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WAR DIARY

OF

7th Mobile Veterinary Section

FOR

APRIL 1918

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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ORIGINAL
Army Form C. 2118

SHEET 1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JERICHO	1.4.18		9 animals received from Bgde in the field	
Map Sheet 24111 Squads 22	2.4.18		15 animals received from Bgde in the field. Bgde withdrew from operations to W of JORDAN and I received instructions from A.D.V.S. to clean up all battle casualties from Bgde as soon as possible remove back with them to WADY HANEIN.	
	3.4.18		I sent off all casualties as far as collected, with conducting party in charge of Cpl Davis - en route for WADY HANEIN - leaving only an N.C.O. & gwers with me to receive balance of casualties from M.V.S. brigade party and from the conducting party through.	
			36 animals received from Bgde this morning. & camp was struck. Advice received this morning that Bgde was to remain in this area. After consultation with A.D.V.S. I withdrew the "brigade party" under Sgt TODD to the "Summit" Section's bivouac site - to remain there and act as an advanced collecting & dressing station while the balance of the section got all the casualties back to our base camp at WADY HANEIN.	
		1100.	Remaining balance of "Summit portion" - (N.C.O. & gwers) moved off with myself and abn horse. to JERUSALEM.	
JERUSALEM.		1830.	Arrived at JERUSALEM and bivouached overnight. I joined up there with Cpl Davis' party which stayed here a day on account of some "bad travelling cases".	
	4.4.18		Owing to alteration of plan of operations - all "casualties" were thoroughly examined here - and 15 slight cases were set aside with conducting party to return to JERICHO for treatment & return to duty when fit.	
		1800.	Moved off en route for WADY HANEIN - strength of party 10ff. 360.R. 126 animals.	
LATRON		1800.	Reached LATRON. & bivouached here overnight.	
	5.4.18	0700	Moved off from bivouac site	
WADY HANEIN		1400	Arrived at base camp.	
	6.4.18		This interval was spent in "cleaning up" all the unfit animals brought in, returning them to their regimental details here when fit. 32 animals were evacuated to base for treatment.	
			As the number of sick injured animals decreased - M.V.S. personnel which could be spared were sent forward to join the advanced station at JERICHO - taking all spare line & hospital gear to better fit out that station for dealing with casualties they were receiving.	
	26.4.18			

Robert Macfarlane
J. C. The Mobile Vet. Sect. A.I.F.

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WADY HANEIN	27.4.18		Advice received through Amal Details Hdqrs. to prepare to move balance of unit here to join up with 1st Battalion at JERICHO	
		1500	Instructions for the move received from A.D.V.S. - vide.	AtR.
	28.4.18	1000	M.V.S. details moved to concentration point at base of N.2 M.V.S. where all Divisional M.V.S. were to move off together from bivouac for JERICHO. Strength 10 off 190 R (including 6 attached) 38 animals.	
		1115	Column moved off from concentration point. Strength 3 off: 900 R, 197 animals.	
LATRON		1730	Arrived LATRON - bivouaced here overnight + drew necessary rations.	AtR
	29.4.18	1000	Moved off from bivouac area	
ENAB		1430	Arrived at "bivouac site" just N. of JAFFA - JERUSALEM road at Kilo 50.	AtR
	30.4.18	0500	Moved off from bivouac area	
TALRAT ED DAM		1000	Arrived at "bivouac site" alongside JERUSALEM - JERICHO road. Kilo 20. Effective Strength of unit. 10 off 20 O.R.	
			Summary of Hospital work carried out by unit for month. - vide	Appendix 2
			List of Total Losses of animals by units - vide	Appendix 3.
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LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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Advanced parties at K20 near <u>VIII</u> Jericho |
| 2. | Summary of Hospital work |
| 3. | List of losses of animals by units |



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To- O.L. 7th M.V.S



Appendix 1
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In the field.
26.4.18.

Instructions for the moving of the details of Mobile Veterinary Sections to rejoin their advanced parties at K.21 map xvlll at Jericho.

The sections will move off from Richon to Latron on the 28th, under the command of Major A.H. Robin who will be responsible for the observing of all march discipline and who will make all the necessary arrangements for bivouac sites and rations at Latron, and any other bivouac area he may stay at for the rest of the journey.

(decide)

The sections should reach Jericho on the 1.5.18.

NO TROOPS ARE TO CAMP NEAR JERUSALEM.

J. Kendall

Major A.D.V.S.



Summary of Hospital work performed by Unit

APPENDIX 2

Army Form A. 2000.

FIELD SERVICE.

ORIGINAL
April 1918

Corps, etc. 7th Mobile Veterinary Section

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending April 1918

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Station In the Field Date 1.5.18

	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	10	45	55	14	27		2			12	55	9. Bilian fever (reduced) 46. Prochlostridiosis (reduced)
2. Respiratory "	2	4	6	3	1		2			1	6	3 pneumonia (reduced) 1 pharyngitis
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "		1	1				1				1	Urinary poisoning
5. Generative "	3	2	5	1						4	5	Pregnant mares
6. Digestive "	1	5	6	4			2				6	Colic
7. Lymphatic "	1	2	3	2				1			3	Oedema
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "		4	4	2	2						4	2 Mange (T.S) 2 Itch (Cured)
10. Locomotory "	1	7	8	6	1					1	8	Laminitis
11. Specific "		1	1		1						1	Strangles
12. Visual "		1	1		1						1	Blindness
13. Injuries	37	150	187	78	35		2	7		65	187	Various injuries
TOTAL	55	222	277	109	68		9	8		80	277	

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

Present Strength of Animals:—

Horses _____

Mules _____

Total _____

Ch. Robert Meyer A.V.C.

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.)



Appendix 3.

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List of Total Losses by Units, through 7th M.V.S. for month of April 1918.

① Evacuations to Base Veterinary Hospitals for treatment

Regt. Hdqrs, 2 nd L.H. Bde.	1	Des M ^o Corps Details	3
No 2 Sig. Corp. A. E.	2	Railway Telegraphs Consts Station E. E. 7.	1
5 th L. H. Regt.	15	Augae Air Train	2
6 th L. H. Regt.	1	26 th A. Depot Unit, Supply	1
7 th L. H. Regt.	10	Hdqs. Augae M ^o Train	1
2 nd A. M. S. S.	4	Alpha Coy. I. H. A.	1
2 nd L. H. Y. Ambce	2	2d. Sqdn Eng ^s Augae	1
7 th M. V. S.	3	L. A. C. Augae	9
Capt ^s fens.	7	Hyderabad Lancers	3
		Unit not known	1
		<u>Total</u>	<u>68</u>

② Died in hospital at 7th M.V.S.

5 th L. H. Regt.	2	2d. Sqdn Eng ^s , Augae	2
6 th L. H. Regt.	1	Divisional Train Augae	1
7 th L. H. Regt.	1	Des M ^o Corps Details	1
2 nd A. M. S. S.	1		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>9</u>

③ Destroyed in hospital at 7th M.V.S.

5 th L. H. Regt.	5	2 nd L. H. Y. Amb.	1
2 nd A. M. S. S.	1	Des Train Augae	1
		<u>Total</u>	<u>8</u>

A. Robin Major A.I.F.

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