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WAR DIARY

OF

Advt. S. Aust. Mtd. Div.

FOR

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or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Deir El Belah.	April 1	1000	Division moved out on first stage of trek to line. arrived ALI MUNTAR (GAZA) 1400.	
TEL EL METDEL	2	1100	Division moved second stage. Arrived at TEL EL METDEL 1430.	
SUKERIER	3	1130	Moved from TEL EL METDEL to SUKERIER arrived 1500.	
EL DEIRAN	4	1230	Division left SUKERIER for EL DEIRAN arrived 1600.	
SELMEH	5	0700	Left for SELMEH. arrived Jewish Agricultural College 1030. Reported to A.D.V.S. XII Corps 1400.	
	6		Office routine work. Veterinary Report for March furnished. Returns for W.C. 6th 100000.	
	7		Visited 5th Mounted Bysse and 3rd Mob. vet. Section.	APP. 1.
	8		Visited 5th Mts Bysse Field Amb. and 3rd Mob. vet. Sect. at Selmech.	
	9		Inspected D.H.Q. and Sig. Sq. horses. Several horses rec. for coac.	
	10		Remount issues for Oct, Nov. and Dec. 1917 reported on by request of A.I.F. H.Q.	
	11	1100	Conference bety. Officers of Division at D.H.Q. Subject operation arrangements. D.D.V.S. and D.A.R. Discorps, called. Preliminary instruction Operation A issued to Div.	
	12		Remount and Evacuation return for March prepared and forwarded W.D.F. Further operation instructions received.	APP. 2.
	13	1000	To A.D.V.S. XII Corps re. veterinary arrangements for Operation A.	APP. 3
	14		With D.D.V.S. Discorps inspected horses of Division. "Highly satisfactory." In 3rd Mob. vet. Section. 8th Mob. vet. Sect. + Gloucester Ho. ref. remounts received from Belah. many unsuitable for ride. shoeing bad. Operations cancelled. Bety. orders for operation destroyed.	May 2
	15		To Remount Depot. Luda. Report on wastage of 5th Mts Bysse to A.H.Q. etc.	APP 3A
	16		Inspected horses of Divisional Train. visited 8th Mob. vet. Section.	
	17		Orders received re move of Divn. "probably to Deirani on 19th inst.. Office routine. Khamsen blowing.	

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SELMEH.	APRIL 18 th		More of Div. postponed to 20 th , D.H.Q. to close at Selmech at 1100. Visited 3 rd & 8 th M.V.S., Sig. Sq. inspected horses.	my
	19.		Inspected 5 th Mounted Brigade. Horses satisfactory	my
	20.	1100.	Division left Selmech arrived Deiran 1400.	my
	21.		Division left Deiran arrived Latron 1500.	my
	22.		Division left Latron arrived Enab 1600.	my
	23.		Division left Enab ⁰⁹⁰⁰ arrived via Jerusalem at Talat Ed Dumm 1700	my
	24.		Inspected 4 th A.M.B. at Talat Ed Dumm. Enquired into water difficulties	my
	25.		Compilation of petitions 18000 and weekly M.V.C. reports etc.	my APP. 4
	26.		Left Talat Ed Dumm for Jordan Valley 2000. (camped 4 12 central) arrived 2330	my
	27.		Preparations for operations. Conference O.O. D.H.Q. 1700.	my
	28.		Issued preliminary orders re operations at Es Salt. arranged Receiving and Cas. Clear. Stations.	my APP. 6
	29.		D.H.Q. moved with Division to Um Es Chert left camp 2130.	my
	30.		D.H.Q. at Um Es Chert. left at 1700 for Es Salt on track over mountain arrived vicinity Es Salt 0200 morning of 1 st May.	my APP. 5
			17000 for week ending 30 th	

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WAR DIARY

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Advs. Aust. Mtd. Divn.

FOR

April 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No..	Subject.
1	Weekly RFA 2000. W.E. 6 th /4/18.
2	Interimary Operation Order
3	RFA 2000 for W.E. 13/4/18.
3 ^A	Report to H.Q. on wastage of Brigades.
4	RFA 2000 for W.E. 20 th
5	" " " 27 th
6	Interimary Operation Order. (to Salt. operation).

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Veterinary Arrangements No. 1 in connection with Operation A -
Preliminary Instructions Nos. 2 & 3.

Ref. Map FEJJA (C.3), 1: 40,000.

