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tank trucks, mobile field kitchens, mobile repair shops and signal corps searchlight trucks, and a personnel of 200 army officers and men, will make the long journey.

No record will be attempted on the trip and every opportunity will be provided for road meetings in the main centres on the route, at which talks will be made by recruiting officers on the benefits of the Motor Transport Service and by officers of the Engineering Corps on highway improvement.

The daily runs will average 75 miles and it is expected that the truck train will arrive in San Francisco by Sept. 1. It will be under the command of Colonel A. Owen Seaman of the General Staff from Washington to Salt Lake City, Utah, at which point General Charles B. Drake, chief of the Motor Transport Corps, will take command. General Drake thus describes the object of the trip:

"We hope in conducting this first transcontinental run of an army transport convoy to give an exhibition to the general public of the vast development of the motorized branch of the army and of the motor vehicle for military purposes, which development is conceded to be one of the principal factors contributing to the winning of the war. It is also hoped that the trip, in addition to providing experience and data required by the War Department, will serve the purpose of indicating the

appropriates \$425,000,000 for the construction of an adequate main system of Federal highways to be laid out by the commission and constructed by the Government and to constitute at least 2 per cent of the existing highway mileage of the United States.

While the convoy will, in the main, follow the route of the Lincoln Highway, numerous detours will probably be made and in some instances stops of a full day are planned. The Governors of eleven States along the route have offered their co-operation. A request for good road holidays will also be made in many important localities.

The selection of the Lincoln Highway as the route to be followed establishes it as the first Atlantic to Pacific military highway and presages its ultimate selection as the backbone route of any Federal highway system.

At the point of embarkation in Washington a monument will be erected. It will bear on it in gold outlines a map of a proposed system of national highways. It is proposed that all road mileage of national highways shall begin from that point. A similar monument will be erected at the end of the journey in Lincoln Park, San Francisco.

The longest previous convoy trip undertaken by the army was from Chicago to New York. The great West has never been crossed by an army truck train.

## NEWS OF THE AUTO TRADE WORLD.

Announcement has just been made that C. G. Beach has accepted the position as general manager of the Maxwell Motor Com-

pany of the Bethlehem spark plugs, of the establishment of an export office at 140 Broadway in charge of Edwin T. H. Hush.