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P R E F A C E .

DURING voyages with horses to and from India and to Russia, I often wished to write a book about the management of these animals on board ship for the benefit of men who were new to the work ; but I felt I was not competent to do so, because my experience had been restricted to not more than half-a-dozen horses at a time. As my animals had been conveyed in portable horse-boxes, I knew nothing of the special requirements of large numbers of horses in stalls at sea. Fortunately, at the beginning of this year, I obtained veterinary charge of 498 remounts proceeding from England to South Africa, on board the hired cattle steamer *Kelvingrove*, on which there were thirty-three nondescript men and boys to look after the animals ; and after a most instructive passage I returned to England. Wishing to see how things were managed on board ship with troops, I again applied to Colonel Duck, Director-General, A.V.D., who very kindly sent me in veterinary charge of 248 remounts going to South Africa on H.M.T. *Idaho*, which also carried a large number of infantry and 110 men of the 10th Hussars. I therefore obtained an insight into both the civil and military methods of horse management at sea.

The gentlemen to whom I am particularly indebted for information which has been utilised in the following pages are: Captain O'Neal, of the S.S. *Kelvingrove*, and his chief officer, Mr. Simpson; Captain Newman, of H.M.T. *Idaho*, and his chief officer, Mr. Norton; Captain Powles, of H.M.T. *Tagus*; Captain Ross-Smith, Military Landing Officer at Port Elizabeth; Mr. Desmond, who is Chief Government Veterinary Surgeon of Adelaide, South Australia; and Lieut.-Colonel Nunn, D.S.O., C.I.E., Deputy Director General of the A.V.D., who has been most kind in furnishing me with various statistics.

The photographs in this book were taken by me, while I was on Government transport duty.

The existence of the South African war is my excuse for giving as much prominence as I have done to military horse transport and allied subjects.

As this book is the outcome of practical experience among horses on board ship, I trust it may be of use to readers who are interested in its important subject.

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