

Sergeant Percy Cardozo Martin©
Regimental number: 10966
11th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)

born: 21 December 1873–died: 17 August 1916

Sergeant Percy Cardozo Martin was one of 704,803 soldiers from the British Isles who died in or because of the First World War.¹

Percy was born on 21 December 1873² in Chelmsford, Essex, the third child of Frederick Martin (1834–1916)³ and Harriet (néé Felstead) Martin (1847–1929).⁴ On 18 February 1868, Frederick and Harriet Felstead were married by the Reverend Julius Lloyd at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Belgravia. Frederick was working as a baker.⁵ Harriet did not list an occupation at the time of her marriage, although the 1861 Census records that she was a straw-bonnet maker.⁶

This was the second marriage for Frederick. His first wife, Mary Ann (néé Turner) (1836–1865),⁷ whom he married in 1859,⁸ died after a "long and painful affliction" on 17 January 1865.⁹ They had one child, Mary Ann Elizabeth, born in 1860.¹⁰

Frederick and Harriet had nine children. The first child, Frederick Waller (1869–1929),¹¹ was followed by Edwin Herbert (a.k.a. Herbert) (1871–1937),¹² Percy Cardozo, Albert (1875–?),¹³ Edward (1876–?),¹⁴ Sidney Elliott (1879–1922),¹⁵ Harriet May (1881–?),¹⁶ Thomas (1883–1976),¹⁷ and finally Edith Victoria (1887–1953).¹⁸

When Percy was born, his father was working as a baker and the family was living on Moulsham Street, Chelmsford. In the 1881 Census, his family, except for his father Frederick, was living at South Primrose Hill, No. 8 Primrose Terrace, Chelmsford. (His parents would reside in this neighbourhood for the next 30 years.) The older children, Frederick Waller, Herbert and seven-year-old Percy, attended school, while Albert, Edward and Sidney remained at home. At this time their father, Frederick, was visiting the Allchin family in Chigwell, Essex (about 53 km from Chelmsford) and was unemployed.¹⁹

By the 1891 Census, Frederick was working as a printer's compositor²⁰ for the *Essex County Chronicle*.²¹ Except for Herbert, all the children were still living at home. Percy, who was 17 years old, had been a printing apprentice since 1888 with Meggy and Thompson, publishers of the *Essex County Chronicle*.²² His older brother Frederick Waller was employed as an electrical engineer's draughtsman and younger brother Albert as a builder's apprentice. Edward, Sidney, Harriet May and Thomas attended school. Toddler Edith remained at home. Herbert was boarding with the Charles S. Young family in Seal, Kent (about 73 km from Chelmsford) and was employed as a grocer's assistant.²³

During the next decade, Percy completed his apprenticeship, worked as a compositor at the *Essex County Chronicle* and played on the newspaper's cricket team.²⁴ He was also in the militia and was still serving when the South African Boer War (1899–1902) erupted. On 17 January 1900, 26-year-old Percy Cardozo Martin, who was 176 cm tall, with brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion and who weighed 67 kg, enlisted in the Special Service Company, Essex Volunteers, 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment.²⁵ At a "going away" party hosted by his employer, Percy was complimented on his work performance, presented with a gift of money and a box of cigars, and promised a job on his return. Percy expressed the desire that "he might be some use to his country."²⁶

The Special Service Company, Essex Volunteers, trained at Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex. On 10 March 1900, it marched through the town to the train station accompanied by bands from the 3rd and 4th battalions, Essex Regiment, playing such tunes as "Under the Double Eagle" and "Soldiers of the Queen." The train took the company to the Royal Albert Dock, London, where it boarded the *Nineveh* to sail to East London, South Africa, arriving on 24 March 1900.²⁷ Shortly after arriving, Private Percy C. Martin was promoted to lance corporal.

