



Name: Thomas Noon

Position: Private

DOB-DOD: 1901- May 1940

Thomas Noon was part of the 2nd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. The 2nd Battalion served with the 8th infantry brigade (including the 1st Suffolks and 1st South Lancashire divisions) and was attached to the 3rd infantry division throughout the whole war.

The 3rd division was sent to France in late 1939, under the command of Major-General Bernard Montgomery (who would later command the Anglo-Canadian 21st Army Group) as part of the British Expeditionary Force. They remained there until May 1940 when they fought in the Battle of France, and fell back to the beach of La Panne before being evacuated at Dunkirk. They were one of the last Battalions to be evacuated. It is during this period, 29-31 May 1940, which Private Thomas Noon died.

After Dunkirk, the battalion and division spent many years on home defence anticipating a German invasion of England. After late 1942, when the threat of invasion had receded, they then started training for offensive operations and, in mid-1944, invaded Normandy, France.

Thomas was remembered by his parents Thomas and Elizabeth Noon and by his wife Coralia Cymbeline Noon, of Hull. His name is also recorded on a memorial situated in Tunbridge Wells ATE and recorded on PO Engineering roll of honour in October 1941. A simple and poignant inscription on his grave simply reads "UNTIL THE DAY BREAK AND THE SHADOWS FLEE AWAY".

