

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company..... Ranger Force, Station.....

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF Mitchell }

I, J. J. Riden, born in Wright Co.  
in the State of Mo, aged 49 years and 8 1/2 months, and by occupation a  
Constable do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of

June, 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 I 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.



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 1918  
J. J. Riden  
J. M. Jackson  
Notary Public

Fill in description below.

I certify that J. J. Riden, 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 49 years  
8 1/2 months of age. Height 6 feet..... inches. Complexion Medium Eyes Grey  
Hair Dark Born at Hartsville County of Wright State of Mo  
Occupation Constable Married or single Married Previous service.....  
Constable for 4 or 5 years  
Residence Lorraine, Texas (Mitchell County)

Remarks: .....

Captain Co..... Ranger Force.





**JESSE J. RIDEN**

CONSTABLE

LORAINÉ. MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS

Feb, 27th, 1919

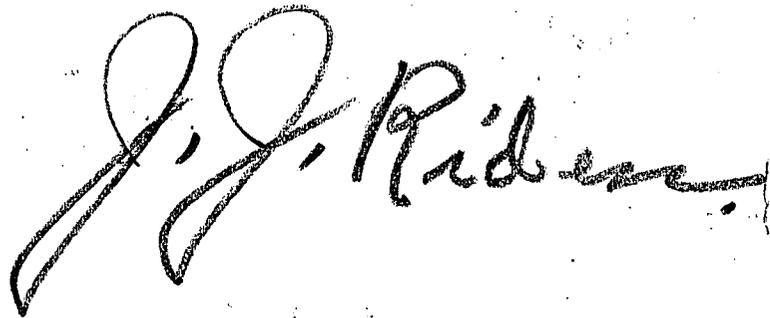
Hon, Jas, A. Harley, (Adjutant Genl, )  
Austin, Texas.

My Dear General Harley:- As per your request I here with hand to you  
the commission which you issued to me some time ago.  
For my life I can not understand what is the matter with Canales,  
any time that I can render you a service, or be of any service to you,  
Command me freely.

After this investigation is over, if you can see your way clear, where by  
you can re instate the Ranger Force, I would be delighted to be remembered  
by you.

A gain thanking you for past favors, and fully assuring you that I am ready  
and willing to serve you at any time.

Your Friend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. J. Riden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "JESSE J. RIDEN".