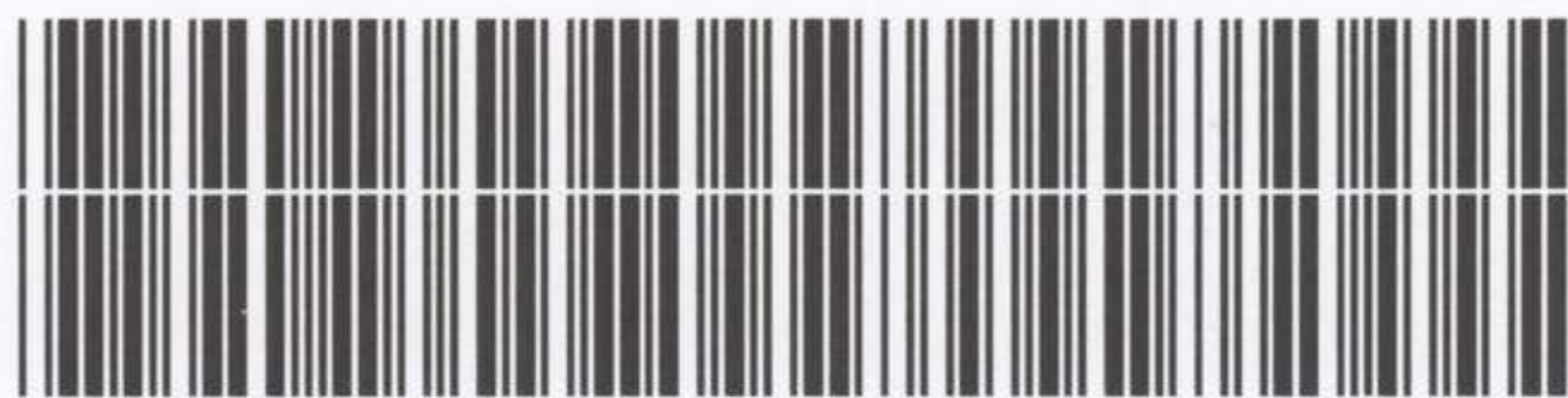
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MTD DIVN.	Remarks and references to Appendices
			VETERINARY SERVICES		
Jericho	Sept 1st	JH	D.A.D.V.S. inspects the Mobile Veterinary sections and finds them in exceptional good order . Instructions issued to all Veterinary Officers in regard to cases of Epizotis Lymphangitis . Reorganisation of the Veterinary services of the Division takes place and allotment of units to Vet Officers in Chaytors Force . Appendix 2.		
"	2nd	JH	Capt D.McNicol is evacuated to hospital.		
"	4th	JH	Major J.Stafford D.S.O. returns from Cairo to the N.Z.Mtd Bde and ceases to act as D.A.D.V.S. . Capt Stuchbery.H.M. returns to duty with Divisional Train from the N.Z.Mtd Bde.		
"	5th	JH	Major General H.W.C.Chaytor assumed command of the right and left section Jordan Valley defences at 0900.		
"	6th	JH	D.A.D.V.S. visits the Mobile Veterinary sections and instructs Capt W.Shew. to take command of the 5th M.V.S. in conjunction with the 7th M.V.S. temporarily.		
"	10th	JH	Capt E.N.Wood proceeds to Cairo for the purpose of distributing instruments, rugs, and nose-bags sent by the Purple Cross society of Victoria (Lady Monash) to the Australian Mobile Veterinary Sections.		
"	12th	JH	D.A.D.V.S. inspects the Mob Vet sections and reports to the A.A.Q.M.G. that there are a large number of debility cases and requests that kralls be built . Appendix 3.		
"	13th	JH	D.A.D.V.S. inspects the horses of the 1st A.L.H.Bde and arranges that grazing takes place in the Ain Duk area. The dhoura was first cut and fed to the animals and the are afterwards grazed which greatly improved the animals A large number of cases of fly blown ears are reported in the transport camels and instructions are issued to have daily inspection of all camels , the ears washed with warm water and soap and then smeared with camel mange dressing.		
"	16th	JH	D.A.D.V.S. inspects the Mob Vet Sections and all worn out animals are evacuated .		
"	18th	JH	Enemy long range naval gun causes a number of casualties in the 1st Signal Squadron . Operation order No 1 Chaytors Force issued to all concerned Appendix 4. The weather during the past week g has been very hot.		
"	22nd	JH	D.A.D.V.S. inspects remounts arriving for the Division, and reports to the G.O.C. that they are a very poor type of animal and many arrive in an exhausted condition . Capt E.N.Wood.M.C. returns to duty with 2nd A.L.H.Bde . The Mob Vet Sections move from the foot hills to the Ain Duk area where they are able to graze their animals.		
"	16th-29th	JH	The principle operations during the period Sept 16th -29th were as follows . 16th - 22nd close touch kept with the enemy in the Jordan Valley and gradual advance to Jisr ed Damieh . Sept 25th . Action at and capture of Amman . Sept 29th Surrender of Turkish Forces at Zizia station and Kastal		
"	23rd	JH	D.H.Q. leave the Jordan Valley at 1700 for Shunet Nimrin. D.A.D.V.S. is instructed by A.A.Q.M.G. to proceed to Jericho and choose servicable pack animals from those captured from the enemy . 55 mules and saddles are handed to Capt Harvey Button for the Sanitary section , 11 camels to the signal squadron and 20 ponies are used for escorting prisoners .		
"	24th	JH	brigade operating beyond Es Salt and D.H.Q. move to Es Salt.		

