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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 278 FIELD COMPANY R.E.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year MAY 1945.

Commanding Officer Major C.N. PRIESTLEY RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BUCHHORST 886360	1 May		2 Pln. Constructing Class 40 S/S bridge over 40ft gap. Work commenced 03.00 hrs. Sections returned 08.15 hrs. 1 Pln. Sections assisting 2 Pl.	
"	2 May		Coy Convoy moved at 0700 hrs to DASSENDORF, MR 753470, halt at GULZOW at 1330 hrs where recce party from 3 Pln recce roads with 9 Cams. Recce party clears road block by using German labour.	
DASSENDORF 753470	3 May		Coy moved in Convoy departing 1000 hrs arriving TRITTAU 770605 at 13.00 hrs.	
TRITTAU 770605	4 May		Coy moved in Coy Convoy to Rly station at MR 760665 arriving at 16.00 hrs. News received through BBC that hostilities would cease in NW Germany, Denmark and Holland at 08.00 hrs 5 May.	
"	5 May		Conservancy on vehicles and equipment.	
"	6 May		Conservancy on vehicles and equipment.	
"	7 May		Company proceeded by Convoy to KIEL MR 559397, sheet J4 to occupy as part of 46 (H) Inf Bde arriving 14.00 hrs. Major C.N. Priestley proceeded on privilege leave. Capt N Harrison-Watson assumes command.	
KIEL 559397	8 May		VE Day. 1 pln removing explosives in Kiel Canal Area. Equipment and equipment brasses cleaned, general conservancy and vehicle maint.	
KIEL 559397	9 May		Painting of M.T.	
"	10 May		Work on M.T. continues. Parties conducted on tours of dock area.	
"	11 May		Vehicle maint and sports.	
"	12 May		Painting of M.T. Conservancy and ABCA discussions.	
"	13 May		Sports and Conservancy.	
"	14 May		3 Pln. 3 Sections supervise German POW on road clearance, relieved by Corps Troops 13.00 hrs. Remainder of Coy, sports and normal duties.	
"	15 May		3 Pln. One Section on Water Point at 632386 for POW Camp. Remainder of Coy, sports and conservancy.	

"	16 May		Normal duties. One Section of 3 Pln on Water Point.	
"	17 May		2 Pln takes over Water Point from 3 Pln. Sports and Normal duties.	
"	18 May		2 Pln at water point. 1 Pln clearing concrete obstructions in dock area.	
"	19 May		2 Pln at water point. 1 Pln continues clearance work in dock area.	
KIEL 559397	20 May		2 Pln Maint water point. 1 Pln continues works in dock area. OC rejoins Coy from privilege leave and resumes command.	
"	21 May		1 Pln. Clearance works in dock area. 2 Pln. Maint water point. 3 Pln. Guarding bullion at site of demolished bank.	
"	22 May		1 Pln clearance works in dock area. 2 Pln maint water point.	
"	23 May		1 Pln clearing concrete in dock area using compressors. 3 Pln, one section relieves 2 Pln at water point.	
"	24 May		1 Pln continues on works. 3 Pln maint of water point.	
"	25 May		1 Pln continues works. 3 pln maint of water point.	
"	26 May		As above. Sports afternoon.	
"	27 May		Sports and Normal duties.	
"	28 May		1 Pln continues concrete clearance in docks. 3 Pln maint of water point.	
"	29 May		As above.	Weekly W3008s & W3009s
"	30 May		As above. Sports in afternoon.	
"	31 May		1 pln continues work in dock area. 3 Pln maint of water point.	CN Priestley Major RE OC 278 Field Coy RE