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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 278 Field Coy RE

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year DEC 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
823080	1 Dec		<p><u>1 Pl</u> 3 Secs to 850092 (Tegelen Sht 1:25,000) to continue previous day's job of sweeping and opening route from 46 Bde HQ to 2 GH at 865123.</p> <p><u>2 Pl</u> Rd Maint 816137 - 7606. 1800 hrs- fill 15 tipper lorries and return at 2200 hrs. <u>3 pl</u> 1 Sec on mine clearance at 817088 and 1 sec on mine clearance at 883077, prior to filling in crater at same spot.</p> <p><u>3 Pl</u> Night clearance of rd from BOEKEND to X rds 876086. 9 Cams provide protective party. No mines found.</p> <p>1 Pl fill in crater at 862088 by night. 15 tipper loads put into crater.</p>	
	2 Dec		<p><u>1 Pl</u> 1 Sec to 848086 at 1600 hrs to pack up under transoms of existing Bailey Br. Returned at 1830 hrs.</p> <p><u>2 Pl</u> Rd maint 810137-7606 during morning. p.m. - to 865095 build SS Bailey Br 30 ft span (no ramps reqd). Returned at 2215 hrs.</p> <p><u>3 Pl</u> 2 Secs at 835084 clearing mines. 1 OR casualty with Schu mine. 1 Sec rd maint at MAASBREE. 1 Sec filling tippers at HQRE with hardcore.</p> <p>Fill in crater at 862088 by night. This makes the route two way for wheels.</p>	
	3 Dec		<p><u>1 Pl</u> Att 20 Fd Coy RE. Proceeded to 864093 to lay 350 yds Corduroy Rd. Shellfire all day. Task completed 2100 hrs.</p> <p>1 Sec at 865095 on br maint. Light shelling and mortar fire.</p> <p>1 Sec mine clearance at 8709.</p>	
	4 Dec		<p>1 Sec br maint at 865095. 2 Secs rd maint on rd leading to Coy harbour. 1 Sec rd maint at MAASBREE.</p>	
	5 Dec		<p>1 Sec repairing rd at 775048, entrance to ADOS Rear Div.</p> <p>1 Sec on br maint at 865095. Heavy shelling. 3 secs on rd maint at 834078.</p>	

	6 Dec		Adv party to ASTEN (617138) to hold billets for coy. 2 Secs to 869095 to repair Bailey Br - 1 panel & 1 transom damaged by tank. Job completed by 1300 hrs. Pl rd maint MAASBREE to RUTH in morning. 1 Sec br maint at 847086.	
617138	7 Dec		Coy moved at 1115 hrs to ASTEN and arrived at 1400 hrs. 1 Sec on br maint at 847086 - handed over 1000 hrs.	
	8 Dec		2 Pls checking tools and eqpt.	
	9 Dec		Recce of local resources.	
	10 Dec		" " " "	
	11 Dec		Completion of recce of local resources (attd). Material measured for blackouts in billet area.	
	12 Dec		Completion of black-outs.	
	13 Dec		1 Sec clearing mines for civilians in ZOMEREN. Presentation of MM to L/Sgt HARDCASTLE by Field Marshall Montgomery. Lt Niven returned from hosp.	
	14 Dec		1 pl to 639138 - rd maint. 3 rfts received.	
	15 Dec		1 Sec clearing area of mines along ASTEN-MEIJEL Rd for burial of cows. 2 Pl rd maint as above.	
	16 Dec		1 Pl on rd maint ASTEN - MEIJEL & ASTEN -LIESEL.	
712966 (HEIJTHUIZEN)	17 Dec		Moved at 1015 hrs and arrived at 712966 at 1230 hrs. Vigorous enemy air activity.	
	18 Dec		Nil	
	19 Dec		Pl Offr & HQ Sgt recce for harbour in new area. 1 NCO sent on course to UK. 1 Pl clearing minefield at 712966 (Sheet 27/37). 72 R Mis found.	
	20 Dec		1 sec rd maint 728993. 2 secs completing mine clearance at 712966. 1 sec on rd maint 722045.	
	21 Dec		1 sec mine clearing round wrecked Spitfire off Mollard track at 760988. Pl Offr & HQ Sgt returned.	
	22 Dec		Nil.	
	23 Dec		NCOs reced all tracks, rds, bridges, for mines & condition in area 732974-729992-755014-796989-773964. 1 sec on mine clearance at 738115 - one casualty with Schu mine. 1 Sec on rd maint through HEIJTHUIZEN. 2 NCOs on rd recce in area HEIJTHUIZEN-ROGGEL-MEER HAILLEN along rly to 206843. Each pl has section prepared for any eventuality through the night.	
	24 Dec		Def posns in harbour area inspected and improved.	
	25 Dec		1 Pl digging def posns area 713957. 3 Pl " " " " 723954.	

