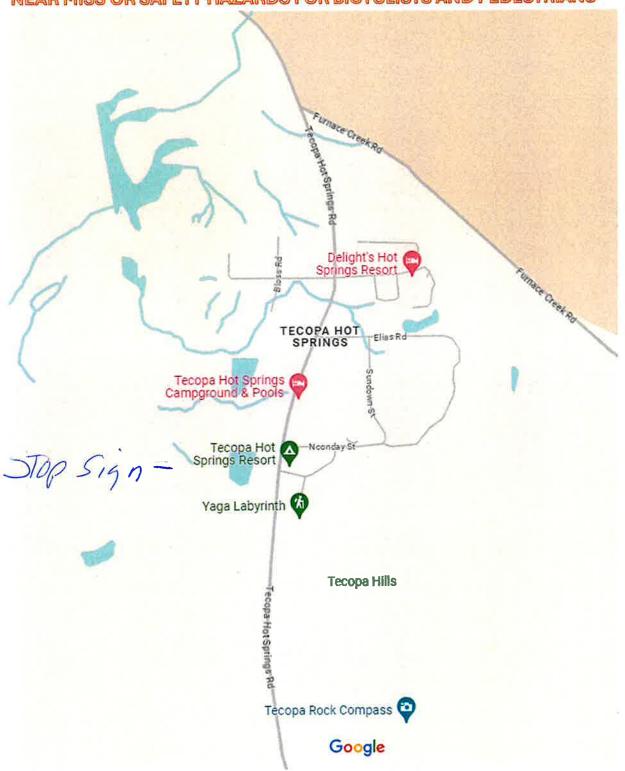


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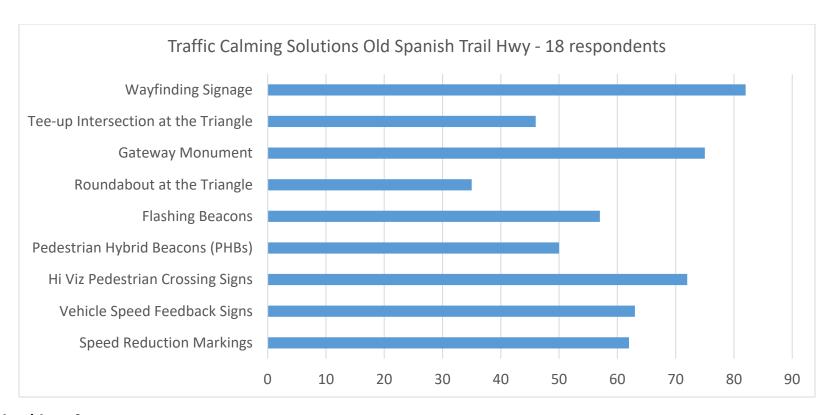


Tecopa Community ATP meeting 03/28/2024 Comment Summary – Traffic Calming was the primary topic

- Keep Triangle access if traffic circle is chosen
- Rumble Strips create too much noise
- We need stop signs
- BLM Amargosa trailhead at end of Downey? Get more information
- Get rid of OST segment at Triangle to force traffic to slow down
- Tee up intersection at Triangle and add 4-way stop
- Yes to painted medians at Triangle and THS
- Transit stop used to be at Community center; school bus picks kids up at homes, varies by year
- Yes to benches and shade structures on THS
- Yes to raised medians at Triangle and at the THS stop sign (County baths)
- Bring survey results to next meeting

