

Dr. Martin, Missionary, Dies in Africa

Dr. Motte Martin, Presbyterian missionary to the Belgian Congo for the last 43 years, died Sunday in Luebo, Belgian Congo. He was 67 years of age.

He is survived by his wife and a son, George Motte Martin, both of Atlanta.

Dr. Martin, who was decorated by the Belgian Government three times for his services in the Congo, was the oldest missionary in point of service in the Presbyterian mission.



Dr. Martin

He was born in Marlin, Tex. and attended Austin College in Sherman, Tex. After his graduation, he went to Richmond to study at Union Theological Seminary.

In 1903 he was ordained to the ministry of the Southern Presbyterian Church and appointed to the missionary field.

During a furlough home in 1908, he married the former Bess Lilley Sentell, who now lives at 243 Thirteenth St., N. E. She returned to the Congo with him and worked until forced to return to the United States by ill health.

Dr. Martin was active during World War I in holding down rebellions by the natives in the Congo. In 1928 he was an escort to King Albert in the opening of the Cape-to-Cairo Railroad.

He was decorated to be Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal du Lion and with the Medaille Commemorative for distinguished service by King Albert and to be Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne by King Leopold, III.

Dr. Martin, who was known to the natives as "Path Splitter," will be buried in the mission he founded.