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MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6144

Name MARTIN Charles Henry

Unit

V 20245

Joined on

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Charles Henry MARTIN
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of MELBOURNE in the State of VICTORIA
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown) ... Natural born British Subject
4. What is your Age? ... 21 years 10 mths
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Building Joiner
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... yes S. W. Robert builder 6 years (end of term)
7. Are you married? ... Single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Father ... CHARLES HENRY MARTIN  
271 GRAHAM ST  
PORT MELBOURNE, VIC
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... yes, ten cadets 1 yr, 52<sup>nd</sup> inf 3 yrs, Comd service 6 mths 14<sup>th</sup> Depn Bde, Ballarat, officers training school CB 4 March 1910
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)— Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... yes

I, Charles Henry Martin do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife\*† and children.

Date 7/2/16

Charles Henry Martin  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.277/11.15.—C.15750.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

~~(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)~~

Date 7/2/16

Edward Dalton Jones  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Charles Henry Martin swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 21-2-16 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD,

Charles Henry Martin  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Ballarat in the State of Victoria this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February of 1916 19, before me—

Edward Dalton Jones  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of Charles Henry Martin on Enlistment.

Age <u>21</u> years <u>10</u> months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>Nacc. 4 Left</u>  <u>Vision R D6</u> <u>L D6</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches.	
Weight <u>147</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>32-35</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Fair</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Ch. of Christ.</u>	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 7/2/16  
Place Ballarat

W. Campbell Major A.M.C.  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

to 19/6 1916

Date 27-7-16

Place Broadmeadows

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Commanding 19/6 1916

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Statement of Service of No. 20245

Name Martin Charles Henry

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
14 Depot Batt Ballarat	Sergeant 28/2/16	21-2-16	24/3/16	
O.S. A. Duntroon	Coy S. No. 7/3/16 School Sgt.	24/3/16	20/4/16	
A Coy 14 Dept Batt		20/4/16	31/2/16	
"D" Coy Reserve 34 Batt	Sergeant	1/6/16	21-7-16	trans to 19/6 <sup>th</sup> Reinf
19/6 Reinf	" Major	21/7/16	16/8/16	
19/5 <sup>th</sup> Reinf	"	14/8/16		
	Attached in from Aust. 15-9-10 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> In. Bn.			PC 11 57/15/16 2/11/16
5 <sup>th</sup> Batt	(Plt) Deputy Detached Csq. for duty from factories with div. S. Corps.	12/3/17		PC 24/2606 24/1/17 L.R. 739
AFC	Plt. In Command at School of Technical Eng AFC, leading ex AFC Depot, Parkhouse.		✓ 1.6.17	LR 3698 AFC Plt. DO 8/283 <sup>E</sup> 7.7.17
	Plt. Attached to 29 <sup>th</sup> Eng Sqn for instruction from 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn		✓ 11.8.17	LR 7268 29 <sup>th</sup> Eng Sqn DO 4/5712 9.17
	Plt. M/ Into 29 <sup>th</sup> Eng Sqn AFC. From military Hosp Bres Heath Calop. 1		✓ 13.9.17	✓ 10/26.9.17 660E LR 8295
29 <sup>th</sup> J Sqn	Detached from 29 <sup>th</sup> Eng Sqn for duty with 20 <sup>th</sup> Eng Sqn AFC. Turnbull ex AFC 10/16. W/ 9 123.		✓ 1.10.17	PC 10/744E 24/10/17
30 <sup>th</sup> J Sqn	Plt. J.O.S. of 30 <sup>th</sup> J Sqn. from 29 <sup>th</sup> J Sqn. 4 semesters & 20/2/17 LR 9045		✓ 1.10.17	PC 14/362E 5/1/17
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Prom. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt in AFC & posted to AFC. (AFC 1st 256)		✓ 29-10-17	PC 14/22E 29/1/17

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.





Army Form B. 103. **4th Sqdn - A.A.C.** Regimental Number **4777**  
**Casualty Form Active Service.**  
 Regiment or Corps **19th Arty Bde**  
 Surname **Martin** Christian Name **Charles Henry**  
 Religion **Ep** Age on Enlistment **22** years **1** months.  
 Enlisted (a) **7/2/16** Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank **29.1.18** Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Officer i/c Records. \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 214, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 214, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
15.9.16	O/O Troops "Thornistocles"	Embarked ...		Meibourne	27.7.16	
15.9.16	2nd SB DoS Camp	Disembarked ...	Marched in from overseas	Plymouth	11/9/16	
16.3.17	Perham Down		reinforcement	England	15.9.16	07/15/16 27/16
16.3.17	1st Coy. Coy. Depot		Mobilised for active service	"	12.3.17	07/15/16 27/16 LX. 739 20-11-16-17 7610
3.6.17	ALB Dep.		Plg PB N. 124437	"	1.6.17	LR 3698 208/188E 71717
(AFC) (date)	PK House		On Command @ School of Technical Trg. A.F.C. Reading	"	6/7/17	LR 5019 LR 7268
6/7/17	30th Trg Sqdn A.F.C. Peninsula Pt		M/O in to A.I.F. Hdqrs Ldn	"	11.8.17	2075/1.9.17
17.8.17	29th Sqdn. Pt.		Attached to 29th Sqdn for instrn (Cader)	"	16.9.17	10213. RR 8995 D.O. 1015 02.9.17
16.9.17	29th S.Sqdn		Officer mobilised in front of 1st Trg Bde	"		

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D of Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shooting-smith, &c.  
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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B, 21b, Army Form A, 30, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B, 21b, Army Form A, 30, or in other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
8/10/17	29th 7. Sqdn	baat Dytida from the 29th 7. Sqdn to 30th 2.8. (A.F.C.) Sherrill, on/out 1/10/17	Shawbury 1/10/17		L.R. 9123 D.O. 14/10/17 R 213 11/10/17 D.O. 14/10/17
9.5.10.14	30th U.Sqdn	Cadet U.S. from 29th 7. Sqdn A remembered as 2/11/14	Serrhill	1-10-17	D.O. 14/10/17
10	A.I.F. file No 256	Having graduated as a flying officer (Pilot) is appointed 2/11 in A.I.F. & posted to A.F.C. Proceeded overseas France.	Ed.	29/10/17	D.O. 17/10/17 722
11	9.1.18 Bomb Officer Boulogne.	Proceeded overseas France.	Joulogne 9/1/18		Spent 1917 C.A. 2309/3/10 D.O. 1/553 28.1.18
13	12.1.18 A.Sqdn Bro. 170	J.D. J. A.Sqdn A.F.C.	Sold	11.1.18	E 7223/1 D.O. 247 6.2.18
14	5.2.18 A.S. Lt 243	Quint. To be Lieutenant	"	29-1-18	AK 2292/22. D.O. 7/91 21.2.18
12	12.1.18 7th Sqdn L.R.	Disembarked	Boulogne	9.1.18	AK 2292/46
15	18.2.18 F.A.C. Lt	Missing	Field	17.2.18	AK 2292/49 CIBL. 2306. D.O. 7/107 PD 562
14.7.15	4 Sqdn B 715				183/401/41 E 7219 AK 2292/53
16	5.7.14 A.I.F. Lt 352	Reported missing since 17/7/14 is drunk off strength		17.5.18	AK 2292/74
15.8.18	P.M. Lt 1687	Prev. reported missing 17.2.18. now reported killed in action. Missing report from Germany.	Field	14.2.18.	CIBL. 2777 D.O. 13E. 30/9/18.

17. 17.2.18. now reported killed in action. Missing report from Germany.

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(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 4th Sqdn A.F.C. Regimental Number                       
 \*Substantive Rank Lieut. Surname MARTIN. Christian Names Charles Henry

\*Acting Rank                       
 (\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Orders Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as held as substantive promotions following the date on which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received.					
	O.C. Tps	Embarked		Melbourne	27.7.16.	
	"Thermistocles" disembarked					
16.9.16.	End T.B.	N/Y from O/Sens reinforcement	England.	Plymouth	11.9.16.	
19.3.17.	APC Dep.	Attached for duty (Temp) from L'Hill	"	"	15.9.16. D.O. 57/1.17 E.	
23.6.17.	do	On Command at School of Technical	"	"	12.3.17. D.O. 24/2610	
6.7.17.	30th T.S. M/O	to A.I.P. Hdqrs London.	"	"	1.6.17. D.O. 8/263	L.R. 5019.
19.8.17.	29th T.S.	attached to 29th T. Sqdn for Instrn	"	"	6.7.17.	
		(Cadet)			11.8.17. D.O. 7/371	
16.9.17.	do	Marched in from Mil Hosp Presses Heath.	S.bury.	13.9.17. D.O. 10/660		
9.10.17.	do	Detached from No. 29 T.S. to No. 30	"	"	1.10.17. D.O. 13/744K.	
5.10.17.	30th T.S.	T.O.S. from 29th T.S. re-mustered	Tornhill.	1.10.17. T.O. 14/562F		
		as B/A.M.				