Summary of comments received at the 04/28/2024 Tecopa ATP Community Meeting

- Tee Up at Triangle needs to accommodate trailers
- For curb & gutter, factor in hydrology and flooding
- Slow traffic down early on OST by Furnace Creek
- Need a stop sign at first intersection with Tecopa Heights at China Ranch Rd
- "Duners" would be discouraged from using OST as a thoroughfare to Dumont Dunes if we implement the project.
- "Duners" don't stop in Tecopa for anything, they just blow through. The exception is on their way home when they use the dump stations, and nothing else.
- There were 5 avid cyclists at the meeting
- Vehicles hauling trailers and Duners pass "Joe" at 5 a.m. on OST in the 25 mph zone, this happens all the time as he is heading to work. No shoulders, dangerous
- John Zoellhoffer (Owner of OST & Triangle) has built a full disc golf course on his property behind the Post Office. The course begins in front of the Brewery. This area also accesses the Amargosa River trails
- We never get shit out here
- Move the Gateway/Wayfinding signage further east to include China Ranch, Tecopa Heights, Cynthia's
- Add Refuge/crossing in front of Triangle
- Vehicles enter the Triangle from the east at 50-60-70 mph
- From Brian's Journal on 04/23/24 (he records every ride he's made for since he took up cycling several years ago, and he has lost over 250 pounds), "Riding to County Community Center meeting. Big maybe we'll get bicycle paths in the Tecopa area. Yes, Thank You higher power before I get run over!"



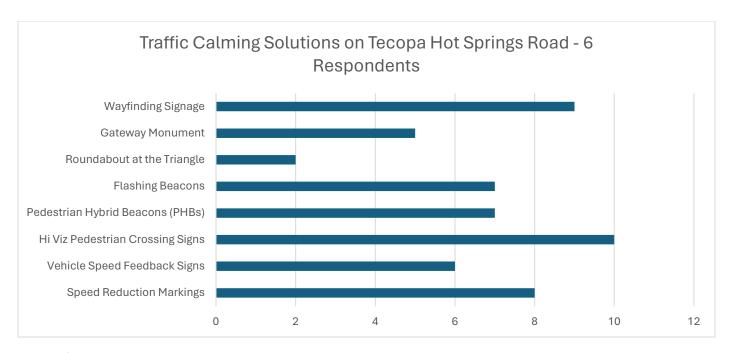
Other ideas & comments:

Like to see more stop signs.

Additional stop signs & sign repositioning of existing signs, and speed limit signs near Triangle

I liked the idea of adding a stop sign closer to the Triangle.

Turn Triangle into 1/2 roundabout, also add speed humps.



Comments & Other ideas:

I like the roundabout, but it needs to be properly marked for pedestrians who cross the road.

More rumble strips might work, as you are approaching the Triangle

More stop signs, please

Cut back vegetation that obscures signs; improve walking surface; we do not need traffic signals; maybe 25 mph signs on OST @ P.O. and east; need parking for locals but not for tourists; gateway monument nice but not safety; for wayfinding signage suggest Community Center, Hot Springs, Public Toilet. Change lane markings, T up intersection at OST so can see both ways; remove school speed limit and school signs - not necessary so locals ignore; add "end 25 mph zone" signs; if adding/extend paved shoulders for bike lanes, include rumble strips or raised dots between traffic and bike lanes; move new street light (opposite hot springs) about five feet north so some light on stop sign. Increase number of strips at the rumble strips and move them closer to the 25 mph signs. Add "25 mph zone ahead" signs.

View results



 Have you felt unsafe walking, biking or rolling thought the general region below? Or have you observed a close call between cyclists/pedestrians and motorists? Please explain and provide a description of the problem(s).

More Details

26 Responses

Latest Responses

"Yes, I own the brewery that hosted the fire fling. Have been trying to get the co...
"Its very dangerous on Old Spanish trail. It is a narrow road and with the Duner...

"Do not feel safe bike riding in town or surrounding areas. Old Spanish Trail has...

2. What types of safety issues have you encountered?

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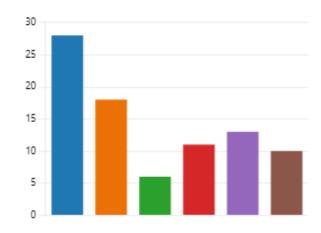
Speeding 24
 Nonexistent crosswalks 16
 Distracted driving 14
 Lack of shoulders or bike lanes 30
 Other 8



3. What solutions do you have in mind? Please check all that apply and add your own ideas.

More Details

Wider shoulder/bike lanes
Crosswalks & striping
Gateway monument
Wayfinding signage
Traffic circle at the "Triangle"
Other
10



I see very few people walking or riding bikes in this area.

