

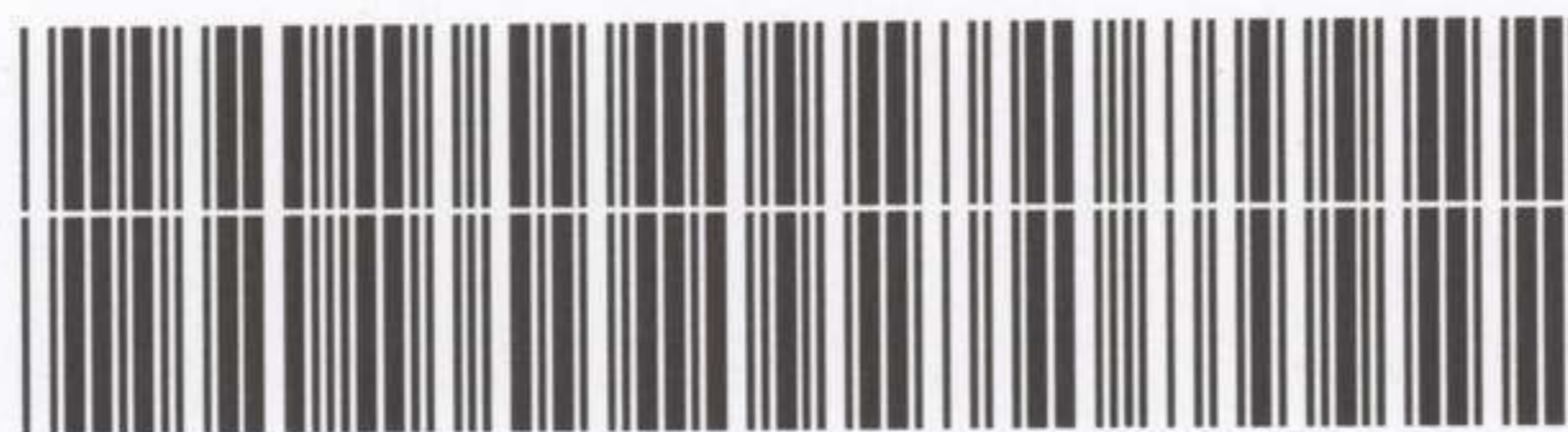
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WAR DIARY

OF

A. D. V. S. Aust. Corps.

FOR

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EV	1/11		Inspected Corps Signals and 2 nd Tunnelling Coy. Some of Corps Signal horses not in satisfactory condition, also I made a number of suggestions to improve shoeing. Animals of Tunnelling Coy and 1 st AT Coy. A.E. very good. I visited 1 st and 3 rd M.V.S. working satisfactorily, but owing to having mounted men and being nearer to Abbeville animals are going direct and not through V.E.S.	
"	4/11		Left EV for LE CATEAU. A	
LE CATEAU	13/11		Arrived LE CATEAU. A	
	14/11		Inspected 4 th Div Artillery. One Battery in each Bde was not very satisfactory, others fair, PAB satisfactory evacuated a few horses, orders were to evacuate any animals not fit for march to Rhine.	
	15/11		Instructed 3 rd Div to send one SO to 2 nd Div as this Div is two officers short. A	

WAR DIARY

APPENDIX

OF

A. D. V. S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

FOR

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1918

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Australian Corps.

Headquarters
13th November 1918

D.D.V.S.
Fourth Army.

Veterinary Report for week ending 7th November 1918.

Debility.

Evacuations 51

Digestive.

Colic Admitted 16, Cured 15, Remaining 1.
Enteritis Admitted 2, Died 2.
Sand Colic Admitted 5 Evacuated 2, Died 3.
Indigestion Admitted 1 Cured.
Venal Hernia Admitted 1 Remaining.

Mange.

Admitted 1, 2nd Aust. Division Remaining.

Specific.

Ophthalmia Admitted 32, Evacuated 4.
Ulc. Cellulitis Admitted 6, Evacuated 6.
Tetanus Admitted 2, Destroyed 2.

Wounds.

G.W.S. Admitted 3 Evacuated 7.
Bomb Wounds Evacuated 1.
P.U.N. Admitted 23 Evacuated 6.
Gassed Nil.

Condition of animals that have been in rest area is being well maintained but some that have been in forward areas and continually moving still have to be evacuated, this is being done as soon as possible.

There are still 4 Veterinary Officers short in the Divisions.

<u>Wastage.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>	<u>Mules.</u>	
Died	5	2	
Destroyed	2	-	
Missing	2	-	
Transferred	117	21	
Total	126	23	Total 149
Strength	12,826	4,847	Total 17,673.

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D.D.V.S.
4th Army.

Veterinary Report for week ending 14th November 1918.

Debility. Evacuated 57.

Respiratory. Congestion of Lung, Admitted 1 Died.

Digestive. Concretion Intestine, Admitted 1 Died.
Colic Admitted 10, Cured 9, Died 1, Remaining 1.
Enteritis " 1 Died.
Windsucker " 1 Remaining.

Mange. 1 Case suspected Mange 3rd A.F.A.Bde Evacuated.
1 Case Mange 2nd Aust. Division Remaining.

Specific. Ophthalmia Admitted 24, Evacuated 6.
Ulc.Cellulitis " 13, " 6
Tetanus " 1 Remaining.

Wounds. P.U.N. Admitted 46, Evacuated 4.