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Regiment of Corps: 4th Sqdn A.F.C. Regimental Number Charles Henry  
 \*Substantive Rank Lieut. Surname MARTIN. Christian Names

\*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
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(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received.	Authority of Part II, of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, resignation, &c.	Remarks and initials and rank of an officer
				Melbourne	27.7.16.	
		O.C. Tps Embarked		Plymouth	11.9.16.	
		"Thomistocles" Disembarked				
15.9.16.	End T.B.	N/Y from O/Seas reinforcement	England.		15.9.16. D.O. 57/1.17 E.	
18.3.17.	623 AFC Dep.	Attached for duty (Temp) from L'Hill	"		12.3.17. D.O. 24/2610	
28.6.17.	do	On Command at School of Technical	"		1.6.17. D.O. 8/283	
6.7.17.	30th T.S. Törnhill.	THE A.F.C. Reading.			6.7.17.	L.R. 5019
19.8.17.	29th T.S.	M/O to A.I.P. Hdqrs London.				
		Attached to 29th T. Sqdn for instrn			11.8.17. D.O. 7/571	
		(Gadet)				
16.9.17.	do	Marched in from Mil Hosp Press Heath.	S'bury. 13.9.17. D.O. 10/660			
8.10.17.	do	Detached from No. 29 T.S. to No. 30				
		T.S. A.P. CYTörnhill & M/O	1.10.17.		1.10.17. D.O. 13/744 E	
5.10.17.	30th T.S.	from 29th T.S. & remustered	Törnhill.		1.10.17. T.O. 14/562 F	
		as 2/A.M.				

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(A) Report From whom received

(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders

(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.

(D) Place of casualty

(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversions, casualty, &c.

(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer

9.1.18.	A.I.F.L. 21st. Having graduated as a Flying Officer (Pilot) is appointed 2/lt in A.I.F. England, 29.10.17.D.O.17/722 and posted to A.F.C.	B'logne	9.1.18.D.O.4/553	C.R. 4309 2/10.
12.1.18.	Emb Off. B'logne.	"	9.1.18.	
12.1.18.	71st SIG. Disembarked	Field.	11.1.18.D.O.5/47	
5.2.18.	4th S.A.F.C. T.O.S. 4th Sqdn A.F.C. A.F.L. 2932 <sup>d</sup> To be Lieutenant	"	29.1.18.D.O.7/91	
18.2.18.	CHOL. 1264 Missing	"	17.2.18.D.O.8/109	Pp. 562 CUB. 2306.
5.7.18.	A.I.F.L. Reported Missing since 17.2.18. is 352 S.O.S.		17.5.18.	
15.8.18.	PM list 487 Prev reported missing 17.2.18. now reported killed in Action Death report from Germany.	"	17.2.18. D.O. 18E. 309/11	C.M. 2777

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*(Sd) J. Shepherdson, Lieut.*  
 For Officer i/c Records.  
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**(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).**

Regiment or Corps 4th Sqdn A.F.C. Regimental Number Charles Henry  
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\*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
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			O.C. Tps Embarked	Melbourne	27.7.16.	
			"Themistocles" Disembarked	Plymouth	11.9.16.	
15.9.16.	2nd T.B.	M/I	from O/Seas reinforcement .England.		15.9.16.	D.O.57/10171
18.3.17.	8413 AFC Dep.		Attached for duty (Temp) from L'Hill "		12.3.17.	D.O.24/2610
3.6.17.	do		On Command at School of Technical "		1.6.17.	D.O.0.8/283
6.7.17.	30th T.S. Ternhill.		Tng A.F.C. Reading.		6.7.17.	S.R.5019.
10.8.17.	29th T.S.		M/C to A.I.F. Hdqrs London.			
			Attached to 29th T.Sqdn for instrn (Cadet)		11.8.17.	D.O.7/571
16.9.17.	do		Marched in from Mil Hosp Prees Heath.S'bury.		13.9.17.	D.O.10/660
8.10.17.	do		Detached from No. 29 T.S. to No.30 T.S. A.F.C. Ternhill & M/O 1.10.17.			
5.10.17.	30th T.S.		T.O.S. from 29th T.S. & remustered as 2/A.M.	Ternhill.	1.10.17.	D.O.13/744
					1.10.17.	D.O.014/562

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Statement made by Lieut Scott F.J., A.F.C.

re Lieut Martin C.H., A.F.C.

Missing 17.2.18.

-: That while on patrol on the 17.2.18, C.H. Martin Lt., was flying beside me in formation over Lille. The leaders attacked E.A., and on looking round for Lt Martin, I saw only a cloud of smoke and presume he got a direct hit, as I observed fragments falling. I might add Capt Flockart flight commander, observed same.

Dated at, Shirley Park.

*30/5/18*

(Sgd) F.J.Scott Lt.

Statement made *P.* and signed before me.

(Sgd) C.G.Galpin M.B.

M.O. i/c R.F.C. Aux: Hosp:  
Overseas Club Branch,  
Shirley Park,  
Croydon.

*\*: Capt Flockart  
Shirley Park*

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON.

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C O P Y

Statement made by Capt Flockhart D.P, A.F.C.

re Lieut Martin C.H, A.F.C.

Missing 17.2.18.

On the 17.2.18, I was leading a patrol which included Lieut C.H. Martin. We got into a fight with E.A. near Lille. I saw Lieut Martin, driving very fast, and saw his machine break up in the air, the wings falling away from the fuselage. This happened at about 3,000 ft. The machine would be travelling at such a speed that, when the machine struck the ground, I am of the opinion that Lieut Martin, would be killed instantly.

Dated at, Wendover.

(Sgd) D.P. Flockhart  
Capt.

Statement made and signed before me.

(Sgd) G.H. Leslie  
Lieut.

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Graham St., Port Melbourne, Victoria.

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A.I.F.

Yours etc

C.H. Martin  
Father.

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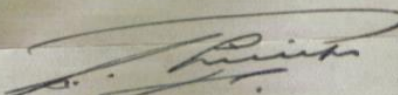
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Melbourne.

Lieut. C.H. MARTIN, A.F.C.

Although exhaustive searches and investigations have been made with the object of locating the grave of the above named, it has not been possible either to locate his actual burial place or obtain any information which might indicate his probable original or present resting place.

Therefore this office's records in connection with that late member of the A.I.F. are being marked "No trace on research." Similar action has been taken by the Imperial War Graves Commission, London.

For your information and notation, please.

  
Major.  
C.O. Australian Graves Services.

Copies to:-  
Inspector, Amiens.  
Inspector, Poperinghe.



*Noted on  
Unit Index  
6/3/22*

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NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

CARD.

Country : ~~Engal~~ England. Dead.  
Name : C.H.Martin  
Rank : Lieutenant  
Division : Aviator  
Place of Capture : Was ~~precipitated~~ <sup>brought down</sup> with fatal results  
at Capinghem on 17/2/18  
<sup>Reported</sup>  
Communicated by the Inspection of ~~Fixig~~  
Flying troops, Charlottenburg

SHEET.

Confirming that the Australian Prisoner of War Flight-Lieutenant C.H.Martin, was precipitated headlong with fatal results on 17 th Feb. 1918.

Reg. Ref. 111 No.19107/20/W.

Buried at Premesques, North of the Lille-Armentieres Road.

DECEASED  
SECTION

DEC 23 1919

RECEIVED

241 Guaham St  
Post Melbourne  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1919

To the Secretary  
Defence Department, Melbourne

Sir, Please forward to me the form you  
are issuing to obtain particulars of  
soldiers who fell in the war.

My eldest son lieut CH Martin <sup>4<sup>th</sup> Squad</sup>  
Australian Flying Corps was killed in an air  
fight over the German lines on 17.2.18.

As a sgt. in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry of the Citizen  
forces he was called upon for active service  
on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914 and reported for duty  
at 9 am. on that date and both as a  
citizen soldier and a member of the A.I.F.  
was on continuous service till the day of  
his death. I would refer you to the records  
of the department here, at the College of  
Buntonow, also in England for testimony  
as to his worth, and I would be glad if  
possible to have a copy of these records.