As an active cyclist who regularly commutes from the Tecopa Heights (Downey Rd) to the hot springs area, I often ride the OSTH on the indicated project route and traffic there can be quite dangerous, not only because of the Las Vegas traffic headed to the hot springs, but especially the Las Vegas traffic headed to Dumont Dunes with very large RVs and camper/trailers. And very few of them are going the posted 25mph speed limit. Additionally, even though it is illegal, semi/tractor trailer trucks come through this route as well.

There needs to be a bike lane (or path) from the heights to the post office and to the hot baths The old RR bed would make a good bike trail from the post office to the hot springs area that would be safer than going over the hill.

Yes! With no shoulders on the road, if cars are going by in opposite directions and I am on my bike, I have no way to get out of the way without risking a crash or worse. We need shoulders but a bike path would be awesome!

Yes, I have felt generally unsafe moving through the above extent of Old Spanish Trail as a pedestrian. This area could be improved to better accommodate multimodal transportation, including crosswalks, a bike lane separated with bollards, and overall better signage.

No

Lots of fast-moving RV's and trucks pulling trailers, usually on dune weekends but not always.

Dense traffic from Dumont Dunes every 3-day weekend. Egar to get to dunes, often speed. Interstate 15 closures reroute traffic through Tecopa on this road. Drivers are frustrated and tend to speed.

Yes

Roundabout @ OST & THS Rd

Lack of shoulder, uneven sides stops me from being able to walk and feel safe

Walking on the roads & people speeding through 25 mph zones. Mostly worried about elders & kids.

No

Road/berm big drop offs

Coming in and out of the Death Valley Brewing Co. is a little dangerous for bikes

Yes, and past Downey Road going downhill, loose and muddy. I crashed my bike.

I ride with a mirror looking back. People just don't give you a break, too close sometimes :(

Yes, on three day weekends when the Duners go through Old Spanish Trail Hwy is a nightmare from Hwy 127 to the state line in Charleston View

I would like to see a flashing caution sign by the mud pool on Tecopa Hot Springs Rd. South bound traffic never slows down, avg. going 60-70 mph with cars and pedestrians in the roadway all parked on shoulder.

Bike trails/paths need to be around town to local view zones.

On Hot Springs Rd, especially when the sun starts to set, drivers still drive pretty fast and ofrces people off close to teh edge. Downey Road is also a concern with blind spots.

Yes! Road has no shoulder. Very Scary. Road is broken up, pavement is broken up on each edge. Road is too narrow, no bike lane. Dangerous. Takes very heavy traffic with thousands of off road enthusiasts going to Dumont Dunes. They travel in big vehicles, RV's carrying trailers with ther off road vehicles. Their complete rigs are heavy and wide and that traffic tears up the road and is VERY DANGEROUS.

I am worried about my teenager riding his bike on OST

Do not feel safe bike riding in town or surrounding areas. Old Spanish Trail has no shoulder, narrow rd with toyhaulers roaring /speeding by. Law enforcement gives warnings no tickets. People not stopping at the stop signs by the Hot Springs again law enforcement does not enforce.

Its very dangerous on Old Spanish trail. It is a narrow road and with the Duners speeding. It's even dangerous driving when one comes at you and easy so to end up off the pavement. I would like to ride a bike there but scared of the traffic and being hit.

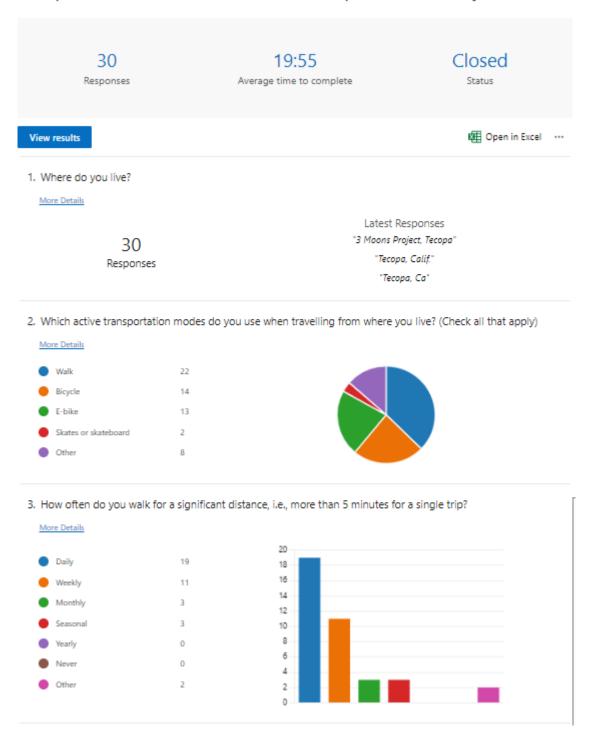
Yes, I own the brewery that hosted the fire fling. Have been trying to get the county to recognize the potential for injury due to reckless drivers for close to a decade. I wish someone would have come and talked to me. Or told the community and businesses that a meeting was happening. Especially the businesses that manage the private property that is directly impacted. My name is Dan leseberg, owner of Death Valley Brewing. The brewery that hosted the fire fighter fundraiser. 775-513-6879

