

Sergeant Albert Frank Martin[©]

Regimental number: 8763

1st Battalion, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire) Regiment

born: 20 December 1887–died: 17 June 1916

Sergeant Albert Frank Martin was a professional soldier, a husband, a father and one of 704,803 men from the British Isles who died in or because of the First World War.¹ Born on 20 December 1887 in Canterbury, Kent,² he was the seventh child of William John Martin (1854–1907)³ and Mary née Ford (1854–1937),⁴ who were married on 19 May 1875 in the parish church of St. Paul, Canterbury.⁵ William recorded his occupation as a plumber, while Mary did not list an occupation. However, in 1871 she was working as a domestic servant.⁶

Most likely for economic reasons, the family relocated a number of times. In the first five years of their marriage, William and Mary lived in Broadstairs, Kent, a coastal town on the Isle of Thanet, where their first three children were born: Robert William (1875–1951),⁷ Alice Louise (1877–1946)⁸, and Frederick John (1879–?).⁹ By 1881, the couple had moved to 14 Rosemary Lane, St. Mildred's parish, Canterbury; William was working as a plumber and painter.¹⁰ Their fourth child, Ada (1881–1950),¹¹ was born there. Around 1883 the family moved to Ash, Kent, about 17 km from Canterbury, where Walter Henry (1883–?)¹² and Ernest (1885–1965)¹³ were born. Five years later, the family had returned to Canterbury, the birthplace of their last four children: Albert Frank, Edith Mary (1890–1950),¹⁴ Harold Stanley (1892–?)¹⁵ and Louis George (1894–1960).¹⁶

In early 1891, Albert was 3 years old. The William J. Martin family was living at 58 Castle Street, Canterbury; some family members would remain at this address for the next 40 years. Albert's father continued to work as a plumber and painter. The older children contributed to the family's income. Robert, the eldest, was working in a jam factory,¹⁷ and 13-year-old Alice was a domestic servant for the Abraham family in Canterbury.¹⁸

In the next decade the family home's composition continued to change. Robert, Frederick, Walter and Ernest enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1891, 1896, 1897 and 1900, respectively.¹⁹ Alice married William Henry Eastman in 1896.²⁰ Ada started working as a domestic servant for the Onslow family in Broomfield, Kent.²¹ By 31 March 1901, only four children remained at home. Albert, now 13 years old, was working as an errand boy, while Edith, Harold and Louis attended school.²² In 1906, Robert married Edith Jane Leman.²³ The following year, Albert enlisted in the army.²⁴ It must have been very difficult for Albert, his mother and siblings when his father William John died from apoplexy caused by lead poisoning on 4 December 1907 at the age of 54.²⁵

Albert's mother continued to reside at 58 Castle Street, and in 1911 she was working as an office cleaner. The only child still at home, 16-year-old Louis, was employed as a butcher. An elderly aunt, Louisa Martin, was living with them.²⁶ Edith was a housemaid for the Hanley Spicer family of Brooklands House, Chobham, Surrey,²⁷ and Harold was a cyclist repairer for Cycle & Motor Engineering in Dover, Kent.²⁸

Albert adjusted well to the military life. On 2 April 1911, he was a lance corporal in the 1st Battalion, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire) Regiment stationed at Shorncliffe Camp, Cheriton, Kent,²⁹ about 21 km from Canterbury. The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire) Regiment was a line infantry regiment formed under the Childers Reform of 1 July 1881 by merging the 64th (2nd

Staffordshire) Regiment of Foot and the 98th (Prince of Wales's) Regiment of Foot into two battalions.³⁰

In the second quarter of 1911, Albert married Lilian Bertha Hopkins (1888–1941),³¹ the daughter of William and Sarah Hopkins of Postling, Hythe, Kent.³² In 1911 she was working as a housemaid at Dorchester House, Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, Kent.³³ Albert and Lilian's son, Albert Frank, was born on 12 August 1911. At his baptism on 1 October, the couple gave their address as 58 Castle Street, Canterbury.³⁴

