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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the field	I 3 18 to 12 3 18.	9 a.m.	<p><u>LOCATION:-Sheet 28.X.24.a.I-5.</u> <u>RAILHEAD:-BRULOOZE.</u></p> <p>The weather during the first part of the month was very mild and warm. The work of the Column has varied very little from that of last month. Details for lorries still continue to be light, consequently the lorries are now in a better condition as regards repair than ever they have been.</p> <p>The mileage for the period ending 12.3.18 is:- loaded-6943; empty-5318; total-12253; No. of lorries loads of various kinds carried-890. Petrol issued-2282 gallons.</p> <p>Owing to the fine weather and the easy details, a special endeavour was made by the Workshops to turn out a maximum number of overhauls for a given period, with the result that what is considered to be a record for overhauls in the field, was established between 1.3.18 and 12.3.18. The following is a general resume of the work done, which does'nt include small repairs and minor adjustments:-</p> <p>53 lorries went through the workshops, 5 of which were for a complete engine and chassis overhaul; 24 Ambulances, 4 of which were for a complete overhaul; 11 touring cars, 1 of which was for a complete overhaul; 5 motor cycles, 1 of which was for a complete overhaul.</p> <p>When it is considered that this was done with two Workshops and a personnel of 1 officer and 24 other ranks, it will be seen that this was a very creditable performance.</p> <p>On the 9th orders were received to have all our Dennis lorries transferred to various Units, also 11-30 cwt. lorries. This was to comply with the new organisation of the Divisional Supply M.T. The change over took effect as from midnight 12-13th when No. 1 Aust. Divisional Supply Column and No. 1 A.A.S. Park became No. 1 Aust. Divisional M.T. Company; the personnel of these Units for the most part, becoming the nucleus of the new Unit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is the last diary of No. 1 Aust. Div. Supply Column.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>G. R. Shindler</i> Major., Commanding No. 1 Aust. Div. Supply Company</p>	