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WAR DIARY

OF

7th Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section

FOR

March

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Sheet 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADY HANEIN	1-3-18		Weather windy, dry. Hospital work carried on. Advice received that MAJOR A. H. ROBIN, O.C. 7th M.V.S. and NO 192 Sergeant H. W. PAYNE were "mentioned in despatches" from this front - dated June 15 th 1917.	Cob
	2-3-18		Weather fine, warm. Hospital work carried on. 15 animals were admitted from 18 th Coy R. H. A. suffering from debility, and 1 other from the Brigade suffering from injury. 25 animals were sent by road to the Clearing Station, DEIR SINEID for evacuation to the base - including the 15 above mentioned.	Cob
	3-3-18		All rations for men reduced from today by 5% - horses fed remaining constant.	Cob
	4-3-18		Weather fine, warm. Hospital work carried on. 2 animals discharged to duty. 1 animal admitted.	Cob
	5-3-18		Weather fine, warm. Hospital work continued. 1 horse admitted from "L.H.R." - flatulent Colic - died shortly after.	Cob
	6-3-18		Weather fine, windy. 1 horse admitted, 5 discharged to duty.	
	7-3-18		Weather dull. Hospital work continued. 10 animals evacuated to C.C.S., Ludd. They received with rations in very bad state of unwholesomeness and the whole days issue was condemned by men unfit for consumption by the horses.	Cob
	8-3-18		Weather fine. Hospital work continued. 8 captured animals collected in section from individual units. "Munafalle" found with horse ration condemned as unfit. Hay again bad and portion was condemned as unfit.	Cob
	9-3-18		Weather fine warm. 3 animals admitted. 11 animals evacuated to C.C.S. Ludd. including the captured ponies. Unit representative sent to Ludd to locate unit dump for storing surplus gear for coming "move".	Cob
	10-3-18		Hospital work continued.	
	10-3-18		Weather fine warm. 6 animals admitted. Instructions received that "dump at Ludd" was cancelled and units were to leave surplus stores in their own lines. Instructions received for section to move off from WADY HANEIN into its Brigade. Hospital work continued.	Cob Appendix 1
	11-3-18		Weather dull, but warm. A.D.V.S. visited unit and discussed plans for forthcoming operations of ANZAC MTD DIV. Hospital work carried on and arrangements made for forthcoming move.	Cob

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WADY HANEIN	12.3.18		Weather warm dry. Arrangements completed for move. - 9 animals from Brigade infirmary for the operations were received during the day. 5 animals were transferred to C.C.S. Ludd for evacuations. 2 discharged fit for duty to their units.	
LATRON	13.3.18		Owing to possibility of Brigade returning to camp at WADY HANEIN aft. operations - and on account of the rough nature of country over which it would be operating, it was decided to leave behind - in charge of a detail personnel. all animals temporarily infirm by lamenesses & scratches. So that this unit moved out from camp leaving behind 18 infirm animals under care of a detail of 1 M.C.O. & 5 D.R. - also balance of 1 line transport 1 lumbered waggon, & horse & 2 drivers	
		0845	Unit of moving off. side operations side No 2 - para 3. had been allowed to 0915	Appendix 2
			This unit moved out from camp area to concentration point. Strength - 1 Officer, 29 O.R. 5 baggage camels, 38 horses, 1 lumbered waggon. 6 M.V.S. joined this unit at RICHON. (AYUNKARRA) and marched through with it. Weather warm but showery.	
		1700	Arrived LATRON and moved on to bivouac area allotted.	(CR)
	14.3.18		Weather dry. but towards evening became very windy. 2 animals admitted.	CR
	15.3.18		Weather dull - wind very strong & cold. 1 animal admitted	CR
	16.3.18		Weather very wet & cold. Owing to nature of ground - (ploughed field) the area soon became terribly boggy.	CR
JERUSALEM.	17.3.18		Weather very cold and wet. Horses would not drink at all during the day.	
		0930	Head of column moved off from LATRON. along JAFFA - JERUSALEM road. This unit reached allotted bivouac area at JERUSALEM at 1830.	CR
			Horse ration received on arrival here very poor.	
	18.3.18		Weather dry. but wind cold. Horses looking very tuckered up. Ration round Tallow 2 lbs, Beans 1 lb, Skillet 1 lb, Gram 5 lbs, 3 animals admitted. Hay 3 lbs.	CR
	19.3.18		Weather dry. cool. Horse rations still poor. and hay of such bad quality that horses would not eat it at all. D.D.V.S., Det 16 th Coy visited unit - and also A.D.V.S., Angus & 2nd Lion	CR
	20.3.18		Weather good. Horse rations 1 lb Tallow 1 lb Hay 6 lbs. but hay of bad quality & horse would not eat it.	
		1800	Detail of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl 10 O.R. allotted as per instructions from A.D.V.S. and reported to Bd Det. O., 2 nd Lt Bgde	
			Brigade moved out this night	

