



# **Pte. Colin Walter Martin**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Cricket Club - 1913/14 B Grade**

**Associate in Commerce 1925**

## ***Background***

***Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.***

***On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.***

***The following documentation relates to the life of Colin Walter Martin. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=188893>



### Colin Walter MARTIN

Regimental number	28596
Place of birth	Adelaide South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Clerk
Address	Kingston Terrace, North Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Father, P Martin, Kingston Terrace, North Adelaide, South Australia
Previous military service	Served in the 21st Company, Australian Army Service Corps; still serving at time of AIF enlistment.
Enlistment date	9 June 1916
Rank on enlistment	Gunner
Unit name	23rd Howitzer Brigade, 7th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/133/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A38 <i>Ulysses</i> on 25 October 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Gunner
Unit from Nominal Roll	3rd Division Train
Fate	Returned to Australia 24 August 1918
Family/military connections	Brothers: 15178 Driver Alan Scott MARTIN, 3rd Motor Transport Section, returned to Australia, 1 August 1919; 62651 Pte Donald Stewart MARTIN, 6th General Service Reinforcements, ship recalled owing to cessation of hostilities.
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

## RSL Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/73767>

### MARTIN, Colin Walter

**Service Number:** 28596

**Enlisted:** 9 June 1916

**Last Rank:** Private

**Last Unit:** 23rd Howitzer Brigade

**Born:** North Adelaide, 14 November 1894

Prior to enlisting he was a commissioned officer in the ASC, and he joined the ASC in England and was attached to the 3rd Divisional Train in France. Owing to sickness he was taken to hospital at Etaples in May 1918, while there he was wounded in the head and shoulder from bombs dropped from an aircraft. he returned to Australia in October 1918, is now recovering, and has started in business as manufacturers' representatives, importer and exporter, at 7 Gresham Street, City (Adelaide), and is agent for patriotic buttons, Phillip's soles, etc.

Diggers Gazette 1 April 1920 p.45 contributed by Kathleen Bambridge

### World War 1 Service

**9 Jun 1916:** Enlisted

**25 Oct 1916:** Involvement Gunner, SN 28596, 23rd Howitzer Brigade

**25 Oct 1916:** Embarked Gunner, SN 28596, 23rd Howitzer Brigade, HMAT Ulysses, Melbourne

**11 Nov 1918:** Involvement Private, SN 28596

**Date unknown:** Wounded SN 28596

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/555881>

**Service Number:** S213008

**Enlisted:** 6 December 1939, Adelaide, SA

**Last Rank:** Sergeant

**Born:** Adelaide, SA, 14 November 1894

**Died:** Illness, Australia, 30 September 1942, aged 47 years

### World War 2 Service

**6 Dec 1939:** Involvement Sergeant, SN S213008

**6 Dec 1939:** Enlisted Adelaide, SA

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=2017560>

No. 57269



## Red Cross Records

<https://sarcib.ww1.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/soldier/colin-walter-martin>

