

**A LITTLE HISTORY
AND INFORMATION ON
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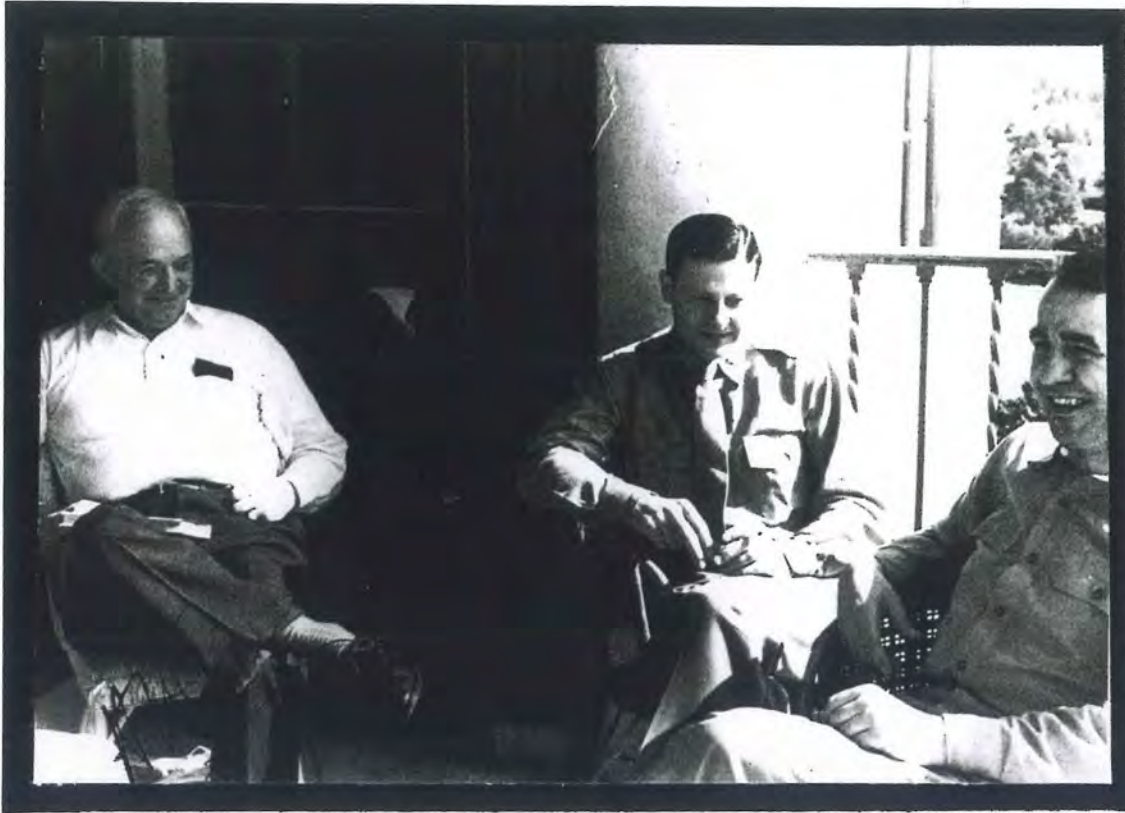
Lee was born at Main Street, Burgettstown, PA on April 22, 1911, the son of Joseph and Anna Martin (parents' origin – Lozzo D'Cadori, northern Italy). Parents settled in Burgettstown in 1908. Lee had one brother and four sisters.

Lee attended Burgettstown Grade School and Burgettstown Union High School, graduating in 1929. He then attended the University of Pittsburgh (pre-med) and Medical School, and graduated in 1935. He then interned at Mercy Hospital. While attending the University of Pittsburgh, he was with ROTC as a Lieutenant. Lee married Erma Malone (school teacher in Burgettstown area) in 1936, the daughter of Sam and Molly Malone. Erma had a sister Bertha, a brother Harold (both school teachers), and another brother Warren ("Pete").

Lee started medical practice in 1937 with Dr. George L. McKee in Burgettstown until 1940. Lee was called into service late 1940. Several doctors were called into service before World War II started. When Lee reported to duty, he was stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA and later transferred to Fort Myer, VA, where he finished his military career. During the service, he was promoted to Captain and later to Major. During his military time, he was an attending physician to several officers, their staff and families. Lee was the attending physician for General "Hap" Arnold, General George Marshall, and their families, also several other generals, officers and their families. Lee was also approached to become one of President Harry Truman's doctors, which Lee declined.

After leaving the military in 1945, Lee, Erma and Lee, Jr. settled in Arlington, VA, as a General Practitioner, with privileges at Arlington Memorial Hospital. Lee was later joined by his son, Dr. Lee B. Martin, Jr. at their office in Arlington. Lee, Jr. attended the University of Pittsburgh, Pre-Med, Medical School at Philadelphia. Lee Sr. has two grandchildren. Dr. Lee B. Martin, Sr. retired in 1997, after being a Doctor for 62 years. He is now enjoying his retirement. Lee celebrated his 90th birthday on April 22, 2001. He enjoyed every minute and is in good health.

DR. LEE B. MARTIN, SR.



