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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Report:- SYRIA MAP (Jerusalem Street) Scale 250,000	1.10.17 10		The customary routine Hospital work proceeded daily in respect to sick, injured animals of 2 nd L.A. Bde and Divisional Units Nothing else to report	(Chk)
BIR-EL-MELALHA	16.10.17 17.10.17		Orders received from A.D.V.S. that all animals under treatment - not immediately fit for return to units were to be evacuated to No. 1 Veterinary Cleaning Station, FARRA, owing to proximity of operations in which M.V.S. would be totally mobile. Orders received from A.D.V.S. in respect to forthcoming operations	(Chk)
	18.10.17 19.10.17 20.10.17		The work of these two days comprised the carrying into effect the instructions received from A.D.V.S. on 17.10.17. Orders received from 2 nd L.A. Bde to join the brigade at ABASAN EL KEBIR as soon as possible	(Chk) (Chk)
ABASAN EL KEBIR	22.10.17	0900 1500	Left camp at MELALHA to join brigade. Reached ABASAN and found brigade had proceeded the previous afternoon to ESANI. Bivouacked here for overnight	(Chk)
ESANI	23.10.17	0700 1800	Left bivouac at ABASAN en route for TEH ESANI via Tel el FARA. Joined brigade and moved in to allotted bivouac area. Destroyed one home en route	(Chk)
	24.10.17		Handed over to Brigade eleven fit horses brought out from MELALHA. 7 unfit animals received from brigade prior to its moving on to ASLUT.	(Chk)
	31.10.17		3 injured animals received from Advanced Ammunition Veterinary Cleaning Station - collected from brigade at ASLUT. This month saw the bringing to an end of an unbroken period of 5 months during which time the M.V.S. was stationed at MELALHA doing Hospital work - retaining every horse received which could subsequently be returned fit to the units in the field. This system of work has proved very beneficial to the brigade. During this period 384 animals received attention by this unit. The results are summarized. The list of evacuations was considerably swelled to finish up - owing to our having to pass on animals not fit at the time when the unit had to become mobile again. Had time permitted the great majority of these would have subsequently been returned fit. The evacuations for October totalled 31.	(Chk) vide Appendix II.

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APPENDIX I

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In the field

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For the conveyance of sick wounded animals the following procedure will be adopted by Veterinary Officers.

The Mobile Veterinary Section will accompany them, respective Brigades as far as ESANI, when they will remain, unless otherwise instructed.

The O.C. of each section will detail one N.C.O. and four men to report to CAPT CROSSLEY, M.Z.V.C., who is attached to the M.Z. Mobile Section and who will proceed to KHALASA to establish an advanced Clearing Station.

Storage stations will be drawn from ANZAC Dump at ESANI.

Sick wounded animals will be handed over to the Section near the Brigade. The Clearing Station which will return them to the Section at ESANI. These Section will send evacuation cases to S. of C. party at RAILHEAD, GANGLI to convey them by road to RAFA. Should no railway arrangements be made.

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A.D.V.S.

Chief of New Zealand Mules Division



APPENDIX II

Summary of Hospital work carried out by T.M.V.S. for period June - October 1917 Melbourn

A. MELALHA

Month	Remaining under treatment from previous month	Admitted for treatment	Total under treatment	Cured	Died	Destroyed	Evacuated to base	Remaining under treatment at end of month	Total
June	44	59	103	29	-	3	1	70	103
July	70	87	157	69	-	3	3	82	157
August	82	48	130	43	-	1	10	76	130
September	76	105	181	69	1	2	12	97	181
October	97	41	138	85	-	4	31	18	138

Summary for period.

Total Animals treated.	Cured.	Died.	Destroyed	Evacuated to base	Remaining under treat. at end of period.
384	295	1	13	57	18

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