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OF

AUSTRALIAN REMOUNT DEPOT.

FOR

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1st JUNE 1918 to 31st JULY 1918.191



Signature of Officer compiling

J. F. Little

Lieut.

Signature of Officer Commanding

D. M. Lusk

COLONEL.

JUL 1918



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JUNE 1st 1918. Major A.B. Paterson and 58 O/Rks marched in from No 2 Field Remount Section with 160 horses and 60 mules. The animals stood the journey by road well in spite of the heat. *M.*

- " 2nd " 30 Pk. mules marched out to Remount Depot Kantara. *M.*
- " 4th. " 150 mules marched in from 3rd Indian Division. *M.*
- " 15th. " Colonel D.McLeish, C.M.G., V.D. marched out and admitted to No 14 Australian General Hospital. *M.*
- " 17th " The Deputy Director of Remounts Lt-Colonel V.R. Hine-Haycock C.M.G., D.S.O. inspected the Depot today. *M.*
- " 18th " 350 horses and 100 mules arrived by train from No 2 Field Remount Section. *M.*
- " 21st " 15 horses marched out to Northern Wireless Station and 166 horses marched out to 3rd Indian Division. *M.*
- " 22nd " 28 mules marched out to 3rd Indian Division. *M.*
- " 23rd " 11 horses marched out to 3rd Indian Division and 80 S & T mules marched in from the same Division. *M.*
- " 24th " 8 horses marched out to 3rd Ind. Division. *M.*
- " 26th " 21 P.B. horses marched out to A.&N.Z.T.C.&D.C. Moascar. *M.*
- " 27th " 40 P.B. horses marched in from No 2 Field Remount Section. *M.*
- " 28th " 243 horses marched out to Remount Depot Kantara enroute to Ludd. Conducting officer Lieut N.C. Brown. *M.*
- " 29th " 60 Pack mules marched out to Remount Depot Belbeis. *M.*
- " 30th " Lieut H.C. Ferguson admitted to 31st General Hospital. Lieut T.F. Little will act as Adjutant during the absence of Lieut H.C. Ferguson. *M.*

- JULY 2nd 1918. 29 P.B. horses marched out to A.&N.Z.T.C.&D.C. Moascar. 21 horses marched in from No 16 Veterinary Hospital Kantara. *M.*
- " 3rd " 100 pack mules marched out to Remount Depot Kantara. *M.*
- " 4th " 220 horses marched in from No 2 Field Remount Section. *M.*
- " 5th " 197 horses and 103 mules marched out to Remount Depot Kantara enroute to Ludd. Conducting Officer:- Capt. H.S. Tyndall. *M.*
- " 6th " 400 horses and 51 mules marched in from No 2 Field Remount Section. Major C.H. Bourne and 6 O/Rks proceeded to Suez on duty. *M.*
- " 8th " 90 L.D. horses and 99 mules marched in from Remount Depot Belbeis. 15 horses marched in from Suez these animals came from the Hedjaz Army and were in very low condition. The G.O.C. Canal Zone inspected this Depot today. *M.*



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Nothing to report 9th and 10th July. *JH*

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11th JULY 1918.

Capt. J.S. Penrose Veterinary Officer marched out to A.&N.Z.T.C.&D.C. and Capt. R.M. Spence marched in from A.&N.Z.T.C.&D.C. for duty. *JH*

12th " "

237 horses and 63 mules marched out to Remount Depot Kantara enroute to Ludd. Conducting officer:- Capt. P.D. Bright. The following letter was received from the G.O.C. Canal Zone:-

To/

O.C.

Aust. Remount Depot.

The G.O.C. Canal Zone desires me to express his appreciation of the general good order of your camp, horse lines and premises of the Depot under your Command as inspected by him today.

8.7.18.

(Sgd) H. Tomkins Major
for Lt-Col. A.A.&Q.M.G.
Canal Zone.

14th JULY 1918.

80 horses and 62 mules marched out to Remount Depot Kantara. Conducting officer:- Major H.W. Smith. 170 L.D. horses marched out to Egyptian Army Transport Training Depot Tel-el-Kebir. *JH*

16th " "

Lieut H.C. Ferguson marched in from Hospital and resumed duty as Adjutant. *JH*

17th " "

Colonel D. McLeish C.M.G..V.D. marched in from Hospital and resumed Command of this Depot. *JH*

19th " "

The majority of the horses and a few of the mules in the Depot are affected by a skin disease known as dermatitis, it is a non parasitic disease. *JH*

22nd " "

20 O/Rks marched out to Desert Mounted Rest Camp Port Said for 8 days rest. *JH*

24th " "

239 horses and 211 mules arrived by train from No 2 Field Remount Section Abbassia. They were mostly in good condition some show signs of dermatitis. *JH*

30th " "

Horses showing dermatitis are all improving under treatment which is oil and sulphur well rubbed into the infected parts. During the month under review an experiment was made in building mud feed troughs in the Kraals. The vatives employed in the Depot did the work under the supervision of one of the Depot men, they used a mixture of Nile mud, manure and sand.

These troughs have proved very satisfactory. *JH*

Total number of animals received into this Depot during the past 6 months:- 6656. Total number of animals issued for the same period:- 7183. *JH*

D. McLeish
COLONEL.
COMMANDANT,
AUSTRALIAN REMOUNT DEPOT.