

## Ernest George Martin

10394 Private 8<sup>th</sup> (service) Battalion  
Devonshire Regiment



Born 1897, Dawlish

Son of George and Ellen Martin of Gatehouse Cottages, Dawlish.

Father Ag. Lab – later a cowman on a farm - born in Cockwood  
Brothers William and Charles (younger) and sister Elsie youngest.  
Of the 6 children born, 2 died in infancy.

In 1911, Ernest was a paper boy at 14. Their house had 3 rooms.

1915 parents lived 5, Helena Place, Dawlish

Enlisted: Exeter

Died 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915 age 18. Killed in action, France



Medals 1914/15 Star, Victory and British



The Loos Memorial commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay. On either side of the cemetery is a wall 15 feet high, to which are fixed tablets on which are carved the names of those commemorated. At the back are four small circular courts, open to the sky, in which the lines of tablets are continued, and between these courts are three semicircular walls or apses, two of which carry tablets, while on the centre apse is erected the Cross of Sacrifice.

The memorial was designed by Sir Herbert Baker with sculpture by Charles Wheeler. It was unveiled by Sir Nevil Macready on 4 August 1930.

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19.08.1914 Formed at Exeter as part of the First New Army (K1) and then moved to Rushmoor Camp, Aldershot as part of the 14th Division.

Nov 1914 Moved to Barossa Barracks, Aldershot and then Farnham, and back to Aldershot.

26.07.1915 Mobilised for war and landed at Havre and transferred to the 20th Brigade of the 7th Division which engaged in various actions on the Western Front including; The Battle of Loos 1915