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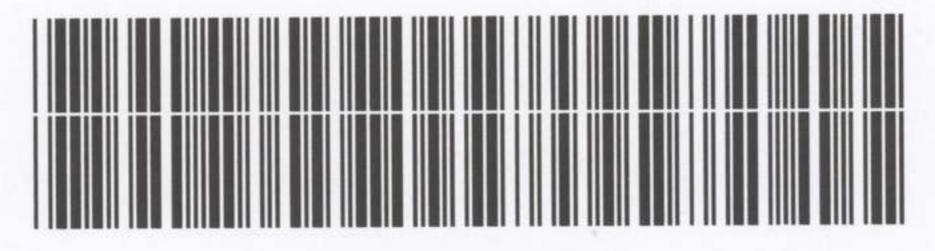
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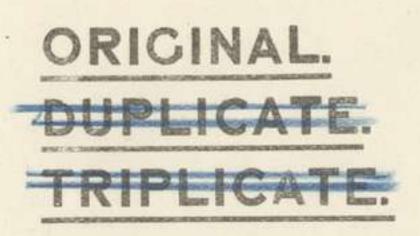
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| FEBRUARY R A F A. | 1919 | 1°t. | Very windy. Letter received from Asistant Veterinary Meat Inspector, Cairo, asking for applications from A.A.V.C. Officers for a vacancy in the Department - Cairo kkak Abbattoirs. La applicant | |
| 11.11 | M | 2nd. | Animals taken over to Gallipoli by Canterbury Mtd. Rifles and 7th. A.L.H. return in very good condition, and are classified by Capt. Page M.C. and Capt. Wood M.C. | |
| 11 11 | Ar | 4th. | Men of the Mobile Veterinary Sections on compassionate leave proceed to Moascar. | |
| 11 11 | Jor | 5th. | army Council arranged a scheme to enable a limited number of dogs to be repatriated. The number is limited to fifteen (15) and very special reasons must be adduced for wishing dogs taken home. The R.S.P.C.A. have generously arranged to maintain the dogs during the 6 months quarantine period in England under Importation of Dogs Order 1914 at a nominal fee of £2 per dog. | |
| 11 11 | M | 6th. | D.A.D.V.S. inspects the Mobile Veterinary Sections and finds them in good order. Instructions are given to supply working parties to burn and bury the carcases of animals that were destroyed too close to the Camping Area. | |
| 17 11 | SIT | 7th. | In D.R.O. 3/2/19 D.A.D.V.S. draws attention to the fact that the practice of horses being linked still continues, and stray horses are not being secured and reported. | |
| 10 11 | JI | Sth. | Orders issued that before horses are handed to the Remount Depots a Board of Officers of each Whit, one of whom will be the Veterinary Officer, will sit and report on their condition, class and quality, paying attention to the fact that the quality of B. Class (between the ages of 9 and 12 years) may be better than A. Class (under 9 years of age). | |

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| RAFA | FEBRU 19 9th | 19. | Clinning is allowed but Officers Commanding are instructed to use discretion in not allowing horses to be clipped when it is intended to hand them in to Remount Dot at an early date. horses to be clipped when it is intended to hand them in to Remount Dot at an early date. Dust Stuchbury is detailed to represent A.A.V.C. personnel at a meeting in regard to filling in Demobilisation papers. Dust storm and heavy rain. Authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - three Bitteries (55) - 165, authority from M.G.R.A. received to reduce R.H.A. to half strength - thre | |
| A | 10tl | | Forage which consists of mixed grain at the present time is very unsatisfactory being mouldy, dirty and generally unfit for comsumption. Stable management reports are good but long coats and shortage of grooming material lead to a great many cases of lice. The Squadron of 2nd.A.L.H.Regt. are relieved by the Worcestershire Yeomanry, and the stages travelled are Amman to Es Salt, Es Salt to Jericho, Jerusalem, Latron Ludd. From Ludd the horses travelled are Amman to Es Salt, Es Salt to Jericho, Jerusalem, Latron Ludd. From Ludd the horses are trucked direct to Kantara and handed over to the Australian Remount Unit at Moascar. They are Ludd at noon on 25th. | |
| Ar | llth | | Approximately 70 horses of the 18th R.H.A.Brigade are destroyed under the supervision of Capt.Page. Capt.Page. Instructions are issued to all Units to have all C. and D. Class horses paraded for destruction at economic and the supervision of the 18th R.H.A.Brigade are destroyed under the supervision of Capt.Page. | |
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| 22 nd. | D.A.D.V.S. mentioned in despatches, | awarded M.S.M., A.I.F.Orders 17/2/19. A.I.F.Orders 17/2/19. I to Moascar. Ty Officers and Units as to rendering a return of disposals | Appendi |
| & 23rd. | 130 horses of N.Z.MtdBrigade trucke | d to Moascar. | |
| & 26th. | 2nd.A.L.H.Regiment handed over to Res 27 Draught Mules, 8 Pack Mules - Tot Khampseen continually blowing for 5 | mount Unit Moascar 191 Rides, 19 Draughts, 10 Parks, al 255 animals. days. | |