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JERICHO.	Sept 25th	<i>JK</i>	<p>The Purple Cross stores are distributed amongst the Sections (Vet. I. F.)</p> <p>The Number of animals captured by the Division was 1100 and they are very low in condition. Orders are issued to Veterinary Officers to maintain all animals being retained by units. There are several reactions and orders are received from G.H.Q. to evacuate all captured animals which were carried out immediately.</p> <p>Several horses die from mycotic poisoning (mouldy grain) and some are suspected Oleander poisoning as the plant grows thickly in the beds of the Waddies. D.H.Q. moves to Amman. The roads are very rough & difficult.</p> <p>The troops move with a Mobile ration but on reaching Es Salt and Amman the forage ration is greatly supplemented by locally grown barley and Tibben. A large number of cases of Laminitis occur and this is attributed to feeding too heavily on newly threshed barley. D.H.Q. move to the railway station.</p>			
	" 26th	<i>JK</i>	D.A.D.V.S. returns to Jericho for the purpose of bringing forward the Mob Vet sections.			
	" 27th	<i>JK</i>	Orders are issued for the sections to move to Shunet Nimrin on the 29th Sept under the command of Capr W. Shew. A.A.V.C. who is responsible for the march discipline. Two days rations are carried.			
	" 29th	<i>JK</i>	Mob Vet Sections leave Jericho for Shunet Nimrin at 0800 and arrive at 1530.			
	" 30th	<i>JK</i>	Orders are received from Advanced Chaytor's Force Headquarters for the Sections to return to Jericho as the Brigades are not proceeding further owing to the surrender of the enemy's force.			
<p>18th R.H.A. Bde move out on return journey through Jericho, Jerusalem to Richon area.</p> <p>The average ration for the move has been a very good one, consisting of barley 5, gram 5, bran 2, sucra 3, and tibben 9 lbs.</p> <p>The total animal casualties for the operations were Died or killed 58, Destroyed 7, Wounded 19, evacuated 16, Sick remaining 200. The remaining sick were mostly mycotic poisoning and most of them have recovered.</p>						
<p>Total animal casualties for the month are Died, killed and destroyed <i>107</i>. Evacuated <i>79</i>. Cases cured <i>623</i>.</p>						

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D.A.D.V.S. A.&.N.Z.MTD DIVN.

FOR

SEPTEMBER. 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Instructions to Veterinary Officers regarding an outbreak of Epizotic Lymphangitis.
2 .	Reorganisation of Veterinary Services.
3.	Reference animals in Mobile Veterinary Sections.
4.	Instructions to Veterinary Officers regarding Chaytor's Force Order 17-9-18.

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W.D. APPENDIX.1

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In view of the increase in the number of cases of EPIZOTIC -LYMPHANGITIS in animals of the E.E.F. , will you please ensure that the following instructions are followed , in the event of any outbreak in your unit.

1. Vacate standings and thoroughly disinfect the ground .
2. Disinfect harness and equipment of animal and those in contact .
3. Burn clothing ,grooming kit ,and line gear of affected animals.
4. Burn all soiled dressings used in the treatment of wounds ,clean tow and dressings to be used for each wound.
5. Ensure dressing of wounds under strict Veterinary Supervision at central Dressing Stations as far as possible . No wounds to be dressed in the animal lines .

Note.

- 4 & 5. to be followed at all times irrespective of an outbreak of the disease.

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D. A.D.V.S.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

RE-ORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES , LEFT AND RIGHT SECTORS.

UNITS WILL BE ADMINISTERED AS FOLLOWS.

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V.O. DIV TROOPS.

Anzac Div Troops .
C.R.A. Artillery H 34 B
18th Bde D.A.C.

RIGHT SECTOR.

V.O. 2nd A.L.H. Bde

2nd A.L.H. Bde.
H.Q. R.A. Q.7.c.11.
Ayrshire Battery ,and 2 . 75.m.m. L.6.a.2.4.
Somerset Battery. Q.7.c.1.8.
32nd Indian Mountain Battery .J.11.b.7.4.

V.O. DIV TRAIN.