When war was declared on 4 August 1914, Albert was most likely still with the same battalion, part of the 17th Brigade of the 6th Division stationed at Buttevant, County Cork, Ireland. On 17 August, it moved to Cambridge, England, and on 31 August to Warren Hill, Newmarket, Suffolk. However, Albert was not with the battalion when it boarded the SS *Westmeath* and the SS *Lake Michigan* at Southampton, docking at Saint-Nazaire, France, on 11 and 12 September, respectively, to join the British Expeditionary Force (BEF).³⁵ Albert entered his first "Theatre of War" (the Balkans) on 2 July 1915.³⁶

Probably around 29 August 1914, Albert, an experienced non-commissioned officer (at some point he was promoted to sergeant and then colour sergeant),³⁷ was assigned to the 7th (Service) Battalion, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire) Regiment, one of the new battalions raised by his regiment for the First World War. The regiment raised 16 Reserve, Territorial and New Army battalions; it lost 5,430 men during the course of the war.³⁸

The 7th (Service) Battalion was raised at Lichfield on 29 August 1914. It spent the winter in billets in Basingstoke, Hampshire, then moved to Blackdown Camp, Aldershot, in February 1915 for final training.³⁹ At 5:30 a.m. on 26 June 1915, the battalion left the port of Avonmouth, near Bristol, on the SS *Invernia*, arriving at Lemnos Island on 12 July. The full battalion did not disembark. However, 150 soldiers of other ranks (ORs) and three officers were left there as a first reinforcement.⁴⁰

At 10 p.m. on 13 July, the battalion landed at "V" Beach, Cape Helles, at the foot of the Gallipoli peninsula, encountering enemy fire that wounded two men slightly. On 23 July, the battalion, holding the trenches on the extreme left of the line, endured heavy bombardment and drove back an enemy attack. Sir Ian Hamilton, Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, congratulated the 7th Battalion on its "first brush with the enemy."⁴¹ Two officers and 40 ORs were either killed or wounded. After a brief rest period on Lemnos, the battalion was back in Gallipoli on 3 August.

From 6 to 10 August, the battalion took part in the unsuccessful campaign to seize control of the Sari Bair ridge (Battle of Sari Bair/Battle of the Nek).⁴² The regimental war diary described it as a very confused situation, which made it "quite impossible to arrive at a definite idea as to what had happened." In retrospect, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Alchin Andrus, Commander of the 7th Battalion, who was wounded on 9 August, suggested that a lack of hill fighting experience and good maps contributed to the campaign's failure. By 10 August, two officers were dead, seven were injured and 286 ORs were either killed or wounded.⁴³

Most likely, it was during this time that Albert was injured. He might have been treated in Lemnos before being moved to a hospital ship and transferred back to England, where he was admitted on 3 September 1915 to the Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital at Millbank, SW London, with a back injury. On 8 October, he was transferred to the University College Hospital, Gower Street, London.⁴⁴ He did not return to the 7th Battalion, which was evacuated from Gallipoli on 9 and 10 January

1916. Instead, when he was judged healthy enough he was transferred back to the 1st Battalion, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire) Regiment.

Albert probably rejoined the 1st Battalion in November or December 1915. By then, the 1st Battalion was part of the 24th Division, 72nd Infantry Brigade,⁴⁵ stationed at Hellebroucq, where it would spend December 1915 in training exercises. From January to June 1916, the battalion was stationed in trenches in the Ypres Salient area around Hooze, Zillebeke Lake, Wulverghem and Dranouter. During that time, between 19 December 1915 and 30 June 1916 (before the Battles of the Somme), the BEF was not engaged in any major combat. Nevertheless, 5,845 officers and 119,296 ORs were either killed or wounded.⁴⁶ Albert experienced shelling, sniper fire, endless noise, and small skirmishes followed by rest periods behind the lines. During those rest periods he and the other men were assigned to work parties. In April 1916, the battalion was assigned to trenches near Wulverghem. The enemy's trenches were only 45 m from the BEF trenches D3, D4, and D5 occupied by the battalion.

