



143<sup>rd</sup> Infantry

A. E. 796

J. E. MANNING, Chief of Police;  
V. E. LYNCH, City Secretary, Clerk of Recorder's Court, Assessor and Collector of Taxes  
DR. J. M. BOYD, City Health Officer  
GEO. H. WOODROME, City Fire Marshal  
A. J. MATTHEWS, City Scavenger

Population 7500  
**The City of Yoakum**  
Walter Lander, Manager

COMMISSIONERS:

J. W. COOK, Chairman  
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DR. F. W. LEDBETTER  
J. K. ELKINS  
J. M. BARE

Yoakum Tex. Feb 26-1919,

Hon James A. Harley-

Austin Tex-

Dear General Harley-

I enclose you my commission as loyalty  
Ranger as per your request of the 24th - I  
want to thank you for your kind letters  
and only wish I could have been of more  
service Capt W. M. Hanson, has some  
work that is still unfinished an some  
disloyalty charges that I sent him and  
wish you would call his attention  
to same as District Court for Lavaca  
Co. Will convene about the 15th of March  
and this should be attended to - he has the  
affidavits that I sent him, I was delighted  
to see the Legislative investigating committee to  
completely exonerate you, <sup>also</sup> but to commend

your work in the Ranger trouble.  
With very best wishes for your  
continued success and at any  
time that I can serve you or your  
Dept. command me.

Yours very truly -  
F. W. Ledbetter

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company..... Ranger Force, Station Yoakum Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Lavaca

I, F. W. Ledbetter, born in Lavaca County  
in the State of Tex, aged 44 years and 9 months, and by occupation a  
Dentist

do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 1918, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years,  
unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such  
~~bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law.~~ Without pay. And I do solemnly swear  
that will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of  
the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the  
United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution  
of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted  
as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I further-  
more swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor prom-  
ised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my  
appointment. So help me God.

F. W. Ledbetter

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1918

Storace Winberly  
A Notary Public of Lavaca Co. Texas

Fill in description below.

I certify that....., the above named man, has been carefully examined by me  
previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and  
will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is..... years

..... months of age. Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches. Complexion Light Eyes Gray  
Hair Light Gray Born at Hallettsville County of Lavaca State of Tex.  
Occupation Dentist Married or single Married Previous service Special

Deputy City Marshal + special deputy sheriff

Residence Yoakum Tex. Telegraph & Post Office Yoakum Tex.

Remarks: Chief of the Yoakum Division of the American Protective League

Captain Co..... Ranger Force.

✓ O.K.  
W.M.H.

A. G. O. Form 21.  
Authorized July 7, 1905.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name F. W. Redbetter

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_, Ranger Force

Station Yoakum

RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR

E. L. STECK, AUSTIN

I have taken the Oath of Office and will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Ranger Force of the State of Texas for the term of five years or until I am discharged by the proper authorities.

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