General "Hap" Arnold
(Left)

Captain Lee B. Martin, Sr.
(Center)

Colonel Martin DuFrenne
(Right)

Information by Lee as follows:

General "Hap" Arnold was in need of a rest. Lee recommended the General take a one month rest. So General, and his staff including Lee, spent approximately one month at Miami Beach, Florida for rest and relaxation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

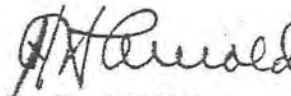
December 24, 1943

Captain L. B. Martin, M. C.
Fort Myer
Virginia

Dear Martin:

During the past year you have been called by the Arnold family on various and sundry occasions. You have taken care of them when they were sick, restored them to health, allayed their fears and made them happy. At this time I want you to know that we appreciate all you have done and wish you the best for the holiday season and good luck during the coming year.

Sincerely,



H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army.



General and Mrs. Marshall

wish you a Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year



HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9-10-45

Major Lee B. Martin, Medical Corps
65 North Main Street
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Major Martin:

The war mission of Army Service Forces was performed with speed, thoroughness, and accuracy. I want you to know how much I appreciate your personal contribution to that success. In the years to come, I know that we all can look back with pride to these accomplishments in which you played a part. As you return to civilian life, you take with you my deepest appreciation of your patriotism and your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brehon Somervell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

BREHON SOMERVELL
General, Commanding

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1944

Dear Colonel DuFrenne:

I am leaving Fort Myer very shortly for an overseas assignment and I wish to take this means to express my deep appreciation for the many favors which you and your staff have shown to me and my family during the past two years.

I am particularly appreciative of the generous services of Captain L. M. Martin who has patiently and graciously nursed my family through a succession of irritating illnesses of a varying degree of seriousness. We have called on Captain Martin at all hours of the day and night and have learned to repose complete confidence in him as a doctor.

The entire management of the Fort Myer Hospital is of the highest degree of efficiency, and your entire staff is to be congratulated.

Again with my thanks,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ W. T. Sexton
W. T. SEXTON
Colonel, General Staff,
Secretary, General Staff.

Colonel Martin F. DuFrenne,
Station Hospital,
Fort Myer, Virginia.

Headquarters Fort Myer, Virginia,

A TRUE COPY:

L. S. Whitehouse
L. S. WHITEHOUSE
Major, A.U.S.,
Adjutant.

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Secretary, General Staff.

Colonel Martin F. DuFrene,
Station Hospital,
Fort Myer, Virginia.

To - Capt Martin
MFD

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24 January 1944.

Dear Captain Martin:

I want to join Mrs. Detzer in thanking you for the good care you gave her when she had a broken bone.

Sincerely,



KARL DETZER,
Lt. Colonel, GSC

Captain Lee F. Martin
Camp Hospital
Fort Myer, Virginia

HEADQUARTERS
XX BOMBER COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
Smoky Hill Army Air Field
Salina, Kansas

6 March 1944

Capt. L. B. Martin
Post Hospital
Ft. Myer, Virginia

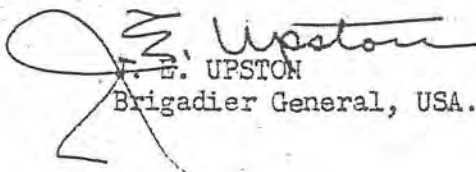
Dear Captain Martin:

I had hoped, before leaving Washington, to find an opportunity to call on you, but was unsuccessful. I wanted to tell you in person how very much I appreciate the very generous and able professional attention which you gave me and my family during our year at Ft. Myer. I shall always be grateful to you.

While I am overseas, Mrs. Upston and Johnny will be living at 1607 - 14th Street, in Washington. Although I realize that that address is outside your area, I hope that, if Mrs. Upston phones you for advice, ~~that~~ you will feel free to give it. She has great confidence in you and any assistance you can conveniently give will be greatly appreciated by both of us.

Again, many thanks to you and best wishes.

Sincerely,


F. E. UPSTON
Brigadier General, USA.

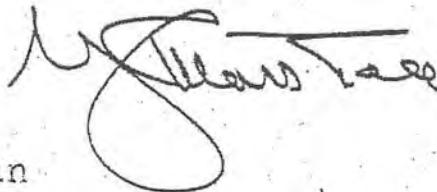
WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1944

My dear Mrs. Martin:

Mrs. Marshall asked me to
thank you and Captain Martin for your
card of sympathy. She appreciates
your thought of her.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lee Martin". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "L" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mrs. Lee Martin
Fort Myer, Virginia



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

1 January 1945



MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Martin F. Lawrence, T.C.
Post Surgeon
Fort Myer, Virginia

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Lt. Air Joe B. Martin for
promotion.

1. For more than two years whenever the Arnold family, or any of the military personnel assigned to our household, has needed medical attention we have come to depend upon Captain Joe B. Martin of your staff. At all times Captain Martin has evidenced the greatest professional knowledge and skill and, in addition, has speeded recovery of every patient by his pleasant and genuinely sympathetic interest in alleviating discomfort and distress.

