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WAR DIARY

OF
D.A.D.V.S. 4TH DIVISION.

FOR
JULY 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

Edward P. James Major.

Signature of Officer Commanding

WAR DIARY
or
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D.A.D.V.S.
4TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVN.
No. 1
Date 1 July 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bussy	1/7/18		<p>Visited 4th Divn Train, animals condition good & bomb protective works much improved. The erection of bomb banks around scattered horse lines have been a valuable means of saving many animals from hostile bombing. If horses are tied up in groups a square of walls, measuring 6ft in height, 3' 6" by 4 feet in thickness. Where animals are stationed on a continuous line a trench to a depth of 3' 6" is dug & a bank built of the excavations. These trenches also provide shelter for troops in the event of danger as near their horses, in case of stampede. It has been duly laid down that where animals are evacuated from out of their own area, they shall be shod off strength & the D.A.D.V.S be notified of such by the receiving V&S or M.V.S. Failure to comply with this order, leaves the Unit unable to draw Remounts to make up Establishment, as they are without the necessary certificates from D.A.D.V.S. Care of animals feet is a point which requires more attention than is generally given. It is generally supposed that when an animal is shod, he does not does not require any attention until his shoes wear out & replacement takes place as a matter of course. This idea is quite erroneous & ^{although} daily inspections made or should be made by drivers, farriers should at least make around of so many animals a day to assure themselves that they are free from any locomotory disease. Taking the figures of last month out of a Divisomal animal strength of nearly 4000 (horses & mules) only 3 Cases, 1 Quittes, 1 laminitis & one one though were reported. 11 Cases of Constitutional diseases of Ringbone, Sidebone etc. This is an extremely low figure for casualties of this kind over a month ^{year}.</p>	<p>Appendix 1 Return of Colonial Animals (2) aavc Personnel. (3) Butchery Return</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bussay	17/7/18	Continued	<p>A number of animals become casualties through the simple cause of carelessness of troops leaving nails about roads & highways. The injuries of P.M. rail, were very moderate in the Division for month of June only 4 being reported. In the vicinity of dumps occur the greatest dangers & D.A.D.V.S. has instructed all units to have periodical "Hunts" in the lines. It is not so much in that an animal picks up a nail, but the length of time it remains undiscovered & it is only upon evident lameness of the animal that that the presence of a nail is revealed. No animals evacuated this day.</p>	
Bussay	27/7/18		<p>Notification was received from D.V.S. re reduced establishment of Veterinary Equipment & all N/OS. and A.D.V.C. staff were instructed to take greatest care of equipment in charge to them, & extreme difficulty was being experienced in obtaining fresh supplies. This applied particularly to empty chamois cations & chemical tubes.</p> <p>one light Draught belonging to 107AB evacuated by Lt M.V. (GRN 103/18).</p>	
Bussay	31/7/18		<p>Inspected 4th Inf Bde, & found animals in state hardly up to expectations. Each Battalion transport was carefully examined & it was found that the Bde had had much heavy work imposed upon it & the animals had felt the strain, thereby leaving a visible mark. The majority of the mules looked surprisingly well & seemed to have stood the work better than the horses. 15th Bde had one hd killed through shell. Assurance was given that all possible spare time would be given to grooming & such care given as to bring the animals into a fairly normal condition.</p>	2

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Date 3/4 July 1918

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Bussy

3/7/18

continued

Animals evacuated by 4th M.V.S.

Unit	R	LD	LSM	HS	Total
Iron Division					
49 th Bde.	1				1
Total	1				1
Other formations					
179 th Bde.	2	3	1		6
6/235 Bde.		1			1
299 Bde.		2			2
137 th S. Aust. Div.			1		1
Total	2	6	2		10

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Units.
4th M.V.S.

Bussy

4/7/18

Constituted 44 horses.
Spent all day @ R Depot Picquigny drawing Remounts. Riding horses only moderate
but considered affair average lot (6 Rides, 25 L.D.s & 8 H.D. Total 39)
Particulars of animals evacuated whilst @ Rest area

Unit	R	LD	LSM	HS	Total
4 acse				3	3
0 ac	2			1	3
Total	2			4	6
0 ac			1		1
107 th Bde. Total			2		2
117 th Bde.	1				1

} by 3rd V.S. Eaucourt.
} by 19th V.S. Picquigny
} by 1/2nd M.V.S.

Weekly Report

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No. 4
Date 5/7/18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bussay	5/7/18 4/7/18		<p>Reported to A.D.V.S. Major McKenna reported returning from leave as from 2/7/18. Held conference of N/COs, discussed compilation of Weekly at 4 A.M. same in future to show Manpower Strength & Wastage Returns. a Weekly report was drafted which will be sent in by all N/COs to be consolidated in Weekly Report of D.A.D.V.S. a Routine for stable parades of feeding was approved & sent to Div Artillery. Brown as an issue was placed in charge of N/COs to be used at their discretion. Visited 4th Ind. Gun Batta who had 4 animals killed by Bomb, 1 to be evacuated & 3 slight cases treated on line.</p> <p>Capt R. St. Heywood took over command of 4th Aust. H.V.S. Major C.R. Seelenmeyer M.C. to the 10th Aust. TAB as from 5/7/18.</p> <p>no evacuation for 5/7/18.</p>	<p>Weekly Report for week ending 4/7/18 appended Appendix (4)</p>
Bussay	7/7/18		<p>Investigated with Capt Morgan & Div Train adjutant the case of 6 animals of the 47th Batta handed over shot to Div Train. Various transfers were traced to other units, replacing casualties. certificates were issued to Div Train to cover shortages.</p> <p>Visited 4th A.S. Bde. Inspected 13th & 15th Battalys found animals in a state hardly satisfactory. It must be considered that these Battalys have had some heavy work during the week, but it was urged that more time be put in on grooming.</p>	

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Boussy

8/7/18
9/7/18

D.A.D.V.S. visited Rouen to inspect Veterinary Records.
Animals Examined by the 4th M.V.S.

