

Memorial: (WMR 88176) Halling, Kent

PRIVATE

ERIC SIDNEY MARTIN

Service Number: 6347624

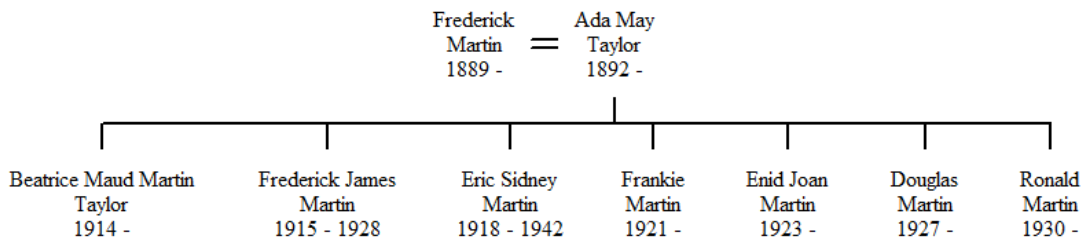
Regiment & Unit/Ship: Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
6th Bn.

Date of Death: Died Between 24 November 1942 and 25 November 1942
Age 24 years old

Buried/commemorated: MEDJEZ-EL-BAB MEMORIAL
Face 26.
Tunisia

Additional Info: Son of Frederick and Ada May Martin, of Upper Halling, Kent.

Eric Sydney Martin was born 23-Feb-1918, Address Portland Row, Upper Halling. Baptised 07-Apr-1918 at St Michael & All Angels, Cuxton, Kent



MEDJEZ-EL-BAB MEMORIAL - HISTORY INFORMATION

In May 1943, the war in North Africa came to an end in Tunisia with the defeat of the Axis powers by a combined Allied force.

The campaign began on 8 November 1942, when Commonwealth and American troops made a series of landings in Algeria and Morocco. The Germans responded immediately by sending a force from Sicily to northern Tunisia, which checked the Allied advance east in early December. In the south, the Axis forces defeated at El Alamein withdrew into Tunisia along the

coast through Libya, pursued by the Allied Eighth Army. By mid April 1943, the combined Axis force was hemmed into a small corner of north-eastern Tunisia and the Allies were grouped for their final offensive.

Medjez-el-Bab was at the limit of the Allied advance in December 1942 and remained on the front line until the decisive Allied advances of April and May 1943.

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There are 2,903 Commonwealth servicemen of the Second World War buried or commemorated in MEDJEZ-EL-BAB WAR CEMETERY. 385 of the burials are unidentified. Special memorials commemorate three soldiers buried in Tunis (Borgel) Cemetery and one in Youks-les-Bains Cemetery, whose graves are now lost.

Within the cemetery stands the MEDJEZ-EL-BAB MEMORIAL, bearing the names of almost 2,000 men of the First Army who died during the operations in Algeria and Tunisia between 8 November 1942 and 19 February 1943, and those of the First and Eighth Armies who died in operations in the same areas between 20 February 1943 and 13 May 1943, and who have no known graves.

The five First World War burials in Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery were brought in from Tunis (Belvedere) Cemetery or in Carthage (Basilica Karita) Cemetery in 1950.

The CEMETERY and MEMORIAL were designed by Sir J. Hubert Worthington.