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Sheet 3.

Table with columns: Place, Date, Hour, Summary of Events and Information, Remarks and references to Appendices. Entries include dates from 21.3.18 to 31.3.18, locations TALHAT ED DAM and JERICHO, and detailed military and medical reports.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Instructions to M.V.S. from ADVS
2.	Brigade Operation Order No 2 11.3.18
3.	Instructions to M.V.S. regarding to be from ADVS
4.	Summary of Hospital work for month
5.	List of Total Losses of Animals for month

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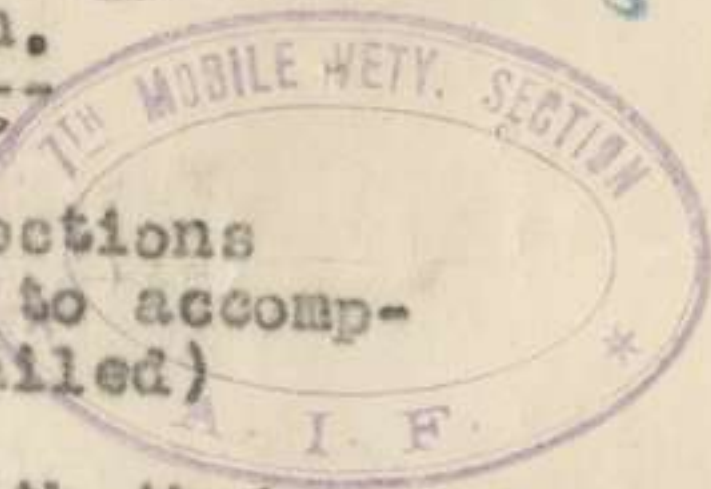
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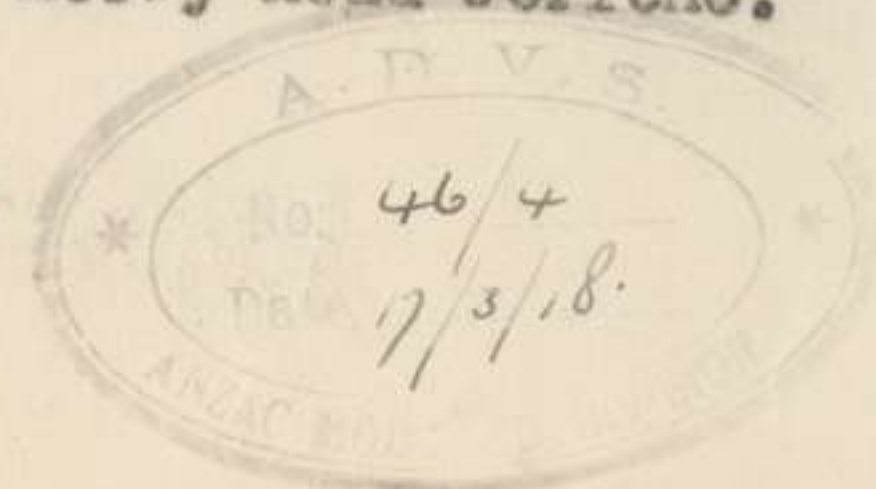
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Instructions to Veterinary Officers A.&N.Z.Mtd Divn.