I don't' really see much of a problem here other than that there's a school speed limit for a school that has been closed for 10 years. Seems kind of dumb. There are very few people who are using OST for pedestrian uses between Downey and the Triangle. I'm sort of surprised you're pursuing a project like this because it seems very low priority.

Do we have to wait for someone to be killed before any traffic calming measures are instituted on Hwy 127 in Shoshone?

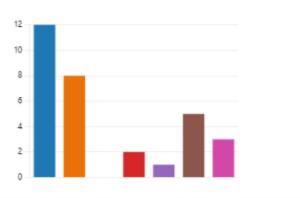
Owner of death valley brewing. Protector of the triangle. Community member. 775-513-6879 call me.

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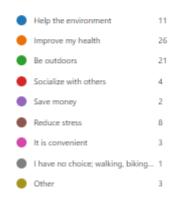


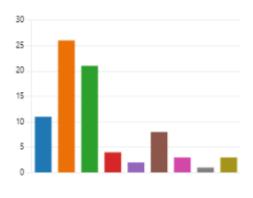




5. Why do you walk, bike or roll? (Select your top 3)

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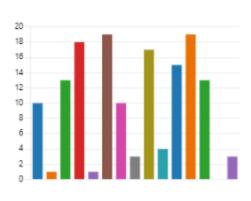




6. Where do you walk, bike or roll to (Select all that apply)

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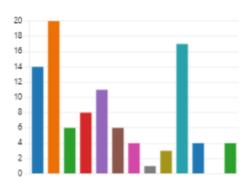




7. What prevents you from walking, riding your bike or rolling more often? (Select all that apply)

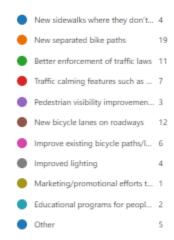
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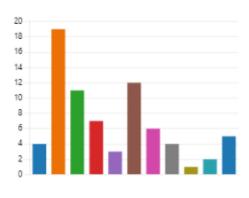
Too much traffic or dangerous b... 14
Lack of or incomplete sidewalks,... 20
Lack of safe crossings (no marke... 6
Lack of benches 8
Lack of shade 11
Destinations are too far away 6
No street lights (too dark) 4
I don't feel safe (crime, personal... 1
Insufficient bike parking or bike ... 3
Weather (e.g. heat) 17
Not enough time 4
Not physically able to walk or bi... 0