During his time there, he wrote informative and insightful letters to his colleagues at the *Essex County Chronicle*. He described the Special Service Company, Essex Volunteers' involvement in such actions as the surrender of Johannesburg and Pretoria, the South African environment and the people that he encountered. On 25 December 1900, the men were at Honing Spruit Camp, Orange River Colony, and feasted on chicken, played games and sang hymns. On the company's departure for England in May 1901, General Stephenson, 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment, thanked the men for their great assistance and praised them for their courage and coolness under fire.²⁸

Percy returned to his parent's home, his job at the *Essex County Chronicle* and his position on the newspaper's cricket team.²⁹ At some point, he met Alice Eve (a.k.a. Eva) Hext (née Crompton) (1866–1902),³⁰ a widow who was new to Chelmsford and was employed as a milliner's forewoman by W. and E. Davis, Drapers.³¹ On 24 July 1902, Percy and Alice were married by the Reverend H. A. Lake at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Chelmsford.³² His friends at work presented the couple with a china tea service.³³ Shortly after beginning their life together on Waterloo Lane, Alice Eve was diagnosed with a tumour. She was operated on at the Middlesex Hospital but sadly died on 11 August 1902.³⁴

For the next few years, Percy continued to live in Chelmsford, most likely working for the same newspaper. In his spare time, he played cricket.³⁵ But by 1907, he was living at 2 Moore's Road, Dorking, Surrey (about 99 km from Chelmsford) and was employed as a compositor. On 28 September, he married Florence Matilda Eldridge (1873–?)³⁶ at St. Martin's Anglican Church, Dorking.³⁷ Florence was working as a domestic servant for Miss Anna M. Helme at Nower Lodge.³⁸ By 1911, Percy and Florence were living in a four-room house at 10 Sulina Road, next door to his brother Herbert and wife Elizabeth,³⁹ in Brixton Hill, Brixton. Percy was working as a printer's storekeeper.⁴⁰ Percy and Florence adopted Frederick Cecil Webb (born 5 December 1911 in Dorking, Surrey)⁴¹ some time before 4 February 1912, his baptismal date.⁴²

When war was declared on 4 August 1914, Percy was still living at 10 Sulina Road, Brixton Hill, and was probably working as a printer's storekeeper. Perhaps once more wanting "to be of some use to his country,"⁴³ he enlisted in the 11th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) at the recruiting office in Lambeth, Surrey, probably in August 1915.⁴⁴

The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), originally the 2nd Regiment of Foot, was raised in 1661, one of the oldest line infantry regiments in the English and later the British Army. In 1881 it was retitled the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). For the First World War, it raised 31 battalions and 29 Young Soldier and Labour units. Of these battalions, 23 saw active service, resulting in the death of 7,399 officers and soldiers of other ranks (ORs). The 11th (Service) Battalion (Lambeth) in which Percy served was part of the New Army and was formed by the Mayor and Borough of Lambeth on 16 June 1915.⁴⁵

During the following months, Percy probably trained at camps near Lambeth and then on 15 February moved to Aldershot, Hampshire, about 50 km southwest of London. On 3 May 1916, the battalion's 36 officers and 924 ORs, which included Sergeant Percy Cardozo Martin, travelled by

train to Southampton, to board HMHS (His Majesty's Hospital Ship) *Caesarea*. The ship docked at Le Havre, France, at 5:45 a.m. on 5 May, having been delayed by fog. The battalion was part of the 123rd Brigade, 41st Division, British Expeditionary Force (BEF).⁴⁶

The next day the battalion travelled 273 km to Strazeele, France, where it engaged in trench-war training until 29 May. From there it marched to Le Bizet, Belgium, where it was assigned to trenches in the Railway and Glasgow Redout localities.⁴⁷