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- 1. Order re disinfection of saddlery etc.
- 2. Arrangement with A.D.M.S. re destruction of animals.
- 3. Destruction of C. and D. Class animals.
- 4. Precautions against Anthrax.
- 5. History of outbreak of Anthrax at Aleppo.
- 6. Instructions re Return of Disposals of animals.
- 7. List of Disposals.

To

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Addressed to:- A.A.& G.M.
Copies. Commandant
D.A.D.VS.

D.A.D.VS. AusDiv.

Major Stafford, N.Z.Bde.

Capta in Page DrvTroops,

Captain Stuchbury Div.Train,

Andrews 1stA.L.H.Bde.

Wood B.V.O. 2nd.A.L.H

Wood B. V. O. 2nd.A. L. H. Bde.
Penrose A. A. V. C. Details.

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Mendall Lieut-Colnel.

A.D.V.S.A.I.F. in Egypt.

TO

To A.D.M.S.

appen Ix 11.

Anzac Mounted Division,

Orders have been issued to destroy all animals, rides over 12 years of age and draughts over 15 years of age in this Division. I have conferred with the Sanitary Officer Rafa (O.C. 108 Sanitary Section) and have agreed on a site for destruction to take place at a point in the sand Hills about half way between Rafa and Khan Yunis. Will you please arrange for the 7th. Sanitary Section to supply C. Solution and a party of men to attend each batch for destruction. Approximately 1000 horses will be destroyed. I will notify the section as to time and numbers to be destroyed each day. About 70 animals will be destroyed under the supervision of Captain Page NC. this afternoon belonging to 18th.R.H.A. Brigade. It would be adviseable for a Sanitary Officer to attend occasionally and advise.

Mendall Lieut-Colonel.

A.D. V.S. A.I.F.

in Egypt.

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AUSTRALIAN H.Gtrs.

Cairo Febr 7th.19.

A.D.V.S. A.I.F. in Egypt. Headquarters, Anzac Mounted Division.

over 12 years of age, all draughts over 15 years of age, all unsound animals, and all animals so debilitated that hospital treatment over two months required, will you please take action fort hwith for the destruction of all animals on charge to A.I.F. Units both Divisions which come under the catigories above mentioned.

2.The A.D.V.S. of each Division will be responsible that do only unimals in these categories are destroyed and you will please issue instructions to all concerned which will ensure that such ation

is taken.

3. There is no doubt that many Officers and other Ranks will for Sentimental Reasons endeavour to have destroyed, horse which do not come within the classes of animals above mentioned, and strong

measures must be taken to prevent this.

d. Detailed records of the disposal of all animals under the various methods of disposal, i.e. Destruction, Handed over to Imperial Remount depot, Transfersfrom one A.IF. Unit to anothersales to Givilians Sales to Officers etc, are necessary. Another letter on such records will be despatched to so u, but in the meantime please arrange for the establishment of such records of all transactions.

5. The destruction of any animals which have to be destroyed, should

be put in hand immediately.

6. I have this day advised you by telegraph that the G.O.G.A.I.F. in Egypt direct that all animals which are destroyed or die must be skinned and all manes and tails salved. To enable this to be corried out offectively and symtematically, units will provide fatigue parties. An Officer should be detailed for duty in charge of such party and he should exercise the closest supervision over the work of skinning, so that to number of scored hides may be reduced to a minimum (Vide G.R.O's 3898, 3994, 4074, dated 7 -5-18.28-5-18.

and 13-6-18.respectively, reference salvage of hides etc).