Yours etc

C. H. Martin (Father  
of soldier)

P.S. Can you inform me how it is my wife,  
Mrs Martin, has not yet received the Mother's  
badge for three sons enlisted

DC.

29th December 1919.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 21st December, and in reply to state the Circular "Form A" is now being prepared and will be forwarded to you in connection with your son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, in due course.

I am enclosing herewith a record of service of the late Officer, in accordance with your request.

Your enquiry regarding the Badge issued to the nearest female relatives of members of the A.I.F., on Mrs. Martin's behalf, has been referred to the Assistant Adjutant General, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, for attention.

Yours faithfully,

C.H. Martin Esq.,  
271 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne, V.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

CA

DC.

29th December 1919.

A. A. G.,  
3rd Military District.

The appended extract of a communication received from C.H. Martin Esq, of 271 Graham Street, Port Melbourne, in connection with his son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, is referred for favor of your attention and reply to the writer direct.

"Can you inform me how it is my wife, Mrs. Martin,  
"has not yet received the Mother's Badge for three  
"sons enlisted. "

for Officer i/c Base Records.  
Captain.

DC.

29th December 9.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to the records of this Office at this date, the late Lieutenant Charles Henry MARTIN, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, on :-

- 7. 2.16 Enlisted at Ballarat V., as a member of the A.I.F.
- 27. 7.16 Embarked per H.T. "Themistocles" at Melbourne, for active service abroad.
- 11. 9.16 Disembarked at Plymouth.
- 15. 9.16 Marched in to 2nd Training Battalion.
- 12. 3.17 Attached to Australian Flying Corps Depot for duty (temporary) from Larkhill.
- 1. 6.17 On command at School of Technical Training, Australian Flying Corps, Reading.
- 6. 7.17 Marched out to A.I.F. Headquarters, London.
- 11. 8.17 Attached to 29th Training Squadron for instruction (cadet).
- 13. 9.17 Marched in from Military Hospital, Press Heath, Sudbury.
- 1.10.17 Detached from No.29 Training Squadron to No.30. Training Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, Ternhill, and remustered as 2nd Air Mechanic.
- 29.10.17 Having graduated as a Flying Officer (Pilot) is appointed 2nd Lieutenant in A.I.F. and posted to Australian Flying Corps.
- 9. 1.18 Proceeded overseas to France.
- 11. 1.18 Taken on Strength of 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.
- 29. 1.18 To be Lieutenant.
- 17. 2.18 Missing.  
Previously reported missing 17.2.18, reported killed in action, vide death report from Germany.

Captain.  
for Officer i/c Base Records.

DC.

5th June 1919.

Dear Madam,

With reference to my communication of the 2nd instant, regarding a trunk, the property of your son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, which was not delivered ex S.S. "Sardina", advice has now been received that the amount of £41/16/0 on account of the abovementioned trunk, has been paid to the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, who has been requested to transmit that amount to you.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street.  
PORT MELBOURNE.

V.

RECORDS SECTION.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEPHONES (17 LINES):  
VICTORIA 8860.

ADDRESS REPLIES TO  
OFFICER i/c RECORDS

AND QUOTE RBD/10791/4/9

CABLE & TEL. ADDRESS: "ADMINAUST, LONDON."

*3rd.*

*113*  
End July 1919.

Officer i/c Base Records,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

Lieut. C.H.MARTIN, A.F.C. K.in A. 17.2.18.

DECEASED  
SECTION  
AUG 27 1919  
RECEIVED

A letter has been received from Mrs C.H. Martin, 271, Graham Street, Port Melbourne, requesting information as to whether her son's grave has been located.

Lieutenant Martin was killed whilst flying over Lille, but report of burials from Lille area are not yet complete. Investigations are still being made and immediately Lieut. Martin's grave is registered you will be advised.

May Mrs Martin be advised accordingly.

please.

Captain,  
for Officer i/c Records.

BASE RECORDS  
AUG 26 1919  
RECEIVED

E. McK.

4th September, 1919.

Dear Madam,

With reference to a communication addressed by you to A. I. F. Headquarters, London, requesting information as to whether the grave of ~~my~~ son, the late Lieutenant C. H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, has been located, I am now in receipt of advice from the Officer in charge at that Administration to the effect that he was killed whilst flying over Lille, but reports of burials from Lille area are not yet complete. Investigations are still being made and immediately Lieutenant Martin's Grave is registered, this Office will be advised and the information promptly transmitted to next-of-kin shown as father.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. C. H. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE.

Henry Victor Harrison Henry 5327 ARMSTRONG Frederick Arthur  
2631 ARMSTRONG Archibald Stephen 6952 BROWN Andrew Johnson  
6707 BLANK William Hurrell 6705 BELL Mellice William  
6226 BIRDITT Reginald William 5657 BOVEY John 5544 BURGESS  
Albert Charles 6723 CLARK George 6715 CHAPPELL Arthur Dutton  
5994 CHESHIRE Thomas Michael 6004 CHEWYND Harold Leslie 6051  
CAMERON Harry 5813 CLIFFORD Lawrence 6763 DREW Patrick Harold  
6738 DODD Windsor Charles 6733 DAILY Jeremiah Patrick 4764  
DELACOUR John Herbert 5576 EVERETT Charles Frederick 6244  
FULLER Samuel Alfred 5366 FONTANA Harry George 784A FITZPATRICK  
Luke 6456 GRAYSON Francis Augustus 6765 HAYDEN Timothy John  
6764 HAMPSON John Selby 6492 HOWE William Thornton 6357 HARRIS  
George Henry 6253 HARRISON Arthur William 5379 HOSKIN William  
Henry 5350 HOLMES John 4803 HODGES Hugh Hector 6097A KNIGHT  
John Huskisson 6826 LANG Windsor 6273 LEE Ernest William

ADMINAUST

FROM

DC.

5th June 1919.

D. P. M.  
3rd Military District.

It is noted that £41/16/0 and £10/15/0 have been paid to you on account of effects shortlanded ex s.s. "Sardinia" in connexion with the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, and the late Lieutenant A.A. Pearce, 10th Battalion, respectively.

I would be obliged if you will forward the amount of £41/16/0 to :

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE. V.

the legatee under Lieutenant Martin's Will.

Mrs. I.I. Pearce has been requested to furnish this Office with Probate of the Will of 2nd Lieutenant Pearce, and on receipt of the document you will be advised as to the person entitled to receive the amount of £10/15/0.

for officer i/c Base Records.  
Captain.

DC.

2nd June 1919

S. O. C.  
3rd Military District.

With reference to my 89165 of the 20th February last, concerning Case No. 1466 containing effects of the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, which was not received ex H.T. "Sardinia", the following extract of a communication received from Mrs. L.R. Martin of 271 Graham Street, Port Melbourne, legatee under the late Officer's Will, is forwarded for favor of your attention and reply to the writer direct.

"In reference to trunk belonging to my son - the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, A.F.C., - which was missing from H.T. "Sardinia" in January last, I would like to know if you have heard any more about it, and if you have not has any action been taken against the shipping company for trunk and contents....."

Captain,  
for Officer i/c Base Records.

[REDACTED]

2nd June 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 29th ultimo, and in reply to state no information regarding the trunk, the property of your son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, has been received at this Office other than that conveyed to you in my 89164 of the 20th February last, and to Mr. Martin in my 98571 of the 24th March. The matter has been referred to the Senior Ordnance Officer, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, who is taking the necessary action regarding the claim submitted by you, for attention and reply to you direct.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne. V.

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DECEASED  
SECTION  
MAY 31 1919  
RECEIVED

271 Graham Street  
Port Melbourne  
May 29/19

Major Lean  
A. C. Base Records  
Melbourne

Sir

In reference to trunk belonging to my  
Sow - The late Lieut. G. D. Martin - 4th Squadron  
A. F. C. - which was - missing from "S. T. Sardinia"  
in January last. I would like to know if you  
have heard any more about it, and if you  
have not. Has any action been taken against  
the Shipping Company - for trunk and contents.  
Last communication (re same) received from  
you number - 89164. -

Yours respectfully

(Mrs) L. C. Martin - (Mother)

BASE RECORDS  
MAY 30 1919  
RECEIVED

F. V. D.

<sup>21/16</sup>  
22nd March 1919.

98.71

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, concerning the personal effects of your son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, and in reply to state as the eighty cases, containing over seventeen hundred packages were manifested cargo on the "Sardinia", the Defence Department had no control over the disposal of them on board. They were carried in the hold of the ship with other cargo and therefore it cannot be said whether the offenders were the troops aboard or members of the crew.

Your information is incorrect as this is the only consignment where any material amount of pilfering has been disclosed.

