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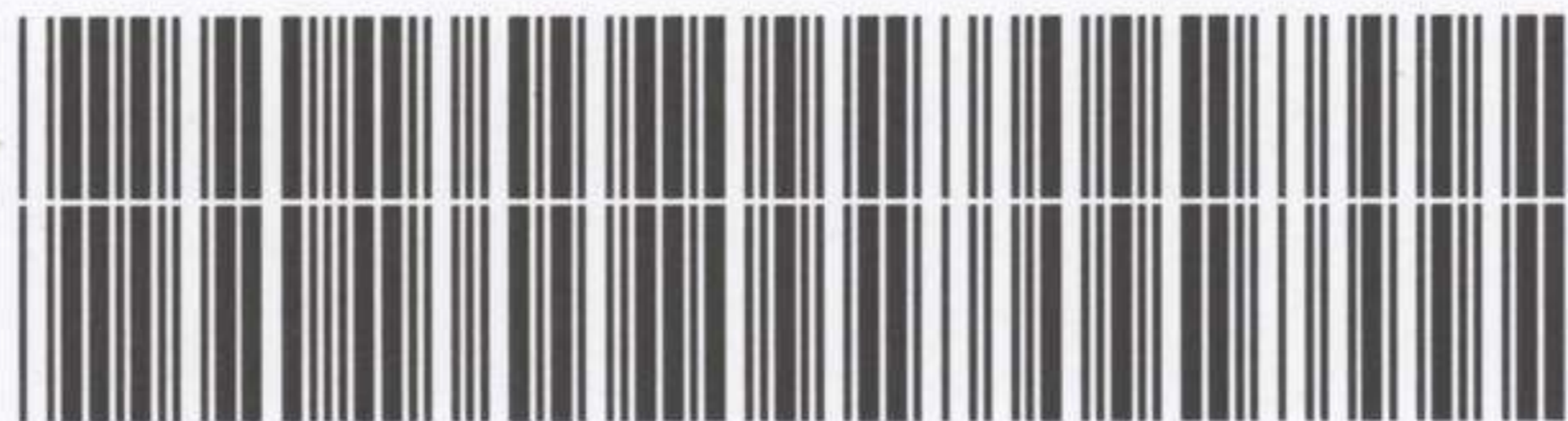
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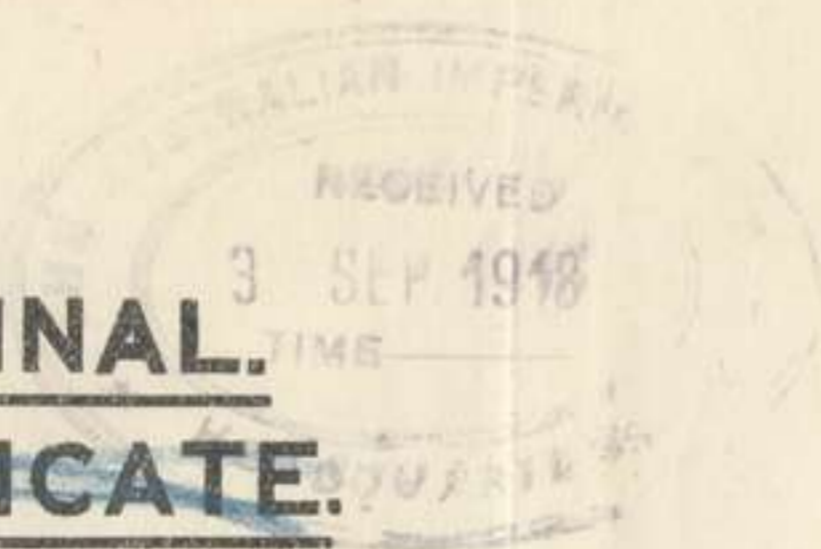


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**WAR DIARY**

OF

8. Aust. Mobile Vely Section

FOR

August 1918.



