

## ERNEST BRUCE

**Name:** Ernest Bruce

**Date of Birth:** 09 February 1891

**Place of Birth:** Collin County Texas

**Family:** Son of Ella Rose Lester Bruce Kindred  
Husband of Fredda Skinner

**Date of Death:** 12 April 1952

**Place of Death:** Denton, Denton County, Texas

**Cemetery:** Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, Denton County, TX; Block: 3E-066-2 (or 3E-66-3)  
(GPS 33° 12' 37" N 97° 7' 18" W)

### MILITARY SERVICE:

**Military Branch:** US Army

**Enlistment Date:** 23 February 1918  
Physical description on Draft card: Tall, medium build, brown hair, brown eyes

**Assignments:** Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Engineers Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Division

**Discharge:** 28 March 1919

**Rank at Discharge:** Private

**Era:** World War I

### Civilian Life:

**Education:** Grade School: 4<sup>th</sup>

**Occupation:** Painter

### SOURCES:

1. Texas Department of State Health Service, Austin, Texas; Death Certificates 1903-1982, Denton, Denton County, Texas. Certificate # 17309 for Ernest Bruce, SS# #453-10-4184: DOB: 9 Feb 1891, Texas. DOD: 12 Apr 1952, Denton, Denton Co, Texas. Burial: Oakwood. Father: Commodore Bruce; Mother: Ella Lester. Occupation paint contractor. *Ancestry.com* (database online).
2. *FindAGrave.com* memorial #12690922 for Ernest Bruce: DOB: 9 Feb 1891, McKinney, Collin County, TX; DOD: 12 Apr 1952, Denton, Denton County, TX. PVT Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Eng. Reg, 7 Div. (Father: John Henry Bruce; Mother: Mary Ann Stathan Bruce). RM Leahy citing Oakwood Cemetery.

3. Denton County Clerk's Office, Denton, Denton County, Texas, Marriage Records Vol # 00012, page 000342. Certificate #342: Ernest Bruce and Fredda Skinner marriage date 30 Apr 1921, Denton, Denton County, Texas. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
4. WWI Draft Registration Card #90, Denton, Denton County, TX; Precinct 1. Ernest Bruce: DOB: 9 Feb 1890, Collin County, Texas. Physical description: tall, medium weight, brown eyes and brown hair. Date: 5 June 1917. Automobile mechanic.
5. WWII Draft Registration Card # 1205, Ernest Bruce, DOB 9 Feb 1891. Place of Birth McKinney, Texas. Residence: Denton, Denton County, Texas.
6. US Army Transport Service Passenger Lists 1910-1939: Ernest Bruce, Ser # 2251 123. Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Engineering Regiment; Departed Hoboken NJ on ship *H R Mallory* on 13 Jul 1918. Emergency contact: Mrs. Ella Kindred, mother, Denton, Texas. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
7. US Army Transport Service Passenger Lists 1910-1939: Ernest Bruce, Ser #2 251 123. Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Engineers Regiment; Departed Brest, France on ship *George Washington* on 15 Feb 1919; arrived Hoboken, NJ 25 Feb 1919. Emergency contact: Mrs. Eva R. Kindred, mother, Denton, Texas. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
8. US Applications for Military Veterans 1925-1963: Ernest Bruce, serial number 225123: Private, Company E, 5t Eng., 7<sup>th</sup> Div. DOB: 9 Feb 1891; DOD: 2 Apr 1952. Enlistment: Date: 23 Feb 1918; Discharge Date: 28 March 1919. Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, TX. *Ancestry.com* (database online).
9. 1940 US Federal Census for Denton, Denton County TX, Roll M-T0626, p. 6A, Enum. Dist. 61-6A, Num. Date: 12 April 1940. **Ernest Bruce** (H): Occupation painter; Highest grade: 4<sup>th</sup> grade school; wife: Fredda. *Ancestry.com* (database online).
10. 1910 US Federal Census, Altus, Jackson County, OK, Roll T624-1255, p. 12A, Dist. 0133. **Ella R. Kindred** (Head) age 40; marriage 2nd; **Ernest Bruce**, son, age 20, occupation painter.
11. 1900 US Federal Census, Denton, Denton County, TX Pct 06, Dist 0055. **R R Kindred** (Head). **Ella R. Kindred**, wife; **Ernest Bruce** stepson, age 10. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
12. Texas Department of State Health Services, Austin, Texas Certificate of Death, Denton, Denton County Texas; Certificate #53402 for **Ella Rose Kindred**. DOB: 15 Oct 1869; DOD 4 Dec 1942. Father: **Lewis Lester**. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
13. Texas Marriage Index, File #1007996P **Ella R Lester** and **W C Bruce** marriage date 3 Feb 1887 Collin County Texas. *Ancestry.com* (online database).

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