Rank: Private

Service number: 28596

Unit: 23rd Australian Army Service Corps

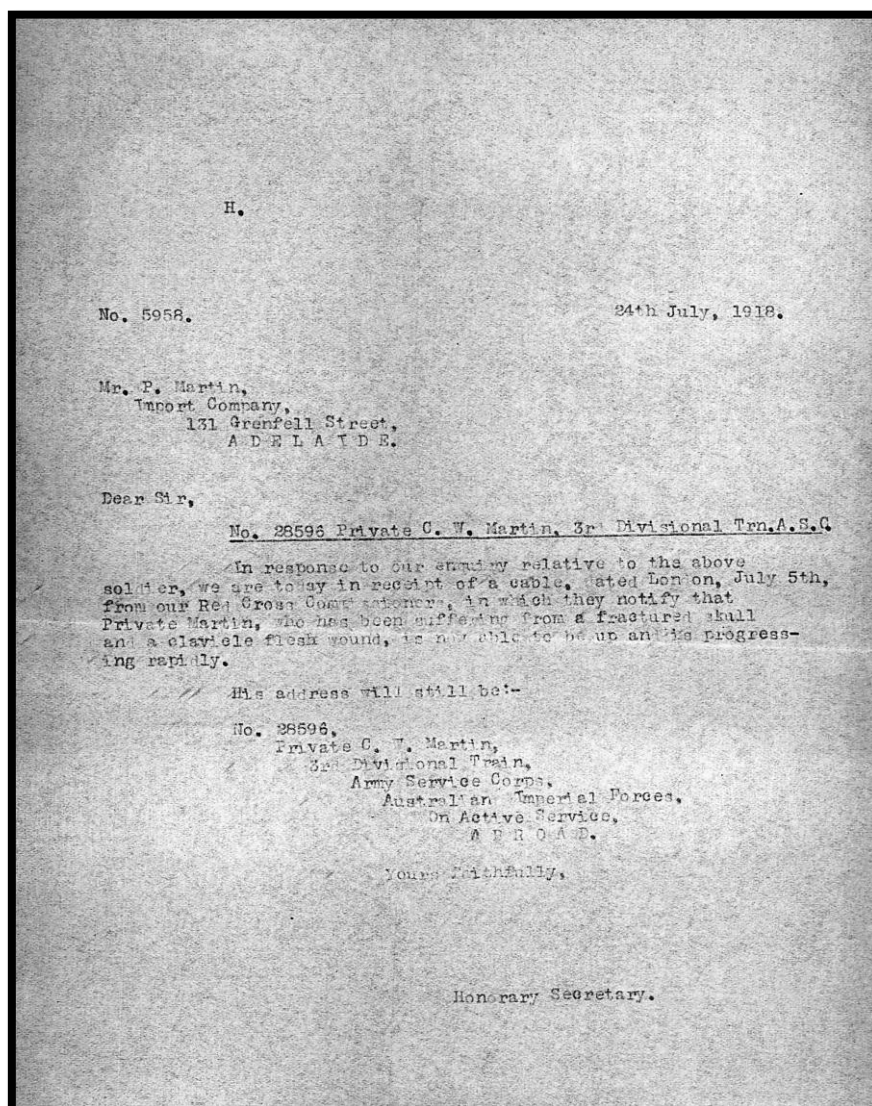
Location: Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone

Enquirer: [Peter Martin](#)

Packet number: 5958

Date range: 1918

SLSA record number: SRG 76/1/5958



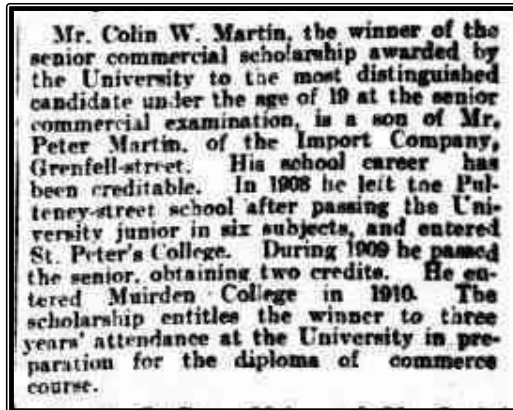
## Biography

### Early Life

Colin Walter Martin was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1894, to Peter Martin and Fanny (née Tuckey) at North Adelaide. Peter and Fanny had married in July 1892 at St Cyprien's Church, North Adelaide. His father, Peter, worked at the Import Company, Grenfell Street, Adelaide. Colin's brothers Alan Scott and Donald Stewart were born in 1897 and 1899 respectively. Colin attended St Cyprien's Sunday School and undertook Church of England Sunday School Union Exams in at least 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906 and 1907.

## Schooling

In 1908, Colin was attending Pulteney Street School and he passed his Junior Public Examination. Colin then attended St Peter's College for a year (1909), and he passed his Senior Public Examinations and was awarded the Muirden Caledonian scholarship for 1910. In October 1910, Colin sat the Civil Service Examinations and ranked fourth in the Order of merit. While at Muirden College, Colin passed his Junior Commercial Examinations (1910) receiving a special mention in two subjects (algebra and geometry) and in his Senior Commercial Examinations (1911), winning the Senior Scholarship.



Mr. Colin W. Martin, the winner of the senior commercial scholarship awarded by the University to the most distinguished candidate under the age of 19 at the senior commercial examination, is a son of Mr. Peter Martin, of the Import Company, Grenfell-street. His school career has been creditable. In 1908 he left the Pulteney-street school after passing the University junior in six subjects, and entered St. Peter's College. During 1909 he passed the senior, obtaining two credits. He entered Muirden College in 1910. The scholarship entitles the winner to three years' attendance at the University in preparation for the diploma of commerce course.

## Adelaide University

Colin commenced studying toward his Diploma in Commerce in 1912. He passed Banking & Exchange in 1912.

## University Sport

Colin played cricket for the University's B grade team in the second half of the 1913/1914 season. He appears to have been recruited to help cover the University holiday period. His statistics for the match on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 1914 against Gilberton were 6 n.o. and 0 for 13.

