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HOOGRAF	1914 1/11		<p>visited 1st 2nd and 5th Mob Vet Sections, re evacuations, it was necessary to allot numbers for evacuation on trains to sections according to numbers on hand, and as they are coming in in varying numbers daily, it is necessary to keep in constant touch.</p> <p>Made arrangements for Corps Clipping Depot Ouderdom. An oil engine was provided, and shafting for attachment to Stewart Clippers made by 2 Army workshops.</p> <p>X Corps shed away 40 of my sick horses from OUDERDOM.</p>	
"	2/11		<p>Conference all ADLS 2nd Army at IX Corps HQ, discussed Clipping winter stabling etc.</p>	
"	3/11		<p>conference DADLS of Corps at my office, discussed glanders, farcy, epizootic lymphangitis, method of vaccination.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p>	

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HOOGRAP	1914 4/11		Saw trainload of sick horses of from Corps Mobile Detachment. WIPPENHOEK.	
"	5/11		Saw suspected case of Epizoo at 1st M.D. took smears which proved negative.	
"	6/11		Arranged evacuation for 4 th Div Artillery in back area direct to No 23 City Hospital - St Omer.	
"	7/11		Visited all Mobile Sections. Saw DADMS 2nd Aust Div re Glanders Case. Arranged malleining etc.	
"	8/11		Saw ADMS 10 th Corps at Bailleul, re change over into new area, arranged for M.D. of Corps to move by my orders, when sites in new area were vacated.	

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HOOGRAF	1914 9/11		conference all ADLS 2 nd Army, discussed moves, also saw ADLS Canadian Corps re-taking over Corps Mobile Detachment.	
"	10/11		conference all DADLS at my office, discussed coming moves Sgt Capt Robson AAK6 to Corps Detachment to relieve Major Gore joining on leave. Notification of Major Strong's transfer to England. Major McKenzie to be DADLS 3 rd Aust Div	
"	11/11		saw train with 240 sick horses off from WIPPENHOEK. Major Gore went on leave.	
"	13/11		2 nd and 5 th Divs moved into new Corps area. 1st A.M.S. moved out with Division	
"	13/11		Corps moving to FLETRE. Visited A.M.S. Sites in new area with ADLS 8 th Corps Visited 5 th A.M.S gave them an allotment of 90 for train OVERDROM Thursday Lb	

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HOOGRAF	1914 14/11		Instructed 1/1 W Riding M/L S to take over from 2 nd A. M/L S moved 2 nd A. M/L S to Site vacated by 5 th A. M/L S.	
FLETRE	15/11		Saw suspected Epizoa cases 2 nd Dab. Smears negative. Corps HQ. moved to new area also 3 rd + 5 th A. M/L S. 3 rd Aust Div comes into St Anzac.	
"	16/11		Conference all A/D L S 2 nd Army with D/D L S. Saw Epizoa suspect in 3 rd Div with D/D L S. only a cases of Acrotic Dermatitis.	
"	17/11		Arranged service for evacuation by canal barge. Conference all D/D L S at my office. made all arrangements for evacuation by road & barge.	
"	19/11		Inspected Corps horse dip. Instructed Sgt McTeal to report to R & City Hospital. Selected 2 nd + 3 rd M/L Sections, which have good premises.	

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FLETRE	1917 20/11		Traced some cases evacuated by 2 nd Army HQ from 64 th Canadian Battery which had Epyras case, traced from evacuation rolls. D.D.S. 2 nd Army notified 1 st Aust Div. Still administered by me, while in area near Boulogne.	
"	21/11		Arranged for HQ 2 nd Army HQ to attend to 13 th L.H. at Budeyvel. Inspected 5 th F.A. Bde. 2 nd Div on march, horses all clipped and in good condition.	
"	22/11		Inspected 1 st Div. All mules in good condition. Discussed Div horse rest station with 2 nd Aust Div. Conference H.Q. D.D.S. on Contagious ophthalmia, opinions differed widely on contagiousness, cause periodicity etc. A	

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FLETRE	1914 24/11		<p>Conference ADAS at my office. Saw Chemical adviser and arranged for chemical analysis of water in gas shell holes, which is suspected of causing blistering of mouths etc</p> <p>Capt Nicholas with Heavy Artillery ordered to report to 8th Corps ADAS. Capt Whyte to return.</p>	
"	25/11		<p>Sick</p>	
"	29/11		<p>went on leave.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matsen ADAS 1st Army</p>	

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	28-11-17.		Lieut. Colonel MATSON went on leave.	
	30-11-17.		<p>D.D.V.S. Second Army called re Stomatitis in 2nd Australian Division. These cases were visited with D.A.D.V.S. 2nd Australian Division. I informed D.D.V.S. Second Army that in my opinion they were true cases of Stomatitis Contagiosa.</p> <p>Arranged with D.A.D.V.S. and "Q" 2nd Australian Division for disposal of surplus mules of 2nd D.A.C. which were contacts of Epizootic Lymphangitis. D.D.V.S. Second Army approved of action taken.</p> <p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month).</p>	

No. 8117
Date 12 NOV 1917

Headquarters.