On 26 April, the battalion received notice that a gas attack was possible. As days passed, it seemed a false alarm; then on 30 April at 12:55 a.m. the enemy released poisonous gas, which reached the battalion's trenches in 11 seconds, giving the men little time to don their gas helmets. The casualties were considerable. The enemy followed with an attack, but the surviving soldiers rallied and were able to launch a counterattack to regain the lost ground. On 20 April, Major General J.E. Capper, 24th Division, congratulated the men with these words: "Glad you held your own. Well done."⁴⁷ On 28 May, General Sir H. Plumer, Second Army, visited the battalion to give military awards to a number of the men.

During May and early June, the battalion continued to occupy the trenches near Dranouter. On 17 June 1916 at 12:20 a.m., the enemy launched two waves of poisonous gas attacks at short intervals with deadly effect: 243 ORs and four officers were either killed or wounded. Sergeant Albert Frank Martin was taken to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station (CCCS) at Bailleul, France, which was 6 km from Dranouter. He was one of 591 casualties admitted on Saturday, 17 June and one of the 16 soldiers who died that day.⁴⁸ Albert succumbed to the effects of gas poisoning.⁴⁹

Lilian was informed of his death on 23 June. She applied for a widow's pension, which was approved, and in addition was awarded 16s per week for her son, Albert Frank, to start on 25 December 1916 and end on 12 August 1927.⁵⁰ She received Albert's savings of £1 11s on 13 September 1916 and a war gratuity of £13 10s on 22 September 1919.⁵¹

Sergeant Albert Frank Martin was buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord (Grave/Memorial Reference II. B. 187).⁵² Bailleul is in France, close to the Belgian border. It was occupied on 14 October 1914 and became an important railhead, air depot and hospital centre. Several casualty clearing stations, including No. 1 CCCS, were quartered there. The earliest Commonwealth burials at Bailleul were made in April 1915. An extension was built and burials continued until April 1918; they occurred again in September and after the Armistice, when soldiers' remains were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields.

Albert was posthumously awarded the 1914–15 Star (for serving in a theatre of war between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915), the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre), and the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918).⁵³ As next of kin, Lilian also received a memorial plaque and a parchment scroll.

Although Albert's siblings must have grieved his death, the social conventions of the day demanded that the bereaved accept their losses quietly and stoically. Five of Albert's brothers were still on active service. Harold Stanley had enlisted in the army on 4 August 1914 and transferred to the Royal Air Force in 1916.⁵⁴ The family's world continued without Albert. Ernest, a petty officer in the Royal Navy, married Alice Annie Mayo on 11 November 1916.⁵⁵ After the war, Edith May married Arthur Hawkes in 1919,⁵⁶ Louis George wed Edith Gertrude Simmonds in 1922⁵⁷ and Ada married Harry Steward Taylor in 1927. At the time, she was living at 58 Castle Street.⁵⁸

Information about the fate of Albert's son, Albert Frank, was not readily available. He was 8 years old when on 30 August 1919, his mother Lilian married Regimental Sergeant Major Percy Lukes (1880–1963)⁵⁹ in St. Mary and St. Radigund Church, Postling, Kent.⁶⁰ Their daughter, Alma Lilian, was born October 1920.⁶¹ Most likely, young Albert lived with the couple.

