

Name: Briscoe, Ross Dickenson

Rank: Lt



Ross Dickenson Briscoe is another name on the cenotaph with no obvious connection to Strathroy. Having said that however, his parents lived in Galt Ontario and he was a bank clerk there. He was commissioned at Valcartier Quebec 1 Sept 1914 and was part of the original wave of Canadians to go overseas. He was accidentally shot on the ranges at Sling Plantation Camp in Wiltshire England on the 6th of Jan 1915. His grave is in the Bulford Church Cemetery in Wiltshire.

SERVICE RECORD

Date	Particulars
1 Sept 1914	Card – Lieut. Briscoe, Ross Dickenson, Theatre of War England, Date of Service 22 Sept 1914 , Remarks and latest address – Reuben Alfred Briscoe, Galt, ON Bank clerk from Galt On, born 29 June 1891, Attested at Valcartier Quebec Previous military experience – Galt Cadet Corps, 3 years 29 th Regiment Canadian militia Medical – 5' 9 ½ " fair complexion, grey eyes, light hair, Presbyterian, scar on middle finger of right hand,
6 Jan 1915	Accidentally shot Killed on Ranges reported by OC (Officer

24 Aug 1921

Commanding) 9th Btn at Sling Plantation Camp,* Bulford, Wiltshire
England.

Medal card – not eligible for “Star England only” (*the star is the 1914-15 Star awarded to members of the CEF who served from 1914 on*)

Medals and Decorations to Reuben Alfred Briscoe Galt ON father

Plaque and scroll – as above

Memorial cross – no one entitled

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ATTESTATION PAPER. No.

Folio. CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION. (ANSWERS).

- 1. What is your name? *Ross D. Dickenson Bruscoe*
- 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Dunville Ontario*
- 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Reuben A Bruscoe Fisher*
- 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Galt ont*
- 5. What is the date of your birth? *20th June 1891*
- 6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Bank clerk*
- 7. Are you married? *No*
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *Yes*
- 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *Yes*
- 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *Yes Galt Cadet Corps 370 29 Regt Can M.*
If so, state particulars of former Service.
- 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
- 12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

Ross D Bruscoe (Signature of Man).
A. C. Kimmus (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ross D Bruscoe*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Ross D Bruscoe (Signature of Recruit)
 Date *Sept 14* 1914. *A. C. Kimmus* (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ross D Bruscoe*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Ross D Bruscoe (Signature of Recruit)
 Date *Sept 14* 1914. *A. C. Kimmus* (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
 The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
 I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Valcartier* this *13th* day of *Sept* 1914.

Thomas J. ... (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

Sam ... (Approving Officer)

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Description of *Brusca Lieut. R. D.* on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 23 years 3 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height 5 ft 9 1/2 ins.

Chest measure: { Girth when fully expanded 37 1/2 ins.
Range of expansion 2 1/2 ins.

Complexion fair

Eyes grey

Hair light

Religious denominations: { Church of England.....
Presbyterian yes
Wesleyan.....
Baptist or Congregationalist.....
Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.).....
Roman Catholic.....
Jewish.....

Scar on middle finger of right hand

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* fit for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

Date Aug 31 1914.

Place Valcartier

James J. Fisher
Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness.—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Lieut R D Brusca having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

Thomas J. Major
(Signature of Officer)

Date 23 Sept 1914.



CWGC - Name: BRISCOE Initials: R D Nationality: Canadian Rank: Lieutenant Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry Unit Text: 9th Bn. Date of Death: **06/01/1915** Additional information: Son of Mr. R. A. Briscoe, of Galt, Ontario. Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead Grave/Memorial Reference: I. 2. 3. Cemetery: **BULFORD CHURCH CEMETERY** Wiltshire UK