D. D. V. S.,

2nd ARMY.

*Mr. Dray*Veterinary Report for Week Ending 8.11.17.

Condition fairly well maintained.

72 cases evacuated for Debility, mostly from Artillery Units.

Respiratory Diseases. Nothing worthy of special note.Digestive. A few mild cases of colic.Mange. Only 6 cases admitted during the week, which is very satisfactory.Specific Disease. Six cases of Tetanus following punctured feet or gunshot wounds.

Four cases of Contagious Stomatitis which are isolated; these cases were remounts drawn only a few days before and were not in contact with other animals.

The four cases of Influenza reported in 5th Aust. Division are not of the pulmonary type, showing only some temperature and increased pulse. Mucous membranes were injected with ieterus, resulting in gradual cessation of symptoms.

These cases were not in my opinion the typical extremely contagious form of Influenza.

Gas Poisoning. None reported.Eye Diseases. Thirty one cases of Ophthalmia. This disease maintains a steady average of cases and shows no tendency to rapid spread.Gunshot Wounds. 193 cases against 352 last week; less bombing owing to misty weather, and few injured by shells.Picked-up-Nails & Punctured Feet. 101 cases, nearly all caused by working on forward roads, and not by nails left lying on roads, dumps, &c.M. V. Sections. Very satisfactory. Though evacuations were fairly heavy, they came in regularly, and evacuation by road and rail kept the Sections fairly clear.M. V. Detachment. Satisfactory. Owing to the move, the last train went on Sunday, 11th inst. and the men return to their Divisions, material being handed to relieving Corps; also the Horse Ambulance received during the week.

<u>Wastage.</u>	Died ...	74.
	Evacuated ...	329.
	Destroyed	58.
	Missing.. ...	4.
	Total	445.

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1st ANZAC.*[Signature]*
A.D.V.S. 1st ANZAC
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No. 19/11
Date 19 NOV 1917Headquarters,
19th November, 1917.

D. D. V. S.,

SECOND ARMY.
------ VETERINARY REPORT for Week Ending 15/11/17. -

Condition has been fairly well maintained and very few animals have been evacuated during the week for DEBILITY, Artillery horses are still the worst for condition.

RESPIRATORY DISEASES.- only 3 cases; 2 pleurisy and 1 pneumonia.

DIGESTIVE COMPLAINTS.- only 4 cases of COLIC all of which recovered.

MANGE.- only 3 cases admitted during the week.

SPECIFIC DISEASE.- 1 case of STRANGLES and 1 of TETANUS. The 2 cases of BILIARY FEVER should in my opinion be diagnosed as JAUNDICE.

GAS POISONING.- No cases reported.

EYE DISEASES.- 32 cases of OPHTHALMIA.

GUNSHOT WOUNDS.- only 13 cases in 4 Divisions, this is chiefly due to absence of bombing due to dark nights and Divisions being moved out of line.

PICKED UP NAILS.- 39 cases.

POINTS IN ADMINISTRATION.- This week has seen the usual difficulties of Units changing Areas, which were added to as the changes were multiple and Mobile Veterinary Sections had to wait in some cases while others moved out of sites into other Areas, evacuation has however been satisfactorily arranged.

There is also some difficulty to overcome with dropping one lot of Corps Troops and picking up another.

WORKING OF MOBILE VETERINARY SECTIONS.-

satisfactory; practically all animals were evacuated to Base before the Sections moved. During the time Mobile Veterinary Sections were in the YPRES Area, they were working very hard, and evacuations were very high, but there was no congestion in Units and all animals were evacuated to Base without a hitch. The personnel of Mobile Veterinary Sections certainly had to be augmented by men supplied by Divisions, but this was arranged without difficulty.

MOBILE VETERINARY DETACHMENT.- This was disbanded and men sent back to their Mobile Veterinary Sections, the train party being handed over to VIII Corps, also all equipment, horse ambulance etc. The Area now occupied by Corps will be more difficult to administer as Mobile Veterinary Sections are a long way from H.Q., also animals are more spread about, but it is not anticipated that wastage will be heavy, as roads are good and animals spread about offer less targets for bombing. The Barge Service for BAC St. MAUR will take the place of railway evacuation, and evacuation by road of cases able

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to march will continue as before.

WASTAGE FOR WEEK, 4 DIVISIONS and CORPS UNITS.

Evacuated	172
Died	14
Destroyed	14
Missing	NIL.

Includes 2 Army. 7th Divs.

L. H. H. H.

Lieut-Colonel.
A. D. V. S.
1st A. & N. Z. A. C.

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