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Veterinary

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

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Army Form C. 2118

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Sheet 1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YAZUR.	1-12-17		<p>Due to increasing congestion of the bivouac area on account of limited space, and increasing numbers of horse casualties being received - a move was made to a more suitable area about 200 yards south. The stone trough in the village of YAZUR was found broken down - and watering of animals had to be carried out by means of buckets, drawing the water from the adjacent reservoir. After consultation with the A.D.V.S. it was decided to move the sections back to AYUN KARRA where watering facilities were better. 10 casualties admitted for treatment - one horse (debility & exhaustion) died in hospital.</p>	
AYUN KARRA. (Ref: PALESTINE MAP. Sheet F11 Sec. 63360 Square M 20.)	2-12-17	0700	<p>Section moved to new site chosen. 3 animals received (2 captured Turkish ponies & one hospital case)</p>	(CR)
	3-12-17		<p>16 casualties admitted - 13 being debility animals for evacuation. Hospital work carried on.</p>	(CR)
	4-12-17		<p>25 cases sent by road to Clearing Station GAZA for evacuation there. Hospital work carried on. 1 horse discharged</p>	(CR)
	5-12-17		<p>Hospital work.</p>	(CR)
	6-12-17		<p>1 casualty admitted. Hospital work.</p>	(CR)
	7-12-17		<p>1 casualty admitted. Hospital work. Wet weather set in</p>	(CR)
	9-12-17		<p>Weather still very wet & cold. 6 casualties admitted & 4 horses discharged. 5 reinforcements joined up from MORSCAR.</p>	(CR)
	10-12-17		<p>Due to the sloppy conditions of the bivouac in this camp - the section moved to the west side of the GAZA-JAFFA road for better ground & shelter. 6 cases admitted - one dying shortly after admission (internal injuries). Weather improved. 1 man admitted to hospital.</p>	(CR)
	12-12-17		<p>9 cases admitted. Hospital work carried out. D.D.V.S. Det. Corps & A.D.V.S. Ambulances with A.D.R., E.E.F., visited the bivouac.</p>	(CR)
	12-12-17		<p>Orders received verbally from A.D.V.S. to move section with Brigade to new camp area near ESDUD. 5 animals transferred to 6th M.V.S. - one belonging to 1st L.H. Bde and others of 2nd L.H. Bde unable to travel with us. 11 animals admitted. 22 animals evacuated to Clearing Sta. GAZA. Order to move back being received. Due to broken weather - ascertaining the despatch of supplies - most of this batch were sent away because unless they could be kept on liberal rations they could not be rendered fit for return to duty with the units in the field.</p>	(CR)
ESDUD	13-12-17	1000	<p>Moved out from camp at AYUN KARRA - reaching new site with Brigade at 1430. Moved on to allotted area & made camp.</p>	(CR)
	14-12-17		<p>Conditions now generally greatly improved. Bull frage being received daily - and the weather holding good - full attention was given during this period to the treatment of cases held in hospital. 11 debility cases evacuated to Clearing Sta. DEIR SINIYID on 15th, 17th or 23rd.</p>	(CR)
	24-12-17		<p>Weather very wet and cold - hampering hospital work. No 25th. Sgt J.L. Manning left for MORSCAR to embark for AUSTRALIA on 14th upon the furlough.</p>	(CR)
	25-12-17		<p>Weather still cold and unsettled - improving during the day. Frage very short and some of it in a spoiled condition owing to weather.</p>	(CR)
	26-12-17		<p>Horses showed markedly the effect of the weather in spite of being "doubly blanketed" & unclipped, looking very tucked up.</p>	(CR)
	27-12-17		<p>Weather improved. Hospital work.</p>	(CR)
	28-12-17		<p>18 cases admitted. 10 debility cases evacuated to Clearing Station. Air dried. Hospital work. Hay ration of horse fed.</p>	(CR)
	29-12-17		<p>Weather dry. Hospital work carried out. Silters Hay ration horse fed. Summary of Hospital work for month see</p>	(CR)
	31-12-17			

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Appendix 1
Appendix 2

Summary of Hospital Work carried out by Unit

Original 661

Army Form A. 2000.

APPENDIX I



FIELD SERVICE.

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Corps, etc. 7th Mobile Veterinary Section

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the ^{period} week ending 1-12-17 to 31-12-17

Station In the Field Date 1-1-18

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Convalescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	12	90	102	6	81		1			12	102	Recovery & Exhaustion
2. Respiratory "		3	3	1						2	3	1 Pneumonia 2 Casambrac Fever
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "												
6. Digestive "		3	3	1				1		1	3	Colic
7. Lymphatic "												
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "		1	1							1	1	Wounds
10. Locomotory "	1	5	6	2						4	6	Laminitis
11. Specific "												
12. Visual "												
13. Injuries	40	38	78	31	18		1	2	1	25	78	Tanion { Sprung Wagon Lost back lost traction
TOTAL	53	140	190	41	99		2	5	1	45	190	

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

Note:
Present Strength of Animals:—
The great proportion of animals under
treatment were very badly debilitated
and exhausted animals, at least 2 weeks
spell on liberal feeding would be required
before they would be anything like fit again.
Total _____
Horses _____
Mules _____

Owing to the existing conditions in the field
only 18 could be retained for local care and attention
by this Unit. It was not economical to
retain more.

Robert Macgregor
O.C. 7th M.V.S.
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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Summary of Total Losses - through 7th M.V.S. for period 1-12-17 to 31-12-17

MOBILE APPENDIX 2
A.I.F.

② Evacuations to Base Hospital for treatment.

5 th L. A. Regt.	10	Lieut. Colonel Angus.	22
6 th L. A. Regt.	16	Lieut. Francis Angus	1
7 th L. A. Regt.	6	2d Sqds Eng. Angus	3
Mach. Gun Sqds	1	Immunes Bty R.H.A.	1
Machine Bty R.H.A.	28	Imb. Camel Bqdr	2
Ordnance 3 rd L.A. Bdr.	1	C. Bty No 270.	1
Signal Sqds Angus	1	Captured pony.	1

Total 94

③ Transferred to 6th M.V.S. - being unable to travel with unit moving

1 st L.A. Bde. F. Ambce.	1	7 th L. A. Regt.	1
5 th L. A. Regt.	2	161 st M.E. Coy. 5 th Div	1
		Total	<u>5</u>

④ Died in hospital at 7th M.V.S.

6th L. A. Regt. 2

⑤ Drowned in hospital at 7th M.V.S.

5 th L. A. Regt.	1	Mach. Gun Sqds	1
No 2. Sig. Tp.	1	Lieut. Angus Col. Angus	2
		Total	<u>5</u>

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Chf. Robin Major P.A.V.C.
O.C. 7th M.V.S.