A claim for 241/16/0 has been made against the Shipping Company, and on receipt of their reply you will be further advised.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

H. Martin Esq.,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE. V.

CD

241 Graham St  
Port Melbourne  
16.3.19

Letter Office in Charge  
Rare Records, Victoria, Dawson  
Melbourne

Sir, Has anything been done to trace  
and punish the thieves who boarded  
and pilfered the tin trunk on board  
the transport "Sardinia", containing  
the personal effects of my late son  
Lieutenant G.H. Leaver A.S.C.

I think it is something scandalous  
that better care and guard should not  
be placed over such things whilst in  
transit, and that it should be possible  
for scoundrels to have access to such  
things, and that apparently no effort  
is made to trace the thieves.

Yours G.H. Leaver  
to his father's father

P.S. I may add, that with this exception I  
have no fault to find with the Defence  
Department, who have at all times treated me  
considerately. But I am informed that this  
kind of thieving is quite common and is allowed  
to go on without any attempt to detect and  
punish the thieves.

JR. MP WH.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.



B.R. Form No. 11.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, 18th February 1919.

To Commanding Officer

52nd Infantry

Drill Hall

Sturt Street STH MMLB.

Forwarded under separate cover Record Book (A.M. Form M. 7), with A.I.F.

service entered, relating to **Lieut. Chas Henry MARTIN,**

**4th Sqdrn. Aus. Flying Corps,**

Australian Imperial Force, formerly of your Command,

**reported as Killed in Action 17th February. 1918.**

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.



Major,

*J. Mclean*

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

To OFFICER IN CHARGE, BASE RECORDS.

*J. Mclean*

Received.

21. 2. 1919.

*J. Mclean*

D. 1487/10.18 - C. 10885 - 2A

Lieut.

Adjutant 2/5th Infantry

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MARTIN CH

D. H. M. S.

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VICTORIA

**Commanding Officer**  
**52nd Infantry**  
**Drill Hall**  
**Sturt St.,**  
**STH. MELB.**

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to  
**Officer in Charge, Base Records,**  
**Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.**

Open this letter cut along this edge

DC.

20th February 1919.

89165

S. O. O.  
2nd Military District.

Please find attached inventory and valuation by  
the legatee (mother) Mrs. L.P. Martin, 271 Graham Street, Port M  
Melbourne, concerning case No. 1466 containing the effects of  
the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian  
Flying Corps, which was not received ex H.M. "Sardinia".

Captain.  
for Officer i/c Base Records.

DC.

20th February 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt, of your communication of the 14th instant, enclosing your valuation for the contents of a trunk containing the personal effects of your son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, which was not delivered ex H.M. "Sardinia". The matter has been referred to the Senior Ordnance Officer, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, in order that a claim may be made against the Shipping Company concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer in Charge Base Records.

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE. V.

ARTICLES CONTAINED IN PACKAGE No. D/S 41621 IN CASE 1466,  
EFFECTS OF THE LATE LIEUT. C. H. MARTIN, AUST. FLYING CORPS.

ARTICLES.

VALUE.

£. S. D.

One Trunk, (containing:)	5. 5. 0
5 Note Books	12. 6
1 Pr Brushes	10. 0
1 Pr. Bathing Trunks	2. 0
1 Scarf	
1 Belt (Money)	7. 6
2 Prs. Underpants	15. 0
1 Singlet	1. 0. 0
4 Prs. Socks	10. 0
6 Handkerchiefs	12. 0
1 Towel	4. 6
2 Shirts	2. 6
1 Pr. Mittens	15. 1
1 Suit Pyjamas	2. 6
1 Cardigan Jacket	12. 6
1 Pr. Slacks	1. 1. 1
1 Bag containing whistle, Housewife, cotton,	1. 10. 1
2 Silk Handkerchiefs	5. 1
2 Ties	5. 1
1 Clothes Brush	3. 6
1 Soap Box	1. 6
1 Wristlet Watch and strap	4. 10. 0
1 Tin Photos, <i>mostly films.</i>	5. 0. 0
Letters <i>pictures</i>	
1 Wallet	4. 10. 1
2 Razors	1. 1. 1
1 Protractor	2. 6
1 Pr. Scissors	2. 6
Chevrons	5. 1
1 Small Bible	7. 6
2 Collars	2. 1
Writing paper	2. 6
1 Jack knife	6. 1
1 S.D. Tunic	2. 10. 1
Books. ( <i>mostly instructions</i> )	7. 10. 1

*Copy of King's Valuation  
Books.*

No. 81443 ~~Travis~~ Sect 17/2

291 Graham St

Post-Melt

Feb 14-19

To Major Leau

Sir

Enclosed please find list forwarded by you - to me for valuation. The prices quoted (in most cases) are made by Travis in totum - where my son dealt before he went away.

Yours respectfully

Louis G. Martin



To Mr J. H.  
200 Bantlett  
19/2

DC.

84697

5th February 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 3rd instant, concerning a trunk, the property of your son, the late Lieutenant. C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, and in reply to state the evidence which you have shown conclusively that the trunk in question was pilfered on the ship, and if you wish that a claim be made against the Shipping Company, it will be necessary for you to forward your valuation at the earliest possible moment.

The Assistant Adjutant General, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, N.S.W., has been requested to have enquiries made in Sydney with a view to locating any other articles that may have been recovered on the "Sardinia".

In the event of anything coming to hand you will be notified and the articles promptly forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE. V.

**Australian Imperial Force.**



A.I.F. KIT STORE,  
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH,  
LONDON, W. 6.

Inventory of Effects of - Lieutenant C.H. Martin, Australian Flying Corps.

Forwarded to - N.O.K. Father :-  
Mr. C.H. Martin,  
271, Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne,  
Victoria.

Received from the field 2/3/18

ONE TRUNK (SEALED) containing :-

5 Note books, 1 pr brushes, 1 pr Bathing trunks, 1 Scarf, 1 Belt,  
2 Prs Underpants, 1 Singlet, 4 Prs Socks, 6 Handkerchiefs, 1 Towel,  
2 Shirts, 1 Pr Mittens, 1 Suit Pyjamas, 1 Cardigan Jacket, 1 Pr Slacks,  
1 Bag containing Whistle, Housewife, Cotton, 2 Silk Handkerchiefs,  
2 Ties, 1 Clothes Brush, 1 Soap Box, 1 Wristlet Watch and strap,  
1 Tin Photos, Letters, 1 Wallet, 2 Razors, 1 Protractor, 1 Pr Scissors,  
Chevrons, 1 Small Bible, 2 Collars, Writing paper, 1 Jack knife,  
1 S.D. Tunic, Books.

No. of Package D/S 4162L in case 1466.  
National Archives of Australia

Checked by  
NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

DC.

81743

29th January 1919.

Dear Madam,

Advice was received from A.I.F. Headquarters, London, that one trunk, No. D/S 41621 in Case 1466, containing articles as per attached list, the effects of your son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, Australian Flying Corps, was shipped to this Office per H.T. "Sardinia". The package in question was not delivered and in order that a claim may be made against the shipping company it is requested that you have a detailed valuation of the articles made and forwarded to this Office at the earliest possible date.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer in Charge Base records.

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE. V.

February 3rd - 1919

271 Graham St  
Port Melbourne

Major Leau - O. C. - Base Records  
Sir -

no 81443 -

Your communication re - Missing Trunk -  
the Kit of the late Lieut - G. D. Martin A. S. C.  
came to hand this morning, & I'd like to report to  
you that about a fortnight ago I received a  
letter from a Soldier in Sydney who stated  
that while working on the "Sardinia" at that  
port, he found, whilst cleaning out one of the holds  
of the ship, a pocket diary, with my name & address  
on it, & that it referred to me as "Mother"; he stated  
he didn't know how the diary came to be amongst  
all the rubbish down there, but if I still lived at the  
same address he would forward it on to me, I answered  
his letter, & last Saturday I received by registered post  
the diary which was for Jan ending 1914, & belonged  
to my son, whose kit is missing. This must have got  
out of that trunk somehow or other, & I would like  
to know if you could possibly trace any of the other  
things that were in the kit, as they are of more  
value to us at home than any money could be, I  
called at the R. & O. Coy. office & they said they  
would inquire at their office in Sydney as  
to whether anything but the diary had been  
forwarded. However, if nothing comes to light



Ms. 11/14/2

now we will have to do as you say  
and fill in claim and send on to you.  
It is hard when some people cant  
even leave the few little things of those  
who died for them alone

Yours faithfully

L. R. Martin

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Major Lean

O. C.

Base Records

DC.

81696

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5th February 1919.