## Military Service

Colin joined the Senior Cadets and then transferred to the Citizens Forces, followed by a transfer to the Australian Army Service Corp. In August 1914 he was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant (provisional) and was serving as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant when he enlisted in June 1916.



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.**

The Commonwealth Gazette, issued on Saturday, contains the following military appointments for South Australia:—Australian Garrison Artillery—Lieutenants L. C. Dyke and A. V. Richardson, transferred to Australian Field Artillery. Australian Engineers—Lieutenants A. R. Hall and A. R. S. Gartrell to be captains. 2nd Lieutenant E. C. W. Roeder transferred to Australian Engineers, 5th military district. 74th (Boothby) Infantry—Provisional appointment of 2nd Lieutenant H. E. Oullen is confirmed. 76th (Hindmarsh) Infantry—Gordon Duke Stuart and Charles Alfred Aspinall to be 2nd Lieutenants (provisionally). 78th Infantry (Adelaide Rifles)—The provisional appointments of 2nd Lieutenants L. J. Hallifax and H. J. Wilkinson, confirmed. 81st (Wakefield) Infantry—Eason Thomas James Rule, to be 2nd Lieutenant (provisionally). Lieutenant A. A. Heinicke is transferred to unattached list. Australian Army Service Corps—Colin Walter Martin to be 2nd Lieutenant (provisionally). Rifle Clubs.—Formation of Loxton Club.

## World War I

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1916 Colin enlisted, SN 28596, he was described as a 21 ½ years old clerk, 5'8", 144 lbs, with a fresh complexion, hazel eyes and dark hair. He embarked on the *Ulysses* from Melbourne on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 1916 and arrived in Plymouth, England on 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1916. Colin was initially with the 23rd Howitzer Brigade but transferred to the A.A.S.C. (Australian Army Service Corps). On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1917, he proceeded to France to reinforce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. In May 1918, Colin was ill with influenza and was in hospital at Etaples when there was an Air Raid. Colin incurred multiple wounds. He was transferred to England and in was later declared temporarily unfit for active or home service. He returned to Australia on 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1918.

## Between the Wars

As reported in the Diggers Gazette 1 April 1920 p.45, Colin went into business as a manufacturers' representatives, importer and exporter, at 7 Gresham Street, City (Adelaide), and was an agent for patriotic buttons, Phillip's soles, and other products.

Colin married Agnes Olive Black and their daughter Ruth Quennell Martin was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1920.

In 1920, Colin recommenced his studies toward a Diploma in Commerce at Adelaide University. He passed Industrial and Commercial Law (1920), Economic Geography & Commercial Practice (1921), Economics and Commercial History, Accountancy and Auditing, & Industrial Practice (1923). His Diploma of Commerce was conferred in December 1925.

Colin's father, Peter, passed away in October 1924.

Colin made several suggestions to the Government including development of an electric suburban railway system (1927), reduced outlays (1931) and a suggested new formula for electoral representation (1934).

### TUBE RAILWAY SUGGESTED.

Mr. Colin W. Martin, an Adelaide accountant, has forwarded a suggestion to the Railways Commissioner (Mr. W. A. Webb) and the Premier (Hon. R. L. Butler) for the development of an electric suburban railway service. Mr. Martin suggests that the Adelaide suburban railway be electrified as far as Belair, Marino Rocks, Glenside, Henley Beach, Semaphore, Outer Harbor, and Northfield; that North and South terrace stations be connected by a double-track tube railway; that Goodwood crossing be altered so that trains from South-terrace should run to Marino Rocks and Belair. He claims that hydro-electric power could be generated between Millbrook outlet and the Gorge without reducing the supply of water available for Adelaide consumption. He has worked out an estimate of the cost of his proposals, and a timetable for trains which would all pass through the proposed tube station at Grenfell-street. The Premier has acknowledged receipt of the information, and thanked Mr. Martin for his

### PREMIERS' PROPOSALS

#### EFFECT OF REDUCED OUTLAYS To the Editor

Sir—At the beginning of last week the economic experts reported that expenditure on salaries, wages, and pensions should be reduced 20 per cent., and that a tax or other method be devised to reduce interest payments. This is obeying the Divine command for dealing with difficulties. "First cast out the beam in thine own eye that thou mayst see plainly to cast out the mote that is in thy brother's eye." Experience of the results of sane administration in South Australia has shown that, despite the inflationary effect on price levels of the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments' policies, and their resultant deficits, the cost of living has come down more here than in most of the other States. Would not the reduction of Government costs lessen the cost of living, so that salaries, wages, and pensions could be reduced still further? A better plan would be to reduce these commitments to about 25 per cent. (from 1929-30 costs), and then in (say) three months issue a patriotic loan at 3½ per cent., 3½ per cent., or 3 per cent. free of income tax (to save departmental costs), the rate to be determined by the effect the reduced cost of government has on price levels. Such a course would be far more logical, and in accord with economic truth, than the policy now under discussion.—I am, Sir, &c.,  
COLIN W. MARTIN, Millswood Estate.