- (1). Mobile Veterinary Sections, consisting of 1 Officer and 15 Other Ranks, will move with their Brigades on B/B+1 night remaining with Brigades until KEFR HATTA is reached. On arrival at KEFR HATTA Sections will detach from their respective Brigades. Officers Commanding detailing 1 N.C.O. and 4 Men to proceed with Brigade and remain under orders of Brigade Veterinary Officer. A Veterinary Receiving Station will be established by the remainder, hidden in Waddi at K.32.c. This Station will remain until ordered by A.D.V.S. to proceed to a more advanced position. Animals will be passed back to a Veterinary Clearing Station which will be established at SELMEH (sq. J.22.b.).
- (2). The Veterinary Clearing Station at SELMEH will consist of rear parties of Mobile Veterinary Sections and 18 O.R. from Divisional Details. This Station will be in charge of Capt. Worthington who will be responsible for the reception and conduct of veterinary cases to No. 1 Field Veterinary Detachment at LUDD.
- (3). Communications. Divisional Headquarters Report Centre will open at KH. KEFR HATTA at 1830 on B day. When the Division advances from KH. KEFR HATTA a signal post will remain at that point. A dismounted orderly will be maintained by 8th M.V.S. at this signal post through which A.D.V.S. will communicate with Sections at K.32.c.
- (4). Supplies. Two' days supplies will be taken. Forage and rations after B+2 day will be drawn from railhead.
- (5). Transport. 1 Limbered G.S. Wagon for the three Sections will accompany Field Ambulances to MULEBBIS and to KH. KEFR HATTA afterwards and will remain with Receiving Station at K.32.c.
- (6). Reports. Battle casualties to include killed, wounded, destroyed, and missing ("K", "W", "DY", "M") are to be wired to A.D.V.S. each evening, a "NIL" return being rendered if necessary.
- (7). Acknowledge (copies to to 9).

Issued at 1800.

13th April, 1918.

J. Munro Jones Major,
A.D.V.S., Australian Mounted Division.

Copies to:-

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. B.V.O., 3rd Bde. | 10. D.D.V.S., Descorps. |
| 2. " 4th " | 11. A.D.V.S., XXIst Corps. |
| 3. " 5th " | 12. General Staff. |
| 4. O.C., 8th M.V.S. | 13. " " |
| 5. " 9th " | 14. " " |
| 6. " 3/1st " | 15. " " |
| 7. V.O., Divl. Troops. | 16. War Diary. |
| 8. " Divl. Train. | 17. " " |
| 9. " Vet. Clearing Stn. | 18. " " |
| 19. File. | |

The above order cancelled 15/4/18.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.
VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPERATIONS.
Reference Map. SHEET XVIII. 1: 63,360

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1. These will consist of :-
 - (1) Sub-Section accompanying each Brigade.
 - (2) Receiving Station.
 - (3) Casualty Clearing Station.
 - (4) Mobile Vet. Section Details.
2. (1) Sub-Section will consist of 5 Other Ranks to accompany Brigade.
 (2) Receiving Station consisting of 1 Officer and 26 Other Ranks which will be situated at L.S.d.
 (3) Divl. Casualty Clearing Station consisting of 1 Officer and 34 Other Ranks which will be situated at K.S. Central in Gully near Church.

3. PERSONNEL WILL BE SUPPLIED AS FOLLOWS:-

Receiving Stat.	Unit.	N.C.O's	Men.	Transport.	Personnel	Total & Horse
					Personnel	Horse
	6th M.V.S.	1 Cpl.	10			
	8th M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	2			
	9th M.V.S.	1 Cpl.	5	1 L.G.S. Wgn.		
	5th Bde M.V.S.	1 Cpl.	5		27	31
Divl. Clear. Station.	8th M.V.S.	1 Cpl.	21	2 L.G.S. Wgns.		
	9th M.V.S.	1 Cpl.	5			
	5th Bde M.V.S.	1 Cpl.	5			
* M.V.S. Details	6th M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	10	2 L.G.S. Wgns.		
	8th M.V.S.	1 Cpl.	21			
	9th M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	10	1 " "		
	5th Bde M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	10	2 " "	84	115
Sub-sect. with Brigades.	6th M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	5			
	8th M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	5			
	9th M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	5			
	5th Bde M.V.S.	1 Sgt.	5		24	24

* Mobile Vet. Section Details will be situated with Divl. Clearing Station at K.S. Central in Gully near Church.

4. TRANSPORT.

No wheels to accompany Brigades.

1 L.G.S. Wagon for Receiving Station to be supplied by 9th Mobile Vet. Section.

2 L.G.S. Wagons for C.C.S. will be supplied by 8th M.V.S.

5. SUPPLIES.

Supplies for Receiving Station will be drawn from Supply Dump at GHORANIYEH (L.II. d.).

Supplies for Clearing Station to be drawn from Dump at JERICHO.

Two days rations for man and horse (in addition to the iron ration for the man) will be carried by sub-sections accompanying Brigades.