Animals are generally improving in condition, but in view of the projected move to Germany all that are at all thin are being evacuated, I have inspected the artillery animals of the 4th and 5th Divisions during the week and find them not very satisfactory as the artillery of these 2 Divisions were in the line almost to the last fighting, however all debility cases have been evacuated and the remainder are improving.

Administration in the Corps is extremely difficult. All Div. Artillery units are separated from D.H.Q. and D.A.D.V.S.'s cannot watch their animals, and we are also so short of Veterinary Officers that they are kept busy attending to odd units in Divisions. Sickness is extremely low and there is nothing worthy of remark. The Motor Ambulance for V.E.S. has now reported and will be very useful in our next area collecting animals from M.V.S's and taking them to V.E.S. for treatment or evacuation.

<u>Wastage.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>	<u>Mules.</u>	
Died	5	1	
Destroyed.	-	1	
Missing	1	2	
Evacuations	89	13	
	<u>95</u>	<u>17</u>	Total 112.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>	<u>Mules.</u>	
	13,975	5,845	Total 19,820.

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D.D.V.S.
Fourth Army.

Veterinary Report for week ending 21st November 1918.

Debility.

Evacuated 141.

Respiratory.

Catarrh, Admitted 1 Remaining.

Digestive.

Colic, Admitted 15, Cured 12, Died 3.
Diarrhoea, Admitted 1 Remaining.
Impaction of Colon, Admitted 1 Destroyed.
Enteritis, Admitted 1 Died.
Volvoctus, Admitted 1 Died.
Constipation, Admitted 6 Remaining.

Mange.

2 Admitted 3rd Aust. Division, 1 Transferred, 1 Remaining.
3 Admitted 6th Army Bde Aust. F.A. 3 Transferred.

Specifics.

Ophthalmia, Admitted 53 Transferred 16.
Ulc. Cellulitis Admitted 2.
Tetanus, Admitted 1 Destroyed.

Wounds.

G.S.W. Admitted 7 Transferred 4. (Recurrence of old wnds)
P.U.N. Admitted 48 Transferred 13.
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It has been very difficult during the week to inspect units and to get weekly reports as so many are on the move, but all those seen are in satisfactory condition.

By temporarily attaching a Veterinary Officer from each of the 1st and 3rd Divisions to 5th and 2nd respectively, each Division is now one Veterinary Officer under establishment which makes working extremely difficult.

Evacuation for debility has been high, but these are chiefly animals in rather low condition evacuated in anticipation of the expected march to the Rhine.

Other sickness is not very noticeable and general health is very satisfactory.

Wastage.

Horses.

Mules.

Died
Destroyed
Missing
Transferred

3
10
5
240
258
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1
-
42
43
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Total 301.

Strength.

16,215
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5,882
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Total 22,097.

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Now the war seems to be virtually over I am asking that a matter concerning my own interests may be given consideration.

I am A Captain in the A.A.V.C. (Permanent) in Australia and a Lieut. Colonel in the A.I.F.

Lieut. Colonel Whitfeld is a Lieutenant in the A.A.V.C. permanent and was some time ago, with several other officers, ~~made~~ made honorary Captain, to be noted for a Brevet Majority on attaining the substantive rank of Captain, if he is promoted Captain before I am promoted Major he will be my senior by a Brevet.

There is at present ~~now~~ provision for Majors in our Corps, though I think I would have had a Majority if there had been no war.

If it is intended that Lieut. Colonel Whitfeld should be put in this position for exceptional services I have no more to say on the matter but I am the senior Lieut. Colonel and am holding a senior appointment in the A.I.F., he has never held more than a Majors appointment and we have both been awarded the D.S.O.

I was appointed a Captain in C.M. Forces in 1910 and in A.A.V.C. Permanent in 1912.

Request that this may be brought to the notice of the G.O.C. A.I.F.

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Australian Corps.

Headquarters
5/12/18.

D.D.V.S.
Fourth Army.

Veterinary Report for week ending 28th November 1918.

- Debility. Evacuated 151
- Respiratory. Catarrh, Admitted 4 Remaining.
Congestio of Lungs, Admitted 1 Evacuated.
Pneumonia, Admitted 1 Died.
- Digestive. Colic, Admitted 5, Cured 4, Died 1.
Enteritis, Admitted 3, Died 3.
- Mange. 1 Case of Suspected Mange 1st Aust.Division, Remaining
1 Case of Mange 4th Aust.Division Remaining.
- Specific. Ophthalmia, Admitted 38 Evacuated 6.
Ulc.Cellulitis, Admitted 4.
Tetanus, Admitted 1 Destroyed.
Anthrax, Admitted 1 Died.
- Wounds. P.U.N. Admitted 29 Evacuated 10.
G.S.W. (old wound) Destroyed 1.

Condition of animals is now satisfactory and wastage for Debility should stop, ifb we had been aware that we would be remaining in this area so long, many of those evacuated could have been retained.

The A.A.V.C. of the Corps is suffering serious inconvenience through shortage of Officers, and 1914 and "B" class personnel being sent away.

One case of Anthrax, confirmed microscopically, occurred in 5th Aust.Division, this was specially reported and every precaution has been made to prevent any possibility of spread of infection.

1st Aust.V.E.S. is now at Avenelles.

<u>Wastage.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>	<u>Mules.</u>	
Died	6	1	
Destroyed	6	-	
Missing	1	-	
Transferred	197	62	
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	210	63	Total 273
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<u>Strength.</u>	17,151	6,487	Total 23,638
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