Sergeant Albert Frank Martin's sacrifice was not forgotten. His name was inscribed on the Men of Canterbury Memorial, which was unveiled on 10 October 1921 in remembrance of the men from Canterbury who lost their lives in the Great War.⁶² On 30 September 1922, the North Staffordshire Regimental War Memorial on Tamworth Road, Whittington Barracks, Whittington, was unveiled dedicated to the memory of "our fallen comrades."⁶³

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¹ "Some British Army Statistics of the Great War," *The Long, Long Trail* (<https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/army/some-british-army-statistics-of-the-great-war>: accessed 6 November 2020)

² "Copy of an entry of birth," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/order_history.asp: accessed 28 November 2020), entry for Albert Frank Martin, GRO Reference: 1888, M Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 843, Name and Surname of Father: William John Martin, Name and Maiden Surname of Mother: Mary Martin formerly Ford, When registered: 30 January 1888

³ "GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 19 November 2020), entry for William John Martin, GRO Reference: 1854, D Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 468, Mother's maiden surname: *not listed*; "England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538–1975," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 November 2020), entry for William Martin, Baptism date: 25 March 1855, Father: John Martin, Mother: Elizabeth Martin, FHL film number: 1786209, Reference ID: 752; "GRO Index 1837–1957 Deaths," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 20 November 2020), entry for William John Martin, GRO Reference: 1907, D Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 509, Age: 54 **Note:** Information regarding William John Martin's birth was difficult to verify. On his marriage registration, he recorded his age as 20 and his father's name as John.

⁴ "Somerset, England, Church of England Baptisms, 1813–1914," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 19 November 2020), entry for Mary Ford, Baptism date: 15 October 1854, Baptism place: North Barrow, Somerset, England, Father: John Ford, Mother: Jane Ford; "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837–2007," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 18 November 2020), entry for Mary Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 2a, Page: 1406. **Note:** Given her birth date of 1854, this is most likely Arthur Frank's mother.

⁵ "Kent Marriages and Banns," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.com: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for William Martin, Marriage date: 19 May 1875, Place: Canterbury, St. Paul, Spouse's first name: Mary, Spouse's last name: Ford, County: Kent, Archive: Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Archive reference: U3/81/1/9, Page: 218

⁶ “1871 England Census,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 19 November 2020), entry for Mary Ford, Registration district: Clifton, Sub-registration district: Clifton, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 15, Household schedule number: 38, Piece: 2543, Folio: 37, Page: 10

⁷ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 14 November 2020), entry for Robert William Martin, GRO Reference: 1875, D Quarter in Thanet, Volume: 02C, Page: 181, Mother’s maiden surname: Ford; “England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 March 2021), entry for Robert W Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 5b, Page: 368; “England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858–1995,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 March 2021), entry for Robert William Martin, Death date: 2 January 1951, Death place: Canterbury, Probate date: 19 March 1951, Probate registry: London, England **Note:** Spouse was Edith Martin.

⁸ “England, Kent, Canterbury Parish Registers, 1538–1986,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/en>: accessed 14 November 2020), entry for Alice Louise Martin, Event: Baptism, Event date: 15 July 1877, Event place: Broadstairs, Kent, England, Birth date: 3 May 1877, Father’s name: William, Mother’s name: Mary, Affiliate image identifier: GBPRS/CANT/B/96312930; “England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 March 2021), entry for Alice L. Eastman, Registration district: Canterbury, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 5b, Page: 189; “England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858–1995,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 March 2021), entry for Alice Louisa Eastman, Death date: 11 July 1946, Death place: Canterbury, Probate date: 17 September 1946, Probate registry: London, England **Note:** Alice Louise married William Henry Eastman in 1896.

⁹ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 30 November 2020), entry for Frederick John Martin, GRO Reference: 1879, D Quarter in Thanet, Volume: 02A, Page: 890, Mother’s maiden surname: Ford

¹⁰ “1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for William J. Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Archive reference: RG12, Piece: 707, Folio: 15, Page: 3

¹¹ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 9 November 2020), entry for Ada Martin, GRO Reference: 1881, M Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 818, Mother’s maiden surname: Ford; “England & Wales Deaths 1837–2007,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 25 March 2021), entry for Ada Taylor, District: Canterbury, County: Kent, Volume: 5B, Page: 263, Age: 69; “1939 Register,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 25 March 2021), entry for Ada Taylor, Ref: RG101/1676A/004/14, Letter code: DGAA; “England & Wales Government Probate Death Index 1858–2019,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 26 March 2021), entry for Harry Steward Taylor, Death date: 5 Dec 1953, Probate date: 20 Jan 1954, Residence town: Canterbury, Registry: London, County: Kent **Note:** Ada married Harry S. Taylor in 1927. In 1939, they were living in Canterbury.

