

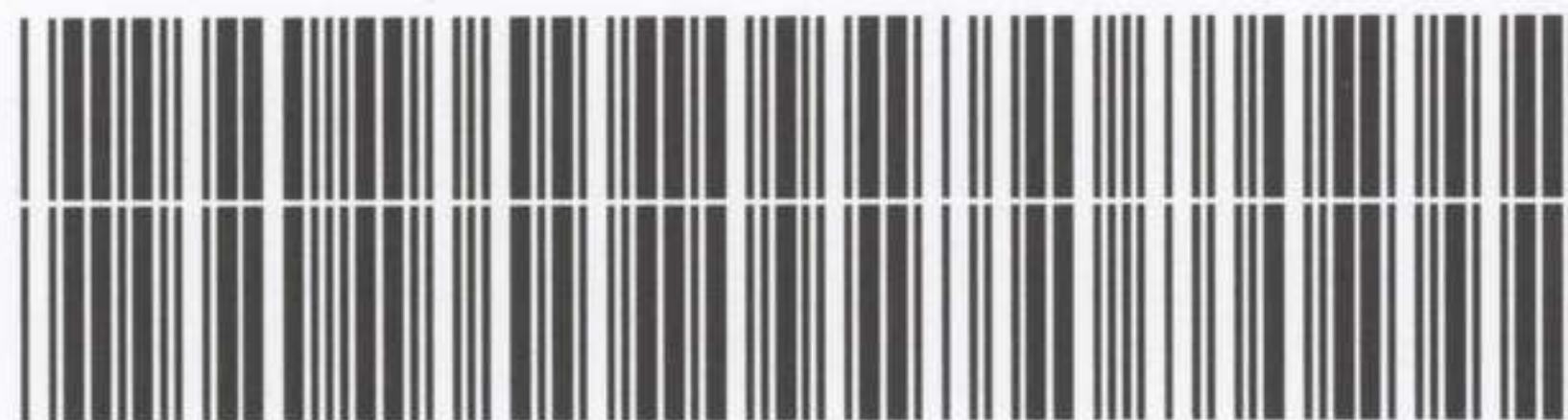
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Date
1919
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Attending Sales of 2 Class Animals, Sales were conducted by V.E.S. or Division. I had a car and visited as many as possible advising re prices etc and culling out animals which should be sold for destruction, no sick, lame, or debilitated animals were allowed to be sold if possible to prevent it. A considerable number of animals were sold to butchers, who offered me less than the price I had been getting 1 Franc per kilo live weight as others in Army area were selling for less. I telephoned D.D.S. 4th Army who confirmed this and against my will I had to reduce price D.D.S. to see me instructed me not to sell to Butcher under 1.25 Fr per kilo, and that he would issue instructions to others

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Ham-Sun Neure	1919 14/3		<p>went to 5th Div, gave Col Henry instructions that all Divisional Sales were to be arranged by him and animals to be sold through G.S. Also saw other Divs.</p>	
	19/3		<p>Two days sale arranged at Hamumont for 20 animals, 2nd Div were to find animals but only 39 were sent and sold before midday on first day there is now a good demand for horses and mules. animals are not being treated but any with mangle or likely to need several weeks treatment are sold to butcher, economizing feed and labour. Divisions are amalgamating and certain veterinary officers will become surplus.</p>	

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	20/3		Saw animals at V.E.S. some which were sent to butchers were too good and I instructed that they be offered for sale by auction at next V.E.S. sale.	
	22/3		Good sale of 113 animals by V.E.S. at Thun average over 1000 Fcs	
	27/3		Saw each of Divisions A 1/4 B 2/5 re disposal of surplus 2000 personnel and equipment, and demobilization of 1 M.S. I inspected some instructions from A.D.F. HQ. Demobilization, but as I had none I advised Divisions to carry on.	
	29/3		Inspected horses being butchered at Antwerp, very well satisfied with method and am supervision by V.E.S.	

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m MARCH 1919**LIST OF APPENDICES.**

- | No. | Subject. |
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| 1. | Veterinary Report for week ending the 6th March 1919. |
| 2. | Veterinary Report for week ending the 13th March 1919. |
| 3. | Letter to D.A.Ds.V.S. all Divisions and O.C. 1st Aust.V.E.S, re class of animals put up at sales. |
| 4. | Veterinary report for week ending the 20th March 1919. |
| 5. | Veterinary report for week ending the 27th March 1919. |

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Veterinary Report for week ending 6/th March 1919.

