

Second World War Unit War Diary - North Irish Horse, April 1943 - 2/Lieut Mann

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Army Form
Unit **NORTH IRISH HORSE (R.A.C.)**
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C.O. **NORTH IRISH HORSE**

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Month and Year **APRIL, 1943.**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CHASSART	28th		ONE O.R. killed and another wounded by anti-personnel mine outside 'A' Echelon area.	
	29th		Lieut. R.F. Williams rejoined Regiment from First Line Reinforcements.	
	30th	1000	'C' Sqn led 8 A & S.H. on to Pts 160, 177 and 202.	
		1115	Tks were on Pts 160 and 177 and Inf advanced on receipt of signal, and Pt 202 was soon occupied.	
		1145	Three German Mk IV's appeared from direction of SIDI ZEMRI (6347); these were engaged and hits observed on two of them. All three then withdrew.	
		1215	A Mk IV with a 75 m.m. gun appeared round right-hand side of Pt. 177 and knocked out tk cmd by Sgt. Elliott, also holed Lieut. Mann's Tk. Crew of former tk evacuated and went to ground but crew of latter stayed put and co-driver drove tk back out of action but unfortunately it overturned in queue at the bottom of the hill.	
			Another Mk IV then appeared over the rise and was engaged and hit on cupola. It went backwards down the hill and at least one of the crew was seen to bale out.	
			Fire from a big gun blew track off a further tk, but crew was picked up when tks were withdrawing to cover on SIDI AILED at 1900 hrs. Inf had withdrawn about an hour previously.	
			Sgt. Elliott got through to our lines about 2400 hrs and in the early hours of the morning of 1 May, Sprs Rooke and Chapman, the latter wounded, also returned.	
			During the action enemy killed estimated at 40, 50 prisoners taken and several hits scored on three enemy tks.	
			Own casualties during the day: KILLED : Lieut. R.F.M. Mann and TWO O.Rs. WOUNDED : FOUR O.Rs. MISSING (believed killed): ONE O.R.	