¹² “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for Walter Henry Martin, GRO Reference: 1883, S Quarter in Eastry, Volume: 02A, Page: 913, Mother’s maiden surname: Ford; “Kent Baptisms,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 29 March 2021), entry for Walter Henry Martin, Birth date: 23 June 1883, Baptism date: 05 Aug 1883, Place: Ash Next Sandwich, St. Nicholas, Father’s first name: William John, Mother’s first name: Mary, County: Kent, Country: England

¹³ “GRO Indexes 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for Ernest Martin, GRO Reference: 1885, J Quarter in Eastry, Volume: 02A, Page: 919, Mother’s maiden surname: Ford; “Kent Baptisms,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 29 March 2021), entry for Ernest Martin, Birth date: 16 March 1885, Baptism date: 23 May 1885, Place: Ash Next Sandwich, St. Nicholas, Father’s first name: William Young [sic], Mother’s first name: Mary, County: Kent, Country: England

“England & Wales Deaths 1837–2007,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 25 March 2021), entry for Ernest Martin, District: Bridge, County: Kent, Volume: 5F, Page: 77, Birth year: 1885, Age: 80; “1939

Register," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 25 March 2021), entry for Ernest Martin, Ref: RG101/5881/008/14, Letter code: RAPQ; "England & Wales Deaths 1837–2007," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 25 March 2021), entry for Alice A. Martin, District: Bridge, County: Kent, Volume: 5F, Page: 92, Birth year: 1886, Age: 79; **Note:** This most likely was Albert's brother. Ernest married Alice Annie Mayo in 1916. In 1939, Ernest and Alice A. were living in Derbyshire. Ernest died the second quarter 1965 and Alice Annie died in the fourth quarter in Kent.

¹⁴ "GRO Indexes 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for Edith Mary Martin, GRO Reference: 1890, J Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 793, Mother's maiden surname: Ford; "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 March 2021), entry for Edith M Hawkes, Registration district: Dover, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 5b, Page: 643; "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 March 2021), entry for Edith M Hawkes, Schedule number: 54, Sub schedule number: 2, Enumeration district: DHKG, Borough: Dover, Registration district: 65/4, Inferred Spouse: Arthur Hawkes **Note:** This was most likely Arthur Frank's sister, Edith Mary who married Arthur Hawkes in 1919 and was living in Dover in 1939.

¹⁵ "GRO Indexes 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for Harold Stanley Martin, GRO Reference: 1892, S Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 303, Mother's maiden surname: Ford

¹⁶ "GRO Indexes 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for Louis George Martin, GRO Reference: 1894, D Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 799, Mother's maiden surname: Ford "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 March 2021), entry for Louis G. Martin, Registration district: Thanet, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 5b, Page: 721

¹⁷ "1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 10 November 2020), entry for Albert F. Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Archive reference: RG12, Piece: 707, Folio: 15, Page: 3

¹⁸ "1891 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for Alice L. Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Enumeration district, institution or vessel: 23, Piece: 707, Folio: 138, Page: 7

¹⁹ "UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848–1939," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 24 November 2020), entry for Robert William Martin, Service number: 160452; "UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848–1939," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 24 November 2020), entry for Frederick John Martin, Service number: 187497; "UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848–1939," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 24 November 2020), entry for Walter Henry Martin, Service number: 196899; "UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848–1939," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 24 November 2020), entry for Ernest Martin, Service number: 209670 **Note:** Walter and Ernest did not give correct birth dates.