- Debility. Evacuated 39.
- Respiratory. Roarer, Admitted 1, Transferred 1.
Catarrh, Admitted 5, Remaining 5.
- Digestive. Volvulus, Admitted 1, Died 1.
Enteritis, Admitted 4, Died 3, Destroyed 1.
Colic, Admitted, 1, Remaining 1.
Parotitis, Admitted 1, Remaining 1.
- Mange. 2 cases admitted Aust Corps Heavy Artillery, Evacuated 2.
3 case admitted 3rd Div Aty, Evacuated 1.
5 cases admitted 1st Aust. Division, Evacuated 3.
3 cases admitted 2nd Aust. Division, Evacuated 3.
6 cases admitted 3rd Aust. Division, Evacuated 5.
3 cases admitted 4th Aust. Division, Evacuated 3.
4 cases admitted 5th Aust. Division, Evacuated 5.
- Specific. Ulc. Cellulitis, Admitted 11, Evacuated 2.
Ophthalmia, Admitted 62, Evacuated 35.
- Wounds. P.U.N., admitted 4.

Owing to the constant moving and men taking horses backwards and forward from sales, and shortage of personnel, there is a considerable falling off in condition.

Sales by Auction or to Butchers are proceeding satisfactory.

<u>WASTAGE.</u>	<u>HORSES.</u>	<u>MULES.</u>	
Died.	6		
Destroyed.	6	1	
Missing.	-	-	
Transferred.	132	113	
Sold to Horse B.	1	2	
Sold to Inhabitants.	352	401	
Transf to Con Camp.	164	8	
	1161	525	Total. 1686.
<u>Strength.</u>	7892	3880	Total. 11772.

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Veterinary Report for week ending 12th March 1919.

Debility. Evacuated 16.

Digestive. Impaction, Admitted 1, Destroyed 1.
Colic, Admitted 1, Cured 1.
Congested Liver, Admitted 1, Evacuated 1.

Mange. 6 cases admitted 3rd Div Artillery, 6 remaining.
4 cases admitted 1st Aust Division, Evacuated 4.
3 cases admitted 3rd Aust Division, Evacuated 4.
2 cases admitted 5th Aust Division, Evacuated 2.

Specific. Ulc. Cellulitis, Admitted 4, Evacuated 3.
Ophthalmia, Admitted 15, Evacuated 13.

Wounds. P.U.N., Admitted 9.

Conditions of animals is not satisfactory and shows lack of care due to shortage of men.

Animals are put up for sales dirty.

All Veterinary services are busily engaged on animals sales at which prices are more than being maintained, animals are being sold to butchers at 1/25 Francs per Kilo live weight.

Auctioneer prices are now averaging about 1000 Francs for all animals, there is little sickness but mange on the increase.

<u>WASTAGE.</u>	<u>HORSES.</u>	<u>MULES.</u>	
Died.	-	-	
Destroyed.	1	1	
Missing.	-	-	
Transferred.	437	266	
Sold to Horse B.	10	4	
Sold to Inhab.	402	206	
Transf to Con Cp.	500	-	
	1350	477	Total. 1827.
<u>Strength.</u>	5896	3253	Total. 9149.

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Veterinary Report for week ending 20th March 1919.

Debility. Evacuated 56.

Respiratory. Pneumonia, Admitted 1, Remaining 1.
Catarrh, Admitted 1, Remaining 1.

Digestive. Diarrhoea, Admitted 1, Remaining 1.
Colic, Admitted 3, Cured 1, Died 1, Remaining 1.

Mange. 3 cases admitted 80th Army Brigade, Evacuated 2, Remaining 1.
1 case admitted Aust Corps Heavy Artillery, Evacuated 1.
15 cases admitted 1st Aust Division, Evacuated 10, Remg 5.
2 cases admitted 2nd Aust Division, Evacuated 2.
5 cases admitted 3rd Aust Division, Evacuated 4, Remaining 1.
1 case admitted 4th Aust Division, remaining 1.
58 cases admitted 5th Aust Division, Evacuated 50, Remg 14.

Specific. Ophthalmia, Admitted 19, Evacuated 13.
Ulc Cellulitis, Admitted 8, Evacuated 8.
Tetanus, Admitted 1, Destroyed 1.
Cellulitis, Admitted 1, Evacuated 1.

Wounds. P.U.N., Admitted 3.

