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# NO MYSTERY IN HORSES' DEATHS, BRUCE ASSERTS

Edward K. Bruce, assistant U. S. district attorney, issued this statement Friday relative to the death of 277 army horses in stockyards of the C. & O. R. R., at Covington, last week:

"It has been brought to the attention of this office that newspapers have been carrying articles tending to mislead the public in regard to the diagnosis of the cause of the death of the artillery horses at Covington, Ky.

**"Agreed at Once"**

"I have to state that Majors

Charles E. Cotton and Knowles of the U. S. army, who are expert veterinarians, and Dr. D. C. Barnett, in charge of the work of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry in this part of Ohio and Kentucky, agreed at once upon the diagnosis of the case.

"This diagnosis involves nothing new, wonderful or mysterious, and it is a diagnosis of a case such as all of the above-mentioned officials have made before.

"The diagnosis will be made public at such time as the army officials desire to release it.

**"Is Absolutely Incorrect"**

"This statement is made lest the public might believe that those in charge of the investigation were unable to arrive at the true diagnosis, which belief is absolutely incorrect. The official report of the investigation was made last week to superior officers of the officials mentioned.

"In addition, it is needless to state that the case diagnosed did not involve any case which would necessitate Dr. Burnett invoking the United States quarantine law."