²⁰ "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 December 2020), entry for Alice Louise Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 2a, Page: 1619

²¹ "1901 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 November 2020), entry for Ada Martin, Registration district: Blean, Sub-registration district: Herne, Household schedule number: 81, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 5, Piece: 797, Folio: 56, Page: 15

²² "1901 England, Wales & Scotland Census," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 10 July 2020), entry for Albert F. Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Archive reference: RG13, Piece: 793, Folio: 35, Page: 27

²³ "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk: accessed 9 January 2020), entry for Robert William Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 2a, Page: 1883

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- ²⁴ "British Armed Forces, First World War Soldiers' Medical Records," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 10 July 2019), entry for Albert Martin, Service number: 8763, Admission date: 03 Sept 1915, Archive: The National Archive, Piece: MH 106/1682. **Note:** This source records that Arthur had been in the army eight years before he was hospitalized. Because A.F. Martin's service record did not survive the 1940 fire at the Army Records Office, Walworth London, his military career was pieced together using a number of sources.
- ²⁵ "Copy of a Certificate of Death, "General Register Office (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 9 December 2020), entry for William John Martin, GRO Reference: 1907, D Quarter in Canterbury, Volume: 02A, Page: 509, Age: 54, When and Where Died: 58 Castle Street, Cause of Death: Apoplexy accelerated by lead poisoning, Inquest held: 6 December 1907
- ²⁶ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 December 2020), entry for Louis George Martin, Registration district: Canterbury, Registration district number: 58, Sub-district: Dover, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 4, Piece: 4324
- ²⁷ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 December 2020), entry for Edith Martin, Registration district: Chertsey, Registration district number: 32, Sub-district: Chobham, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 08, Piece: 3022
- ²⁸ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 December 2020), entry for Harold S. Martin, Registration district: Dover, Registration district number: 65, Sub-district: Dover, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 18, Piece: 4608
- ²⁹ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 November 2020), entry for Albert Frank Martin, Registration district: Elham, Registration district number: 66, Sub-district: Folkestone, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 26, Piece: 4650
- ³⁰ "The North Staffordshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's)," *National Army Museum* (<https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/north-staffordshire-regiment-prince-wales>: accessed 15 March 2021); "Unit History: North Staffordshire Regiment," *Forces War Records* (<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/units/1715/north-staffordshire-regiment>: accessed 15 March 2021)
- ³¹ "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 14 December 2020), entry for Albert F Martin, Registration district: Elham, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 2a, Page: 2345; "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 January 2021), entry for Lilian B. Lukes, Schedule number: 82, Sub-schedule number: 5, Enumeration district: EKCQ, Borough: Battle; "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 January 2021), entry for Lilian B. Lukes, Registration district: Uxbridge, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 3a, Page: 197
- ³² "1891 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 November 2020), entry for Bertha Hopkins, Registration district: Elham, Sub-registration district: Hythe, Enumeration district, institution or vessel: 2, Piece: 753, Folio: 15, Page: 12
- ³³ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 November 2020), entry for Lilian Bertha Hopkins, Registration district: Elham, Registration district number: 66, Sub-district: Folkestone, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 11, Piece: 4634
- ³⁴ "GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 14 November 2020), entry for Albert Frank Martin, GRO Reference: 1911, S Quarter in Elham, Volume: 02A, Page: 2245, Mother's maiden surname: Hopkins; "Kent Baptisms," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 5 January 2020), entry for Albert Frank Martin, Birth date: 12 Aug 1911, Baptism date: 01 Oct 1911, Place: Canterbury. **Note:** His mother's name is listed as "Alice."
- ³⁵ "1st Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's), War Diaries, 1914 Aug–1915 Oct," *National Archives, Kew* (<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C7352350>: accessed 15 March 2021)
- ³⁶ "British Army WW1 Medal Roll Index Cards, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 28 December 2020), entry for Albert F Martin, Regiment or Corps: North Staffordshire (Prince of Wales's) Regiment, Regimental number: 8763

³⁷ Ibid.