Reference to my mem Divn order No 118 of 14.3.18



- (1) The O.C.s of the 7th Aust & 2nd N.Z. Mobile Veterinary Sections will detail 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and ten men from their sections to accompany the Bde Vet Officers. (6th M.V.S. party already detailed)
- (2) The remaining personnel of the sections will not move with their Bdes from Bethlehem but will join the 7th M.V.S. by 0900 on the 19th inst and will march along the Jericho Road under the command of Major A.H. Robin A.A.V.C. to a suitable camp site on Square 13 K 27 A Sheet XVIII (Auckland Regt recent camp site.)
- (3) The chain of relaying the brigades of their unfit animals will be as follows. The N.C.O's and men of the sections with their bdes will conduct the unfit animals of their Bdes respectively, to their sections near Jericho.
The sections will conduct animals for evacuation to No 1 Field Wty Detachment at Ludd. If the railway is clear, arrangements will be made for trucking animals.
The sections at Jericho will retain all temporary cases for returning to their respective units when fit.
- (4) Bde Vet Officers may also send cases for evacuation to the M.V.S. of the 20th Army Corps, the locations of which were given in my 53/2 of 10 th inst. Receipts must be obtained for all evacuations in this case.
- (5) Vet Officers must forward the daily casualties each day during operations and report immediately any matter affecting the fitness of their animals
- (6) Rations for the immobile portions of the sections will be drawn from Lorry Head Jericho.



Mendall Major, A.D.V.S.
A.&N.Z.MTD DVN.

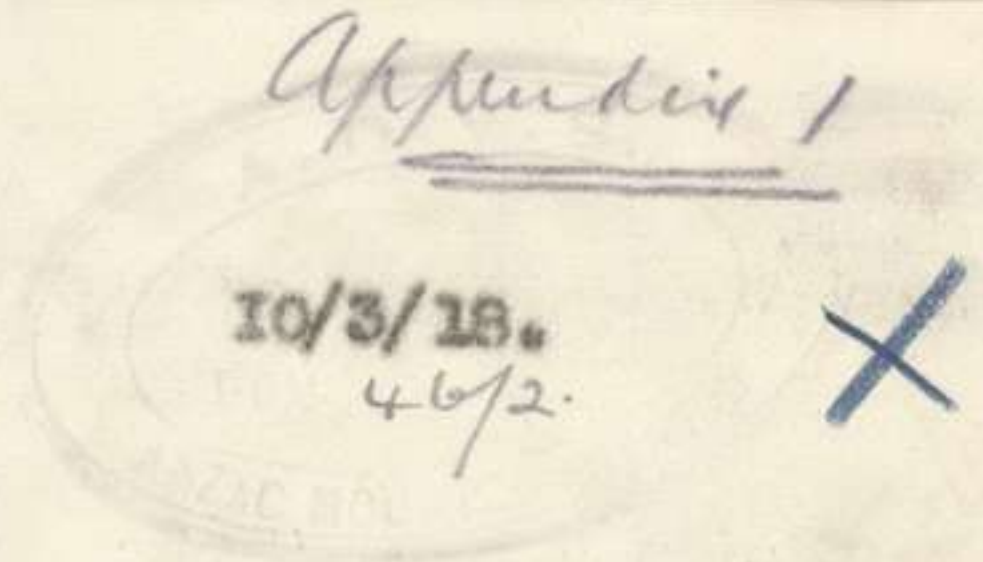
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Reference A.&.N.Z. Med Divsl Order No 117. dated 9/3/18.

The 7th Australian and 2nd New Zealand Mobile Veterinary Sections will accompany their respective Bdes .

The remaining portion of the 6th Mobile Vet Section will accompany the 7th Mob Vet Section.

Orders as to continuation of the march will be issued later.

