



**Eric Leonard Hoskins DSM**

Rank: Leading Seaman

Service No.: C/SSX 15125

H.M.S. Martin

Died: Tuesday, 10th November 1942. Age 27

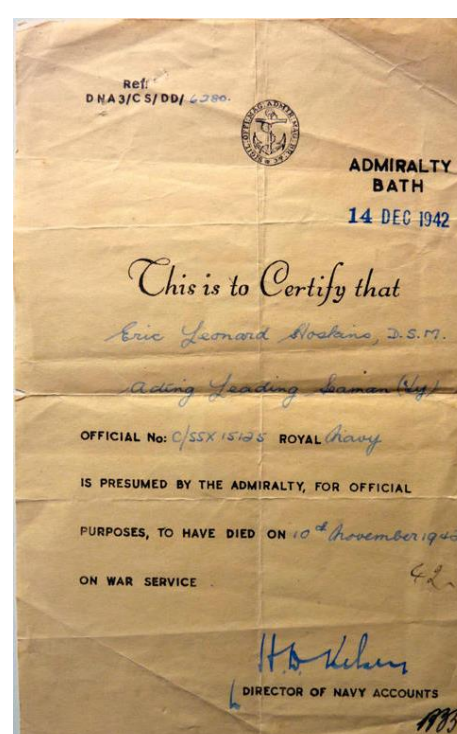
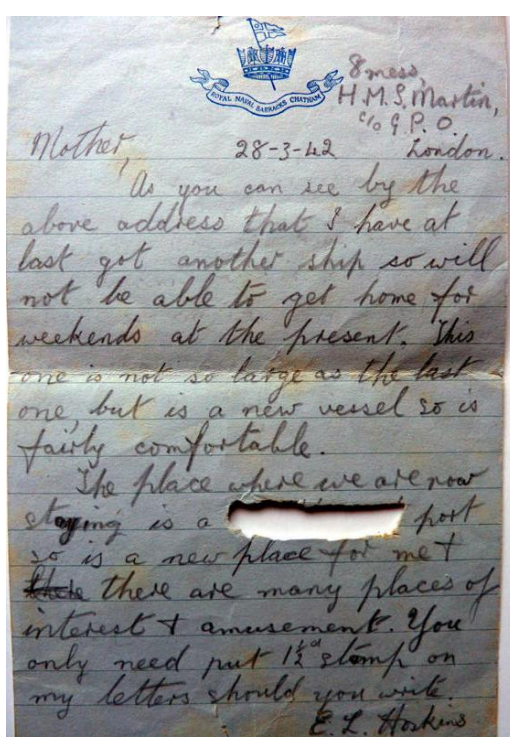
Residence: Elham

Before Service:

Eric was born 18/11/1914 in Tenterden, the son of Percy and Margaret Annie Hoskins, who at the time of Eric's death were living in Standard Hill Cottages, Elham, Kent.

During Service:

Eric was awarded the DSM for conspicuous bravery under fire whilst operating one of the guns on HMS Warspite, they were fighting against the Italians during the Battle of Matapan in March 1941. (Info. from family member Christine Rawlinson in 2010)



HMS Martin, under the command of C.R.P. Thomson DSO, was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-431 northeast of Algiers, Algeria in position 37.53N, 03.57E. 161 Officers and men went down with the ship, there were 63 survivors.

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