There is little in the way of sickness and animals requiring prolonged treatment are sold to Butchers, condition is not generally satisfactory,

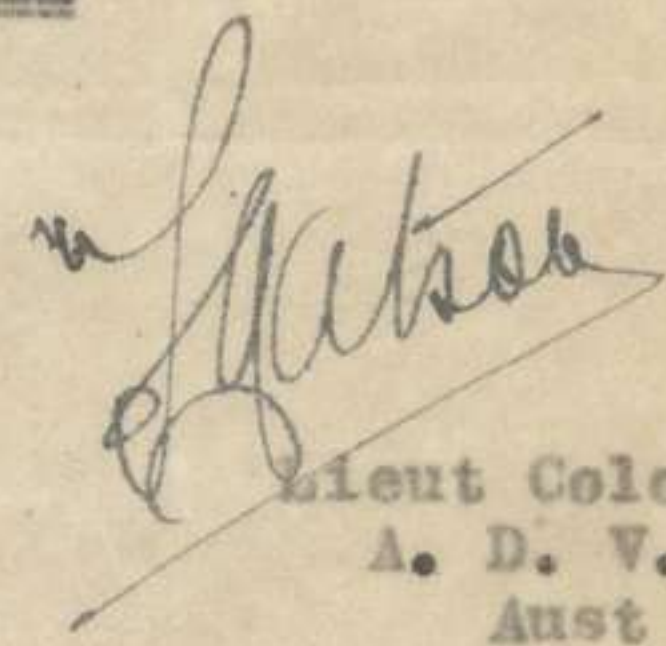
Sales are still being maintained, the improvement in the market for Mules is most marked as people who have bought them are reporting very highly in their general usefulness.

<u>WASTAGE.</u>	<u>HORSES.</u>	<u>MULES.</u>	
Died.	1	-	
Destroyed.	2	-	
Transferred.	83	116	
Sold to Horse B.	6	1	
Sold to Inhabts.	442	380	
Traf to Hon Cp.	706	284	
	<u>==1240.</u>	781	Total. 2021.
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Strength.	4112	2123	Total. 6235.
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Veterinary Report for week ending 27/th March 1919.

Debility. Evacuated. 14.
Digestive. Colic, Admitted 5, Cured 3, Evacuated 1, Died 1.
Mange. 5 cases admitted evacuated 36th Army Brigade R.F.A. evacuated 7.
3 cases admitted 1st Aust Division Evac 1, Reng 5.
20 cases admitted 2nd Aust Div, evac 7, Reng 13.
4 cases admitted 3rd Aust Div, Evacuated 4.
4 cases admitted 4th Aust Division, Evacuated 5.
104 cases admitted 5th Aust Div, Evac 91, Reng 13.
Specific. Ophthalmia, Admitted 8, Evacuated 5.

A lot of animals have been losing condition and have been sold to butcher however quite a good price has been received for them (1/38 a kilo live weight) which means 500 to 900 live weight.

Prices of animals sold by Auction have been higher during the past fortnight and sales of mules have been particularly satisfactory owing to 1st and 4th and 2nd and 5th Divisions amalgamating as well as Army Artillery Brigades joining up with Divisions we are now over strength in Veterinary Officers and other personnel as well as 2 Mobile Veterinary Sections, these are I understand being demobilized by existing Divisions, most of the animals are now disposed of and Veterinary Officers will not be long required, within a few weeks a number of Officers will be taking up courses of instructions in England, but applications have not come through this office and I do not know who will be retained, in the meantime there are plenty of Officers and other personnel to carry on, as units are demobilised Veterinary equipment is being collected by Divisions and forwarded to my office where it is at present stored, instructions are expected regarding its ultimate disposal.

<u>WASTAGE.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>	<u>Mules.</u>
Died.	3	1
Evacuated.	63	105
Sold to Horse B.	17	2
Sold to Inhabitants.	399	637
Traf to Con Camp.	<u>75</u>	<u>250</u>
	557	995 Total. 1552.
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Strength.	3383.	759. Total. 4142.
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- D.A.D.V.S., 5th Aust. Division
- O.C., 1st Aust. V.E.S.

On visiting some of the sales in the area I have seen animals offered for sale which are weak and debilitated and absolutely unfit for work.

It is to be remembered that no animals will be sold by auction which would involve cruelty to animals to work and you will be held responsible that such animals are not offered but sent to V.E.S. for destruction.

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