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Section

December 1918



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Australian Imperial Force.

**WAR DIARY**

OF

*7th Australian Mobile Veterinary Section*



1918.

*E N Wood*

Signature of Officer compiling

*E N Wood Capt*

Signature of Officer Commanding

O. C. 7th. Mobile Vetv. Sect. A.I.F.

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WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

| Place                                                             | Date                                                                                                                                  | Hour                                      | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wady -<br>- Hanein<br>Yelna.<br>Medjel.<br>Gaza<br>Belah<br>Rafa. | * Dates below with exception of last are dates of departure<br>18.12.18<br>19.12.18<br>20/12/18<br>21/12/18<br>22/12/18<br>* 22/12/18 | 09.45<br>10.00<br>10.30<br>09.00<br>09.30 | <p>This month was divided into three periods, 1<sup>stly</sup> that spent at Wady Hanein 18.12.18 to 17.12.18, 2<sup>ndly</sup>, the period en route to Rafa, 18.12.18 to 22.12.18, &amp; 3<sup>rdly</sup> that portion spent at Rafa.</p> <p>The period spent at Wady Hanein was very similar in nature to the previous month. The weather was good until a few days before the move was to take place, when wet &amp; squally weather made things slightly objectionable. Despite unpromising prospects the journey from Wady Hanein, was done under favorable circumstances, no rain of any note interfering. Commencing on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> days journey to a camp site about 2 miles to the west of Yelna, was comfortably negotiated, as were all the succeeding days travelling. The camp sites at the end of the remaining days journeys were ① a place situated about 1 mile N of Medjel, ② Gaza, (1/2 a mile east of town) ③ Belah, &amp; lastly, our destination ④ Rafa. The journey down, we were not hindered at all, with lame animals or bad travelling cases, all serious cases having been evacuated, previous to the commencement of the trip.</p> <p>The camp site occupied by the unit is situated about 1 1/2 miles from the Rafa water reservoir where the cases are watered. The surface soil is of a sandy nature which is greatly appreciated by the animals. The number of "cases" has assumed a lower figure, which owing to the shortage of reinforcements &amp; the improbability of a further batch arriving, is a good thing. Throughout the month the section has been working at just a little over half strength.</p> <p><u>Hospital Work carried on by unit</u> - 26 patients were admitted, 17 being of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bgde, 6 of Divisional units &amp; 3 Straps. Four were cured, all being of Bgde units &amp; 22 animals were evacuated. Respective evacuation losses were 2<sup>nd</sup> Bgde units 13 animals, Divisional Units (Agree Hqd) 6 &amp; Unknowns (Straps) 3.</p> <p>Appendices I Hospital Work Carried on by Sections.<br/>           II Losses of Animals of units through 7<sup>th</sup> M.V.S.</p> | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|                                                                   | to.                                                                                                                                   |                                           | <p>31/12/18</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      |

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# WAR DIARY

OF

7<sup>th</sup> Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section

FOR

December 1918.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

Appendix I

Hospital Work carried on by  
the Section for the Month.

Appendix II

Animal Losses to units through  
the Section for the Month.

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FIELD SERVICE.

APPENDIX I  
ARMY FORM A2000.

Corps, etc. 7th A.M.V.S.

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the <sup>month</sup> week ending

Station Rafa

Date 31-12-18  
1-1-19



|                     | In last Return | Admitted Since | TOTAL | *Cured | Transferred Sick | Transfrd. to Convalescent Horse Depot | Died | Destroyed | Cast and Sold | Remaining under Treatment | TOTAL | REMARKS.<br>(Nature of Cases to be stated.) |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|--------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. General Diseases |                | 8              | 8     |        | 8                |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       | 8 Debility + Fevers                         |
| 2. Respiratory "    |                | 2              | 2     | 1      | 1                |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       | 2 Nasal Catarrh                             |
| 3. Circulatory "    |                |                |       |        |                  |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       |                                             |
| 4. Urinary "        |                |                |       |        |                  |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       |                                             |
| 5. Generative "     |                |                |       |        |                  |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       |                                             |
| 6. Digestive "      | 2              |                | 2     | 2      |                  |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       | 2 Colic                                     |
| 7. Lymphatic "      |                |                |       |        |                  |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       |                                             |
| 8. Nervous "        |                |                |       |        |                  |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       |                                             |
| 9. Skin "           |                | 1              | 1     |        | 1                |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       | 1 Skin Disease                              |
| 10. Locomotory "    |                | 4              | 4     |        | 4                |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       | 4 Lameness                                  |
| 11. Specific "      |                |                |       |        |                  |                                       |      |           |               |                           |       |                                             |
| 12. Visual "        |                | 1              | 1     |        |                  |                                       |      |           |               | 1                         | 1     | Ulcerated Cornea                            |
| 13. Injuries        |                | 10             | 10    | 1      | 8                |                                       |      |           |               | 1                         | 10    | Gun Shot Wounds etc.                        |
| TOTAL               | 2              | 26             | 28    | 4      | 22               |                                       |      |           |               | 2                         | 28    |                                             |

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

Present Strength of Animals:—

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Horses | 2 |
| Mules  | — |
| Total  | 2 |

E. N. Wood Capt

Veterinary Officer.  
O. G. 7th. Mobile Vety. Sect. A.I.F.

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS.

| Rank | Name | Charge | Rank | Name | Charge |
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CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. (Remarks as to action taken) :—

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Appendix III

Losses of animals to units through the  
7th Aust Mobile Vety Section

For Month Ending 31-12-18

Losses through evacuations

|                        | Horses    | Mules    |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 6th Aust. L. H. Regt.  | 5         | 1        |
| 2nd " Machine Gun Sqdn | 3         | -        |
| 2nd " L. H. Fld Amb.   | 1         | -        |
| 2nd " Signal Troop     | 2         | -        |
| 2nd " Bgde Police      | 1         | -        |
| 1st Signal Squadron    | 3         | -        |
| 22nd Coy Div Train     | 1         | -        |
| 33rd Coy Div Train     | -         | 1        |
| Wyrshire Battery       | 1         | -        |
| Straps (Unknown)       | 3         | -        |
| <u>Total</u>           | <u>20</u> | <u>2</u> |

Horses 20

Mules 2

Total Evacuations 22

Losses due to "deaths"

NIL

Losses due to "destroyed"

NIL

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