

Second World War Unit War Diary - North Irish Horse, March 1943 - Major Rew

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WAR DIARY
OF
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit: NORTH IRISH HORSE.
Commanding Officer: D. J. Denny Lt. Col.,
Comd North Irish Horse.

Month and Year: MARCH 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BEJA	2nd		Major P. Welch arrives with 17 'C' Sqn tks, 15 of which are runners. Unable to relieve 'A' and 'B' Sgns as 'C' Sqn ordered to be ready for immediate move North to SEDJENANE. 2000 'C' Sqn depart for SEDJENANE. 5 'C' Sqn tks under Capt. R.D. Norton ordered up to SIDI AJEUR. By this evening all tks, except two 'A' Sqn, have been recovered.	
BEJA	3rd		Our Inf (Argylls) attacked but failed on right flank. One tp tks sent along rd to Junc 315503 to help our Inf on to objective at 320500. Lieut. J.A. Ballantyne's tp was sent out on this task and Capt R.J. Griffith put down smoke to cover passage through minefield. Enemy had gap covered by mortar, I/G and H/G fire. Two tks of tp knocked out by mines and Lieut. Ballantyne proceeded to objective, although wounded in the head. He reported "No enemy to be seen" and was ordered back. No further communication received from him and his tk failed to return.	
SEDJENANE			At first light 'C' Sqn tks took up posn on high ground S. West of SEDJENANE to give covering fire to Inf and succeeded during the day in extricating some of our Inf from very awkward posn. When retiring at dusk Lieut. J.E. Williams lost two tks of his tp over a cliff. One member of a crew missing and believed P.O.W. Days casualties - One O.R. missing.	
BEJA	4th	1500	Our tks remain in defence posns as A-Tk pillboxes. Major J. Rew, O.C. "B" Sqn, killed instantaneously by enemy mortar fire. Location of grave - BEJA Military Cemetery, Row 11, Grave No. 1. SEDJENANE 'C' Sqn enter SEDJENANE at first light, two tps up and one in reserve. Leading tk knocked out and set on fire by enemy A-Tk gun. Extricated our	

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