6. PROCEDURE.

For evacuating from Front Line as follows :-

Animals will be passed by A.V.C. to receiving station, from here those likely to recover quickly will be passed to Mobile Vet. Sections of respective units. More serious cases will be passed to Clearing Station direct pending evacuation to L. of C. JERUSALEM.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

Return of casualties will be forwarded by any means other than wire to A.D.V.S. at SHUNET NIMRIN (Camel Dump) to include Killed, wounded, missing and destroyed.

A Mounted Orderly will be detailed by 8th M.V.S. to report to A.D.V.S. and will be posted at Signal Station at SHUNET NIMRIN.

W. Murray Jones
Major., A.D.V.S.
Australian Mounted Division.

29/4/18.



FIELD SERVICE.

Corps, etc. Australian Mtd. Division

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending April 6th 1918

Station In the Field Date 7/4/18

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con- valescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	11	20	31	5	20			1		5	31	
2. Respiratory "	3	2	5	3						2	5	
3. Circulatory "		1	1		1						1	
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "	1	1	2		1					1	2	
6. Digestive "	5	41	46	37	2		3			4	46	
7. Lymphatic "												
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	59	3	62	23	2					37	62	
10. Locomotory "	15	14	29	1	20					8	29	
11. Specific "	5	1	6		4					2	6	
12. Visual "	6	2	8	3						5	8	
13. Injuries	137	52	189	80	37			4		68	189	
TOTAL	242	137	379	152	89		3	5		132	379	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals:—

263 Donkeys

Remaining

	No. by	Total
Horses	7	5
Mules	2	-
Donkeys	-	-
Total	3	5

Horses 7239
Mules 1239
Total 8741

Horses 120
Mules 12
Donkeys -
Total 132

I Murray Jones Major A.D.V.S.

Veterinary Officer.

PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL *Division*

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective		Non-Effective		ATTACHED	Effective		Non-Effective
	<i>Warrant</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Serjeants</i>				
Warrant Officers								
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants	4	4	2	-				
Corporals	6	-	-	-				
Privates	63	-	-	-				
Farrier Q.M.S., S. Sjts. & Sjts.								
Corporal Shoeing Smiths								
Shoeing Smiths	3	-	-	-				
Saddler Corporals								
<i>A.V.C. Drivers</i>	2	-	-	-				
Saddlers								
<i>A.S.C.</i>							10	
TOTAL	78	4	2	-			10	

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS

Rank	Name	Charge	Rank	Name	Charge
Major	Murray Jones F	A.O.V.S.	Capt.	Allen H. J.	vo. Dir. Troops
Capt.	Spence R. W.	oc. (troop) 9th	"	Langford R. J.	vo. 5th Div. Dpt. Co.
"	Kelly R. B.	oc. (troop) 8th	"	Michelson E. J.	oc. 3/11 m.v.s.
"	Mountain S. A.	vo. 3rd M.H. Bn.			
"	Shorpe G. H.	vo. (troop) 4th			
"	Wardle R. W.	vo. Dir. Train			
"	Worthington H.	temp. att. R. H. assassin			

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

(Remarks as to Action taken.)



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Corps, etc. AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

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RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending APRIL 15TH 1918.

Station SELMAH Date 14-4-18

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con- valescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	5	13	18	1	9					8	18	
2. Respiratory "	2	7	9		2					7	9	
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "	1		1	1							1	
6. Digestive "	4	40	44	38	1		2			3	44	
7. Lymphatic "												
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	37	24	61	25	10					26	61	
10. Locomotory "	8	28	36	5	10					21	36	
11. Specific "	2	4	6							6	6	
12. Visual "	5	-	5							5	5	
13. Injuries	68	84	152	49	9			2		92	152	
TOTAL	132	200	332	119	41		2	2		168	332	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals:— 263 DONKEYS

DEATHS

	D.	Dr.	TOTAL
HORSES	2	2	4
MULES	-	-	-
DONKEYS	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	4

Horses 7181
Mules 1235
Total 8679

REMAINING
HORSES 149
MULES 18
DONKEYS 1
TOTAL 168

J. Murray Jones MAJOR R.O.D.
Veterinary Officer.

Division
PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

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(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective		Non-Effective		ATTACHED	Effective		Non-Effective
	<i>W 967</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>W 967</i>	<i>Units</i>				
Warrant Officers								
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>				
Corporals	<i>6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>				
Privates	<i>63</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>				
Farrier Q.M.S., S. Sits. & Sjts.								
Corporal Shoeing Smiths								
Shoeing Smiths	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>				
Saddler Corporals								
<i>A.A.V.C. Drivers</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>				
Saddlers								
<i>A.S.S. "</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>		<i>10</i>		
TOTAL	<i>78</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>		<i>10</i>		

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS ~~OR~~ HOSPITALS.