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# WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	August			
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	3		Evacuated 9 animals	
	4		Evacuated 8 animals, all debility cases. Returned 2 animals to 3 <sup>rd</sup> M. L. Admitted Bay geld suffering from chronic colic.	
	5		Bay geld admitted 5/8/15 died this day, cause of death enteritis. Carcase skinned + buried in accordance with regulations.	
	6		Continuous hot weather. Generally very dusty in this area from 1400 to 1800. General health of personnel fairly good.	
	7		Feed for debilitated and fever cases still very scarce.	
	8		Prepared Veterinary Services Report for week ending to day. Animals remaining under treatment - 6 of General Diseases, 3 of Respiratory, 12 of Digestive, 12 of Skin Disease, 3 of Locomotory, 3 of Specific, 6 of Injuries.	app II
	9		Admitted 13 mule + Bay geld from 9 <sup>th</sup> M. L. (Sub acute enteritis and Colic) Taken over on 9 <sup>th</sup> M. L. moving out to another area.	
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	11		Br Jack mule admitted with obstruction in oesophagus. No anaesthetic available for operation.	
	12		Evacuated 6 animals + destroyed. Mule admitted with injured hock.	
	13		Admitted 13 mule suffering with Colic, probably brought on by eating manure on lines.	
	14		Slight cool breeze all day, sky overcast. Admitted 13 mule suffering with Colic, probably brought on by eating manure on lines.	
	15		Evacuated 12 animals. Bay geld died of enteritis. Cases now being admitted mostly debility.	
	16		Feed still unsuitable and insufficient for debility cases. All animals kept muzzled to prevent eating of sand + manure.	app III
	17		Rendered Veterinary Services Report for week ending to day. Animals under treatment - 6 of General Diseases, 20 of Digestive, 3 of Lymphatic, 6 of Skin, 3 of Locomotory, 6 of Specific, 50 of Injuries, Deaths - 2 mules destroyed + 2 horses died. Evacuations 80 of Class 1, 4 of Class 6, 4 of Class 8, 4 of Class 9, 4 of Class 10, 4 of Class 13. Perceptible fall in temperature during the past week.	
	18		Admitted 5 animals and evacuated 6.	
	19		Received 3 reinforcements from A.A. W.C. Details.	
	20		Admitted 3 animals, evacuated 9, Returned to Reg. 1. Preparations for move to another area. Received notice of death of Cpl Roberts.	app IV
	21		Admitted 1 animal from 13 <sup>th</sup> H. Q. Completed preparations for movement. Dust storm throughout afternoon.	
Sheet 18 F 18 d	22	1930	Moved to Tabant ed Damm - strength of Unit - Personnel 24 with 3 ORs attached from 13 <sup>th</sup> H. Q.; Horses 24 dist, 20 sick.	
Sheet 14 S 30 a	23	1915	Moved to Enal. Prepared Veterinary Services Report for week. Animals under treatment - 10 of General Diseases, 5 of Digestive, 10 of Skin, 5 of Injuries. Moved to Lalton.	
Sheet 14 M 30 a	24		Moved to Hind Area. Camped on level ground in wooded enclosure in vicinity of W 23 Field Veterinary Hospital.	
Sheet 13 T 21 c	25		Laid down sick horse lines and completed encampment. Animals seem to be troubled by presence of certain flies.	
	26		Evacuated 4 animals. Bran on issue in lieu of Tubs for sick horses.	
	27		Evacuated 3 horses and returned one to duty. Admitted five. Two of them low in condition. Fatigued with the journey.	
	28		Major Worthington returned to Unit from Aus to Head Qs and took over command from Major Mounsey.	app V
	29		1 OR returned from leave. Two horses returned to duty and six admitted. Then evacuated debilitated cases.	
	30		Increase of 2 lbs of grain per horse in daily ration.	
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# WAR DIARY

OF

8<sup>th</sup> Aust. Machine Gty. Section

FOR

August 1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.	Date
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War Diary  
FIELD SERVICE.

ARMY FORM A2000.

Corps, etc. 8 Aust. M. G.

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending Friday

Station Jarricho

Date 2-9-18

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transfrd. to Convalescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS. (Nature of Cases to be stated.)
1. General Diseases		2 mules 17 horses	19		3 mules 10 horses					2	16	Admitted 22 Wounded 2 Died 1 Destroyed 1 Evacuated 18 Cured 13 Remaind 25
2. Respiratory "		1	1									
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												Animals Evacuated
5. Generative "												8 mules 9 horses
6. Digestive "	3	1	4	1	1					2	4	1 mule Other mules 2 Other horses 4 Total 19
7. Lymphatic "												Animals Remaining
8. Nervous "												4 2 mules Total 25
9. Skin "	6		6	3						3	6	Animals Cured
10. Locomotory "		1 mule 1 horse	5	2	1 mule 2 horses						5	8 mules 10 horses Other mules 2
11. Specific "	2	1	3	1	1					1	3	25
12. Visual "												Animals Cured 1 mule Total 1
13. Injuries	1 mule 19 horses		20	6	1 mule 4 horses					16	28	Total 1
TOTAL	35	27	62	13	23		1			25	62	

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

Present Strength of Animals:—

Horses	25
Mules	23
Donkeys	1
Total	49

*W. W. W. W.*  
Veterinary Officer.



PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective	Non-effective	ATTACHED	Effective
Warrant Officers <i>1</i> .....				
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants .....				
Corporals .... ..	<i>3</i>			
Privates .... ..	<i>16</i>	<i>M.I.H.A. 1</i> <i>M.B.W.R. 1</i>	<i>Tom 3</i> <i>Smith 1</i>	<i>1</i>
Farrier Q.M.S., S.Sjts. and Sjts. ....				
Corporal Shoeing Smiths <i>Police</i> .....		<i>M.I.H.A. 2</i>		
Shoeing Smiths .... ..	<i>1</i>			
Saddler Corporals <i>Police</i> .....	<i>4</i>			
Corporals .... ..				
TOTAL .... ..	<i>25</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>3</i>

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITAL

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. (Remarks as to action taken):—

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War Diary  
**FIELD SERVICE.**

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ARMY FORM A2000.

Corps, etc..... 8 Aust Div

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending..... Friday

Station..... Date..... 9-8-18

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transfd. to Convalescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS. (Nature of Cases to be stated.)
1. General Diseases	2	27th 24	24		2					2	24	At this time 28 horses were sick. 24 cured, 2 transferred, 1 destroyed, 1 remaining under treatment.
2. Respiratory "	1		1							1	1	1 horse transferred to depot.
3. Circulatory "												2 horses transferred to depot.
4. Urinary "												8 A.U.H. 1, 10 A.U.H. 3, 3 M.G.H. 4, 10 B.A.C. 12, 2.
5. Generative "												Total 21, 2.
6. Digestive "	2	3	5				1			4	5	Animals Cured
7. Lymphatic "												3 HGS 2
8. Nervous "												Total 2
9. Skin "	3	1	4							4	4	Animals Died
10. Locomotory "												8 A.U.H. 1
11. Specific "												
12. Visual "												
13. Injuries	16	1 M.H.	20	2		1				17	20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	25	31	56	2	23		1			30	56	

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

Present Strength of Animals:—

Horses	23 Sick
Horses	23 Unit
Mules	1 Sick
Mules	1 Unit
Total	56

H. Worthington  
Veterinary Officer.



PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective	Non-effective	ATTACHED	Effective
Warrant Officers .....				
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants .....	1			
Corporals .....	2			
Privates .....	14	1 at 240	1 at 240	1
FARRIER Q.M.S., S.Sjts. and Sjts. ....				1
Corporal Shoeing Smiths <i>Bate</i> .....		2 at 240		
Shoeing Smiths .....				
Saddler Corporals .....				
Corporals .....				
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>3</b>

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS.

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. (Remarks as to action taken):—

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**FIELD SERVICE.** *Apr III* ARMY FORM A2000.

Corps, etc. *8<sup>th</sup> Aust Mobile Vet Coy.*

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending *Friday*

Station *Jairicho* Date *16-8-18*

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Convalescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS. (Nature of Cases to be stated.)		
												Horses	Mules	Donkeys
1. General Diseases	2	6 mules 11 horses	19	1	5 mules 12 horses					2	19	Admitted 24 Wounded - Killed - Died 2 Destroyed 2 Evacuated 16 Cured 4 Remain - Remaining 31		
2. Respiratory "	1	1	1	1							1	Animal Evacuated		
3. Circulatory "												g. L/H 3 B 2 BAC 6 5 Riv Troops 5 Other Units Total 16 5		
4. Urinary "												Animals Cured		
5. Generative "												8 A/H 3 9 " 1 3 " 6d 1 3 F/A 2 Dun Troops 1 Other Units Total 7 1		
6. Digestive "	14	4	11	1	1		2			4	11	Animals Destroyed		
7. Lymphatic "		1	1							1	1	Animals Cured		
8. Nervous "		1	1		1						1	Animals Cured		
9. Skin "	4	1	5	1	1					3	5	Animals Cured		
10. Locomotory "	1	1	2		1					1	2	Animals Destroyed		
11. Specific "	1	1	2							2	2	Animals Cured		
12. Visual "												Animals Cured		
13. Injuries	1 mule 16 horses	1 mule 11 horses	22	4	1			2 mules		15	22			
<b>TOTAL</b>	30	34	64	8	21		2	2		31	64			

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

Present Strength of Animals :-  
 { Horses *30*  
 { Horses Unit *23*  
 { Mules  
 { Donkeys *1*  
 { Total

*J. Worthington Wynn*  
 Veterinary Officer.

PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective	Non-effective (Detached)	ATTACHED	Effective
Vety. Warrant Officers		1		
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants	1			
Corporals	3	At B 2 Q 1	from 8 A 2/H	1
Privates	13	At 7 4 2 1 on leave 1	10	1
Farrier Q.M.S., S.Sjts. and Sjts.				
Corporal Shoeing Smiths <i>Driver</i>	4			
Shoeing Smiths		on leave 1		
Saddler Corporals <i>B.F. man</i>		at 9 4 2 2		
Corporals				
TOTAL	21	4		3

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS

Rank	Name	Charge	Rank	Name

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. (Remarks as to action taken):—

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**FIELD SERVICE.**

ARMY FORM A2000.

Corps, etc. 2nd Cont. Indian Coy. 1st Division

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending Friday

Station. F. Coy. Date. 23-8-18

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Convalescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS. (Nature of Cases to be stated.)
1. General Diseases	2	2	4	1	3					2	4	Admitted 18 Wounded 2 Died 1 Evacuated 18 Transf. 2 Cured 12 Remaining 19
2. Respiratory "												
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												
5. Generative "												Animals Evacuated S. A. 2/18 3 9 2 10 3 3. 2/18 4 F. Troop 1 Ill. Troop 1 Other units 2 Total 18 2
6. Digestive "	1	1	2	1	1					1	2	
7. Lymphatic "												
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	3		3		1					2	3	Animals Cured 8. A. 2/18 3 9 2 10 4 3 F. Troop 2 8. W. Troop 1 Total 12
10. Locomotory "	1	2	3		3						3	
11. Specific "	2		2	1	1						2	
12. Visual "												
13. Injuries	15	8	23	5	18					14	23	
<b>TOTAL</b>	31	20	51	12	20					19	51	

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

Present Strength of Animals :-

Horses	19
Mules	24
Total	44

*A. W. M. M. M.*  
Veterinary Officer.

PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective	Non-effective	ATTACHED	Effective
Warrant Officers		1		
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants	1			
Corporals	2			
Privates	16			
Farrier Q.M.S., S.Sjts. and Sjts.				
Corporal Shoeing Smiths	4			
Shoeing Smiths	1			
Saddler Corporals				
Corporals				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>3</b>

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS.

Rank	Name	Charge	Rank	Name

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. (Remarks as to action taken):—

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# FIELD SERVICE.

ARMY FORM A2000. **V**

Corps, etc. *8th Aust Mobile Vet Det*

RETURN of Sick and Injured Animals during the week ending *Friday*

Station *Ludd*

Date *30. 8. 18*

	In last Return	Admitted Since	TOTAL	*Cured	Transferred Sick	Transferred to Convalescent Horse Depot	Died	Destroyed	Cast and Sold	Remaining under Treatment	TOTAL	REMARKS.
												(Nature of Cases to be stated.)
1. General Diseases	<i>2</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>9</i>					<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Admitted 29. 2</i> <i>Medic 1</i> <i>Died 1</i> <i>Spayed 1</i> <i>Exam'd 22. 2</i> <i>Cured 3</i> <i>Transf. 1</i> <i>Missing 1</i> <i>Remaining 23</i>
2. Respiratory "												
3. Circulatory "												
4. Urinary "												<i>Animals Examined</i> <i>8th LH 10</i> <i>9th LH 4</i> <i>10th LH 2</i> <i>3 MGS 3</i> <i>3 LH 2</i> <i>Div Top 1 2</i> <i>Total 22 2</i>
5. Generative "												
6. Digestive "	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>					<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	
7. Lymphatic "												<i>Animals Remaining</i> <i>8th LH 6</i> <i>9th LH 3</i> <i>10th LH 4</i> <i>3 MGS 3</i> <i>3 BH 2</i> <i>Div Top 5</i> <i>Total 23</i>
8. Nervous "												
9. Skin "	<i>2</i>		<i>2</i>							<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	
10. Locomotory "	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>								<i>1</i>	<i>Animals Cured</i> <i>8th LH 1</i> <i>3 BH 1</i> <i>Div Top 1</i>
11. Specific "		<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>						<i>1</i>	
12. Visual "		<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>							<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
13. Injuries	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>					<i>17</i>	<i>29</i>	
TOTAL	<i>19</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>24</i>					<i>23</i>	<i>50</i>	

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

Present Strength of Animals:—

Horses	<i>ack 73</i>
Mules	<i>ack 75</i>
Total	<i>49</i>

*W. W. W. W. W.*  
Veterinary Officer.



PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL.

(To be completed by Officers Commanding Hospitals only.)

STAFF	Effective	Non-effective (Relieved)	ATTACHED	Effective	N
Warrant Officers <i>1</i> .....	1				
Staff Serjeants and Serjeants .....	1				
Corporals .... ..	3			1	
Privates .... ..	16	<i>ATDHS 1</i> <i>on duty 1</i>	<i>Trans 512 L 14</i> <i>92 on duty</i> <i>Whistlers</i>	1	
FARRIER Q.M.S., S.Sjts. and Sjts.					
Corporal Shoeing Smiths <i>5</i> .....	4				
Shoeing Smiths .... ..	1				
Saddler Corporals <i>1</i> .....	1	<i>ATDHS 1</i>			
Corporals .... ..					
TOTAL .... ..	27	3		4	

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF FORMATIONS OR HOSPITALS.

Rank	Name	Charge	Rank	Name

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. (Remarks as to action taken) :—

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WAR DIARY

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	2		Prepared Veterinary Services Report for week ending to day. Animals remaining under treatment 8 of General Diseases, 4 of Respiratory, 8 of Digestive, 12 of Skin, 4 of Specific, 6 of Injuries; Dead and Destroyed nil. Evacuated 56 of Class 1, 4 of Class 6, 12 of Class 10, 4 of Class 11, 20 of Class 13.	app I.
	3		Evacuated 19 animals.	
	4		Inspected 8 animals, all debility cases. Retrieved 2 animals to 3 M G S. Admitted Bay gelding suffering from chronic colic.	
	5		Bay gelding admitted 5/8/15 died of colic. Carcass skinned and buried in accordance with regulations.	
	6		Continued that weather generally very quiet from 11.00 to 12.00. General health of personnel fairly good.	
	7		Feed distributed and level cases still being treated.	
	8		Prepared Veterinary Services Report for week ending to day. Animals remaining under treatment - 6 of General Diseases, 3 of Respiratory, 12 of Digestive, 12 of Skin, 3 of Injuries, 2 of Specific, 60 of Injuries.	app II.
	9		Admitted 12 animals + Bay gelding from M.V.D. (Dysentery, Enteritis + Colic) taken over on 9/8/15 moving out to another area.	
	10		Brown Jack Horse admitted with obstruction in oesophagus. No anesthetic available for operation here.	
	11		Evacuated 6 animals + destroyed mule with injured neck.	
	12		Light cool breeze with sky overcast. Admitted 3 animals suffering from colic, probably brought on by eating manure on the lines.	
	13		Evacuated 12 animals. 1 Bay gelding died of enteritis. Mostly debility cases have been admitted.	
	14		Feed supplied still unsatisfactory and insufficient for debility cases. All animals kept supplied to prevent eating of sand & manure.	
	15		Rendered Veterinary Services Report for week ending to day. Animals under treatment - 6 of General Diseases, 20 of Digestive, 3 of Respiratory, 6 of Skin, 3 of Injuries, 4 of Class 10, 4 of Class 13. Perceptible fall in temperature during the past week.	app III.
	16		Admitted 5 animals + evacuated 6.	
	17		Received 2 reinforcements from A.A. & C. Details.	
	18		Admitted 3 animals evacuated 9. Returned to Reg. 1. Preparations for movement to another area. Received notice of death of Cpl Roberts.	
Sheet 18 F 18 d	19		Admitted 1 animal from 13 M G S. Completed preparations for movement. Dusk down throughout afternoon.	
	20	1930	Moved to Subalt. ed. Bunker. Strength of Unit - Personnel 24 with 3 (3 attached from 13 M G S). Horses 24 Unit, 20 sick.	
Sheet 14 S 30 A	21	1915	Moved to tent. Prepared Veterinary Services Report for week. Animals under treatment - 10 of General Diseases, 5 of Digestive.	app IV.
Sheet 14 M 30 A	22	1915	10 of Skin, 4 of Injuries. Moved to station.	
Sheet 13 T 21 C	23	1915	Moved to hudd area. Camped on level ground in wooded enclosure in vicinity No 23 Field Veterinary Hospital.	
	24		Laid down sick horse lines and completed encampment. Animals seem to be troubled by presence of certain flies.	
	25		Evacuated 24 animals. Began on issue in lieu of Litters for sick horses.	
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