2. As I recall, Martin has been a Captain ever since I have known him. Without wishing to intrude myself into the operation of your office, it is my conviction that he is more deserving of a promotion than any other officer I can presently bring to mind. By the assignments you have given him I know that you also have a high regard for Martin's ability, and have assumed that the limitations of your Table of Organization or some other restrictions have interfered with your desire to promote him.

3. If there is anything at all I can do to assist in this matter, I will be more than glad to do so.

H. H. Arnold,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

5 January 1945

General H. H. Arnold, U. S. A.
The Pentagon, Room 3 E 1006
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear General Arnold:

I received your letter yesterday in regard to Captain Martin and I appreciate your interest very much.

For some time I have appreciated his capabilities and have recommended him for promotion but have been informed that the reason he has not been promoted is because we do not have a position vacancy.

I know that the Post Commander, Colonel Donnelly, is well aware of the excellent work that Captain Martin is doing and that he, too, would like to have him promoted. In fact, he asked me to write a letter requesting that a position in the grade of major be created for the Attending Surgeon. I understand that this letter has been forwarded to the Commanding General, Military District of Washington, and I hope we shall receive a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

M. F. DuFRENNE,
Colonel, Medical Corps,
Commanding.

Ford Ulyer, Va.

My dear Major Martin: -

Every promotion calls for a
bit of a celebration and I want
you to know that General Arnold
and I are with you in spirit
when the Coast is a win.

Feb. 13th - 45

Sincerely

Shaw T. Arnold

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES
Washington

22 February 1945

Major Lee B. Martin, M.C.
Station Hospital
Ft. Meyer, Virginia

Dear Maj. Martin:

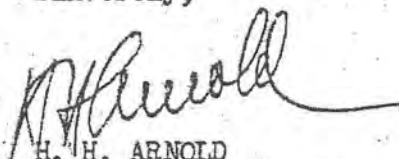
Thanks very much for your letter. I assure you that I am enjoying both the rest and vacation and in addition, I am receiving some excellent medical attention. I don't think I need to tell you anything about the state of my health. Probably you have heard that from Mrs. Arnold.

I was awfully glad that you were able to get the deep-sea fishing trip and to have a chance to go through the hospital. I think that airplane rides should be a part of every officer's education.

I understand that you are now taking care of Mrs. Arnold, and I hope that she is recovering at a rate satisfactory to you.

Just when I will see you at Ft. Meyer, I do not know, but should be at a not too far distant date.

Sincerely,



H. H. ARNOLD
General of the Army

HEADQUARTERS
AAF REGIONAL & CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL
MIAMI DISTRICT
UNIT B
Miami Beach 40, Florida

GHM/ew

24 February 1945

Maj. Lee B. Martin, M.C.,
Station Hospital,
Ft. Myers, Virginia.

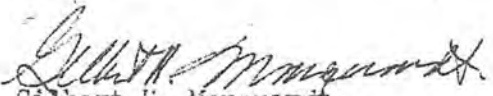
Dear Major:

Congratulations on the new title. I am sure that it is very deserving and well earned. I should have written you before concerning my patient, but I assumed that you had learned about him through other channels. His EKG showed definite evidence of a posterior infarction. His original sedimentation rate was 50. On the usual treatment, sedation, and xanthine dilators he became comfortable very quickly and has made an uneventful recovery. His sedimentation rate has been normal for almost two weeks and his electrocardiograms have been static for two weeks, so he is being allowed up and around for some short intervals just lately. Practically no one knows the actual diagnosis, so I need not caution you to keep it a secret.

I certainly enjoyed your visit with me here and wish you would come down sometime and spend a week with us. You are more than welcome and there is always a place for you to stay. It is possible that I may be in Washington within the next three weeks and if I am I will give you a ring and try to see you and bring you up to date.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,


Gilbert H. Marquardt,
Lt. Colonel, M. C.,
Chief of Medical Service.

First Colony Inn, Nags Head, N.C.

MRS. HENRY H. ARNOLD

QUARTERS NUMBER EIGHT

FORT MYER, VIRGINIA

Dear Mayor Martin: -

Just a line to give you a
brief report on the Arnold family!

Both Max and I are feeling
fine and this rest has done
us the world of good. I am
eating & gaining - I think -
and only the restless nights
remain from a very watch-
ed, recent illness. No question
about it - a change of scene
and new activities are

working wonders for me. Dave says he wants to stay all summer - which is gratifying as I don't feel he is too great a martyr to the cause.

Do please thank that cheery little H. Self for her part in giving "Continued Aid" with deep appreciation by you for your great help in times of stress & illness. - Love

Very sincerely yours,
April 18th - 45 - Stewart P. Arnold.

H. Paicho Felix
Sonoma, Calif.

Dear Major Martin:—

It is hard for me
to express my deep
gratitude for all your
many kindnesses to me
and my family when
we were in Washington,
but I do want you to
know that without you

I do not think I ever could
have lived thru those
trying days without your
understanding help.

I know Dad would have
been pleased, too, as he was
always a great admirer
of you. Thank you so
much again.

Sincerely

Jan. 25th
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Sharon P. Arnold
(Mrs. H. H. -)