Unit	R.	R.D.	H.D.	L.D.M.	Total
<u>From Division</u>					
4 L.M. Sq. Co.		1			1
11 TAB B.P.	1	1			2
4 M.G. Batta		2			2
<u>Total</u>	1	4			5
<u>Other Formations</u>					
298th Bde R.A.				1	1
54 Batta 14 TAB (S.A. Batta)				1	1

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Boussy

10/7/18

Visited 8th Labour Camp, H.Q.s. & 49th 105th Coy.
Inspected 28th Batta, the condition of animals fairly good, but appearance hampered by long manes, which need hogging, others looked very trim & neat in short manes, & good condition.
One grey jack mule was cast on up of wire & returned to Remounts. The animal was too small for anything but pack work, but being inclined to vice invariably bucked the pack off.
One H.D. belonging to 4 M.G. Batta evacuated to this day. by M.V.S.

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Bussy	11/7/18		<p>Treated by pig to - he 1/2 section D.A.C. Good allround improvement in horse section D.A.C. now section in good working condition. D.A.C. has just obtained a chaff-cutter & still better results are looked for.</p> <p>With the 110th Battery the condition & grooming of horses could be improved.</p> <p>Animals examined by 4th M.V.S.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Unit</th> <th>Ride</th> <th>LD</th> <th>HD</th> <th>mule</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Division</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16th Batts</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th Pioneers</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S.A.A. Section</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D.A.C.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>111th Batty</td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">CRV 11/18 10/7/18 4th M.V.S.</p>	Unit	Ride	LD	HD	mule	Total	Division				1	1	16 th Batts	1				1	4 th Pioneers				2	2	S.A.A. Section				1	1	D.A.C.						111 th Batty		2			2	Total	1	2		4	7	
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Bussy	12/7/18		<p>Conference of M.O.s held. It was suggested that D.A.D.V.S. have sole ^{control} charge when issuing Remounts. Under the present system, details from units meet at the Remount Depot to ^{take} charge of animals. There have been cases where units have not been notified & D.A.D.V.S. has waited all day for the men.</p> <p>By the proposed scheme, D.A.C. personnel will travel over night & meet D.A.D.V.S. who will draw remounts & same will be taken to M.V.S. for distribution next day. That D.A.D.V.S. will be supplied with particulars of animals required & same will be drawn by them & M.V.S. thus ensuring the right class of animal going to the unit demanding</p>																																																	

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Boisy	13/7/18		<p>4th Division moved to Boisy, + D.A.D.V.S. Office was installed in the Chateau. D.A.D.V.S. attended Corps conference + compilation of Strength Return on Weekly at 2 a.m. was discussed. D.A.D.V.S. 4th Division has however a scheme in hand for reconciling his figures with those of G Branch of D.H.Q., + when several outstanding points have been cleared up, same will be brought into effect, + details of plans will be enumerated in future pages of War Diary.</p> <p>Indent for 25 doses of "Anti-Preisz - nocard" vaccine submitted + inoculations against "Ulcerative Cellulitis" will be made at M.V.S. Results of these inoculations which be noted in these pages later.</p> <p>Authority having been given by D.V.S. a Field Forge for M.V.S. was indented for. Received instruction for cessation of use of anti-tetanic serum from D.V.S. notified Divisional V.O.</p> <p>Notification was received from D.V.S. of King's Birthday Honors + awards made to A.A.V.C. Personnel. Recipients was informed + congratulations tendered, Major CR Seelenmeyer M.C. Military Cross.</p> <p>204. Sgt D Vaughan Meritorious Service Medal 572 Capt. C Kelly do do do.</p>	<p>Weekly Report week ending 11/7/18 appended MOS appended</p>
Boisy	14/7/18		<p>Visited Major Seelenmeyer M.C. instructed A.A.V.C. Sergeants to keep a B 3r. New form of at 2 a.m. showing range, strength, wastage. Return submitted.</p>	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																								
Corsy	15/7/18		Continued. Inspected 34 th Battery with Major Seelenmeyer MC. Separate Report attached as appendix																									
Corsy	16/7/18		Visited M.S. & inspected animals for examination.																									
"	17/7/18		Inspected S.A.A. Sectn D.A.C. (separate report attached as appendix.)																									
"	17/7/18		D.A.D.V.S. drove Remount & Picquigny. Mules were considered good, light draughts moderate (19 L.D. 3 H.D. 1 mule, 3 Packs total 26)																									
"	18/7/18		Inspected 42 nd Battery (separate report attached as appendix) animals Examined by 4 th Aust M.V.S.																									
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Corsy	19/7/18		Inspected 111 th How: Battery (separate Report appended as appendix) Held conference of Mps & Officers from D.V.S. on Ulcerative keratitis was discussed. A circular re conservation of horses, past worn etc was presented, it was arranged that where possible to save horses for work, greatest care would be taken to carry out the wishes of D.V.S.																									

