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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 279 Fd. Coy RE

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year May 45

Commanding Officer Maj. R.O.H. Carver

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHNAKENBEK 845358	1		Coy harbour just across R. Elbe after assault crossings. Road block cleared in GULZOW. Miscellaneous German vehicles collected to offset the 10 which we lost two days ago through shelling.	
818495	2		Road reces carried out forward. Lt. Haines & Lt. du Vivier with leading Bns reporting on bridges etc. Culvert strengthened from cl 9 to cl 40 at 786526. Coy moved up.	
	3		Further work on culvert. Bomb craters at 771559 repaired.	
723682	4		Coy moved. No work.	
OSTENDORF	5		All resistance ceased on 21 Army Group front. Coy parade. Postal voting forms filled up. About two thirds of the Company sufficiently interested. OC and 2i/c to celebrating party at Bde HQ.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	6 & 7		Nothing doing. Officers & Sgts celebrated on 7th.	
	8		V.E. Day. Gymkana in afternoon. 5 aside football. Beer & liquers, bonfire.	
710790	9		Coy moved into fine house at RUMPEL.	
	10		2 i/c began 18 days P.T. course to train N.C.Os as P.T. instructors. Lt. Boardman began a German course. O.C. addressed Coy on plans for the period of occupation. Brig. the Hon H.C.H. Cumming Bruce D.S.O. of 44 (L) Bde came to bid farewell to 279 Fd. Coy on the occasion of the breaking up of the Bde Group.	
	11-12		Sorting ourselves out.	
	13		Thanksgiving service attended by whole Coy.	
	14-18		D & M course added to those already running. Lt. Scanlon as unit education officer collected data from which to work out the various courses to be run. Most of the Coy are interested, exclusively in trade training. Recce of Kreis Segeberg begun under Lt. Haines. Every type of information about engineer plant stocks and resources required by	JP Blockley Capt.

			C.E. Two water points set up for distant PW and PWX camps. All administration on the civilian side has simply collapsed.	
693975	19		Coy moved to BAD SEGEBERG.	
	20-31		Recess of Kreis continued. Some supervision of PW working on roads. Drill & P.T. periods carried out daily. Numerous liberty trucks to Hamburg & Lubeck. Our own unit club "the fifty club" opened under Sgt. Devereux. Trade Training started.	JP Blockley Capt.