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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 28 M24 d2.3	1-2-18		General routine: four Lorries undergoing overhaul in Workshop, & four being painted. Received orders regarding the formation of a Company of 110 detailed to stand by every 24 hours, to be available if necessary to move troops quickly in case of emergency.	
	2-2-18		Very foggy which clears off at 9 am, & thaw sets in, heavy frost falls from trees which have been covered so thickly as to have some of their limbs broken down by the weight thereof. The concert troupe gave an entertainment to the 4 th D.A.B. at the G.M.C.A. hut in Loche.	
	3-2-18		Ordinary routine, overhauling & painting Lorries. Major James is deputed Senior Transport Officer of the Emergency Bus Coy between midnight 3 rd 4 th & midnight 4 th 5 th .	
	4-2-18		Lorries looking very well with their fresh paint. Delivered 100,000 yds of S.A.A. to the 1 st Div at Neuve Eglise.	
	5-2-18		The S.M.T.O. Col. Tunbridge visited the Unit, & expressed pleasure at the appearance of the camp, & vehicles.	

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Sheet 28 M 24 d 2.3	6.2.18		Ordinary routine. Lieut Slocombe M.C. Workshop Officer proceeds to 5 th D.S.C. to take over their Workshops.	
	7.2.18		Still on the overhauling of lorries. Weather much warmer.	
	8.2.18		Visit from the O.C. 'K' Amm Park. Bomb proofing of sleeping quarters.	
	9.2.18		Disagreeable day! high cold wind. Three lorries delivering ammunition.	
	10.2.18		Very strong wind. Major A.H. James takes over 'K' Amm Park during absence of Major Hamilton who is on leave in Paris.	
	11.2.18		Bomb proofing of huts continues. High winds, & bad weather.	
	12.2.18		Lorries now in good trim, still a few remaining in need of overhaul. Completed the bomb proofing of huts.	
	13.2.18		Held a very successful concert in the evening! Lieut Sephton returned from leave, & took over workshop.	
	14.2.18		Proceeded to pack up preparatory to moving camp.	
			Moved Park to site vacated by 5 th A.S.P. on the Bailleul Armentiers Road Sheet 28 S 28 b 7.5. Lorries must remain on side of road here, living huts passable, but in very low swampy position.	

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Sheet 28 S28 b7.5	15.2.18		Now have the 3 rd ABAFAPS attached to the Unit! This section consists of 14 Peerless Lorries & personnel under Lt Mullet. Lt Mercer proceeds on leave to Ireland. Three lorries out on various work.	
	16.2.18		Commence bomb proofing the living huts. Two lorries out on various jobs.	
	17.2.18		Major A.H. James relinquishes duty with K Amm Park as Major Hamilton returned from leave. Beautifully clear day, after severe frost. Enemy bombing planes very active at night. Eleven lorries engaged in transporting RE stores.	
	18.2.18		Fifteen lorries held in reserve for special bus duty. Major A.H. James is detailed for special duty should an emergency arise between midnight 17 th to midnight 18 th . Enemy planes drop heavy bombs in the neighbourhood about 8 p.m.	
	19.2.18		Misty morning clears off at 10 a.m. Ten lorries conveying troops & kits.	
	20.2.18		Twenty four lorries under Lt Sephton, convey 4 th Div Troops too, & from the line.	

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Sheet 28 S28 b 7.5	21.2.18		Major General Birdwood accompanied by the S.M.I.O. inspect the unit. Eighteen Lorries continue the work of transporting 4 th Divisional Troops. Three lorries proceed on detached duties.	
	22.2.18		High wind, & rain. Nine lorries on ammunition. Two men admitted to Hospital suffering from burns acquired through mistaking petrol for water, & attempting to boil it for washing purposes.	
	23.2.18		Overhauling lorries. 14 lorries working for engineers. Weather dull but dry.	
	24.2.18		Still overhauling. 15 lorries held for emergencies. Gave most successful concert at Ineteren.	
	25.2.18		General routine. Nine lorries conveying S.A.A. Ten conveying troops. ABAFAPS lorries conveying Chinese labour from their compound to work on railway construction.	

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Sheet 28 S28.67.5	26.2.18		Five lorries conveying R.E. Stores & Troops. Some trouble with Chinese arose through one of them falling from lorry, & being injured. Gave a concert to 1 st AASP	
	27.2.18		Paid Unit. 18 lorries out on various duties. 4 Daimler & 2 Peerless being overhauled.	
	28.2.18		17 lorries out on various work, most of them transporting 4 th Div Troops. Bombproofing huts continuing.	

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