

Second World War Unit War Diary - 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry, May 1943 - Lieut Sopper

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| | | | <p>Company.</p> <p>Tom Sopper of 'A' Coy has been killed by a stray sniper's bullet. Wounded well in such a half-hearted sort of battle.</p> <p>C.O went up to TEBORBA soon after dawn and by 1400hrs the whole Bn was up which could not get across the ford was concentrated in and around TEBORBA. Great efforts were made to get as much of our 'F' Bk up as possible across the ford and but we in fact succeeded in doing though we lost a couple of Gordon Lloyd's own mines. The tanks also had some trouble with mines.</p> | |

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| | | | <p>Above 1530 hrs orders received to push on to DIEDIDA while the Dons took over TEBORBA.</p> <p>This was done, but before reaching DIEDIDA we got orders to concentrate for the night by the road side. As we happened to be by a very pleasant olive grove at the time this suited us very well.</p> <p>C.O saw the Brigadier. There is no definite news of future movements, but there is a very light hearted atmosphere about the war this evening, largely brought about I think by the large number of German prisoners who came in last night.</p> | |

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| | | | morning. The Padre distinguished himself by bringing a party in from TEBORBA to the BATHEN. Food came up about 10 P.M. and everyone enjoyed their best night's rest for heaven knows how long. | |
| | 9. | | The day started well by a message coming in to say no more likely before 10 May. The C.O. therefore went round all companies and read out the Brigadier's message of congratulations to all ranks and also said a few words. People are looking a bit tired but I think everyone is pretty happy knowing | |