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Date	19/12/18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Corsy	17/1/18		Continued of m.G.'s letter re quality of Horse Shoe nails. was submitted and it was agreed that the quality of same being issued was satisfactory. The Control of Remounts (as mentioned in last week's Report of Conference) still under consideration	
Corsy	20/1/18		D.A.D.V.S. visited bus corps. on the subject of compilation of a list of 2000 mules belonging to 37 th Battery. Evacuated by 4 th Aust m.V.S.	
Corsy	21/1/18		D.A.D.V.S. spent whole day on office routine & various correspondence.	
Corsy	22/1/18		D.A.D.V.S. drew Remounts & Picquigny for Dev Artillery (18 LD. 5 mules). The animals were considered a fair average lot 4 th Australian Division held a Race meeting at Allenville which was highly successful	
Corsy	23/1/18		Visited m.V.S. inspected animals for evacuation.	

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Corsay

24/7/18

Inspected 4th Bally 143rd Battery 11th Sub. Separate Reports attached Weekly Reports for week ending 25.7.18
Animals examined by 4th Aust. M.V.S.

Unit	Rice	LD	HD	Low	Total
20m Division					
47 Bally			1		1
26 AASC					
Total			2		2
17 Tomahawks					
298 Bde RWA		2		5	7
883					
Swaps	1	3			4

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Units

Received instructions from D.V.S. that all Bacteriological ~~laboratory~~ Specimens to be sent to Bact. Lab. Laboratory Power

Corsay

25/7/18

Inspected No. 1 & 2 Section D.A.C. Separate Reports attached to Weekly Report for week ending 25.7.18

D.A.D.V.S. went St. Gratien & arranged to take over from 5th Aust. M.V.S. The move however to St. Gratien was afterward cancelled.

Corsay

26/7/18

Held Conference of M.O.s & M.V.S. officers from D.V.S. on Bacteriological Specimens was discussed and decided that any cases requiring examination slides & cover slips were available charts.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Corsy	26/7/18		Continued AB. 32. Telemancy Case Book. was issued to 1/0 for Distribution to AHC personnel with 4th Divisional Artillery. With each book is issued full instructions how same is to be used, with specimen straight return & Horse Recovery Form No. 1. The correct procedure of keeping these Books will greatly facilitate the work of recording casualties in individual units enabling D.A.D.V.S. to compile a tentative Horse Register. To further this scheme which is at present in the Embryo, Every Unit in the Division is being inspected from time to time & a record kept with the opening of each Unit's a/c. Each Unit will have an a/c to itself showing Establishment strength, & strength at date of inspection. From the latter will be deducted wastage as appearing in weekly A 2 a 2000 Returns will be added from time to time. From this Register, when completed, any information relative to any one Unit's strength at any date may be obtained. A 2 a 2000 for week ending 25/7/18 Consolidated & forwarded to D.A.D.V.S. with Weekly Report.	
Corsy	27/7/18		Office Routine whole day forwarded D.H.Q. description of stray animals with instructions in preventable injuries, for publication in DW: Routine Orders.	

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Corsy
28/7/18
29/7/18

These two days were spent in searching all office files registers, etc. for matters to be sent to Base for safe keeping. All matter found to be not required & present was packed & despatched O.C. Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. all documents etc. relative to the late D.A.D.V.S. Lt Col W.A. Kendall was despatched to AIF Kit Stores London.

Corsy
30/7/18

Inspected Div. Sig Co. Separate Report attached Weekly Report for week ending 2 August 1918 (will not be included in this diary).

Corsy
31/7/18

D.A.D.V.S. in attendance all day C.D.H.Q. preparatory to move to Cagny

Animals evacuated by 4th M.V.S. on 27.7.18

Unit	Ride	LD	LD	LD	Total
Division					
1st AA SC			1		1
4th MG Batt	1			1	1
15th Batt				1	1
111th Battery	1			1	1
S.A. Section			1	2	5
Total	2		1	2	5
298 Rtd		3			3

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 LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
No. 1	Return of Colonial Animals evacuated
2.	A.A.V.C. personnel
3.	Butchery Return, showing amounts.
4.	Weekly Report week ending 5-7-18.
5.	" " " " 12-7-18.
6.	" " " " 19-7-18. (with attached Reports of -inspections of 37th, 42nd, & 111th Batteries, & S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.)
7.	Weekly Report week ending 25-7-18. (with attached Reports of 41st & 43rd Batteries and Nos 1 & 2 Sect. D.A.C.)

STATEMENT OF ANIMALS EVACUATED FROM
 AMERICAN UNITS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 1918.

DATE EVACUATED	NUMBER EVACUATED					TOTAL OF EACH EVACUATION	TO WHERE EVACUATED
	HORSES		MULES.				
	O.C.	R. I. D.	H. D.	L. M.	P.		
7-6-18.	1	1				2	7th Corps V. S. S.
TOTALS	1	2				2	

Edward C. James Major.
 D. A. D. V. S. 4th Aust. Division.

30-7-18.

STATEMENT OF ANIMALS EVACUATED FROM
COLONIAL UNITS FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 1918.

AUSTRALIAN UNITS.