# S.A.'S LOST SEAT

## SUGGESTED NEW FORMULA

To The Editor

Sir—Although the Federal Parliament seems agreed that South Australia is not receiving her fair number of members, nobody appears to be capable of making a formula under which this can be achieved honestly. The formula adopted is heavily loaded in favor of States with a large representation, as the difference between 28 and 29 members is only about 3 per cent., while between six and seven it is about 16 per cent. New South Wales, for example, assuming it to be entitled to exactly 28 members, would, if its quotient were increased by only 1.75 per cent., gain an extra seat. South Australia, on the other hand, assuming it was entitled to exactly six members, would have to increase its quotient by more than 8 per cent. to obtain seven seats. An honest formula would be to divide the population by 69 (i.e. 72, less one-half for each State), and then add 1,000 to each quotient. The result in full numbers of thousands would be the fair number of members for each State. This would be the fairest method of dividing up the fractions. It would give the following result:—

	Pop.	Quotient*	Add 1,000	Repr. per State	per cent. Rep.
N.S.W.	2,601,184	27,147	28,147	28	92.897
Vic.	1,820,360	18,948	19,948	19	85.803
Qld.	944,260	9,893	10,893	10	94.427
S.A.	580,897	6,054	7,054	7	92.965
W.A.	457,611	4,581	5,581	5	87.402
Tot.	7,405,002	73,723	74,723	74	

\*i.e. one sixty-ninth

Victoria's representation could, I think, fairly be left at 20, as it is so very close—I am, Sir, &c.

COLIN W. MARTIN.

47 Millwood crescent, Millwood Estate.

In May 1939, Colin was described as a secretary and accountant and had commenced practice as a Cost Accountant.

**MR. COLIN W. MARTIN, A.C.U.A., A.A.I.S.**  
 secretary and accountant, has commenced practice at 8 Commercial Bank Chambers, 25 King William st., as a Cost Accountant, &c.

## World War II

On 6<sup>th</sup> December 1939, Colin enlisted (SN S213008) as a Sergeant on the Provost Staff, (his WWII record is not yet open). His next of kin was record as "Martin B".

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1686221/>

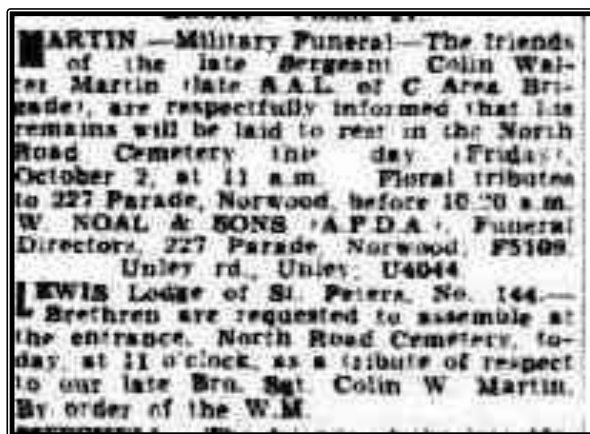
### Roll of Honour **Sergeant Colin Walter Martin**

<b>Service number</b>	S213008
<b>Rank</b>	Sergeant
<b>Unit</b>	PROVOST STAFF S AUST L OF C AREA Staff Recruiting
<b>Service</b>	Australian Army
<b>Conflict/Operation</b>	Second World War, 1939-1945
<b>Conflict Eligibility</b>	Second World War, 1939-1947
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Date of Death</b>	30 September 1942
<b>Place of Death</b>	Australia
<b>Cause of Fate</b>	Illness
<b>Source</b>	AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2nd AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

In May 1941, Colin was granted a divorce from his wife, Agnes.

## Death

Tragically, Colin collapsed while waiting for a train at the Clarence Park Station, Adelaide on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1942 and died. He was buried in the North Road Cemetery. Among those present were fellow members of the Lewis Lodge of St Peters No 144. He was survived by his mother, Fanny, who passed away in 1950.



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## **Sources**

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(Trove Newspaper articles tagged – Colin Walter Martin)

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