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18th LIGHT HORSE REGT., <i>Aust. Corps</i> MOUNTED TROOPS.
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OF

Australian Corps Mounted Troops

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Signature of Officer compiling *Ernold A. G. Linn.*

H. Purse
Signature of Officer Commanding

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/3/18		<p>13th Australian Light Horse Regiment moved from MORBECQUE AREA to LOCRE and DRANOUTRE AREAS (BELGIUM), and took over the accommodation vacated in January.</p> <p>The weather was very cold and movement was rendered unpleasant owing to intermittent showers of rain and hail.</p>	
	2/3/18		<p>The weather was very cold, a heavy snowstorm falling during the afternoon. The day being devoted to urgent repairs to stabling and accommodations in the camps which in some cases had suffered considerable damage during our absence.</p>	
	3/5/18		<p>The weather still remained very cold and dull but no rain fell.</p> <p>The work was devoted to a thorough cleaning of the camps and extensive repairs had to be performed in some cases. The ground around the huts was drained, and the camps put into a clean and satisfactory state.</p>	
	10/3/18		<p>In accordance with the scheme of vegetable growing adopted by the Army, plots of ground were prepared but difficulty was experienced in obtaining an adequate supply of seeds. The weather improved towards the end of the week and became fine and warm.</p>	
	11/3/18		<p>In accordance with instructions from Australian Corps, a defence scheme was prepared and a daily reconnaissance of the roads and tracks in the area was carried out.</p>	

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			A syllabus of training was also prepared and carried out: the mornings being devoted to the training of specialists and the exercise of horses and the afternoons to general training in dismounted work.	
	23/3/18			
	24/3/18			
			Due to movement of the divisions in the Corps the Defence Scheme was held and necessary funding adjustments to meet the necessary alterations. Under authority from Australian Corps all leave was cancelled and preparations were made for an immediate move at short notice.	
	25/3/18			
	26/3/18			
			Australian Corps Cypher: Battalion ceased work at R.F. Camp STEENWORK and moved to LEEDS CAMP (Shel. 78/40000 M 2462.3) and continued to work under Aust. Corps Mounted Troops	
	27/3/18			
	28/3/18			
			Guiding parties were furnished by Australian Corps Cypher: Battalions to report at the adjacent railheads of CAESTRE STRAZEELE, GODWAERSVELDE, ABEELE, HOPONTRE and PESELHOEK and to act as guides to the incoming divisions and to lead the columns to the camps in the Corps Area which were being handed over to them	
	31/3/18			
			A start was made to form a British Rifle School under the direction of C.O. Aust. Corps Mounted Troops about 24 th inst; but unfortunately circumstances	

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			<p>would not allow of the scheme being put into operations owing to the hasty movement of so many of the divisions and units of the corps.</p> <p>The weather throughout the month was exceptionally warm and fine, and even the small amount of rain did not at any time prevent work being carried out. The reconnaissance patrols at times experienced difficulty in obtaining the necessary information owing to the extremely poor visibility, especially during the forenoon. Great difficulty was sometimes found in distinguishing objects four hundred yards distant. The work done by the patrols was very useful all officers and NCOs in the squadrons becoming well acquainted with the roads and tracks, localities suitable for defence or concentrations etc. in the forward areas.</p>

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<u>1</u>	<i>Veterinary Officers report on horses</i>

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No. <u>As Veterinary officer attached to the</u>
Date <u>13th Aust. Lancers Regt.</u>

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No. <u>As Veterinary officer</u>
Date <u>13th Aust. Lancers Regt.</u>

Report from Veterinary Officer.
As Veterinary officer attached to the
13th Aust. Lancers Regt. the following is my
report on the stable management
and health of horses of the unit for the
month of March.

Condition of Animals -

On an average the condition is fair
but in some cases it is particularly
good; this applies more especially to
the transport horses.

Body Hygiene -

Owing to more time being available
for attending to horses there is a
great improvement in grooming over
the previous months. A few animals
in each Squadron have been affected
with lice but this is difficult to prevent
at this time of year.

Coops and Standings.

Coops and Standings are both
good but in the latter there are a
few places in need of repair but as
material is short this is difficult.

fodder

Every care is being taken to
prevent waste but more use should

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age of haynets. In some
the hay is being fed from
the ground. This method of
feeding should be discouraged
the hay is good but on a few
occasions the issue has been short
straw has been issued in lieu
watering facilities.

Shoeing

Fair

Good. All horses have been
shod at least once during the month.

Disease

The Regiment is particularly
free from disease. No cases of
mange have occurred during the
month and there is a very
noticeable decrease in the numbers of
ophthalmia cases .

R. MITCHELL HORE
Major
A.A.V.C.