Date. Evacuated.	Number Evacuated.						Total of each Evacuation	To where Evacuated
	Horses.			Mules.				
	O.G.	R.	H.D. L.D.	LDM.	P.			
-6-18.		4		4	1		9	7th Corps V.E.S.
-6-18				1			1	" " Float.
-6-18			1				1	" " Float.
-6-18		1		5	3		9	" " "
-6-18					1		1	" " "
-6-18.				1	1		2	" " Float.
-6-18.					2		2	" Motor "
-6-18.		1		4	3		8	" "
1-6-18.		1	1	1			3	1st. Aust. V.E.S.
1-6-18.				1			1	" " "Fleet"
2-6-18			2	1			2	" " "
5-6-18			1				1	" " "Fleet"
7-6-18	1			2			3	" " "
12-6-18				1	3		4	" " "
20-6-18		1	2	3			5	" " "
22-6-18		1			1		2	" " "
25-6-18			1	4	1		6	" " Motor "
25-6-18.				1	3		4	" " "
27-6-18		1		1			2	" " "
28-6-18				1			1	" " Fleet
30-6-18				1	2		3	" " "
15-6-18			1				1	" " "
TOTALS	1	10	7	32	21		72	

Edward D. James Major.
B.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

30-6-18.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION VETERINARY PERSONNEL.

APPENDIX. Y

Major E.S. James	A.A.V.C.	D.A.D.V.S.
" C.T. McKenna	"	V/O 1/c 11th Aust. F.A.B.
" C.R. Seelenmeyer M.C.	"	4th Aust. M.V.S.
Capt. R.H. Heywood	"	V/O 1/c 10th F.A.B.
" W.S.T. Morgan	"	" " 4th Aust. Train.

No 131	A.A.V.C.	Sgt. A.J.K. Smith	Attached 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
" 779	"	" A.W. Shoebridge	" 12th " " "
" 213	"	" T. Holding	" 13th " " "
" 179	"	" H. Adams	" 4th Aust M.G. Battn.
" 689	"	" G. Brady	" 37th Battery 10th F.A.B.
No 270	"	" A.B. Munro	" 38th " " "
" 117	"	" R.A. Paulson	" 39th " " "
" 247	"	" E. Evans	" 110th " " "
" 204	"	" D. Vaughan	" 41th " 11th "
" 690	"	" W.J. Mann	" 42nd " " "
" 300	"	" W. Cormack	" 43rd " " "
" 271	"	" W.E. Parker	" 111th " " "
" 273	"	" H. Vivian	" No 1 Sec. 4th Aust. D.A.C
" 193	"	" C.A. Morphett	" " 2 " " " "
" 207	"	" R. Jenkyn	" " 3 " " " "

4th Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section (Major C.R. Seelenmeyer M.C. O.C.)

No 672	Sgt Brown C.D.	Temp. Attached
" 252	" Fawcett W.	
" 572	Cpl Kelly G.	No 299 S/Sgt. Owens A. A.A.V.C.
" 45	" Trounson E.T.	" 1207 Pte Claydon S. "
" 557	Pte Austin G.	" 4193 Dvr. Owen F. 4th Field Coy Eng
" 796	" Cooper W.G.	" 447 Cpl Shaw S.C. A.A.V.C.
" 797	Dvr Pie Dodds F.E.	
" 7092	Pte Gray S.	
" 559	Pte Kelly A.W.	
10059	" Leer G.A.	
" 573	" McSwain D.	
" 33171	" Madden G.	
259-259	Dvr Marchant H.L.D.	
" 691	Pte O'Brien J.	
" 537	" Rutherford N.J.	
" 574	" Sly G.	
2474	s/Smith Stephenson H.	
" 1409	Pte Turner G.N.	
" 277	" Walsh J.	
" 9132	" Edwards A.G.	

FOURTH ARMY. AUST. CORPS. SOMME AREA.

Edward S. James Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division

Hqrs.
1-7-18.

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Div. Hqrs.
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED ON A/C ANIMALS
DIED AND DESTROYED DURING FOUR WEEKS ENDING
4th JULY 1918, inclusive.

Fourth Army

No. of animals	Authority of disposal	How disposed of	Amount recd.	Reference as to receipt of the money by Field Cashier.
<u>Statement "A" "died"</u>				
13	V.O.	Buried	-	-
<u>Statement "B" "Destroyed fit for food".</u>				
13	V.O.	Buried	-	-
<u>Statement "C" "Destroyed unfit for food"</u>				
I	V.O.	Buried.	-	-

Mule from a Canadian Unit.

Edward P. James

Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Div. Hqrs.
7-7-18.

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180 WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. APPENDIX

During the week ending 4-7-18. the following visits and inspections were made.

Held Conference of V/Os (details of proceedings dealing with suggestion from 1st Division D.A.D.V.S. already submitted to D.D.V.S. A.I.F.)

The green-forage question was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to instruct Units who had fairly uniform hours of feeding and end stable parades, to chaff one-third of the green-forage and feed it with chaff from nose bags, remainder to be fed from hay-nets.

Veterinary Personnel received full instructions as to dealing with casualties and evacuations occurring in Pack Transport Troop.

Drew 27 Remounts from R.D. Picquigny. Riding Horses considered very poor class and Light Draughts only moderate.

Monthly Returns of A.A.V.C. Personnel, Colonial Animals evacuated, and Quarterly Return of Hides compiled and dispatched.

Inspected Div. Train. Animals appeared to have kept their condition and grooming now satisfactory. Bomb-banks have been considerably improved since last inspection.

The 48th, 50th, and 51st Battn. Transport Lines were inspected and animals were found to be looking very well. The Transport Officer of the 50th Battn. was instructed re shoeing, as some of the animals feet were far too long. Visited 13th Field Ambulance and found grooming of animals legs, below hocks and knees, unsatisfactory. A quantity of hay appears to be wasted about the lines, due apparently to feeding off the ground.