Correct Unit records should be kept of all hides salves, and receipts for all hides handed over to Imperial Supply Depots sent to this offive.

D.Fulton. Liout-Col.

GOMMANMAN.

AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS EGYPT.

ANTHRAX IN AREA OF DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

The localities now occupied are known to have been infected with Anthrax for Genmations.

Being, generally speaking, a food disease the question of importing all forage from clean Districts will be taken up by me at G.W.G. and if this can be done the number of outbreaks will be no doubt be lessened.

The question of cases being spread from Horse to Horse, and indection from drinking water, are not so serious, and you will of course adapt usual precautions to prevent the spread of the disease through these channels, But the question of grazing is more important.

With troops sta nding in the open fields , the total avoidance of of some grazing is impossible, but if due care is observed, the risks

of infections may be much reduced.

Animals ill with Anthrax when at large, as those of the inhabitants usually are, seek the stream to allay thirst, or cool damp spot where water has lain, to lie down in. There they die and their

carcases are torn by birds and animals.

The ground is thoroughly infected and manured. Next season the grass is most luxurient in such spots and as the Season advances and the sn dries up all the moisture, these low lying damp spots, are the last to remain green and the places where horses or grass cutters naturally search for green stuff, Grazing then, should be limited to high grounds, not in the neighbourhood of villiages and the banks of streams and low lying patches avoided and prohibited.

I think these facts should be made known to all Officers and Other Ranks and shall be glad iff you will take the necessary steps to

that end.

(Sd) E.R.C. Butler Brigadier - Genera: D.V.S. G.H.Q.

4th.Cavalry Division
5th.Cavalry Division
Australian Mounted Division.
Anzac Mounted Division.
28th. Ind. Infantry Brigade
11th.Cavalry Brigade.

5th.A.L.H. Brigade.
"W" Corps Signal Coy
Camp Commandant.
O.C. 51st. Sikhs.
O.C. 2/155th.Pioneers.
O.C. 2/103th.Poneers.

The above letter from D.V.S. G.H.Q. is forwarded for communication to all concerned.

8th.February 1919.

W.F. Rarr Lieut-Colonel
A.A. & Q.M.G. Desert Mounted Corps.

ANTHRAX IN 5TH. CAVALRY DIVISION.

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Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry had most cases in this outbreak.

History: - On 22/12/18 a transport mule of the S.R.Y. died suddenly and was buried, N.V.D. On the following day a section mule was sick and died, shewing clinical symptoms. Blood smears from this animal were positive. Later in the day 2 horses died, smears taken from one proved positive. On 24/12/18 3 other horses were ill,

2 died and the third was shot, shewing clinical symptoms.

The Regimental lines were moved that night, Squadrons being segregated. On 25/12/18 one mule and four horses were found dead in the morning, and 6 mules and 1 horse clinically affected, Which were destroyed. These all belonged to "C" Squadron and Transport. on 26/12/18 "C" Squadron had 4 horses dead and 1 destroyed, on same day one mule died at B.Hq., also I horse was clinically affected and destroyed and microscopally confirmed. The same day Field Squadron R.E. lost 1 mule, and this was also confirmed. On 27/12/18 the 20th.M.G.S. reported a horse shewing suspicious symptoms and it was destroyed - disease being diagnosed from symptoms. The S.R.Y. also reported a horse died suddenly and this proved to be anthrax. On 25/12/18 Deccan Horse reported 1 horse died during the night and that another was shewing suspicious symptoms. The latter was destroyed and films wear were positive. The S.R.Y. had 1 dead and 1 destroyed. The S.R.Y. had on 29/12/18 1 died, on 30/12/18 1 died and 2 destroyed, on 31/12/18 1 destroyed. on 2/1/19 1 died and 2 destroyed and on 3/1/19 1 died.

Source of Infection: - Opinion of B.V.O. that it is due to Tibbin bought locally. Ground infection minimised by the fact that infected animals had occupied the standings zhere the outbreak occurred since 1st. November 1918, and no case had occurred until the outbreak commenced.

