

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Angelina

I, Joseph Perry Kerr, born in Lufkin  
in the State of Texas, aged 24 years and no months, and by occupation a  
bookkeeper do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this first day of  
August, 1919, 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. 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.

*Joseph P. Kerr*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this first day of August A. D. 1919

*C. B. Brazil*  
*Notary Public, Angelina Co., Texas*

Fill in description below.

I certify that Joseph P. Kerr, 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 24 years  
months of age. Height six feet no inches. Complexion fair Eyes blue  
Hair dark brown at Lufkin County of Angelina State of Texas  
Occupation Bookkeeper Married or single Single Previous service None  
Residence Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas

Remarks: .....

Captain Co. .... Ranger Force.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

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Name Joseph P. Kerr,

Rank Private,

Company E, Ranger Force

Station Marathon,

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Reported for duty and warrant  
Dated August 9th, 1919.  
Resigned August 28th, 1919.

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STATE OF TEXAS  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
AUSTIN

Aug. 28th. 1919.

Adj. Gen. James A. Harley  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Would request that I be discharged from the service of the State for the following reason: I have been offered a position with The Moore Wholesale Grocery Co. at Lufkin Texas and I consider it a better chance for advancement than I would have with the Ranger Force.

Respt. Yours,

*Joseph P. Kerr*  
Joseph P. Kerr  
Pvt. State Ranger Force.

THE STATE  OF TEXAS

COMMISSION  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

This is to Certify, THAT I, JAMES A. HARLEY,  
The Adjutant General, State of Texas, by virtue of Authority vested in me as Adjutant General,  
State of Texas, under the Constitution and Laws of said State do hereby commission

Joseph P. Kerr, a Private, in the Texas Ranger Force.  
This Commission will be exhibited as his authority to act with full authority as a Ranger anywhere in the State of Texas

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 9th day of August, 19 19

Joseph P. Kerr  
Not valid unless countersigned by Holder

James A. Harley  
The Adjutant General, State of Texas