Inspected 4th Inf. Bde. and generally speaking the whole of the animals were not up to the standard expected. With individual Units, where grooming appeared to have required more attention, some extenuation may be offered, as these Battalions were inspected after heavy work. With the exception of a few animals in rather low condition the 16th Battalion appeared to have done their best to bring their animals to a fairly presentable state. Recognising that continuous heavy work and absence for long hours from ^{camp} will leave a visible mark, it was nevertheless impressed upon those in charge, that where possible, all spare time should be given to grooming. The 14th Battalion Mules looked surprisingly well, and the 15th Battalion had one brown gelding lying dead on lines, as result of wounds from shell received during the night in the forward area.

The whole of Thursday 4-7-18. was spent at Picquigny drawing Remounts. The majority of the animals were moderately good, and considered a fair average lot.

SUMMARY OF CASES.GOLIC.

Fourteen cases. Most of these cases were only of slight nature, and among horses who had hitherto had very little grazing, and were allowed to over-feed on some good pasture.

SKIN.

Two slight cases of Mange still remaining under treatment

SPEC. OPHTHALMIA.

Twenty-Seven fresh cases reported.

P.U.N.

One case.

WOUNDS

Twenty-Five Gun-shot wounds. Forty wounds from various causes reported. The A number of these must be considered preventable.

DIED AND DESTROYED.

Seven animals died and Five destroyed, result of Gun-shot wounds

SUMMARY OF CASES, continuedGENERAL ADMINISTRATION. Embodied in above report.A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL Satisfactory.CONDITION OF ANIMALS Fairly good.*Edward D. James.*Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.Hqrs.
5-7-18.

AV 11/18.

WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUST. DIVISION.

During the week ending 11-7-18. the following visits and inspections were made.

Held Conference of V/Os including Major McKenna returned from leave. V/Os were informed that animals evacuated to Corps V.E.Ss to be struck off strength, and to notify D.A.D.V.S. who will prepare certificates for Units.

Received particulars of animals evacuated whilst Artillery were at Pont Remy, and certificates forwarded to Units.

Discussed proposed new form of compilation of AF A2000, same to show in addition, a Wastage Return, also Strength & Mange Return. When a stereotyped form can be obtained, same will be forwarded by D.A.D.V.S. to all V/Os and A.A.V.C. Sergeants.

Confirmed draft scheme of weekly report from V/Os. A feeding and stable routine for Units with normal hours of parades was approved, and will be circularised as soon as the copies can be obtained.

Bran issued by S.S.O. was drawn in equal quantities by V/Os of 10th & 11th F.A.B.s and M.V.S. This will be issued to Units at V/Os discretion, as occasion demands. Circular from B.V.S. re reduction of Veterinary Equipment, was presented, and A.A.V.C. Sgts. instructed. V/Os gave assurance that strictest supervision will be maintained, and periodical reports made on same.

Visited M.V.S. inspected animals including strays, several of which are nearly ready for issue. Called at 4th M.G. Battalion and found Four Animals had been killed by Bombs, Seven to be evacuated, and Five slight cases being treated on lines.

Investigated six animals of 47th Battalion handed over to Div Train short, traced various transfers to other Units prior to handing over, and issued certificates to Div. Train covering same.

Visited 3rd Echelon to inspect Veterinary Records.

Visited 4th Inf. Bde. Inspected 15th Battalion horses, and ordered destruction of one animal with open joint, result of G.S. wounds. The majority of the animals still leave a good deal of room for improvement, principally in grooming and condition. The 13th Battalion as with the 15th Battalion animals, lack finish in both condition and grooming. All these animals have however, been doing heavy work during the past week. Visited 8th Labour Group H.Q. and 49th & 105th Lab. Coys.

Inspected 38th Battery. The appearance of the animals is marred in that a number of manes need hogging. Empty hay-nets were still hanging on lines, and being chewed. One Section looked fairly well groomed, manes short, and animals in good condition. It is rather difficult to understand why there should be such a marked difference in animals of the same Battery. Visited Div. Sig. Coy. M.V.S. 110th Battery, and Nos 1 & 2 Section D.A.C. Div. Sig. Coy. animals in good condition. 110th Battery. The grooming and condition of animals could be improved. All good all-round improvement in the animals of No 1 Section D.A.C. is noted. No 2 Section D.A.C. The majority of the animals of this section, are in good working condition. This Unit has just obtained a chaff-cutter, and better results are expected from its use next week.

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WEEKLY REPORT cont,

SUMMARY OF CASES.

COLIC. Five fresh cases admitted and cured.

SKIN. Two remaining cases from last week now cured.

SPEC. OPHTHALMIA. Twenty -Three fresh cases reported.

P.U.N. Five fresh cases.

GALLS. Harness 6. Rope 6.

WOUNDS. Wounds G.S. 8. Wounds Bomb 21. Wounds Other causes 27

DIED AND DESTROYED. Two horses and 2 Mules died from G.S. Wounds.
One horse and one Mule destroyed result of Wounds G.S.
Five horses destroyed from Wounds Bomb.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. Sgt. Shoebridge on leave to U.K. No 557 Pte. Austin appointed Acting/Sergeant while relieving Shoebridge.

A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL. Satisfactory.

CONDITION OF ANIMALS. Majoriy, good.

Hqrs.
12-7-18.

Edward J. James.

Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

WEEKLY REPORT ON ANIMALS OF 4th AUST DIVISION.APPENDIX
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During the week ending 18-7-18. the following visits and inspections were made.

Held Conference of V/Os. Captain Morgan suggested D.A.D.V.S. to have sole control of issuing Remounts. The suggestion in the main, was that Remounts to be taken charge of by M.V.S. Personnel, instead of Units, and same to be issued by M.V.S. direct to Units instead of by Brigades. D.A.D.V.S. will be supplied with full particulars as to animals required, thus insuring that the class of animal issued, meets with the requirements of the demanding Unit. The scheme is still under consideration.