Preventive Measures :-

1. As possibly the spread of the disease was due to the fact that many of these animals suffer from depraved appetite - the result of long privation - causing apparently healthy animals to eat droppings of the infected ones, all animals were immediately removed to fresh ground, and on removal were picketed at intervals which precluded possibility of dung infection.

2. The infected Squadron and Transport were issued with new nosebags, each one being numbered and secured. The old ones were

burnt.

- 3. Owing to large number implicated, saddlery and harness was stacked and stored until orders were received as to disposal.
- 4. Watering arrangements Infected Squadrons used trough that the Regiment had been using. A new trough was provided for balance of animals. Roads to these troughs were only used by Units watering there.

5. Exercise - Each Squadron, Transport and Hqrs. were ordered to

exercise on their own circular track.

6. Disposal of Carcases: - Owing to a. Absence of fuel, b. Rocky formation of subsoil and c. Absence of time, all carcases were removed to a safe distance and buried at a depth of 6 feet with a mound 2 feet high built over them. Working parties were carefully imspected daily by the Medical Officer and creosol was freely used for disinfection of hands, boots etc.

7. All dressing of wounds was stopped, and it was advised that no man suffering from abrasions of the cuticle should be detailed

for any duty with infected animals.

8. Isolated cases in other Units were dealt with on similar lines.

l. A Divisional Order was issued placing MUSLIMIE out of bounds to all animals, also forbidding animals of the 14th. Cavalry Brigade to enter ALEPPO.

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2. Units from which animals had visited MUSLIMIE within a space of 10 days from notification of the first case were isolated and placed under Veterinary supervision.

3. The Arab Government was informed of the outbreak and the Civil Veterinary Inspector acting under orders of the Military Authorities is working a systematic inspection of adl villages in the Vilayet of ALEPPO. He states that outbreaks of anthrax occurs in Autumn and Spring yearly for the last fifty (50) years in these districts.

Another case has occurred recently in Aleppo, Divisional Hqrs.

Copy of Recommendations by D.D.V.S., Descorps.

a. All sudden deaths among animals are to be at once reported to the Veterinary Officer i/c. Units.

b. Wherever it is possible all dead animals must be inspected by a V.O. before disposal. In the case of small detachments at a distance a

V.O. will not always be available.

c. Owing to lack of fuel burning of carcases is impractibable in SYRIA. Carcases of animals which have died suddenly are to be removed to a place selected by O.C. Sanitary Section, buried at least 6 feet deep and a mound of earth 2 feet high built over them. If lime is available the carcases should be packed in it.

d. No animals are to be skinned until further orders unless certified

by by the V.O. as free from disease.

e. Men with somes on their hands must not be placed in charge of sick animals. Men in charge of sick animals must use creosol freely.

f. All blankets, nose-bags and grooming kit of infected animals will be burnt on the certificate of a Veterinary Officer.

> (sgd.) E.P.Argyle, Lt.Col. D.D.V.S.

On 16/1/19 a case of confirmed anthrax occurred in the 15th.A.L.H. Regiment at BAALBER. All necessary precautions were taken.

on 22/23 January 1919 a horse died suddenly in 14th. A.L.H. Regiment, HOMS - dignosed clinically as anthrax, also confirmed microscopically on 23/24 1/19 another horse died and one very ill suspect. Slides taken from all these animals gave "positive" result.

The three cases occurred in the Transport lines. All precautions

were taken and orders issued to the Regt.

The suspect was destroyed.

No more cases have occurred up to the present - 5/2/19.

GLANDERS.

In Mallein test of one Brigade one case reacted and was destroyed -

5th. Cavalry Division.

It was also pro posed that all saddlery etc. should be soaked for 2 hr hours in a 5 per cent solution of creosol under Veterinary supervision, packed when dry, specially labelled and consigned to Ordnance for further disinfection. Bits, stirrups and chains should be disinfected by passing through a flame.

However the G.O.C. of Division preferred to have the whole lot burnt,

which was subsequently done.

(sgd.) T. Geyer, Capt. AA. V.C.

EPIZOOTIC LYMPHANGITIS.

on 20/1/19 one positive case, confirmed, occurred in Gloucester Yeomanry, and two unconfirmed cases in Gloucester Yeomanry and Ente Field Squadron R.E.

