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A. & N. Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

VETERINARY SERVICES.

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	3rd.	JS	Weather extremely windy and cold. Capt. Andrew leaves 1st. A. L. H. Brigade for Australian Remount Depot, Moascar, and Capt. Stuchbury is temporarily appointed as O. C. 6th. A. L. H. Brigade and continues to carry on his duties with Divisional Train.																																				
	6th.	JS	The 5th. A. L. H. Regiment return from Semakh and join the 2nd. A. L. H. Brigade at Rafa, and retain only 10 Horses, the remainder being entrained from Semakh to Kantara and handed in to Remount Depot, Moascar.																																				
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	17th.		N. Z. M. R. Brigade entrained for Kantara East arriving March 18th.																																									
	18th.		Advanced D. H. Q. entrained for Kantara East arriving March 19th. Capt. Fethers evacuated to Hospital (Diphtheria).																																									
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	21st.	JA	D.A.D.V.S. returns to Rafa.	
	23rd.	JA	D.A.D.V.S. to Kantara with 2nd.A.L.H. Brigade arriving 24th. March. A.I.F. in Egypt Order No. 28 dated 24/3/19:- Mentioned in General Allenby's Despatch dated 23/10/18 "for services during the period 16th. March 1918 to 18th. September 1918" Major (T/Lt. Col.) J. Kendall, O.B.E. 200 Sgt. Martin L.A., 8th.A.M.V.S. 422 L/Sgt. Todd B.W., 7th.A.M.V.S.	
KANTARA.	24th.	JA	D.A.D.V.S. proceeds to Moascar to confer with D.A.D.V.S. and B.A.D.V.S. Australian Mounted Division on the matter of disposal of animals. 3rd.L.H. Regiment, 1st.A.M.G. Squadron and 1st.L.H.F.A. entrained for Kantara East arriving March 25th.	
	26th.	JA	As all animals are being returned to Remount Depot and taken off the XXXX charge of the A.I.F. and in view of shortage of Veterinary Officers owing to the fact that some are proceeding to Australia and some to United Kingdom to attend course at Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to obtain degree of M.R.C.V.S., orders are issued for the present operations in Egypt. Circular memo from D.D.V.S. re course at Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons attached.	App. 1 App. 2
	30th.	JA	18th.R.H.A. Brigade and Details entrained for Kantara East arriving 31st. Units of Division despatched to quell native disturbances. Location of Units see App. 3. Circular to V.Os. regarding handing in of Stores to Base Veterinary Stores. Forage - Average Scale:- Rafa, Barley 5, Mixed grain 4, Maize or Beans 2, Bran 1, Sucra 2, Tibben 10, or Hay 4 Tibben 6. Horses over 16 hands Barley $\frac{1}{2}$ and Grain 1 extra. Kantara, Barley 4, Grain 2, Parched Grain 1, Bran 1, Maize $1\frac{1}{2}$, Millet $1\frac{1}{2}$, Dreis 4, Tibben 8. Horses over 16 hands Barley 1 Grain 1 extra. Casualties - Destroyed Died Evacuated Sick 9 Horses. 1 Horse. 1 Horse.	App. 3 App. 4

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Approved Lt Col
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Appendix 1.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VETERINARY OFFICERS.

In view of the present conditions the following instructions will be carried out by Veterinary Officers of the Anzac Mounted Division:-

1. Owing to the shortage of Veterinary Officers and the extended area over which Units of Brigades may be spread the Brigade Veterinary Officer will detail personnel of the Mobile Veterinary Section attached to his Brigade as he considers necessary to accompany the Units for duty with squadrons etc., bearing in mind the present strength of the Section.

2. Veterinary Officers will be responsible that a careful record is kept of all casualties and disposals of animals of their Units, and will render A.F.A.2000 weekly as usual, stating the number of animals on charge to A.I.F. Units and those on loan from Imperial Units.

