

Martin, Geoffrey William James.

Born: 1894, Swanscombe, Kent.

Last known Address: 4 Kent House Lane, Sydenham, London. (CWGC) Click [here](#) to view in Google Maps.

Pre-war occupation: Warehouse office clerk

Unit: Pte 34813, 14th Bn Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Date of death: 10/07/1916 aged 22

Where buried / commemorated: [Thiepval Memorial](#). Pier & face 4A

Additional Info: Son of William Alfred & Mary Anne Martin. Brother of Lillian Mary Elizabeth Martin.

Geoffrey Martin enlisted into the Royal Welsh Fusilliers at Holborn on the 12th November 1915. After training in the UK, he arrived in France on the 20th May 1916 and spent 10 days at Etaples Depot. On the 30th May 1916 in joined the 14th Bn Royal Welsh Fusilier in the field. As part of the 38th (Welsh) Divn, the first major action the regiment were involved in was the Battle of Albert, a phase of the Battle of the Somme. Commencing on the 1st July 1916, the battle lasted 13 days and saw heavy British casualties, over 4,000 men in the 38th (Welsh) Divn alone. On the 10th July, all Bn's of the 38th were tasked with an attack on Mametz Wood along the infamous 'Catapillar Valley'. The attack was eventually successful however Geoffrey Martin lost his life during this battle.