

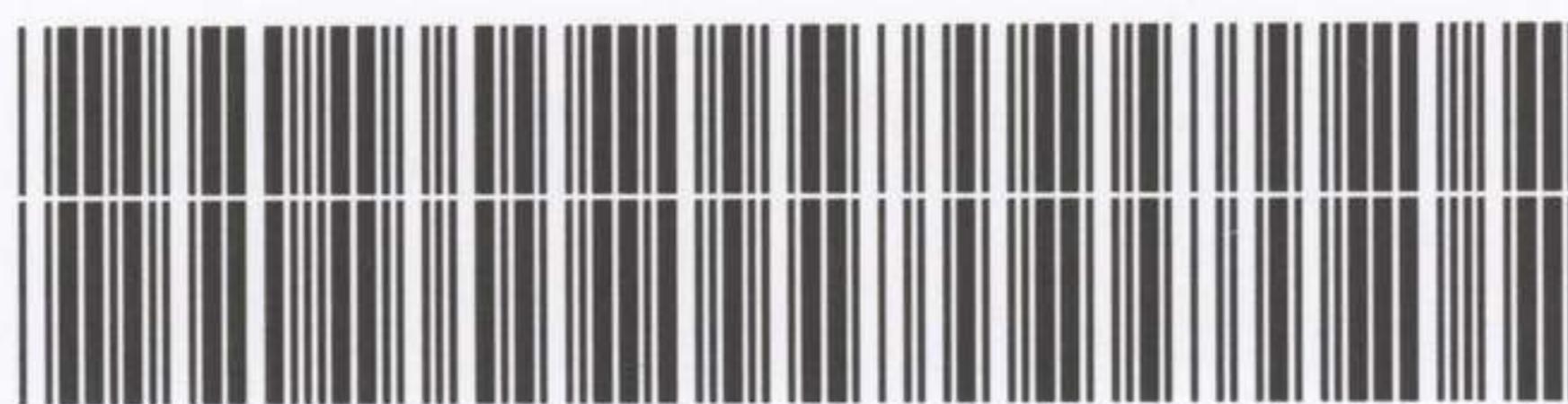
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WAR DIARY

OF

A.D.V.S. Australian Mtd Division

FOR

February 1918.



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DEIR EL BELAH	FEB.	1.	PERSONAL inspection of reported mange cases in 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th BGDs.	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: row-reverse; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> <p>11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1</p> </div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> <p>11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1</p> </div> </div>
		2.	3 rd M th BGD. Inspected horses of (Dawood). Yes. submitted for evacuation.	
		3.	Office routine	
		4.	Visited Mobile Veterinary Sections with D. D. V. S.	
		5.	Inspection of mobile continued. Weekly reports furnished.	
		6.	Inspected horses of 4 th A.H. Brigade.	
		7.	Paraded M. V. S. in marching order.	
		8.	R. I. F. returns - Remount and Evacuation - Completed.	
		9.	General report on forage operations to A. A. & M. G. Visited 14 th BGD R.H.A. inspected horses.	
		10.	Conference at R.H.Q. subject review. Visited 8 th Mobile Vet. Section.	
		11.	Divisional parade by G.O.C. - preparations for review before C. in C.	
		12.	8 th Mobile Vet. Section and 3 rd BGD visited. Weekly report furnished.	
		13.	Visited 9 th M.V.S. and 4 th A.H. Brigade. General report on condition of horses of Division to D.D.V.S.	
		14.	Visited 5 th M.V.S. Brigade and 3 rd M.V.S.	
		15.	Divisional Parade by G.O.C. - review preparations.	
		16.	Signal Squadron horses inspected	
		17.	Weekly returns Completed.	
		18.	Visited R.H.Q. 4 th Div. also 3 rd Mobile Vet. Section and Camel Depot.	
		19.	Inspected 4 th A.H. Brigade and 9 th A.H. Regt.	
		20.	B. I. O. 4 th A.H. Brigade reported duty. Visited 9 th Mob. Vet. Section.	
		21.	Inspected horses of Divisional Train.	
		22.	Visited units of Divisional Groups.	
		23.	8 th & 9 th Mobile Vet. Sections inspected.	
		24.	Capt. Kelly reported for duty - attached to 9 th M.V.S. Weekly returns Completed.	
		25.	Visited 5 th Mounted Brigade.	
		26.	Inspected watering areas of Division.	
		27.	Inspected 3 rd M.V.S. Vet. Section. Office routine work. Returns furnished D.D.V.S.	
		28.	Inspected horses of 5 th Mounted Brigade.	