8. If you were to prioritize improvements to walking and biking in your community, which would be your top 3?

More Details





9. Please describe specific locations where walking & bicycling access improvements are needed in your community.

21 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	A bike path between Shoshone and Tecopa. Rails-to-trails (using existing old railroad berm as a connecting bike and walk trail between the communities.
2	anonymous	Old Spanish Trail Hwy, Hwy 127, Bob White way
3	anonymous	Hwy 127 thru Shoshone is dangerous - need to reduce speed limit, add speed bumps, and other measures
4	anonymous	Places along highways that have soft or no shoulder.
5	anonymous	BETWEEN TECOPA HOT SPRINGS (COMMUNITY CENTER) AND TECOPA POST OFFICE. THE POST OFFICE AREA KNOWN AS THE TRIANGLE NEEDS TO HAVE A MARKED CROSSWALK FOR THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THERE
6	anonymous	We need bike lanes and (or at the very least) "Share the Road" signs on Hwy 127 from Ibex Pass to Shoshone at least, ideally all the way to Death Valley Junction or Ash Meadows.
7	anonymous	tecopa hights. , china ranch road , around post office
8	anonymous	From Tecopa Heights to Post Office to Tecopa Hotot Srings they 127 and Old Spanish Trail from mCharleston View California to Hwy 127.
9	anonymous	Hwy 178 both east to Stateline at Pahrump Nevada. Hwy 178 west into Death Valley National Park.
10	anonymous	Hwy 372 to Shoshone, CA hwy 127 and Old Spanish Trail
11	anonymous	Highway 127 & Old Spanish Trail
12	anonymous	Old Spanish trail hwy
13	anonymous	need safe crossing of hwy 127 in Shoshone
14	anonymous	Into the wild open spaces, BLM and Wilderness areas
15	anonymous	Tecopa Hot Springs Road and/or Old Spanish Trail
16	anonymous	Pahrump 132 sq miles of this woke town!
17	anonymous	N/S through reservation
18	anonymous	All county roads
19	anonymous	Tecopa Hot Springs
20	anonymous	Lighting near sidewalk
21	anonymous	EVERYWHERE!!!

10.

Where would you like to be able to walk and bike?

24 responses 24 Responses

ID Responses

1	Between Tecopa and Shoshone
2	From Shoshone to Tecopa and back.
3	Old Spanish Trail Hwy
4	TECOPA HOT SPRINGS ROAD, OLD SPANISH TRAIL HIGHWAY, TECOPA HEIGHTS RESIDENTIAL AREA, TECOPA TRIANGLE POST OFFICE AREA
5	Places where I won't encounter O.H.V. (Off Highway Vehicles)
6	Bike from Tecopa to Shoshone and beyond to Death Valley Junction, Tecopa to Ibex Pass and beyond to Dumont Dunes, walking and biking trails on Tecopa Hot Springs Rd. and the Old Spanish Trail Highway to Charleston View.
7	tecopa spa district
8	From Tecopa Heights to Tecopa Post Office and adjacent restaurants, Tecopa Hot Springs Community Center and Tecopa Hot Springs. From Tecopa Hot Springs to Hwy 127 to see the wetlands and view the birds and to see the Amargosa River.In Shoshone to Hwy 178 west to Death Valley Park boundary.
9	To the closest major grocery shopping which is in Pahrump Nevada. To Death Valley National Park via Hwy 1 Shoshone.
10	NV Hwy 372 to CA 127 to Old Spanish Trail
11	County hot springs, borehole, china ranch, shoshone, tecopa triangle
12	Old spanish trail hwy, 127,178
13	across hwy 127 without fearing for my life
14	Shoshone
15	Post office, water kiosk, hot springs
16	Down the roads I live by
17	All places in community
18	To China Ranch

Responses ID

19	Community Center
20	Near my house
21	In town
22	Tecopa, CA
23	Old Spanish Trail, Tecopa Hot Spgs Rd, Hway 127
24	Work, school, store

11.

Do you have additional comments regarding walking or biking in Tecopa and Shoshone?

20 responses 20 Responses

ID	Responses
1	Lots of our visitors and guests bring bicycles to this area. We should have bike-friendly trails for them so they highways.
2	Hwy 127 is NOT SAFE for bicycling and walking!!)
3	It's very dangerous to bicycle on any roads due to vehicles going too fast and are not looking for or are aware of bicyclists. Having signage that make people aware of cyclists could be helpful.
4	THERE IS A RISK OF BEING BITTEN BY AGGRESSIVE "PET"DOGS ROAMING FREE ESPECIALLY IN THE TECOPA HEIGHTS RESIDENTIAL AREA FOR ANYONE BICYCLING AND WALKING
5	The number of folks who are riding ebikes these days in our neck of the woods is astounding! We would love to ride on Hwy 127 and feel safe doing it. There aren't even shoulders on that stretch of highway. So, bike lanes would be awesome, not to mention some signage asking drivers to "Share the Road," at least reminding them that there may be bicyclists ahead. Walking and biking is what we live for in the Winter and the early Summer mornings or late nights.
6	We also need weekly bus service to shop in Pahrump since it too far for biking and no stores here
7	Walking and bicycling in Tecopa and Shoshone can be fun,healthy, economical,environmentally sound, adventorous and worthwhile on all levels. It's a way to meet neighbors, visitors, tourists and people passing through. It's a fun healthy way to socialize and bring us all together. It's healthy and fun and economical and environmentally friendly to use my bicycle to get to the beginning of trails I want to hike I would like to see a bicycle and walking trail going from Tecopa to Shoshone on the obsolete old Tonapah and Tidewater