Copies to/
A.A.&.Q.M.G.
G.S.O.I.
1st & 2nd A.L.H.Bdes.
N.Z.H.R.Bde.
6th & 7th Aust and 2nd N.Z. H.V.Sets.
V.O. Divsl Troops.
V.O. " Train.

J. Kendall

Major. A.D.V.S.

A.&.N.Z. MED DIVN.

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO. 2

Appendix 2
Copy No. 13

by
Brig. General G. de L. Ryrie C.B. C.M.G. V.D.
Commanding 2nd. Light Horse Brigade A.I.F.



Reference Sheets 13 and 17 1/63360.

1. INFORMATION. Anzac Mounted Division (less 1st L.H. Brigade group and Auckland Mounted Rifles) will leave RICHON area on March 13th 1918.
2. MOVES The Brigade will march in rear of Divisional Troops, to LATRON.
3. STARTING POINT Head of the Brigade will pass the starting point which will be the Northern end of the Village of WADI HANBIN and near the Brigade supply dump by 0845.
4. ORDER OF MARCH The order of march will be:
Brigade Hqrs. 2nd. Signal Troop A.E. B Field Troop
2nd. A.M.G. Squadron 5th L.H. Regt. 6th L.H. Regt.
7th L.H. Regt. Ayrshire Battery R.H.A. 2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
7th M.V. Section Transport.
5. MARCH DISCIPLINE For this march troops will keep off the road as far as possible. When obliged to keep to the road Brigades and transport will march in formation already ordered.
6. RATIONS One and one third days ration will be drawn to-morrow and a further one day at LATRON.
7. TRANSPORT Instructions as to transport will be issued later.
8. Acknowledge.

J. D. Richardson Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

Issued at 1600.

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2 File
3 War diary
4 War diary
5 War diary
6 5th L.H. Regt.
7 6th L.H. Regt.
8 7th L.H. Regt.
9 2nd. A.M.G. Sqn.
10 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance
11 B Field Troop A.E.
12 2nd. Signal Troop A.E.
13 7th M.V. Section ✓
14 Ayrshire Battery R.H.A.
15 Supply Officer
16 Orderly officer



Summary of Hospital work carried out by Unit

Appendix of

Army Form A. 2000.

FIELD SERVICE.

Corps, etc. 7th Light Trenching Bn



RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending 1.3.18 - 31.5.18

Station In the Field Date 1.3.18

	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	5	23	28		18					10	28	General debility
2. Respiratory "	2	1	3	1						2	3	Nasal Catarrh
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "		3	3							3	3	Pregnancy
6. Digestive "	2	3	5	3			1			1	5	Colic
7. Lymphatic "		1	1							1	1	Oedema breast milk
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	2	1	3	2	1						3	Suspensory ligament
10. Locomotory "	1	1	2	1						1	2	Laminitis
11. Specific "												
12. Visual "		1	1					1			1	Blindness
13. Injuries	16	53	69	25	7					37	69	Tarious injuries
TOTAL	28	87	115	32	26		1	1		55	115	

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

Present Strength of Animals:—

Horses _____

Mules _____

Total _____

A. R. Roberts
Veterinary Officer.
O. C. 7th. Mobile Vet. Col. A.I.F.

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 of Animals through 7th M.V.S.

from 1-3-18 to



1. Evacuated to Base Veterinary Hospitals for treatment.

5 th L. H. Regt.	1	S. H. Q. E. & F. details.	1
6 th L. H. Regt.	1	Losses Unit Coy details.	4
2 nd Sig Troop. A.E.	1	Captured animals.	11
Amzac Fuel Sqds Engineer	1.	Agribus Det. R. H.A.	2
Amzac Div Train.	2	2 nd A. M. Gun Sqdn	1
7 th L. H. Regt.	1		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>26</u>

2. Died in hospital - at 7th M.V.S.

7 th L. H. Regt.	1.		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>1</u>

3. Destroyed in hospital at 7th M.V.S.

Remount Loan Section	1		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>1</u>

Robert Major A.M.C.

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