



Ernest Arthur Murray

Ernest Murray was born on June 15, 1897 in Randolph, Minnesota to Lukas (Luke) Murray (1856-1925) and Anna Christina Anderson (1856-1936). Luke worked for the railroad out of the Randolph Depot. He was the Section Foreman and Anna ran a boarding house and cooked at the hotel next door. Luke was born in Germany and Anna was born in Sweden. Ernest was one of eight children, three of which served in WWI (Ernest Arthur, Clarence Albert and Eldo Roy). On August 24, 1918, at the age of 21, Ernest registered for the mandatory draft. He was working for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad.

He enlisted in the National Army on October 22, 1918 and was sent to Camp Cody, New Mexico for training. He was attached to the 97th Division, 387th Infantry but the Armistice was signed on November 11th and the 97th was ordered to be demobilized on November 20th. Even though they didn't go to the front, the camp was hit hard by the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic, 500 soldiers got sick and 100 died. Some returned home to no family and others returned and brought the flu with them. Ernest was released on January 4, 1919.

He returned to Randolph, Minnesota where he married Elda Emily Krenske (1896-1984) from Faribault, Minnesota the same year. Ernest worked for the Minneapolis/Northfield Southern Railroad Company as an Engineer. The family lived in Minneapolis. They had two children. Ernest retired from the railroad in 1962 at the age of 65. The couple moved to Mesa, Arizona. He died on December 26, 1973 at St Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix. He is buried at Mountain View Cemetery.