A. A. G.  
2nd Military District.  
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Included in a shipment of cases of deceased soldiers' effects consigned to this Office per H.T. "Sardinia", was a trunk No. D/S 41621, Case 1466, containing effects of the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps. This trunk was not delivered at Base Records, and in a communication received from deceased's mother she states that a pocket diary belonging to deceased was found by a soldier in the ship's hold and forwarded to her.

I would be obliged if you will have enquiries instituted with a view to ascertaining whether any more articles have since been recovered or are lying in any of the Departmental stores in the 2nd Military District.

In the event of anything coming to hand kindly forward same to this Office for transmission to the legatee.

Captain.  
for Officer i/c Base Records.

**Australian Imperial Force.**



A.I.F. KIT STORE,  
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH,  
LONDON, W. 6.

MB/9.

Inventory of Effects of -

Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.,

Forwarded to -

N.O.K. Father :-

Mr. C.H. Martin,

271, Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne,  
Victoria.

Received from the field :- 2/3/18

ONE BROWN VALISE (SEALED) containing :-

1 Trench Coat, 2 Prs Boots, 1 Sleeping Bag, 1 Stretcher. Ex Small Suit  
Case:- 1 Shirt, 3 Collars, 1 Flying Corps Cap, 1 Towel, 2 Suits Pyjamas,  
2 Prs Socks, 1 Boot Cleaning outfit, 1 Singlet, 1 Pr Gloves, 1 Holdall,  
1 Safety Razor in case, 1 Shaving brush, 1 diary.

M. CARDINIA

D/S. 42036 in case 1497.

No. of Package  
National Archives of Australia

Checked by  
NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

**Australian Imperial Force.**

13.



A.I.F. KIT STORE,  
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH,  
LONDON, W. 6.

Inventory of Effects of - Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squad, A.F.C. A.I.F.

Forwarded to - (Father).

Mr. Charles Henry Martin,  
271, Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne,  
Victoria.

Received from War Office. 10/9/18.

ONE PARCEL (Sealed) Containing:-

1 Devotional Book, 1 Photo Wallet with Photos enclosed,  
1 Cheque Book on Commonwealth Bank of Australia Cheques  
Nos. 45509 to 45520 unused), 1 Identity Disc with Piece of  
Chain attached, 1 Watch in Case (broken).

SAFARDINIA

D/S. 42037 in case 1497.

No. of Package  
National Archives of Australia

Checked by  
NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Do not forget to advise any change of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

JOS.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.

14th January, 1919.  
2-3.

Dear Madam,

Stores, Victoria I have despatched this day to the Senior Ordnance Officer, Ordnance Stores, Melbourne, for transmission to your address in a package

containing the effects of the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron Australian Flying Corps, as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

Should these not come to hand within a reasonable time, after allowing for any delay occasioned by the restricted shipping facilities, it is suggested you communicate with the Senior Ordnance Officer above quoted on the subject.

(Enclosure.) I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether <sup>same</sup> come safely to hand, by signing and returning enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

*J. J. J. J. J.* Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1377/8.18.—C 13179.—24.

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE, Vic.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Don't forget to advise any change of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE. 16th January 1919.

JOS.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded this day, per separate parcels registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late Lieutenant C.A. Martin, 4th Squadron Australian Flying Corps, received ex "Sardinia" as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether <sup>same</sup> comes safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.  
(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

*J. J. J. J.* Major,  
J. J. J. J.

PARCEL POST

D.1378/8.18.—C 13178.

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

EUROPEAN MAIL SERVICE

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
FORT MELBOURNE, Vic.

*Martin*

12th January, 1919.

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Dear Madam,

Your letter addressed to General Pau, the Head of the French Mission which recently visited Australia, has been passed to me with a view to complying with your desire to have the grave of the late Lieutenant C. H. Martin, Australian Flying Corps, located and properly marked, and a communication has accordingly been addressed to A.I.F. Headquarters, London, asking for this to be attended to at the earliest practicable moment.

An endeavour will also be made to obtain a photograph of his last resting place for transmission to you.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. C. H. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne, Vic.

To  
General Paul Pau

271 Graham St  
Port Melbourne

December 2-18

Dear Sir

My son Lieutenant Charles H Martin a Pilot  
in the 4th Squadron Australian Flying Corps  
was killed in an airfight over Lille on  
February 14th of this year. His death was  
reported by the German officials who also  
stated that they buried him - Could you when  
you return to your country trace the whereabouts  
of his grave. And forward particulars to me -  
My two other sons are on service one with the  
Wireless Squadron in Mesopotamia and the other  
with the Australian Flying Corps Abroad - Trusting  
you will pardon me for trespassing on your  
kindness

I am

Yours sincerely  
An Australian Soldier's Mother  
Louisa H. Martin

Mrs C. H. Martin  
271 Graham Street  
Port Melbourne

Victoria Australia

HC

Lieutenant,

Charles Henry Martin,

4th. Squadron, Flying Corps,

Australian Imperial Force.

xxxxx was Killed in action, -----

xxx in Germany,

17th. February,

18.

Cable No. C.I.B.L. .

2777, from the Commandant, A.I.F. headquarters, dated London,

21st. August, 1918, confirmed by Mail, from the Commandant, A.I.F.

Headquarters, dated London, 26th. August, 1918.-----

2nd. December, 18.

Major.

M. H. A.

----- Lieutenant,  
Charles Henry Martin,  
4th Squadron, Flying Corps,  
Australian Imperial Force.

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Headquarters, dated London, 26th August, 1918.-----

14th November, 18. Major.

JML/VM

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15th May,

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Dear Madam,

I return herewith the letters, etc., which you left concerning the case of your son, Lieutenant C. H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

Cabled representations have been made to A.I.F. Headquarters, and as soon as any further information can be obtained, you will be promptly advised.

The complete address of the German officer is as follows:-

Lieutenant Waldemar Karstens,  
Ordnance Officer in an Infantry Regiment.

Private address:-

Lieutenant Waldemar Karstens,  
Tegda Weg 16,  
Charlottenburg,  
BERLIN.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. C. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE. V.

M.B.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

Mr. Martin,  
241 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne,  
Australia.

The 17th February at 3 o'clock in the afternoon has been a battle between airships and it happened to the capture of the one your son was killed with, what we saw of the papers they had with him.

The body will be placed here and will be respectfully cared for the same as if it would be a soldier of ours.

We tak great part of the loes of your dear Son, respectfully as we are yours enemies

(Sgd.) Waldemar Karstens  
Lieutenant.  
Ordinance Officer in an Infantry Regiment.

Private adresse:

18/2/18.

Berlin - Charlottenburg,  
Telgda., Weg. 16.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

France.  
22/2/1918.

Dear Mr. Martin,

I am extremely sorry to have to communicate with you regarding the loss of your son who was recently reported missing.

He, with three other Pilots of this Squadron took part in a fight with several German machines over enemy territory in which two German machines were destroyed.

Your son however, failed to return after the fight, and his Flight Commander, who was leading our Patrol reported that your son was shot down by an enemy machine.

He was a fine Pilot and a good reliable Officer, and he is greatly missed by us all.

Please accept my deepest sympathy in the great loss sustained by you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. A. McClaughy,  
Major.  
Commanding No.4 Sqdn. A.F.C.

C.H. Martin, Esq.,  
271 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne. V.

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D.L.F.  
A.F.C./

9th March, 1918.

Lieutenant Charles Henry

Martin, 4th Squadron Australian Flying Corps (late 6th Battalion),  
Australian Imperial Force, was reported Missing on 17th February,  
1918; no further record available.-----

The General Secretary,  
Sons of Temperance Friendly Society,  
Temperance & General Life Building,  
136 Swanston Street,  
MELBOURNE.



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**BASE RECORDS OFFICE,**  
*Victoria Barracks,*

*Melbourne,*.....

Dear.....  
With reference to my wire of the.....  
I now have to advise you that information has been received to the effect  
that.....  
is now in the Hospital at.....

His postal address will therefore be—  
No.

c/o Australian High Commissioner,  
LONDON, S.W.

Any further particulars coming to hand will be promptly transmitted.

Yours faithfully,

**J. M. LEAN,** *Captain,*

*Officer in Charge Base Records.*

D.608/11.15.—C.16229.

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES.



52nd INFANTRY,

DRILL HALL,  
STURT STREET,

South Melbourne, 17/2/1916

FROM

Adjutant

TO

Cpl Reamley Depot Ballarat

MEMO.

This is to certify that Lieut Crow  
C.H. Martin has returned all  
articles of equipments and public  
clothing on issue to him.