During June, July and part of August, the battalion remained in this location and followed the routines of trench warfare. Percy experienced day-to-day shelling, sniper fire, endless noise, horrid stench, and skirmishes, followed by rest periods behind the lines. However, there was little rest time. When not in the trenches, the men were assigned to nightly work groups. Danger was always imminent. On the night of 1 June, Private F. W. Bartlett, service number G/11646, was killed serving on a work party. He was the battalion's first casualty. Others would follow. By the end of July, 7 officers were wounded, 34 ORs were dead and 80 were wounded.⁴⁸

The battalion's strength on 5 August 1916 was 31 officers and 853 ORs. After a five-day rest period at Le Bizet, the battalion was back in the trenches from 12 to 17 August. It was during this time period that Sergeant Percy Cardozo Martin was critically wounded. He was taken to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station (CCCS) at Bailleul, France. A casualty clearing station was a medical unit behind the front lines, usually located near transportation. Casualties who could not be adequately treated were stabilized before being transported to a field or military hospital.⁴⁹ Most likely Percy was one of 67 injured men admitted on 16 August. He died on Thursday 17 August after a doctor operated to remove shrapnel from his chest.⁵⁰ His death was recorded by the No. 1 CCCS chaplain.⁵¹

Sergeant Percy Cardozo Martin was buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord (Grave/Memorial Reference II. F. 161).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.

Florence was informed of Percy's death on 24 August.⁵³ His parents placed a notice in the newspapers on 25 August⁵⁴ and his name appeared on the Roll of Honour in the various Essex newspapers on 26 August.⁵⁵ Florence applied for a pension on 16 November 1916 and was granted one for herself and for Frederick Cecil starting 12 February 1917. Later she would be granted an alternative pension of 24s per week.⁵⁶ On 13 February 1917, she received Percy's savings, £4 6s 5d, and on 4 September 1919, a war gratuity of £6 10s.⁵⁷

Sergeant Percy Cardozo Martin was posthumously awarded the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre), and the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918).⁵⁸

The Martin family's world continued without Percy. His father died unexpectedly on 14 December 1916.⁵⁹ In 1921, his mother was living at 62 South Primrose Hill, Chelmsford, with her son **Sidney**, who was unemployed.⁶⁰ Sidney died on 30 June 1922. He had been a Gunner, the Royal Garrison Artillery, but was discharged in 1917 because of illness. His mother applied for a pension.⁶¹

Two of Percy's siblings remained in the area. **Frederick**, his wife Agnes and their children were living in Chelmsford, where Frederick was employed by Crompton & Company Ltd. Electrical

Engineers as an electrical engineer's draughtsman.⁶² **Thomas**, his wife Phoebe and their children were living in Great Baddow, Essex, where Thomas was employed as a law clerk by Copland & Sons Solicitors.⁶³

Three siblings lived in more distant communities. **Herbert** and his wife Elizabeth were living in Greenwich, where Herbert worked for the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway.⁶⁴ **Harriet May** was working as a domestic servant for Mr. Romney Davis, Old Grove House, The Grove, Hampstead.⁶⁵ **Edith** was working as a draper's assistant at Messrs. J Lidstone & Company in Walthamstow, Essex.⁶⁶

Percy's mother, **Harriet**, died on 9 November 1929, three days after her son Frederick's death. She was survived by four sons, Herbert, Albert, Thomas, and Edward (who lived "abroad") and two daughters, Harriet May and Edith, both of whom were unmarried.⁶⁷

In 1921, Percy's wife **Florence** and adopted son **Frederick Cecil Webb** were living at 10 Holmewood Gardens, Wandsworth, London. Florence was operating a rooming house, while Frederick attended school.⁶⁸ On the eve of another war in 1939, Florence was living at 28 Holmewood Road, Streatham Hill, Wandsworth, London. Frederick was living with her and was employed at the Post Office & Telephone. He was using the name Frederick Cecil Martin.⁶⁹

Sergeant Percy Cardozo Martin's sacrifice was commemorated on the Chelmsford Civic Memorial.⁷⁰ More recently, a detailed biography was added to the Chelmsford War Memorial website.⁷¹

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