Arrangements were made that these two Units water at a separate

trough, and that rations and forage be dumped for them.

All precautions as laid down in instructions regarding outbreaks of Epizootic Lymphangitis were taken. (V/2363/18 dated 1/9/18.)

COPY OF ORDER ISSUED TO DIVISION.

Hers. 5th.Cav.Div. 20/1/19.

Subject :- Outbreak of Epizootic Lymphangitis in Royal Gloucester Hussars Yeomanry and 5th. Field Squadron.

To Brigades and Divisional Troop:

As Epizootic Lymphangitis has broken out in Royal Gloucester Hussars Yeomanry and 5th. Field Squadron no animals of these Units are to enter ALEPPO, or to be taken to the lines of any Unit of the Division, and no animals belonging to other Units are to be taken to the lines of these Units under any pretext whatever. Watering:- Aspecial watering area has been provided for all ania and mals in Royal Gloucester Hussars Yeomanry and 5th. Field Squadron near the Barra cks on the hill west of station. Rations and Forage:- A motor lorry will be provided to draw rations and

and forage and drinking water for these Units, and will report daily at 0830 to S.S.O.

> (sgd.) J.M.Smith, Lieut. for Colonel, A.A.& Q .M.G. 5th.Cav.Div.

GLANDERS IN 4TH. CAVALRY DIVISION.

1. Horses inspected and malleined.

2. Horses standing near Glanders case were isolated.

3. Water troughs disinfected and Unit watered at a separate water trough.

4. The Gla nders case was destroyed and buried six feet deep.

1st.AL.H.Brigade. Field Squadron. 2nd.A.L.H.Brigade.

Signal Squadron.

Divisional Train. Camp Commandant.

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Reference the disposal of animals, the property of the Australian Government. The following is an extract from a cablegram which has been received from Administrative Headquaretrs, A. I.F., London:-

"Telegraph each Week ending Saturday total number Horses, Mules, Camels, Donkeys, respectively belonging A.I.F. only in following order AAA.

A. Strength.

B. Transfers within A.I.F. Units from Surplus.

C. Issues to A.I.F. from Imperial Sources.

- D. Withdrawals from A.I.F. for re-issue to or transfer to Imperial Units.
- E. Handed over to Imperial Remounts for sale as surplus.

F. Evacuated sick.

- G. Handed to Imperial Army Veterinary Corps Units for butchering or destruction.
- H. Authorised sale direct by A.I.F. to Civilians or members of Allied Forces.

J. Died.

K. Destroyed.

Returns will be commenced for week ending 1st. February. Total disposals as above for period 30/11/18 to 25/1/19 will also be compiled and telegraphed at earliest possible.

Will you please arrange for Returns in respect of A.I.F. Animals in your Units for period 30/11/18 to 25/1/19 and each subsequent week to be forwarded to this office by 0900 on Tuesday 25th. inst. Such Returns should shew particulars, detailed, of all transactions, i.e. number involved in each transaction, date, to where evacuated war or transferred, to whom sold, and price realised etc.

As I.F. in Egypt.

A. & N. Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

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DEMOBILISATION. HORSES HANDED OVER TO REMOUNTS 11/2/19 to 23/2/19.

| | UNIT. | H O | RSES. DRAUGHT | PACK | DRAUGHT | E S. PACK | TOTAL | | |
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| X | Field Squadron, N.Z. | 31 | 16 | | | | 47 | | mg. |
| AIF | Signal Squadron, | 9 | 5 | 1 | | | 15 | 4+ | AIF . |
| AiF | lst.A.L.H.Brigade, | 835 | 133 | 89 | 97 | 7 | 1161 | | AIF " |
| X | N.Z.Brigade, | 891 | 51 | 85 | 26 | | 1053 | 14 | 23 " |
| X | 18thBrigade R.H.A. | 127 | 252 | 2 | 199 | | 580 | · / Tantain | IRD. |
| | Total, | 1927 | 460 | 177 | 322 | 7 | 2893 | | |
| Air | 1st.Bde. Polo Ponies to Hqrs. Cairo. | 16 | | | | | 16 | | - AIF-RU |
| | G.TOTAL. | 1943 | 460 | 177 | 322 | 7 | 2909 | | |

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