ID Responses

	railroad bed that already runs between the two towns.
8	A wide enough bike lane for a trike between Tecopa and Shoshone.
9	Thank you for this opportunity
10	we also need the bus to Pahrump to be reinstated (it stopped because of covid and has not resumed)
11	Cars speed by the post office all time. Stop signs, speed bumps, or a traffic circle would help make this situation safer
12	Areas to ebike not on roadways
13	There used to be a bus to Pahrump. If the route could be revived I would take it and I know a few others in Tecopa have said they would as well.
14	No, just get the grant to improve the citizens, taxpayers, and voters, safety, health, and workforce.
15	Move the transfer station down by the post office and turn that area into a park
16	Wider shoulders on 127 would facilitate riding bikes from Shoshone to Tecopa
17	Better paved roads/better pavement
18	Awesome place
19	No shoulders, no signs, no bike trails
20	I've not seen one bicyclist since February 2023

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF COUNTY OF INYO

To whom it may concern,

My name is Corporal Tim Plunkett. I work for the Inyo County Sheriff's Office and have been assigned to the Tecopa/Shoshone area for the past three years. During my time in the area, I have witnessed several incidents that could have been catastrophic involving vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians trying to share a small roadway barely big enough to allow two vehicles to travel around the Tecopa Hot Springs Rd. and Old Spanish Trail in the Tecopa area.

The following points are things I have witnessed and how the transportation project could help alleviate the problems and prevent any future incidents from occurring:

The posted speed limit for the area of Old Spanish Trail, near the Tecopa Francis Elementary School and the Tecopa Triangle, is 25 MPH. The school is currently closed, but drivers still travel at excessive speeds in the area. This area of the road is currently a main point of travel for "Dune riders" to get to the Dumont Dunes recreation area. The reaction area is not located in Inyo County, but just south of the county line in San Bernardino County. I have seen many trucks and trailers traveling faster than the posted speed limit. When stopped and spoken to, they claim they did not know the speed limit had dropped from the posted 55 MPH, before getting into this area. I believe the traffic calming measures would help a great deal for people to notice that the speed limit has changed, and they are now in an area that has pedestrian and bicycle traffic. As for the width of the roadway, it is barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass by each other. I believed the addition of a multi-use path, sidewalks, and bicycle path would give a safe place for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel without having to worry about traffic on the roadway.

The posted speed limit for the area of Tecopa Hot Springs Rd is also a posted 25 MPH. There are currently rumble strips at each end of the roadway when entering the area. These rumble strips are there to help get the driver's attention that the speed limit has changed from 55 MPH. I have had several people that are business owners and residents in the area speak to me about how they can tell how fast a vehicle is going by how loud it is when the vehicle crosses the rumble strips. The traffic calming measure would assist drivers with not only feeling the rumble strips but giving them something more visual to know the speed limit is changing to a slower speed. This area usually has heavy pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the fall, winter, and spring months. People travel to the area to camp for several days, eat at the local restaurants, and to enjoy the natural hot spring water in the area. The width of the road currently is also very narrow, and barely allows two vehicles to pass each other. The addition of a multi-use path, sidewalks, and bike lanes would allow designated areas for those not travelling in a vehicle to travel safely. This area also houses the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District station. By adding additional resources to the area, it would also allow the current roadway to be less congested by removing the bicycle and pedestrian traffic off the main road. Allowing emergency vehicles to travel more safely to emergency calls.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this project.

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Corporal Tim Plunkett #177