

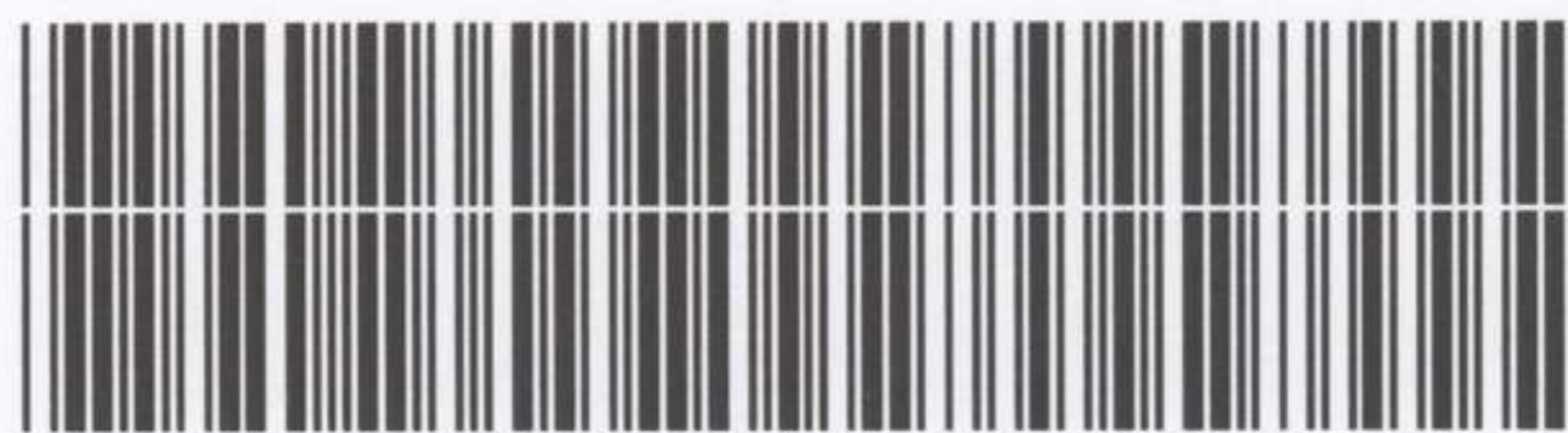
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Romani	1916 October		<p>Major LeSouef returns to 2nd A.L.H.Bde at Hill 70 . Mobile Vet Sections Officers and men have leave to rest camp at Sidi-Bishr in batches of 8 at a time and return feeling much fitter. 6th M.V?Section men suffer from Malaria at Kantara West and half the Section is evacuated as a result . Ist L.H.Bde horses are allowed loose in the paddock in batches and greatly improve but still many do not recover quickly enough to be fit to proceed if Brigade is needed urgently. This is due in my opinion to so many men have leave that the animals are to a certain extent neglected, for the fodder is the same as that received by horses on the front line yet they do better . Capt Paterson takes over New Zealand M.Vet, Section from Major Stafford who goes on leave to England .</p> <p>Lieut Morgan evacuated sick from 2nd A.L.H.Bde at Hill 70. This leaves all R.H.A.Batteries without Veterinary Officers and they are allotted to Bdes for Veterinary Services as follows I/D Liecesters Battery to Ist A?L.H.Bde (Capt Geyer) . I/IAyresshire Battery 2nd Bde (Major LeSouef) . I/I Inverness Battery 3rd A.L.H.Bde. (Capt Mountjoy). I/I Somerset Battery to New Zealand Bde (Capt Rait). Number of Veterinary Officers now in Division is 9 with Capt Kelly Attached to I2th A.L.H.Regt. at Serapeum. Somerset Battery move from Romani to Bir-el-Abd. Divisional Headquarters Move to Bir-el-Abd. New Zealand Bde Move to Hod geila from Romani. 3rd A.L.H.Bde leave Geila for Romani for a rest . These animals are looking well showing that the fact that now the weather was cooler and all difficulties in regard to water were got over, that horses are able to work very well in this area and keep in good condition. N.Z.M.V. Section arrive at bir-el-Abd from Romani resting previous night Kilo 60 During this month the units were resting and Bde Vet Officers were busy clearing the Bdes of animals that required a longer rest . The weather was much cooler & wells through the area were extended + that now the water difficulty was completely got over .Horses coming freshly on to it were not particularly at drinking it and after a period of 3 or 4 days of dullness soon recovered and were fit for the maximum amount of work. Sand Colic was much prevalent. Evacuations 480 Died & Destroyed 43.</p>	
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