G. Sullivan Lieut  
Adj 52nd Infantry

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES.



52nd INFANTRY,

DRILL HALL,  
STURT STREET,

South Melbourne, 7/2/1916

FROM

Adjutant

TO

Capt Recreilly Depot Ballarat

MEMO.

This is to certify that Lieut (prov) C.H. Martin has returned all articles of equipment and public clothing on issue to him.

G. Swanwick Lieut  
Agt 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry

**K**Land *England Toten* Listen Nr. *19107/20 W*

<b>Name</b> <i>Abschrift</i>	<i>M a r t i n , C.H.</i>	
<b>Dienstgrad</b>	<i>Ltnt.</i>	Nr. der Erf.-Marke
<b>Truppenteil</b>	<i>Flieger</i>	
<b>Ort der Gefangennahme</b>	<i>Am 17.2.18. bei Capinghem tödl. abge- stürzt.</i>	
<b>Aufenthaltsort</b>	<i>Gemeldet v.d. Inspektion der Flie- gertruppen. (L.I.16329)</i>	
<b>Bemerkungen</b>		

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

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Land Engl.

Todesstag 18.2.18.

## Abchrift.

Name oder Erf. Zeichen	M a r t i n, Charles K.
Dienstgrad und Truppenteil	Austr. FL, Lt.                      A.F.C.
Gemeldet von	Nachrichtenoffiz. d.O.H.L.beim A.O.K.6. b/Prèmesques, nördl.
Lage des Grabes	d. Strasse Lille-Armentieres,
UfENZEICHEN	
Nachlaß	350.4.18.Z.N.

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Abchrift.

Name	M a r t i n, C.H.	
Dienstgrad	Ltn.	Nr. der Erf.-Marke
Truppenteil	Flieger	
Zeit u. Ort der Gefangennahme	Am 17.2.18. b/Capingham,	
Aufenthaltort	tötl. abgestürzt.	
Bemerkungen Verwundung Heimatsort	Gemeld. Jnspektion der Flieger- truppen, Charlottenburg,	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( ) Package, being the effects of the 41 Martin's H 476 consigned to me.

No.	Description,
1972	
1049726	

Signature Ray. E. Martin  
Date 21/3/52

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

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National Archives of Australia

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Lieut Abartun L. H.

A F C.

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When both these forms are used

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. 350153

Signature

Witness

Date

D.3034/1.22.-C.1034.-6M

20/12/22

*[Handwritten signature]*

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NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

*Doc*

*D.W.*

Received One

MEDAL for No.

Rank

*Lieut*

Name

*C. H. Martin*

Unit

*A.F.C.*

(Signature)

*C.H. Martin*

Schedule No. *43203*

(Witness)

*A.B.*

Place

History Card completed

Date

*20/1/22*

*Jun*

M. 18/2/7. 50.—C. 12015.—100M.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MARTIN CH

Please return this receipt as soon as possible,  
duly signed and witnessed, to—

**Medal Distributing Officer,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.**

G.12015.



Card.

Country

England

Name

C.H. Martin

Rank

Lieut.

Unit

Aviator

Brought Down with fatal result.

Reported by the Inspection of Flying Troops, Charlottenburg.

Documentary Distinguishing Marks ... 350.4.18. Z.N.

Flight Lieut. in Australian Flying Corps

Voucher.

Australian Flight Lieutenant Charles Martin, Austral. F

Flying Corps, Pilot, of Port Melbourne, Victoria, was brought down

on 18/2/18 at Carpinghem in an air-fight with fatal result, and

was buried at Premesques, North of the Lille-Armentieres Road.

Confirmed Berlin, 15/11/19.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

DMH

**DESPATCHED** Melbourne, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1919.

DEAR Sir,

It is my painful duty to transmit herewith one form of **Commission** which has been issued by the British War Office covering the appointment of **your son, the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Flying Corps,** as a temporary **2nd Lieutenant** in the Regular Forces of the British Army. **This refers to his first appointment to Commission, and not to his later rank.**

Will you kindly let me know whether same comes safely to hand by signing and returning the enclosed receipt form.

**C.H. Martin, Esq.,**  
**271 Graham Street,**  
**PORT MELBOURNE, Vic.**

Yours faithfully,

*Major,*

*Officer i/c Base Records.*

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C.12223.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late **No. 5051 Private W.J. Lilley, 29th Battalion,** consigned to me. **ex "Gaika " D/S 43950**

No. **1 Package** Description,

Signature

Date

*Charles James Lilley*  
**28/1/1919**

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

**The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.**



*W. H. G. 2/1*

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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

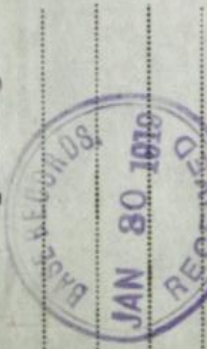
**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late Lieut. C.H. Martin, 4th Sqdn. Aust. Flying Corps. consigned to me. ex "Sardinia" D.S. 42036.

No. <u>1</u>	Description, <u>package</u>	Signature <u>George Martin</u>
		Date <u>29th January 1919</u>

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

**The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.**



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National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, MARTIN CH

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE:**

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late Lieut. C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, A.F.C. consigned to me.

No. Description,  
1 Commission Form

Signature

Date

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
15/3/19

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.



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NAA: B2455, MARTIN CH

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late Lieut. C.H. Martin, 4th Squad, Aust. Flying Corps, consigned to me. ex "Sardinia" D.S. 42037.

No.	Description,	Signature
1	package	Laura B. Martin
		Date January 21st 1919.

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.



D.1072/S.17.—C.10113.—60M.

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NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

Mrs Louisa R. Martin, 271 Graham Street, Port Melbourne, Victoria.

veut savoir le lieu de sepulture de son fils tue dans une bataille d'avion au-dessus de Lille le 17 fevrier, 1918. Les allemands ont avise sa mort et qu'on l'a enterre.

le soldat tue - Lieutenant Charles H. Martin,  
un pilote dans l'escadre d'avions australien

4<sup>eme</sup>



BASE RECORDS INQUIRY.

D

CALLER'S TELEPHONE No. \_\_\_\_\_ TIME RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 28/11/1918. TIME RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

REGTL. No. \_\_\_\_\_ RANK devent

NAME Martin CH UNIT A7 Corps.

INQUIRY best part of death  
to be made to  
was Martin

REPLY 271 Graham Street  
Port Melbourne

Do not destroy this--bring it with you if you call again.

INITIALED—SECTION CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

D.1440/10.18.—C.16203.—10M. (Other side to be used for subsequent inquiry.)

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred  
to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 6.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HC

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.  
MELBOURNE. 2nd. December, 1918

DESPATCHED

Dear Madam,

As requested in your communication of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of  
the late Lieutenant C.H. Martin, 4th. Squadron, Flying Corps.

Yours faithfully,

rs. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne Vic.

*J. Mean* Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

D.1382/8 18.—C.13424.—20M.

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NAA: B2455, MARTIN C H

Forward D/Cert to

The General Secretary,  
Sons of Temperance Friendly Society,  
Temperance & General Life Building,  
136 Swanston Street,  
MELBOURNE.

In answer to List dated 19/9/18.

THIS SLIP TO BE INSERTED IN SOLDIER'S FILE.

B. A. No. 769

SENT TO ADMINAUST

DATE 21.6.18

CONCERNING. Lieut Martin . A. F.C.

CIBL 2306 Rep. missing German Officer writes condoling death  
describes burial can you confirm death.

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NAA: B2455, MARTIN CH

# APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

at Ballaarat

I, Charles Henry Hansen  
hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.  
271 Graham Street  
East Melbourne

Signature Charles Hansen  
Occupation Building Foreman  
Date 7. 2. 16

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

### CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my <sup>son</sup> <sub>ward</sub> for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. | Height— \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ ins. | Chest Measurement (fully expanded)— \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
Married. Widower. Single.

### PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service.  
UNFIT, for the following reasons :—

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Medical Authority. \_\_\_\_\_

I Concur

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot. \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally ACCEPTED REJECTED this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiting Officer.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) Application forms received by Recruiting Officers will not be handed back again to applicants, but will be passed direct to the Medical Practitioner, who will similarly return them to the Recruiting Officer, who will then forward them by post to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot to which recruits are instructed by them to report.

(2) If an Applicant who has been rejected desires a copy of this certificate, it must be completed in duplicate at the time of Medical Examination, and the word "original" or "duplicate," as the case may be, will appear on top of the respective forms. Both copies will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot, where the duplicate will be impressed with the official stamp and then returned to the Applicant.

