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George Martin joined the Alaska Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in 1903 and spent the next 20 years leading expeditions to the Alaska territory. He provided some of the first reports on oil and gas seeps in southern Alaska and made important contributions to the understanding of the major coal provinces in southern and central Alaska. George was selected by the National Geographic Society to investigate the 1912 eruption of Novarupta, arriving on scene within a month of the event to document the historic geologic event. He led the Alaska Branch, including the period when Alfred Brooks served in WWI. His most enduring contribution is USGS Bulletin 776, *The Mesozoic Stratigraphy of Alaska*, a remarkable 493-page treatise published in 1926.

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