

### **3114 PRIVATE H. MARTIN**

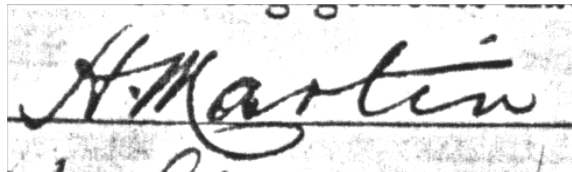
Herbert Martin (born circa February 1874) was recruited to the 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps on the 16 March 1892. The son of Mrs James Martin of Torrens Buildings, City Road, (in the parish of St. Mary's) London, he was 18 years old, a stocky 5 ft 7 inches, weighed 131 lbs, had a fresh complexion with grey eyes and brown hair. His occupation is listed as piano forte maker.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 22 April 1894 but reverted to Private on 1 October 1894. Promoted again on 1 December 1901, he was moved to the army reserve on 29 March 1903 and discharged on 15 March 1904.

He served in India between November 1894 and January 1897; Mauritius, January 1897 to March 1899; and South Africa March 1899 to August 1902.

It seems likely that he survived the Royal Indian Marine Ship (RIMS) Warren Hastings which ran aground on the coastline of Réunion (Pacific) on 14 January 1897.

7278 Private H Martin was awarded India General Service Medal 1895-1902 with bar Relief of Chitral 1895; Private 3114 H Martin the Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1902 with battle clasps Talana (20 October 1899); Defence of Ladysmith (2 November 1899 until 28 February 1900); Laing's Nek (May 1900); and state clasp Transvaal; and The King's South Africa Medal with clasps 1901 & 1902. Service records and Roll confirms.

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads 'H. Martin' and is written on a piece of paper with a horizontal line. The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Signature of H Martin

#### References:

1. King's Royal Rifle Corps

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2. Photographs From The Archive - Rims Warren Hastings

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