(3) Copies will NOT be made of any certificates of acceptance. The word "Duplicate" will be struck out of such certificates, and they will be sent to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot by post.

(4) Names of accepted applicants who do not report at Central Recruiting Depot within the prescribed time will be forwarded to the local Recruiting Officer for information.

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form such as :— 

Fit Unfit	Son Ward	Married Widower Single	Original Duplicate
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 strike out the words which are not applicable.

(6) Only those persons who fulfil the requirements in all other respects will be examined regarding medical fitness. These requirements may be ascertained by reference to daily newspapers and official posters.

(7) The Central Recruiting Depot to which accepted applicants from various places will be sent for final medical examination will be determined by District Commandants. Recruiting Officers at outlying places will require to issue clear instructions to such applicants informing them where and when to report, and will forward the application forms in time to ensure that they will be in the hands of the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot when the recruit reports for enlistment.

	<i>Spaces for identification by means of handwriting.</i>
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 2nd May 1918

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1918

Mr. C. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
PORT MELBOURNE. V.

To  
Officer i/c Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

(Kindly submit your reply hereunder.)

Dear Sir ~~or Madam~~,  
I regret to have to inform you that no further official news has yet been received of Lieut C.H. Martin, 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps who was reported missing on 17th February, 1918.

I shall be glad if you will return this letter to me with a statement as to whether you have obtained any news of the soldier from any other source.

If letters or post cards from the soldier have reached you SINCE THE DATE THAT HE WAS POSTED MISSING, the last you have received should be enclosed; it will be returned to you.

If you have received from soldiers or others reports that the soldier is dead or a prisoner of war, you should state the names and addresses of the people who informed you; if they were soldiers you should give their names, numbers, and regiments; if they sent you letters, the letters should be forwarded. Any letters you send will be returned to you in due course.

J. M. LEAN, Major,  
Officer i/c Records.

In reply to yours re my son reported as missing. I received by the last mail the enclosed letter from the Major commanding his squad. It gives some information as to how he was reported missing. As he had proved very proficient in the handling of his machine we are hoping he was able to land in which case he would be a prisoner. His younger brother, J. E. Martin, who is a mechanic with the A.I.F. in Camp in England writes by the same mail saying he had received from one of his mates a similar account of his brother's failure to return and expressing the belief that he may be a prisoner. I have received a letter written on 8.2.18 from France the last from my missing son but this contains no information except that he had been flying over the German lines several times and expected to be doing so every day in future. I am unable to make out the Major's name from the signature to the letter and I would be glad if you could send it to me so that I could write thanking him.  
J. E. Martin (Signature)

4.5.18 (Date)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.



L. K.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of me  
Charles Henry Martin Junr.  
of Australian Imperial Force.

AFTER payment of all my just debts funeral and testamentary  
expenses

I GIVE DEVISE and bequeath unto Louisa Rose Martin  
(Mother) the whole of my real and personal estate.

AND I HEREBY APPOINT Louisa Rose Martin  
(Mother)

EXECUTOR of this my Will. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand this Twenty seventh day of July in the year  
of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

SIGNED by the said Charles Henry Martin	)	
the Testator and my him declared to be his	)	
last Will and Testament in the presence of	)	
us present at the same time who in his pre-	)	Chas H. Martin
sence at his request and the presence of	)	(Testator)
each other have hereunto subscribed our	)	C. H. Martin
names as Witnesses.	)	A. E. Jenkins,
	)	Witnesses.

Melbourne, 4th December, 1918

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I shall most willingly do my utmost with a view to locating the grave of your late son, Lieutenant C.H. Martin. I sympathise with you very deeply in your sad loss, and salute you as the mother of an Australian hero.

With my very best respects,

believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

General.

Mrs L. R. Martin,  
371 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne, Vic.

*Soldat tombe des soldats*

34-1-185

30th May, 1919

O.C. Base Records,

No 2000

With reference to claims made on the Agents of the s.s. "SARDINIA" for £41/16/0 value of effects of the late Lt. Martin and £10/15/0 value of effects of the late Lt. Pierce shortlanded ex s.s. "SARDINIA", please note that both these amounts have been paid to the District Paymaster, 3rd Military District.

Senior Ordnance Officer,  
3rd Military District.

AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.

RETURN

C.M. Form F. 3.



Zentral-Nachweise-Büro,  
VII.C. 982 19.N.B.

4768

Berlin, N.W.7. den 20. Oktober 1919.  
Dorotheenstr. 48.

Hiermit wird bestätigt, dass hier vorliegt:

eine Totenkarte des Ref. III.  
.....

WONACH DER a u s t r a l i s c h e, .....Kriegsgefangene

M a r t i n, C.H. Ltn. (Flieger)  
.....

am 17. Februar 18 b/Capingham tödl. abgestürzt.  
.....

Gemeldet von ..... d. Jnspektion der Fliegertruppen,  
..... Charlottenburg;

Liste bei ..... Ref. III. Nr. 19107/20/W.  
.....

Begraben bei Premesques, nördl. d. Strasse Lille-Armentieres.



J.A.

*Dr. P.M.*

Auszugsweise Abschrift.

Nachrichtenoffizier,  
beim A.O.K.6.

A.H.Qu. den 30. März 1918.

An das

Kgl. Preuss. Kriegministerium, Medizinal Abtlg.  
Zentralstelle für Nachlasssachen.

B e r l i n,

Austr. Fl.Lt. M a r t i n, Charles, K. A.F.C. Pilot von Port  
Melbourne, Victoria, am 18.2.18. bei Carpinghem im Luftkampf  
tödlich abgestürzt und bei Prêmesques, nördlich der Strasse  
Lille Armentières, bestattet.

Hauptmann u. Nachrichtenoffizier,  
Unterschrift.

Beglaubigt Berlin, den 15. November 1919.



*Förstl.*  
Lt. d. Res.

LHH/KS.

58/1/10.

23rd December, 1920.

Mrs. L.R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne,  
Victoria, Australia.

Dear Madam,


General Sir. William R. Birdwood, ex G.O.C. of the Australian Imperial Force has forwarded to me for reply your letter of the 27th of September last relative to the last resting place of your late son Lieut. C.H. MARTIN, Australian Flying Corps.

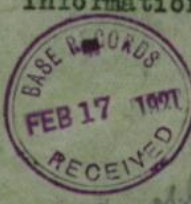
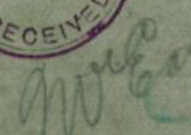
During the past 15 months this Unit has been endeavouring to trace your son's grave and very many extended and exhaustive enquiries have been made, but unfortunately, the result up to date has not been very satisfactory. At the present moment search is being made of the German Records in Berlin and although it is too early yet to anticipate the result of that search this office is hoping that the result yielded will be satisfactory, and that your late son's grave will eventually be found.

With reference to the information contained in Lieut. Waldemar Karstens letter to the effect that Lieut. Martin was buried in the cemetery of Honour, Lambersart, it is regretted that a search of that cemetery revealed the fact that no cross had been erected there for your son.

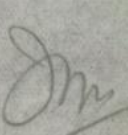
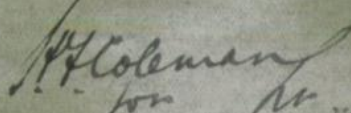
You may rest assured that immediately any definite information is received steps will be taken to advise you.

Yours faithfully,

  
Major.  
C.O. Australian Graves Services.

  
  
Officer i/c Base Records,  
Department of Defence,  
Melbourne,  
Australia.

Forwarded for your information please.

  
  
Major.  
C.O. Australian Graves Services.

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A.G.S. 58/1/10.

20th January, 1922.

Mrs. L. R. Martin,  
271 Graham Street,  
Port Melbourne.  
Victoria, Australia.

Dear Madam,

With further reference to previous correspondence regarding the grave of your late son Lieut. C.H. MARTIN, Australian Flying Corps, I very much regret having to advise that, although exhaustive searches have been made in the area in which your son was killed it has not been possible to find his grave.

A thorough search was made in the Cemetery of Honour at Lambersart near Lille (referred to by the German Lieut. Waldemar Karstens) but no trace of the grave could be found. A cross was erected in this Cemetery over the grave of an "Unknown Soldier" who was killed on the 18th February 1918 and it was thought that this may be the body of your son, but on exhumation it proved to be the body of an "Unknown German Soldier."

Soldiers were buried in this Cemetery by the Germans, who, however, neglected to erect crosses over the graves in some cases and consequently it is not now possible to ascertain the particulars of the soldiers buried in those graves.