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WAR DIARY

OF

A.D.V.S. Australian Mtd. Div.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	(A7000) Return of Sick & Inj. animals (Division) for week ending 2nd
2.	General report to A.D.V.S. on forage questions etc from DVS
3.	Returns A7000 - week ending 9th
4.	Report to A.D.V.S. on General Condition of animals
5.	A7000 Return week ending 16th
6.	" " " " 23rd

T. H. Murray Jones Major
A.D.V.S.



FIELD SERVICE.

Corps, etc. Australian Mtd. Division

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending 2-2-18

Station Derby Barracks Date _____

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	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con- valent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	14	49	63	12	18		2			31	63	
2. Respiratory "	3	8	11	7	1					3	11	
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "												
6. Digestive "	20	60	80	65			2	1		12	80	
7. Lymphatic "												
8. Nervous "		1	1		1						1	
9. Skin "	288	132	420	180	4					236	420	
10. Locomotory "	14	14	28	12	5					11	28	
11. Specific "	4	2	6	2						4	6	
12. Visual "	3	6	9	3						6	9	
13. Injuries	90	46	136	41	7		1	1		86	136	
TOTAL	436	318	754	321	36		5	2		389	754	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals:—
Camels 82
Donkeys 279
 Horses 6302
 Mules 1143
 Total 7806

(*)
 Horses 365
 Mules 19
 Donkeys 5
389

P. Murray Jones

Veterinary Officer.

PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective	Non-Effective	ATTACHED	Effective	Non-Effective
Warrant Officers					
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants					
Corporals					
Privates					
Farrier Q.M.S., S. Sjts. & Sjts.					
Corporal Shoeing Smiths					
Shoeing Smiths					
Saddler Corporals					
Saddlers					
TOTAL					

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS.

Rank	Name	Charge	Rank	Name	Charge

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.
 (Remarks as to Action taken.)



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To Veterinary Officers of Division.

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The following letter has been received from the D.V.S.

Please furnish immediately all information possible under the various headings as shown below:-

"I shall be glad if you will be so good as to let me have the following details as regards the animals of any of the units under your command during the period 1/11/17 to 31/12/17:-

1. The longest period they were continuously without water.
2. The work performed during this period.
3. Whether they fed well during this period.
4. The average number of times they were watered daily during the period specified or during any intermediate period.
5. The smallest amount of grain and fodder they received at any time and for what period.
6. The average amount of grain and fodder they received during the whole or any intermediate period.
7. The maximum amount of grain and fodder they received during the whole or any intermediate period.
8. To what extent were units able to supplement their forage locally by grazing or otherwise.
9. When was there any noticeable change in their condition and vigour as a result of work and privation.

31/1/18.

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(Sd) E. R. C. BUTLER,
Brig-Gen., D.V.S., R.E.F.

A.A. & Q.M.G.



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Reference attached and reply to your AQ.934 of 4th inst:-

- (1). 72 hours - 58 hours - 56 hours - 32 hours. .
- (2). During November work continuous, heavy, at times fast.
During December work irregular, with periods of rest.
- (3). With exception of waterless periods animals fed well.
- (4). Average watering for November once daily.
Average for December twice daily.
- (5). Smallest amount received 96lbs grain over period 3 days.
- (6). Average amount of grain received during the whole period
1 lbs per day.

During December large quantities of grain condemned, often
not replaced being none available.

Fodder average November 2 lbs. Fodder average December,
tibbon 3 lbs, hay 5 lbs.
- (7). Maximum amount of grain and fodder received, grain 12 lbs
fodder 12 lbs. for period 5 days.
- (8). Grazing scanty, 3 or 4 days in December.

"Otherwise". With exception of 8 days the maximum daily
average obtained under this heading 2 lbs tibbon per animal.
- (9). (1). First noticeable change took place during first 14 days
November. This directly due to irregular watering.
Draught horses lost condition more rapidly than draught
mules.

(2). Second appreciable and most serious change was observed
between 4th and 27th December. The important responsible
factors being:-
 - (a). Severity of cold and wet weather.
 - (b). Shortage of bulk fodder.
 - (c). Inadequate attention due to shortage of men.



P. Murray Jones Major,
A.D.V.S.



FIELD SERVICE.

