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ARQUES	Aug. 3  10 18   25 Sept. 1 7		<p>18 Animals dealt with for week: - Evacuated 8. Discharged 4 Remain 6.                      Camped within 45 minutes march along the canal from N° 23 Vet-Hospital                      All evacuation cases are despatched to V.H. at once only quickly curable                      cases retained for treatment.</p> <p>14 Animals dealt with for week. Evacuated 8 Discharged 1 Remain 6.                      " " " " " " " " " 6 " 3 " 4.</p> <p>The 2nd Hunt Division was inspected by G.O.C 1st Army and then by                      Field-Marshal Comd-in-Chief Sir D Haig. The latter was very pleased                      with the turn out.</p> <p>A large number of aquatic sports were held by the different Bde                      units of the Division while in rest.</p> <p>14 Animals dealt with for week - Evacuated 6 Remaining 8.                      " " " " " " " " " 4 Discharged 3 Remaining 8</p> <p>The following N.C.O &amp; men were detached for duty with 1st Army                      Mobile Vet. Detachment: N° 477 Cpl Green R.J. (Temp. till return of Cpl Collet from                      leave in England) N° 3093 Pte Lardelli N, N° 1673 Pte Seaton J,                      N° 3492 Pte F.L. Smith. This is an altered and better scheme                      under which M.V.D will act as a C.C.S. for the area for train cases</p>	

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FRQUES	Sept 8		21 Animals dealt with for week :- Evacuated 11 Remain 10	
	9		The 41 <sup>st</sup> Division held a race meeting at Wizermes & in the <sup>1/4</sup> mile Hurdle race open to all officers of armies. Capt S Helester (The Lamb) won 2 <sup>nd</sup> in a field of 23 runners. The C-in-C & staff were present.	
	15		24 Animals dealt with for week :- Evacuated 17 Destroyed 1 Discharged 1 Remaining 5.	
	18		No 557 Cpl Collett replaced No 477 Cpl Green at 1 <sup>st</sup> Angae M.V.D.	
	22		59 animals dealt with for week :- Evacuated 25 Destroyed 2 Cured 1 Remaining 31.	
STEENVOORDE	12		Section moved by road to STEENVOORDE enroute for RENINGHELST which they reached at 3 pm. on 13 <sup>th</sup> and camped on the VLAMERTYNGE Road 1 1/2 Kilos from Reninghelst and 8 kilos from rail-head at Wippenhoek where all entraining of sick horses will be done.	
	29		113 animals dealt with for week :- Evacuated 61 Destroyed 2 Discharged 8 Remaining 42 All walking cases gone by road via RYVELDT & ZUTYPENE to No 23 V.H. at SIOMER.	

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OUDERDOM	Sept-21		<p style="text-align: center;">Case of Epizootic Lymphangylis</p> <p>Date of admission to 2 A.M.V.S Sept-21<sup>st</sup>. Sent in as suspect by Capt Evans V.O. 1/6.</p> <p>Patient was a Mule, grey geld. 15.2 Hands, Condition very good, No lameness, Temp normal.</p> <p>Limbs affected off hind from below hock to joint.</p> <p>When admitted lesions had been excised from upper Tiltal region and sent for examination &amp; the appearance of the limb was as follows:— The wounds from which lesions had been excised showed an open wound with abundant granulation resembling the open ulcers of necrotic cellulitis. Several small nodules were present around these wounds. These had ruptured but showed practically no pus &amp; there was a distinct tendency to heal &amp; the edges of all ulcers were <u>EVERTEED</u>. The lesions extended down the limb to the fetlock &amp; the appearance of the limb below the hock was that of a mild case of cellulitis with a fair amount of induration &amp; thickening.</p> <p>The lower lesions were all small &amp; one small one high up was found unruptured &amp; smears were taken from this but without a negative result as with the lesions. A second lot of smears were taken from the same ulcer &amp; this gave positive result as Cryptococcus Revolvi was discovered.</p>	

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			<p><u>Case of Epizootic Lymphangitis. (cont.)</u></p> <p>Animal was destroyed in presence of D.D.V.S 2<sup>nd</sup> Army H.D.V.S 1<sup>st</sup> Army &amp; D.A.D.V.S 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. and a nodule, one of several, which had appeared on its abdomen close in against the sheath was incised &amp; a thick creamy pus flowed. Smears were taken from this &amp; the cryptococci found. A few inches below the site from which 1<sup>st</sup> specimens were taken (a which was now nearly filled with healthy granulation) <sup>there was</sup> <del>two</del> a larger nodule 2 1/2 inches long by 1 1/2 wide. This was hard but appeared to contain pus (though it was not incised) &amp; showed no tendency to break down during 13 days in M.V.S. The hair was quite firm &amp; dry over it. Cording of the lymphatics showed <del>between</del> <sup>between</sup> the upper lesions but the case was not a characteristic one in this respect - the lesions did not show out as a succession of nodules following the course of a corded lymphatic.</p> <p>Due precautions were taken as to prevention of infection &amp; thorough disinfection of site where animal stood.</p>	