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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Boreune	1919 Jan 1		Evacuated 26 Animals to 1 st Aust V.E.S.	
"	3		Admitted 9 Animals.	
"	4	11	"	
"	5	10	"	
"	6	4	Evacuated 31 Animals to 1 st Aust V.E.S.	
"	7		No 556 Sgt G. Austin went on 10 days leave to Paris. Admitted 2 Animals	
"	8		No 672 Sgt. b D Brown mentioned in Despatches A.I.F. list No 427 of 1/1/19.	
"	9		No 1409 Pte b R. Turner went on 10 days leave to Brussels. Admitted 1 Animal.	
"	10		Admitted 4 Animals.	
"	11		No 1352 Smith H. J. Hudson, No 1197 Pte P. J. Conlan No 1594 Pte W. V. Phillips, No 582 Pte F. J. Purcell No 1718 Pte B. King. transferred from Aust. Vet. Hospital and taken on strength. No 582 Pte F. J. Purcell evacuated sick. Admitted 2 Animals.	
"	12		Admitted 13 Animals.	
"	13		No 572 T/Sgt b. Kelly confirmed Sergeant as from 4/1/19. No 573 T/Cpl D. McSwain confirmed Corporal as from 4/1/19.	

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Borneo	1919 Jan 13		Evacuated 24 Animals to 1 st Aust- V.E.S.	Admitted 1 Animal.
	14		Admitted 3 Animals.	
	16	" 1 "		
	17	" 5 "		
	18	" 2 "		
	20		No 582 Pte F J.J. Purcell reported for Duty from 4 th Aust F Ambulance Hospital No 556 Corp G Austin returned from leave. No 1409 Pte B N Turner returned from leave.	Admitted 8 Animals
	21		Admitted 2 Animals	
	22		Admitted 53 Animals. No 33171 Pte G Madden proceeded to No 4 Command Depot. England - en route to Australia.	
	23		Admitted 2 Animals. Evacuated 69 Animals to 1 st Aust- V.E.S.	
	27		Admitted 1 Animal	
	28		Two (2) Animals returned to Unit - (4 th Aust Pioneer Battalion)	
	31		Admitted 1 Animal.	

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	1919.		Unit.	Hides.		How disposed of.	Date of Disposal.	Remarks
	Jan			Horse	Wheeler			
	3		A/104(A) Bde R.F.A.	1		1 st Aust. V.E.S.	6/1/19.	
	4		D/104(A) Bde R.F.A.	1		do.	6/1/19.	
	7		B/104(A) Bde R.F.A.		1	Vel-Hos. Chanturi	29/1/19	
	9		24 th Coy. 4 th M.G. Battr.	1		do	29/1/19	
	10		B/104(A) Bde R.F.A.	1		do	29/1/19	
	12		A/104(A) Bde R.F.A.	1		do	29/1/19	
	13		12 th Coy. 4 th Aust M.G. Battr.	1		do	29/1/19	
	18		104(A) Bde B.A.C. R.F.A.	1		do	29/1/19	
	17		27 th Coy. A.A.S.C.	1		do	29/1/19	
	22		104(A) Bde B.A.C. R.F.A.		1	do	29/1/19	
	26		13 th F.C. A.E.	1		do	29/1/19	
	27		43 rd Battr. 11 th F.A.B.	1		do	29/1/19	
	27		do		1	do	29/1/19	
	27		12 th Coy. 4 th Aust M.G. Battr.	1		do	29/1/19	
	29		12 th F.C. A.E.		1	On Hand.		
	29		111 th Battr. 11 th F.A.B.	1		do.		

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104th.

111th.

11th.

12th.

13th.

24th.

27th.

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	1919			
	Jan		Colonial Animals Evacuated. 76	
			British " " 69	
			Stray " " 5	
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			<i>General Remarks.</i> The classification & examination for demobilization purposes of all the animals of the division has rendered possible a very minute examination of animals belonging to all units. Several points are worthy of notice. The number of animals showing pronounced technical unsound horses such as sidebone & ringbone is remarkable. but still more remarkable is the number of these animals with marked "unsoundnesses" which as far as can be ascertained have never shown any signs of lameness. As a general rule the heavy draughts seemed cleaner in the bone than lighter types (excluding sides of course) & it would seem that this opens up an interesting field of investigation for breeders. If it were not for the fact that recent research seems to have cleared up somewhat the position the frequency of ophthalmia would be alarming - one unit had 34% of its animals nearly or totally blind from this cause, while practically no unit was free from it. The ageing of the horses proved difficult. dentition being most irregular, the established methods being in most cases hardly applicable. Mention should be made of the remnant of the horses brought away from Australia - it may have been sentiment that was responsible for the invariable statement that the one or two "originals" were the best horses in the unit. but it may be added that these horses which left Australia in 1914 were the cleanest examined.	

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