Rank	Name	Charge	Rank	Name	Charge
<i>(MAJOR</i>	<i>MURRAY-JONES</i>	<i>A.O.V.S.</i>	<i>CAPT.</i>	<i>BULLOCK H.T.</i>	<i>V. Div Troops</i>
<i>CAPT.</i>	<i>MURPHY</i>	<i>SA V.O. 3rd A.A.V.C.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>SARGENT R.T.</i>	<i>V.O. 5th M.V.S.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>THORPE</i>	<i>G.K. V.O. 9th " (same)</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>NICHOLSON E.T.</i>	<i>OC 3rd M.V.S.</i>
<i>A.A.V.C.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>WESTMINSTER H.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>(in C/OCTM)</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Kelly</i>	<i>R.O. M.V.S.</i>			
<i>"</i>	<i>Stence</i>	<i>R.O. 9th</i>			
<i>"</i>	<i>WARRID</i>	<i>R.O. V.O. Div Troops</i>			

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.
 (Remarks as to Action taken.)



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FIELD SERVICE.

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Australian Mounted Division

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending April 20th 1918

Station

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Date

24/4/18

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con-valescent * Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	8	10	18	2	9					7	18	
2. Respiratory "	7	2	9	6						3	9	
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "		1	1	1							1	
6. Digestive "	3	37	40	35	1		4				40	
7. Lymphatic "												
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	26	-	26	16	4					6	26	
10. Locomotory "	21	23	44	18	18					8	44	
11. Specific "	6	-	6	3						3	6	
12. Visual "	5	5	10	5	1					4	10	
13. Injuries	92	96	188	77	20			3		88	188	
TOTAL	168	174	342	163	53		4	3		119	342	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals:—

262 Donkeys

Remaining

Deaths

	H.	D.	Total
Horses	2	3	5
Mules	-	-	-
Donkeys	2	-	2
Total	4	3	7

Horses

7098

Mules

1231

Total

8329

Horses

99

Mules

20

Donkeys

-

Total

119

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Veterinary Officer.

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PERSONNEL OF ^{Division} HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective		Non-Effective		ATTACHED	Effective		Non-Effective
	Post	Unit	Post	Unit				
Warrant Officers								
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants	6	4	-	-				
Corporals	6	-	-	-				
Privates	61	-	1	-				
Farrier Q.M.S., S. Sjts. & Sjts.								
Corporal Shoeing-Smiths								
Shoeing Smiths	3	-	-	-				
Saddler Corporals								
A.A.V.C. DRIVERS	2	-	-	-				
Saddlers								
A.S.C. "	-	-	-	-			10	
TOTAL	78	4	1	-			10	

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS.

Rank	Name	Charge	Rank	Name	Charge
Major	Murray Jones	R.D.T.F.	Capt	Allen H.J.	V.D. Div Troops
Capt	Wardle R.D.	V.D. Div Troop	"	Largans R.J.	OO 5 th Bde
"	Spence R.D.	O.B. 9 th M.V.S. (Camp)	"	Nicholson E.J.	OO 3/1 M.V.S.
"	Kelly R.D.	O.B. 1 st " (Camp)			
"	Thorne G.D.	V.D. 14 th Bde (Camp)			
"	Worthington H.D.	V.D. 3 rd " (Camp)			
"	Keown J.D.	Temp. 14 th M.V.S. 110.16 V.H. Kaituma.			

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

(Remarks as to Action taken.)



FIELD SERVICE.

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Corps, etc. Australian Mounted Division

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending 27-4-18

Station Jericho Date _____

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Con- valescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS (Nature of Cases to be stated)
1. General Diseases	7	12	19	1	4					14	19	
2. Respiratory "	3	6	9	3	3					3	9	
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "		1	1	1							1	
6. Digestive "		50	50	45			5				50	
7. Lymphatic "		1	1							1	1	
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	6	-	6	4	1					1	6	
10. Locomotory "	8	26	34	7	7			1		19	34	
11. Specific "	3	1	4	2						2	4	
12. Visual "	4	1	5	3						2	5	
13. Injuries	88	87	175	55	14					106	175	
TOTAL	119	185	304	121	29		5	1		148	304	

* Number transferred cured to Remount Depots to be also noted in column of Remarks.

Present Strength of Animals :— 256 Donkeys. Remaining

Horses 7063
Mules 1229
Total 8548.

Horses 133
Mules 15
TOTAL 148

Deaths
Horses 3 - 3
Mules 2 - 2
Donkeys 1 - 1
5 - 6

J. Murray Jones Major R.V.S.
Veterinary Officer.

PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective	Non-Effective	ATTACHED	Effective	Non-Effective
Warrant Officers					
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants					
Corporals					
Privates					
Farrier Q.M.S., S. Sjts. & Sjts.					
Corporal Shoeing Smiths					
Shoeing Smiths					
Saddler Corporals					
Saddlers					
TOTAL					

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS.

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

(Remarks as to Action taken.)