A search was also made in the Lomme Communal Cemetery, which is situated North of the road near Lille - Armentieres, (and also near Premesques) your son's grave could not be found however and although there are some "Unknown British soldiers" buried in this Cemetery the remains of your boy could not be discovered amongst them when they were exhumed.

This matter has been receiving close attention since the 12th May, 1919 and no Avenue has been left unexplored which would help in any way to trace the last resting place of your son, and it is with great regret, therefore, that I am compelled to advise that the result has not been successful.

I feel sure, however, that it will be some consolation for you to know that your son's memory will

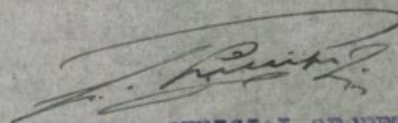


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be commemorated in a worthy manner by the Australian Government and the Imperial War Graves Commission as his full regimental particulars will be inscribed on one of the Collective Memorials which will be erected to all those Officers, N.C.Os and Men who were recorded as "Missing," during the Great War.

Regretting very much indeed my inability to assist you further in this matter.

Yours faithfully,



For OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

Copy to:-  
Officer i/c Base Records,  
Department of Defence,  
Melbourne.

6144.  
2/10/17.  
30th Inf. Sqdn.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Surname *Martin*  
Christian Names *Charles Henry*

**Statement of Service.**

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority
<i>ex Lieut. Lieut</i>	<i>A &amp; B 4th Squad.</i>	<i>29/10/17.</i>	<i>29-1-18</i>	<i>D. J. F. List 256. 20/11/17 Pilot. ... 293</i>

**Casualties.**

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
Date	Place	Cause	Date	Place	Nature	Returned to duty	Date	Cause	Authority
<i>17.2.18</i>	<i>Now reported Killed in Action.</i>	<i>Death report from Germany. C.A.F. 2777. P.M. List 487 of 15.8.18.</i>	<i>Missing</i>	<i>17.2.18</i>	<i>(G.H.A. 1265) C.A.F. 2306.</i>				
No. of Grave	Cemetery	Name of Clergyman	<i>C.A. 2391/3/28 - 10 mos 1979/1/19 Received from Germany:- Wallet watch in case (broken). Photographs, cheque book. Disc on chain. Religious book. (List No. 21 6-9-18)</i>						

**Personal.**

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
9/1/18. Proceeded Overseas France.	✓ Ch. 1309/2/3. 4/5336. 28.1.18.
11. 1. 18 J.O.S. of 5 <sup>th</sup> Sqdn A.F.C. from Home establishment	✓ P2 727 4/18
17. 2. 18. Missing.	✓ G. A. 2 1265.
29. 1. 18 To be Lieutenant	✓ D.O. 7/91 2/2/18.
7. 2. 18 Missing in Action	✓ D.O. 8/109. P. 9 562.
14. 5. 18 (Reported Missing 14. 2. 18) To now Struck off Strength 14. 5. 18	✓ A. I. F List-852 7/7/18
17. 2. 18 Previously reported Missing 17. 2. 18 now reported Killed in Action. Death report from Germany. (P.M. List. 487415518)	} D.O. 13 <sup>th</sup> . 30/9/18. (4 <sup>th</sup> Squad Order)
17/2/18 Reported Killed in Action is Struck off Strength This cancels A.I.F Notification No 352	A I F 876 L 4464 A R 2131/25

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the A.I. Forces

No. M16/2/227

RECORDS FILE COPY

No.	Particulars.
1.	Surname ... } ... } To be in block letters. Other names (in full) } ... } <u>MARTIN.</u> <u>CHARLES HENRY</u>
2.	Educational Qualifications... (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.) <u>Merit Certificate State School.</u> <u>6 years Technical training in Geometry</u> <u>Algebra, Architecture etc.</u>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) Present rank and corps to be stated. <u>1 year Senior Cadets. 52<sup>nd</sup></u> <u>3 1/2 years 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry.</u> <u>18 Months Commissioned Service (6 months duty 14<sup>th</sup> W. Battalion Ballarat).</u> <u>Embarked A.I.F. 7.2.16</u> <u>No 4 G.I.S. Broadmeadows March 1916 No 1 G.I.S. Duntroon.</u>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)
5.	<del>Present</del> Civil Employment ... <u>Builders Foreman.</u>
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.) Date of Birth. Age. <u>1<sup>st</sup> April 1894</u> <u>22</u> Years. <u>2</u> Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.) <u>Natural born British subject.</u>
8.	Married or Single ... <u>Single</u>
9.	Postal Address (Civil) ... <u>271 Graham Street.</u> Battalion Area. <u>Port Melbourne Vic.</u>
10.	Next of Kin ... <u>Father Charles Henry Martin</u> <u>271 Graham Street Port Melbourne Vic.</u>

Date 25.5.16 (Signature of Applicant) Charles H. Martin

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, Horace J. Hays do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5ft 6 in Weight 147 lbs  
Chest Measurement 32-35 Eyesight R-D6 L-D6  
Signature of the Examining Medical Officer } Horace J. Hays

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.  
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
- †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or  
†(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.  
(c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commanding \_\_\_\_\_ Regt. or Corps.

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Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commandant \_\_\_\_\_ Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.  
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.  
D.507/7.14.—C.7218.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

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Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE. S.C.I.

10 / 1 / 1938

The Deputy Commissioner,  
Department of Repatriation,

*Melbourne*

REFERENCE :-

*NR*

ATE *9 / 1 / 1938*

Herewith documents indicated relative to  
the service of the undermentioned ex-member of the A.I.F. :-

Reg. No.	Rank	Name & Unit	Documents attached
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<i>St Martin</i>	<i>CH</i>	<i>AK</i>	
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FOR EARLY RETURN :-

A.E. B.103

TO BE RETAINED :-

B.R. Card

Attestation Paper

A.F. :- B.103

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR CONTINUITY SCHEDULE 103/m 10/3

No. ....

Rank *LIEUT.*

Name

*MARTIN, C. H.*

Unit

*4 Sqdn Aust Flying Corps late 6<sup>th</sup> Bn*

LIST. 385 Casualty

*Missing 17.2.18.*

DIB 2306/244 dated London 21/1/18 Received B.R. 22/1/18

*Investigating. Overweight report missing now report killed in action from Germany.*

DIB 2579/1629 dated London 21/1/18 Received B.R. 21/1/18 B.R. 768

DIB 2777/244 dated London 21/1/18 Received B.R. 22/1/18



*22/12/22 in account*

*Re. d*

*Enrolled 6R/1918 28.7.16 to P.G.*

DATE	A.F. E. 100 Received	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
EB 22 1918		M.C. 3 ADVISED, MISSING. 17/2/18	
26.2.18		<b>COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS</b>	
2.5.18		B. O. Form No. 14 (Missing cases) to N.O. H	
17.5.18		Cable to A. J. H. Hedges - re letter from German Officer	
16.2.1918		M.C. 3 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION.	
29.8.18		Gov Gen ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION; Pensions advised Re. 185	
25.10.18		<i>Will copy in file</i>	
		CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. <i>8836 2774 vide 14/160 ad 26/8/18</i>	
20.1.19		PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. <i>Jardina</i>	
23.1.19		PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. <i>Jardina</i>	
17.2.19		C. M. Form 7 Returned to Head 40. 52nd Inf. <i>RP</i>	
6.3.19		Common. to NOK <i>3/1/20</i> "Received & acknowledged" <i>30/6/20 JAF</i> by printed card.	
		Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched <i>29/12/18</i>	
17.3.22		BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <i>3rd</i> M.B.E.R.M. 54/500	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name *2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. MARTIN Chas Henry*  
 Staff or Unit *A.F.C. late 30<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron*  
 Date of Appointment and Gazette \_\_\_\_\_  
 Promotion (date and Gazette) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Left Australia in Transport *132 Themistocles* on *28<sup>th</sup> July* 1916.

Record subsequent to embarkation:—  
*30/10/17 A.F.C. To be 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant CAG 27/18 MO 9<sup>th</sup>/18*  
*29.10.17 " Date of Appl. is amended as shown and*  
*not 30.10.17 as previously stated CAG 5<sup>th</sup>/18 MO 148<sup>th</sup>/18*  
*29.1.18 " To be Lieutenant CAG 7/18 MO 201<sup>st</sup>*

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):—

Gazetted from A.I.F.

D.69719.17.—C19601.—5M.

26/3/13

"W" THE AUSTRALIANS  
Pamphlet No. 13 C.H. Martin Esq. H67298

25/11/13 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched  
to V.B.W.

MEMORIAL  
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James  
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