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WAR DIARY

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La Creche	Dec. 1st.		Companies supplying their allotted Brigades.      Sickness in lines - Mumps prevalent - seven cases in six days.	
	2nd.		Men and horses showing signs of fatigue, owing to bad weather.      One H.D. horse destroyed by Vet. Officer (22nd Coy.)	
	3rd.		Companies employed on usual routine duties.      Lieut. Murray (23rd Company) transferred to 14th Depot Unit of Supply.	
	4th.		Eight men admitted to Hospital suffering with Mumps - 25th Coy.	
	5th, 6th and 7th.		Two H.D. horses died - pneumonia and enteritis -(25th Coy) and one H.D.horse died (23rd Coy) and two men admitted to hospital.      Weekly inspection of 1st Line Transport.	
	8th		Six men admitted to hospital - Mumps - (23rd Coy).      25th Coy. carting bricks from Armentieres for horse standings.	
	9th.		22nd Company - 1 H.D. horse died (Strangles). 25th Company - Capt. Collins took over supply duties and arranged for dumps to be shifted.	
	10th		Large percentage of personnel suffering from Mumps - men continually wet - great coats unsuitable - supply of boots inadequate.      Grass paddock for sick horses made available. 25th Company Dumps moved, and Supply Details transferred.	
	11th.		Box Respirators issued to all Companies.      Eight H.D. horses taken on strength and two allotted to each Company.      Battalion Q.M.Stores and Brigade Headquarters visited by O's.C. Companies - no complaints.	
	12th.		23rd Company - C.S.M.Collins admitted hospital.      2 H.D.horses struck off strength - transferred hospital. 25th Company - 1 O.R. transferred to hospital - Mumps.	
			Improvements to billets, horse standings, and paths being carried out daily.	

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La Creche	Dec. 13/18		<p>22nd Company - 7 O.R.s admitted to Hospital suffering from Mumps. 1 M.T. Driver taken on strength 14.12.16. 1 O.R. struck off strength. 2 horses died 14th/15th.</p> <p>23rd Company - C.S.M. Collins and 4 O.R. admitted to Hospital.</p> <p>24th Company - 2 O.R. admitted to hospital suffering from Mumps.</p> <p>25th Company - 14 O.R. admitted to Hospital - Mumps - 1 O.R. struck off strength.</p> <p>1 M.T. Driver taken on strength 14.12.16. 1 O.R. reported from hospital for duty. -</p> <p>Difficulty experienced in carrying on owing to number of men in hospital.</p> <p>Inspection of 1st Line Transport carried out by Company Commanders and reports furnished to Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>Approaches to all transport lines very bad - Improvements being carried out.</p> <p>Companies of Train allotted A.S.C. numbers - 867, 868, 869 and 870, respectively.</p>	
	19/25		<p>867th Company - 2 O.R. taken on strength from 3rd Div. Sig. Coy. - 8 H.D. Horses and 1 Ride struck off strength - died or admitted to hospital. 6 H.D. Horses taken on strength from Remounts.</p> <p>868th Company - Dvr. Short V. awarded 28 days F.P.No.2, insubordination and disobedience of orders 21.12.16. 2nd Lieut. Treacey promoted to Lieut. - dated 1.12.16. 3 O.R. admitted to Hospital, and 3 O.R. discharged from hospital. 1 H.D. horse struck off strength, and 1 Ride taken on strength. 10 men attached as drivers from 10th Brigade.</p> <p>869th Company - 4 O.R. admitted to hospital - 3 O.R. discharged from hospital. 10 men attached as drivers from 9th Brigade.</p> <p>870th Company - 10 men temporarily attached as drivers from 11th Brigade. 2 O.R. discharged from Hospital - 1 O.R. admitted to hospital. C.S.M. McLennan placed under arrest for neglect of duty, pending Court Martial 22.12.16. 1 H.D. Horse <del>ta</del> struck off strength and 1 Ride taken on strength. Waggon used for back loading bricks, etc.</p> <p>3rd Divisional Area isolated - a/c Mumps - 21.12.16. New boots and waterproof capes issued to all ranks. Detachment from this Unit, under Capt. Dewson, reviewed by Sir Douglas Haig 22.12.16. Amount advanced from Regimental Funds to supplement dinner rations of Companies, and provide extra Christmas comforts</p>	

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La Creche.	Dec. 26/31.		<p>867th Company - 8 O.R. admitted hospital suffering from Mumps - struck off strength. 1 O.R. admitted Hospital. Far.W.J.Gilmour taken on strength from 1st Anzac Entrenching Battalion, 27.12.16. 3 H.D.Horses struck off strength, destroyed or died.</p> <p>868th Company - 7 O.R. ranks admitted to hospital suffering from Mumps - struck off stg. 2 O.R. reported from No.7 General Hospital and taken on strength, 28-12-16. 4 O.R. taken on strength from 1st Anzac Entrenching Battalion, 27-12-16. 1 O.R. discharged and 1 O.R. admitted Area Hospital.</p> <p>869th Company - 4 O.F. admitted hospital suffering from Mumps - struck off strength. 1 O.R. reported for duty from Area Hospital. 1 O.R. admitted C.C.S. struck off <del>stg</del> strength. 2 O.R. taken on strength from 1st Anzac Entrenching Battn., also 1 O.R. from Base Depot, Havre. 1 H.D.Horse, admitted hospital, struck off strength. S/Sgt. Baker rejoined Unit from Isolation Hospital, Havre. Overhead coverings for horse lines being erected, and conditions considerably improved, as shown by smaller number evacuations to Vet. Hospital. Spare horses spelled each day, when possible.</p> <p>870th Company - 11 O.R. admitted hospital suffering from Mumps - struck off strength. 1 O.R. reported from No.7 Gen. Hospital &amp; taken on strength. Lieut. M.S.Wilkins admitted Northumbrian C.C.S. 28.12.16, suffering from Scabies. 2 O.R. taken on strength from 1st Anzac Entrenching Battalion. 1 H.D. Horse died 26.12.16. 1 O.R. admitted Area Hospital. Building of stables proceeding satisfactorily.</p>	
<p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of January 1917, and filed with volume for that month).</p>				
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