Div Train.(Anzacs)
20th Indian Inf Bde H.Q. O.32.d. a.6.
10th Mahrattas O.26.d.5.9.
Gwalior Inf O. 32.d.
Alwar Inf. J.12.d.6.3.
Patiala Inf . S.13. central.
195th heavy Battery L.6.d.4.2.

LEFT SECTOR.

V.O. N.Z.M.R. BDE.

N.Z.M.R. BDE .
1st Batt .B.W.I. Y.23.a.4.9.
2nd Batt B.W.I. Y.21.d.0.5.
38th Batt Royal Fusliers . Z.18.c.7.7.
H.Q. R.A. Y.29.a.9.2.
29th Indian Mountain Battery.Y.17.c.1.9.
Inverness Battery & 175 m.m. Z.28.c.Cent.
No 6 trench mortar Batt . Z.5.a.5.5.& X.34.a.3.2.
195th Heavy Batt (left section) Z.27.b.4.0.

V.O. 1st A.L.H. Bde

1st A.L.H. Brigade.

O.C. 7th Aust M.V.S.

7th Aust M.V.S. 113.k.14. c.
6th " " " "

O.C. 2nd .N.Z.M.V.S.

No 2 .N.Z.M.V.S.
Divsl Receiving station. K. 34.d.

Ref. Sheets 15 and 18.

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.W.D. APPENDIX 3.

A.A.&Q.M.G.

A.&N.Z.MTD DIVN.

Reference animals of the three Mobile Veterinary Sections of this Division.

There are approximately 65 to 70 animals suffering from Debility in each of the three sections and there will be probably more to follow.

It is recommended that after the 1st A.L.H.Bde have had a fortnight's grazing in the Ain Duk area allotted by the Administrative Commandant of Jericho that the area be given over to the Mobile Veterinary Sections, and that the C.C. 1st Field Sqn be requested to obtain sufficient light posts and light fencing wire to build three kralls, measuring at least an acre in extent for each Section.

The present area is most unsuitable for the purpose of treating these cases and unless the kralls can be built so that the animals can have freedom with plenty of good fodder and water, they will have to be evacuated.

It is impossible to improve the condition of these animals whilst they are standing on the lines in the dust and heat.

The use of kralls has been demonstrated satisfactorily on several occasions in this Division, and should the units be ordered to move the necessary arrangements can be made so that the Sections can move without any interference with the Veterinary services of the three Bdes.

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Lieut-Colonel

D.A.D.V.S.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

SECRET.X
E4/7INSTRUCTIONS TO VETERINARY OFFICERS . REF CHAYTOR'S FORCE ORDER NO 17-9-18.Advanced Brigade.

Veterinary parties. 1. When the bdes are instructed to move the O.C. of each Mobile Veterinary Section will detail 1 Sergt, 1 Cpl, & 8 men to report to the Bde Vet Officer and accompany him during operations. This party will collect casualties from units and conduct them to the Mobile Veterinary Sections.

Mobile veterinary sections. 2. The Mobile Veterinary sections will remain in their present sites pending further instructions, but will be moved up to the Bdes when necessary. They will be in touch with their Bdes by means of the collecting parties and will take over all casualties brought to them and be responsible for their accommodation until they have been handed over to the Field Veterinary Detachment which will be arranged by PALESTINE I. of C.

Divisional or Corps arrangements. 3. Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to employ one or two Mobile Veterinary Sections under Divisional or Corps arrangements (i.e. placing them in echelon in case of a rapid advance in order to allow patients opportunity to rest). In such cases orders will be given direct by the D.A.D.V.S. Division.

Rations. 4. All units are being issued with 1 iron ration for men and 2 field rations for man and horse. Arrangements will be made to have these loaded at short notice. These rations are to be used only when the daily supply cannot be issued, the iron ration to be retained until authority for consumption is given by the G.O.C. Personnel remaining in present post will be issued with these rations ready to move at short notice if required.

Captured Material. 5. All captured enemy material will be handed into A.&N.Z. Divisional Ordnance through the ordinary channels, bagged up and labelled by the unit capturing. This can be done on wagons going to the refilling points and returning supply convoys. D.A.D.V.S. of Division will issue necessary instructions to Ordnance personnel and arrange for collection and storing.

Mosquito Nets. 6. Mosquito nets will be carried.

Report. 7. Veterinary Officers will report all matters effecting the condition and health of their animals immediately to their Bdes and to the D.A.D.V.S.

Rope Halters. 8. A full stock of rope halters is to be held by the Mobile Veterinary Sections.

Vet Manual. 9. Attention is drawn to the Vet war Manual 1915 App 11 and 111.

Mounted Orderly. 10. O.C. 7th A.M.V.S. will detail one mounted orderly to accompany the V.O. A.&N.Z. Div H.Qtrs.

Veterinary attendance of attached units. 11. Veterinary Officers will make the necessary arrangements to attend animals of units attached to their Bdes.

Casualty returns. 12. All veterinary officers must send their animal casualties daily to the D.A.D.V.S. of the Division.

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