Corps, etc. Aust. Mtd. Div

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RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending 9-2-18

Station Der. Et. Belah Date _____

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	# Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con- valescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	31	12	43	9	23					11	43	
2. Respiratory "	3	3	6	3						3	6	
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "												
6. Digestive "	13	59	71	60						11	71	
7. Lymphatic "		1	1							1	1	
8. Nervous "		1	1					1			1	
9. Skin "	936	113	249	176						173	349	
10. Locomotory "	11	13	24	11	2					11	24	
11. Specific "	4	3	7				1			6	7	
12. Visual "	6	2	8	3						5	8	
13. Injuries	86	63	149	46	2		1	2		98	149	
TOTAL	389	270	659	303	27		2	3		* 319	659	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals:—
Horses 281
Mules 23
 Horses 6393
 Mules 1144
 Total 7841

* Horses 292
 Mules 21
 Donks 6
319

J. M. Murray Jones Kapri
 Veterinary Officer.



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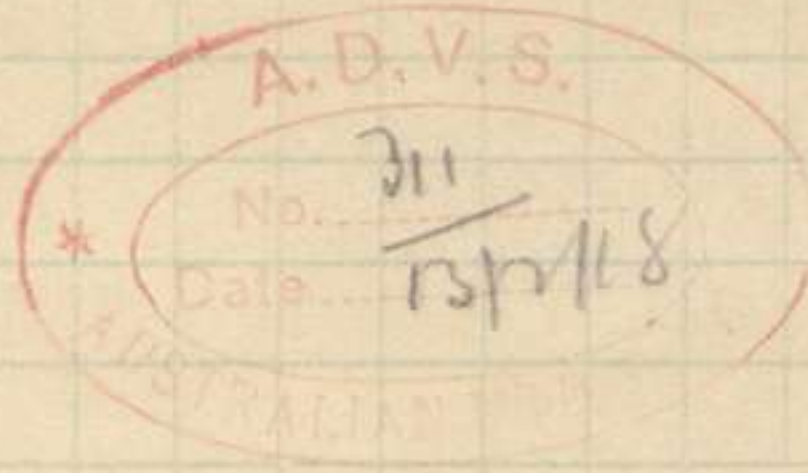
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* No. of reports asked for by D.D.V.S. on
Date of report
* Condition of horses of Division.

To
D.D.V.S.

Reference your instruction
by wire to report on condition
of horses of this Division with
a view to possible operation.

Animals are just beginning
to brighten after the severe
Cold and wet recently
experienced. In my opinion
it will take another month
to reach the condition
spoken of - fitness for
operations -

Signed J Murray Jones Major
D.D.V.S.



FIELD SERVICE.



Corps, etc. 1st Aust. Div.

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending 16 1919

Station Belah Date 16 1919

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con- valascent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	11	32	43		18					25	43	
2. Respiratory "	3	9	12	10						2	12	
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "		1	1							1	1	
6. Digestive "	11	47	58	47	1					10	58	
7. Lymphatic "	1		1							1	1	
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	173	68	241	96						145	241	
10. Locomotory "	11	13	24	14	2					8	24	
11. Specific "	6	1	7	2						5	7	
12. Visual "	5	3	8	2						6	8	
13. Injuries	98	70	168	52	3			2		111	168	
TOTAL	319	240	563	223	21			2		317	563	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals:—

Horses 7215

Mules 1176

Total 8391

9 Horses 281
Mules 31
Bucks 5
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P. Murray Jones Mafu

Veterinary Officer.



FIELD SERVICE.

Corps, etc. 1st Aust. Div.

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending 23/2/18 ^{W92} ₁₀

Station Belah Date _____

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con-valescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	78	57	85	5	78	1				51	85	
2. Respiratory "	2	14	6	4						12	16	
3. Circulatory "		1	1							1	1	
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "	1		1							1	1	
6. Digestive "	10	39	49	41			2			6	49	
7. Lymphatic "	1		1	1							1	
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	145	60	205	84						121	205	
10. Locomotory "	8	13	21	8	3					6	21	
11. Specific "	5	6	11							11	11	
12. Visual "	6	3	9	2						7	9	
13. Injuries	111	73	184	47	5		2	4		126	184	
TOTAL	317	266	583	192	36	1	4	4		346	583	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals:—
Donks 277
CAMELS 22

Horses 7548

Mules 1172

Total 9019

Horses 311
Mules 34
Donks 21
366

J. Murray
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Veterinary Officer.