The 4th Division moved to Goisy on 13-7-18. and took up quarters in the Chateau.

D.A.D.V.S. attended Corps Conference, and compilation of AF A2000 as to Strength Return was discussed. The new form of AF A2000 shewing Strength, Mange, and Wastage Returns on back thereof, was distributed, with view to reconciling the figures given by V/Os and A.A.V.C. Sergts, with figures given by "Q" Branch D.H.Q.

Keeping of Case Book AB 32 by A.A.V.C. Sgts to be enforced and inspected regularly. In view of this, D.A.D.V.S. has drawn up and circulated Standing Orders to the keeping of same.

Inspected D.H.Q. animals and rendered Veterinary attention. Conferred with Majors Seelenmeyer and McKenna re AB 32, Div. Sigs. and A.A.S.C. horses attached to Artillery, not to be shown on returns.

Inspected animals at M.V.S. for evacuation.

Inspections were made as per separate attached, of 37th, 42nd, 111th Batteries and S.A.A. Section D.A.C.

Drew Remounts at Picquigny on 17-7-18. Mules considered, light draughts moderate.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

DIGESTIVE. One Mule died of Enteritis, and one was evacuated with Ascites.

SPEC OPTHALMIA. Sixteen fresh cases reported.

WOUNDS. Five wounds from Gun-shot, Thirty wounds from other causes including kicks. In spite of frequent warnings by V/Os, the number of injuries that are considered avoidable, is still very high.

P.U.N. Four fresh cases.

GALLS. Rope Galls 10 Harness Galls 8 Both of these injuries are preventable.

DIED AND DESTROYED. One animal died from Gun-shot wounds, one horse broke it's neck another destroyed with fractured leg.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. See above Report.

A.A.V.C. Personnel. Satisfactory.

CONDITION OF ANIMALS. Generally satisfactory.

Edward P. James.

Major.

D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Hqrs.

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VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.

(To be rendered monthly for all Units of Formations).

UNIT... **37th Battery 10th F.A.B.**... No of Horses.....
 DIVISION... **4th Aust. Division.**... No of Mules.....
 CORPS..... **V/O IN CHARGE.**.....

1. Condition and General Health and Wastage. **Good.**
2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines **Good.**
3. Water and Watering. **Satisfactory water trough within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.**
4. Food and Feeding. **Appetising chaff prepared of Hay and Green Feed.**
5. Bodily Hygiene-
 i.e. Cleanliness
 Grooming
 Clipping
 Clothing **Grooming good. Men during afternoon stable parade, went about their work in a business-like manner. No of Manes need hogging but hand clippers at M.V.S. being sharpened.**
6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing. **Shoeing satisfactory.**
- Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths.
7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel. **Very Good.**
8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and Serviceable. **Complete, new Veterinary Chest having just been issued.**

N.B. Animals filed off at the "Walk" and the whole inspection was highly satisfactory.

APPENDIX 7

9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion.
- (b) Respiratory Disease.
- (c) Digestive Disease.
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases.
- (e) Specific Diseases
- (f) Diseases of the Eye.
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures.
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.N. and Gas Poisoning.
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency.

UNIT 37th Battery, 10th B.A.F.
 4th Aust. Division

Good

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10. General Recommendations.

Date 15-7-18.

Edward J. [Signature]
 Major.
 D.A.D.V.S. 4th AUST. Division.

Complete, new Veterinary Chest having just been received.

M.S. Australia filed off the "Walk" and the whole inspection was

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VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.
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UNIT.....
4th and Battery.
DIVISION.....
4th Aust. Division.
CORPS.....

No of Horses.....
No of Mules.....
V/O IN CHARGE.....

1. Condition and General Health and Wastage. Good.

2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines

3. Water and Watering.

4. Food and Feeding.

Only fair. This Unit has only just moved to present location and a good deal of work will have to be put in to improve the general sanitation of the lines, standings and Bomb banks. Water good, but some distance from camp, each watering parade takes about one hour, with consequent shortening of time available for grooming and other stable duties. Chaff and general system of feeding good.

5. Bodily Hygiene-
i.e. Cleanliness
Grooming
Clipping
Clothing

Animals as seen this morning, very dirty. Reasons given, that during the last 48 hours unit has been moving, and practically no opportunity has occurred for grooming parades. The grooming of this Battery, previously, was considered the best in the Division.

6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing.

Satisfactory.

Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths.

Satisfactory.

7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel.

Veterinary Chest 25lbs on indent, otherwise complete.

8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and serviceable.

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APPENDIX

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9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion.
- (b) Respiratory Disease.
- (c) Digestive Disease.
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases.
- (e) Specific Diseases
- (f) Diseases of the Eye.
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures.
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.M. and Gas Poisoning.
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency.

10. General Recommendations.

Date 18-7-18.

Edwan J. King
Major.
 D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

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VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.
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UNIT..... No of Horses.....
111th Battery 11th P.A.B.
DIVISION..... No of Mules.....
4th Aust. Division.
CORPS..... V/O IN CHARGE.....

1. Condition and General Health and Wastage. Good.
2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines Being improved, a good deal of cleaning up has yet to be done. Most of the Bomb banks satisfactory.
3. Water and Watering. Same water point as 47th Battery being used. Watering parade takes about 1 hour.
4. Food and Feeding. Very good chaff being fed, feeding arrangements generally satisfactory.
5. Bodily Hygiene-
 1.e. Cleanliness
 Grooming
 Clipping
 Clothing Grooming good. Animals clean although coats somewhat stained through white chalk standings.
6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing. Fairly good, some mule's feet still long at heels.
 Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths. Fair.
7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel. Fair.
8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and Serviceable. Complete, new Veterinary Chest on indent.

