

3 mi. west of Rogers, 2-wheel kitchen trailer broke front frame extension. Garford #39734 blew out cylinder head gasket, spark plug and petcock. Refreshments were served at Schuyler by Red Cross Canteen Service. Pontoon trailer was left at Ft. Omaha, as it was causing strain on Mack truck which towed it. Mayor and Reception Comm. with band, escorted Convoy into Columbus where we camped in open field north of town. Entertained at dinner in the several hotels. Street dancing in evening. Fair and very warm. Good dirt roads, very dusty. Made 83 miles in 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  hrs. Arrived Columbus, Nebr. 5 p.m.

July 31 Departed Columbus, 6:30 a.m. 6 mi. out White #39020 stopped to clean out dirty carburetor high speed nozzle. Rain of last evening reduced dust nuisance to a minimum, and tended to produce more compact road surface. However, at places, soft spots were encountered which mired vehicles to hubs, requiring mechanical and manual efforts to remove them. Damaged floors of two b ridges, broke through a drainage conduit and a wooden culvert bridge, which delayed progress about 45 min. Mayor and Reception Committee met and escorted Convoy through Grand Island, where we camped in an open field at the southeast corner of town. Officers entertained at dinner at the Elk's Club. Dance in evening for entire personnel. Camp attendance about 3,000 persons, who were addressed by Dr. Johnson and Lt. Col. McClure. Occasional showers and cool. Fair, sandy roads. Made 64 mi. in 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs. Arrived Grand Island, Nebr. 4:15 p.m.



Aug. 1 Departed Grand Island, 6:30 a.m. 13 mi. west Class B #47986 runs off good, wide dirt road into ditch, 4' deep, and buries itself in soft dirt over axles. Rope was made fast to front end of Class B and passed around winch of the Militor, which gave a wonderful exhibition of its power, at one time lifting its front wheels clear of the ground and at another pushing the sprag into the road bed to a depth of nearly 2', and then plowing up the road for several feet until the pull was released. Class B was recovered in two hours. At 1 p.m. lunch was served to the Convoy in Kearney by the Red Cross Canteen Service. Militor towed F.W.D. #415766 twelve miles into camp with #3 and #4 connecting rod bearings burned out on account driver speeding. Camped in Dawson County Fair Grounds, the finest camp site of the entire trip thus far. First half of journey completed. Cloudy and cool. Good dirt roads. Made 82 miles in 11 hrs. Arrived Lexington, Neb., 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 2. Departed Lexington, 6:15 a.m. in light rain. During night F.W.D. #415766 had #3 connecting rod bearing scraped in and a new bearing fitted to #4 connecting rod. At Cozad, entire Convoy stopped to attach non-skid chains.