³⁸ "The North Staffordshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's)," *National Army Museum* (<https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/north-staffordshire-regiment-prince-wales>: accessed 20 February 2020); "Unit History: North Staffordshire Regiment," *Forces War Records* (<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/units/1715/north-staffordshire-regiment>: accessed 20 February 2020)

³⁹ "7th Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment," *Wartime Memories Project* (<https://www.wartimememoriesproject.com/greatwar/allied/battalion.php?pid=6819>: accessed 28 December 2020)

⁴⁰ "UK, World War 1 War Diaries (Gallipoli and Dardanelles), 1914–1916," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 30 December 2020), entry for Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire) Regiment, 13th (Western) Division, Piece: 4302:39, Infantry Brigade, 7 Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment (1915 June–1916 Jan). **Note:** Unless otherwise identified, all information about the 7th Battalion, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire) Regiment's movements came from this source.

⁴¹ Ibid., 23 July 1915

⁴² "Battles – The Battle of Sari Bair," *firstworldwar.com* (<https://www.firstworldwar.com/battles/saribair.htm>: accessed 1 January 2021)

⁴³ "UK, World War 1 War Diaries (Gallipoli and Dardanelles), 1914–1916," op.cit. **Note:** Author calculated casualties from information on 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 August 1915

⁴⁴ "British Armed Forces, First World War Soldiers' Medical Records," op. cit. **Note:** This record lists his battalion as the 7th North Staffordshire Regiment.

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⁴⁷ "UK, WW1 War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914–1920," op. cit., entry for 30 April 1916

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⁴⁹ "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* (www.bifhsgo.ca: accessed 3 November 2020), entry for A. Martin

⁵⁰ "UK, WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914–1923," *Fold3* (www.fold3.com: accessed 20 November 2020), entry for Martin, Albert Frank, Regimental no. 8763. **Note:** Lilian gives her address as Postling, Kent.

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⁵⁵ "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1932," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 14 January 2021), entry for Ernest Martin, Birth date: abt 1884, Marriage date: 11 November 1916, Marriage place: St. Luke, Oseney Crescent, Camden, England, Father: William John Martin

⁵⁶ “Kent Marriages and Banns,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 19 January 2021), entry for Edith Mary Martin, Marriage date: 27 Sept 1919, Place: Canterbury, St. Mildred, Spouse’s first name: Arthur, Spouse’s last name: Hawkes, County: Kent, Archive: Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Archive reference: U3/89, Page: 89

⁵⁷ “Kent Marriages and Banns,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 19 January 2020), entry for Louis George Martin, Marriage date: 24 Dec 1922, Place: Canterbury, St. Mildred, Spouse’s first name: Edith Gertrude, Spouse’s last name: Simmonds, County: Kent, Archive: Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Archive reference: U3/89, Page: 120

⁵⁸ “Kent Marriages and Banns,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 19 January 2020), entry for Ada Martin, Marriage date: 20 June 1927, Place: Canterbury, St. Mildred, Spouse’s first name: Harry Steward Spouse’s last name: Taylor, County: Kent, Archive: Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Archive reference: U3/89, Page: 36

⁵⁹ “UK, British Army World War 1 Service Records 1914–1920,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 January 2011), entry for Percy Lukes, Regimental number: 7807005; “UK, WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914–1923,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 January 2021), entry for Lukes, P., Relation to soldier: Remarried widow, Next of kin: Albert Frank Martin; “England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837–1915,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 January 2021), entry for Percy Lukes, Registration district: Gravesend, Inferred county: Kent, Volume: 2a, Page: 474; “England & Wales, National Probate Calendar, (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858–1995,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 11 January 2021), entry for Percival Lukes, Death date: 12 Dec 1963, Death place: Kent, Probate date: 17 February 1964, Probate registry: London, England. **Note:** Estate inherited by Alma Lilian Bovington.

⁶⁰ “Kent Marriages and Banns,” *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 9 January 2021), entry for Lilian Bertha Martin, Marriage date: 30 August 1919, Marriage place: Postling, Spouse’s first name: Percy, Spouse’s last name: Lukes, County: Kent, Archive: Canterbury Cathedral, Archive reference: U3/252, Page: 36

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