3. Veterinary Stores:- At present it is considered that 25 lb. Unit chests are quite sufficient, so these may be drawn on indent at the rate of 1 per squadron from Base Veterinary Stores, Kantara. All the Veterinary equipment at present on charge to A.I.F. Units will be handed in to Base Veterinary Stores Kantara immediately, except that of the 7th.A.M.V.S., which will be forwarded to the O.C. War Records (Museum), Cairo. Care will be taken to carry out the instructions of A.I.F. Department of Repatriation General Instructions No.14 Section B - Stores, (vide my D/33.) When this is completed 25 lb. chests may be drawn.

4. Veterinary Officers will treat all casualties in their lines until it is convenient to evacuate cases to a Veterinary Section or Hospital.

5. The following is the temporary allotment of Veterinary Officers:-

1st.A.L.H.Brigade	Capt.Stuchbury	
2nd.A.L.H.Brigade	Capt.Wood	(Capt.McNicol)
N.Z.M.R.Brigade	Capt.Meade	(Major Stafford)
Divnl.Troops	Capt.Page	

26/3/19.

(sgd.) J.Kendall, Lieut.Colonel,
A.D.V.S.
A.I.F. in Egypt.

Copies to:-

A.A.& Q.M.G., A.& N.Z.Mtd.Div.
G.S.O.1 do.
Camp Commandant do.
V.O.Divnl.Troops
Hqrs.Aus.Mtd.Div.
D.A.D.V.S., Aus.Mtd.Div.

Hqrs.1st.A.L.H.Brigade
B.V.O. do.
Hqrs.2nd.A.L.H.Brigade
B.V.O. do.
Hqrs.N.Z.M.R.Brigade
B.V.O. do.

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CIRCULAR MEMO.

Officers desirous of qualifying
for Diploma of M.R.C.V.S.

To all Veterinary Officers, A.I.F.

The attached copy of letter from the Secretary, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, to D.D.V.S., A.I.F. relative to concessions being granted to A.A.V.C. Officers who may desire to sit for the final examination for the Diploma of Membership of that Institution whilst awaiting repatriation to Australia is forwarded for your information.

It will be noted that attendance at a recognised British Veterinary School is required for two terms, and that the new session will commence about April 22nd 1919. This is the latest date at which Officers desirous of availing themselves of the concession can join the Schools in order to qualify themselves to sit for the examination, and at the same time not exceed the period fixed by the Director-General, Repatriation & Demobilisation Department, A.I.F. for which members of the A.I.F. may be granted leave for purposes of Non-military employment viz. 30.11.19.

Applications should be made out in the applicants own handwriting with full details as to the Veterinary School from which graduated and date etc. They should be attached to A.I.F. Form 540, and be forwarded without delay through the usual channels to the proper A.I.F. authority.

All applications approved by the Director-General, Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F. will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Each application will be considered by the Examination Committee of that institution on its merits, and decisions will be made known through the Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept. at the earliest possible date.

It should be borne in mind by intending applicants that the question of approval being given by the Director General, Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F. for the necessary leave to attend the Veterinary Schools during the period specified will be largely governed by the progress of demobilisation in the A.I.F. and that it may therefore not be possible for applications to be approved in all cases, though every consideration will be given to them.

E. Headall

Colonel.

Copies to: D/D.G. R.&D.
1.D. (3 copies)
3.D.

D.D.V.S., A.I.F.
3.D.6.

5th March 1919

Hqrs., A.I.F. London.
Hqrs., A.I.F. Egypt.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Divs., A.I.F.
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Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons,
10 Red Lion Square,
LONDON, W.C.1.

1st March 1919.