APPENDIX 7

9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion.
- (b) Respiratory Disease.
- (c) Digestive Disease.
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases.
- (e) Specific Diseases
- (f) Diseases of the Eye.
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures.
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.N. and Gas Poisoning.
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency.

10. General Recommendations.

Edwin J. James

.....Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

Date 18-7-18.

VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.

(To be rendered monthly for all Units of Formations).

UNIT..... S.A.A. Sect. D.A.C. No of Horses.....
 DIVISION..... 4th Aust. Division. No of Mules.....
 CORPS..... V/O IN CHARGE.....

1. Condition and General Health and Wastage. **Animals generally improved in condition. General health good, and wastage very low.**
2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines **Standings are becoming worn and owing to recent rain somewhat muddy, holes being ~~great~~ gradually filled in. Bomb Banks excellent. A few extra partitions would be an improvement. Excellent supply.**
3. Water and Watering.
4. Food and Feeding. **Animals getting a great deal of grazing, small amount of Hay being wasted owing to shortage of Hay-nets. Indent for same outstanding. Supply expected in a few days.**
5. Bodily Hygiene-
i.e. Cleanliness
Grooming
Clipping
Clothing **Generally fairly satisfactory, but can be improved. Manes appear to be regularly hogged.**
6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing. **Majority of Mule's feet too long, especially at the heels, pointed out and instructed Far: Sgt. to remedy these defects.**

Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths.
7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel. **Good.**
8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and Serviceable. **Complete.**

APPENDIX 7

9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion.
- (b) Respiratory Disease.
- (c) Digestive Disease.
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases.
- (e) Specific Diseases
- (f) Diseases of the Eye.
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures.
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.N. and Gas Poisoning.
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency.

10. General Recommendations.

Date. 16-7-18.

Edwan J. James

.....Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

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VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.

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UNIT... **41st Battery** No of Horses... **108**

DIVISION... **4th Aust. Division**... No of Mules... **45**

CORPS... .. IN CHARGE... **Maj or McKenna**...

1. Condition and General Health and Wastage. **Fairly good and appear to be improving. The wastage of this Unit is very low.**
2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines. **Standings good, day and night lines being used. Bomb banks not to standard measurement, and need a good deal of improvement.**
3. Water and Watering. **Good water available near wagon lines at Franvillers.**
4. Food and Feeding. **Very good, the best use being made of the forage ration.**
5. Bodily Hygiene-
i.e. Cleanliness
Grooming
Clipping
Clothing. **Grooming improving, but not yet thoroughly clean. Manes being kept hogged.**
6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing. **Fair. Shoeing of Mules feet improving.**
Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths.
7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel. **Very good.**
8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and Serviceable. **Complete, new Veterinary Chest just to hand**

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APPENDIX

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9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion. **NIL.**
- (b) Respiratory Disease. **NIL.**
- (c) Digestive Disease. **Very few cases of colic have occurred in this Battery.**
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases. **NIL.**
- (e) Specific Diseases. **The average number of Spec. Ophthalmia cases occurring about 3 per week.**
- (f) Diseases of the Eye.
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures. **Very few casualties of recent date.**
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.N. and Gas Poisoning. **Comparatively few.**
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency. **Nothing of note.**

10. General Recommendations. **A little more attention to grooming would insure animals being thoroughly clean.**

Bomb banks though fairly good are not considered wholly protective.

Date... **24-7-18.**

Edward R. Jones Major.
D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

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VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.

(To be rendered monthly for all Units of formations).

UNIT... **43rd Battery**..... No of Horses... **116**.....

DIVISION... **4th Aust. Division**..... No of Mules... **39**.....

CORPS... **AUSTRALIAN**..... W/O IN CHARGE... **Major O McKenna**...

1. Condition and General Health and Wastage. **Number of animals in low condition. Wastage fairly low.**
2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines. **A good deal of work will have to be done cleaning up the lines, and covering up manure etc. Bomb tanks appear to be ~~off~~ efficient, but partitions need building up.**
3. Water and Watering. **Good water available, but some distance watering parades take $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.**
4. Food and Feeding. **Good.**
5. Bodily Hygiene-
1.e. Cleanliness
Grooming
Clipping
Clothing. **More time will have to be given to grooming, manes kept hogged. It is understood that this Battery has had a great deal of work last.**
6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing. **Shoeing fairly good.**

Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths. **Fairly good.**
7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel. **Complete. New Veterinary Chest just to hand.**
8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and Serviceable.

APPENDIX

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9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion. **Few animals in low condition, but no actual Debility cases.**
- (b) Respiratory Disease. **Nil.**
- (c) Digestive Disease. **Very few cases of Colic have occurred in this Battery.**
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases. **Nil.**
- (e) Specific Diseases **3 to 4 cases of Spec Ophthalmia occur weekly.**
- (f) Diseases of the Eye. **Good.**
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures. **No casualties recently.**
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.M. and Gas Poisoning. **Very few.**
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency. **Nothing of particular interest.**

10. General Recommendations. **Animals in low condition should receive special care and attention, to insure their being in good condition before the cold weather sets in. Bomb banks should be slightly improved.**

Date. **24-7-18.**

Edward P. James
Major.
 D.A.D.V.S. 4th Aust. Division.