Dear Colonel Kendall,

At a meeting of the examination Committee yesterday the general question you raised was carefully considered, namely what concessions could be granted to Officers of the A.A.V.C. who desire to have an opportunity of taking the Diploma of Membership of this College. The Committee instruct me to say that with regard to the holders of the B.V.Sc. degree they would be prepared to recommend the Council that permission should be granted for such Officers to be admitted to the final examination after attendance at two terms at one of the recognised Colleges. This concession is possible only on account of the fact that by a new bye-law exemption may be granted to men who have served in one of His Majesty's Forces since the first of August, 1914. In each case the Committee would require to see an application made in writing by the Officer himself, accompanied by such recommendations as it may be possible to supply.

With regard to holders of the Licentiate Diploma and to graduates of the Melbourne Veterinary College, the Committee felt that they would rather defer the consideration to a later meeting, when perhaps we may be furnished with an official application accompanied by full details. The next meeting of the Examination Committee will be held on Thursday, April 10th, and I believe the New Session at the Veterinary Schools will commence about the 22nd April.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) Fred Bullock
Secretary.

Col. E.A. Kendall, C.M.G., A.A.V.C.
Repatriation and Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F.
54 Victoria Street,
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LOCATION OF TROOPS.

Appendix 3.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

31/3/19.

A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. Hqrs.
1st. Signal Squadron.
Field Sqdn. less "B" & N.Z. Field Troops.
Divisional Train less 2 Coys.

Kantara East.
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1st. A.L.H. Brigade Hqrs.)
3rd. A.L.H. Regiment.)
1st. A.M.G. Squadron.)
1st. L.H.F.A.)

Kantara West.

"nd. A.L.H. Brigade Hqrs.)
5th. A.L.H. Regiment.)
6th. A.L.H. Regiment.)
2nd. L.H.F.A.)
1 Sec. 2nd. A.M.G.S.)
"B" Field Troop.)
34th. Coy. A.S.C.)

Damanhour.

7th. A.L.H. Regiment)
1 Sec. 2nd. A.M.G.S.)

Salhia.

2nd. A.M.G.S. less 2 Sections.

Kantara West.

N.Z.M.R. Bde. Hqrs.)
Auckland Rifles.)
N.Z.F.A.)
2 Secs. N.Z.M.G.S.)
N.Z. Coy. Div. Train)

Tanta.

C.M.R.

Damanhour.

W.M.R. less 1 Squadron.)
1 Sec. 1st. N.Z.M.G.S.)

Zagazig.

1 Squadron W.M.R.

Cairo.

18th. Brigade R.H.A.

Kantara West.



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Appendix 4.

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E .

DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION.

Extract from General Instructions No.14 - Section B - Stores.

1. When orders are given for the Stores Demobilisation of any Unit Lists as per following Pro Forma will be prepared of Stores to be returned:-

Stores as per M.S.T.	Authorised Establishment	Returned to D.A.D.O.S.	Deficiency	Explanation of Deficiency
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No. of copies required:-

One to be retained by Unit for inclusion in records.

One to be forwarded to A.D.V.S., A.I.F. in Egypt.

Two to be forwarded to Staff Officer 4D, Egypt.

N.B. All Lists are to be receipted by the Base taking over the Stores.

2. To assist in accounting for deficiencies in Stores, A.I.F. Units will, in usual manner, submit indents for all articles of which they are deficient on their Mobilisation Store Tables. Such indents will discriminate between those for Stores which are immediately necessary, and those which are necessary only to complete Units Mobilisation Store Table. These latter indents will be endorsed "Not to be fulfilled", and will act as supporting documents for the crediting to A.I.F. account of those Stores which the Unit did not hand in owing to their being deficient.

3. One copy of these indents will be forwarded to A.D.V.S., A.I.F. in Egypt, and two copies to Staff Officer 4D, Egypt. A signed statement as to the reason for deficiencies will accompany the indents in both cases.

4. A certificate will also be required from each C.O. stating that all Government Veterinary Stores have been handed in to Base Veterinary Stores, Kantara, (or other base as the case may be), and that none have been retained. One copy of this statement to be forwarded to A.D.V.S., A.I.F. in Egypt, and three to Staff Officer 4D, Egypt.