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VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.
(To be rendered monthly for all Units of Formations)

UNIT No. 1. Section D.A.C. No of Horses..... 81.....
 DIVISION, 4th Aust. Division, No of Mules..... 195
 CORPS..... Australian V/O IN CHARGE Major C. Seelenmeyer MC

1. Condition and General Health and Postage. **Condition and General Health, good.**
2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines **Standings good, but only one side of the bomb banks considered satisfactory, paths will have to be built up considerably.**
3. Water and Watering. **Good water available close to lines.**
4. Food and Feeding. **Food being chaffed satisfactorily.**
5. Bodily Hygiene-
 i.e. Cleanliness
 Grooming
 Clipping
 Clothing **Some of the sub sections very good indeed, others whose animals are rather low in condition could be improved. Manes kept hogged.**
6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing. **Improving, some of the animals feet still left too long.**
- Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths.
7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel. **Very fair.**
8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and Serviceable. **Complete.**

APPENDIX. 7

9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion. **No Debility cases, but a few animals in low condition.**
- (b) Respiratory Disease. **NIL.**
- (c) Digestive Disease. **NIL.**
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases. **NIL.**
- (e) Specific Diseases **Very few cases of Spec. Ophthalmia.**
- (f) Diseases of the Eye. **Standings good.**
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures. **None recently.**
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.N. and Gas Poisoning. **About 10 animals under treatment for various injuries.**
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency. **No.**

10. General Recommendations. **Special care to be taken of those animals at present in low condition.**

Bomb banks are not considered adequate, and the work of improving them should be put in hand at once.

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Date **24-7-18.**

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Complete.

VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.
(To be rendered monthly for all Units of Formations).

UNIT.....	No 2 Sec. D.A.C.	No of Horses....	40
DIVISION.....	4th Aust. Division.	No of Mules....	195
CORPS.....	Australian	V/O IN CHARGE.....	Major. C McKenna.

1. Condition and General Health and Wastage. Majority of animals looking well and have improved greatly during the last two weeks. Poor animals isolated and being given extra care and attention, with marked results.
2. Standings and Sanitation of Lines Standings fairly good, some bomb banks broken and others not high enough, work of improving same started, lines fairly clean.
3. Water and Watering. Good water available close to lines.
4. Food and Feeding. Good chaff and feeding considered satisfactory.
5. Bodily Hygiene-
 1.e. Cleanliness
 Grooming
 Clipping
 Clothing Great majority of animals look well groomed and are clean.
6. Condition of Feet and Shoeing. Shoeing good.
- Efficiency of Farriers and Shoeing Smiths.
7. Efficiency of A.A.V.C. Subordinate Personnel. Fairly good.
8. Veterinary Equipment if complete and Serviceable. Complete and serviceable.

APPENDIX 7.

9. REMARKS ON DISEASE.

- (a) Debility including exhaustion. **Poor animals receiving special attention.**
- (b) Respiratory Disease. **NIL.**
- (c) Digestive Disease. **Very few cases of Colic have occurred.**
- (d) Mange and Allied Skin Diseases. **NIL.**
- (e) Specific Diseases. **5 cases of Ophthalmia under treatment.**
- (f) Diseases of the Eye.
- (g) Gunshot and Bomb Casualties and Protective Measures. **6 animals on sick lines.**
- (h) Other Wounds including P.U.N. and Gas Poisoning. **NIL.**
- (i) Any other marked occurrence of Disease or Inefficiency.

10. General Recommendations. **This Unit has improved considerably, and a high state of efficiency is shortly hoped to be reached.**

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Date **25-7-18.**

Held Conference of V/Os on 19-7-18. The circular from D.V.S. on the necessity of conserving part-worn animals, was read. It was arranged that all animals would be closely inspected, and where possible evacuation would be avoided.

Circular on Ulcerative Cellulitis was discussed, and V/Os instructed to make particular note of the period of incubation. The letter on Horse Shoe nails was submitted, and no complaints were received. The Control of issuing Remounts within the Division was again discussed, but as no completely satisfactory scheme was arrived at, it was decided not to approach "Q" Branch on the subject.

D.A.D.V.S. visited A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps with reference to Monthly Reports.

D.A.D.V.S. drew Remounts at Picquigny on 22-7-18. The animals were considered a fair average lot.

Visited M.V.S. and inspected animals for evacuation.

Went to St Gratien and made necessary arrangements to take over from 5th M.V.S.

During the week ending 25-7-18 the following inspections were made, 41st and 43rd Batteries and Nos 1 & 2 Sections D.A.C. Separate Reports attached herewith.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

GENERAL DISEASES	Two cases of Fever.
RESPIRATORY.	One Catarrh.
Lymphatic.	One lymphangitis.
SKIN.	NECROTIC Dermatitis 1
LOCOMOTORY	Ringbone 1. Defective Hoof 1. Splint 1. Laminitis 1.
SPECIFIC	Spec. Ophthalmia. 17 fresh cases.
WOUNDS.	No Gun shot wounds during the week.
	Wounds from General Causes:-
	Wounds Contused 17
	" Lacerated 14
	" punctured 4
	" Incised 2
	The majority of these injuries are considered preventable
GALLS.	Rope 5. Harness 4. These are preventable injuries.
P.U.N.	Five fresh cases.
DIED AND DESTROYED.	one horse broke it's leg and was destroyed.
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.	See above Report.
A.A.V.C. PERSONNEL.	Satisfactory.
CONDITION OF ANIMALS.	Fairly good.

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Hqrs.
26-7-18.