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LAREDO, TEX., JUNE 24-<sup>1964</sup>(AP)-WILLIAM M. RAYN<sup>Law</sup>, 63 YEAR  
OLD FORMER TEXAS RANGER CAPTAIN, DIED HERE EARLY TODAY FROM A  
HEART AILMENT. HE WAS RANGER CAPTAIN UNDER THE GOV. JAMES E.  
FERGUSON ADMINISTRATION, WAS ACTIVE IN OIL DEVELOPMENT AND  
LATER SERVED AS WEBB COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF. A NATIVE OF  
GONZALES COUNTY, HE IS SURVIVED BY A BROTHER AND TWO SISTERS.

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SAN ANTONIO, JUNE 26-(AP)-FUNERAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAM A. RYAN,  
64, FOR MANY YEARS A CAPTAIN OF TEXAS RANGERS AND FOR THE PAST FEW  
YEARS WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF WEBB COUNTY, WILL BE HELD HERE  
TOMORROW MORNING. HE DIED AT LAREDO SATURDAY. RYAN WAS A NATIVE  
OF GONZALES COUNTY AND LIVED AT LULING BEFORE GOING TO LAREDO IN 1905.

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# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Wade }

I, W.M. Ryan, born in Gonzales County  
in the State of Texas, aged 37 years and 4 months, and by occupation a  
Peace Officer do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 28th day of  
November, 1917, as a ~~Private~~ <sup>Captain</sup> 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of November A. D. 1917

W. M. Ryan  
W. M. Ryan  
Notary Public, Wade County, Texas

I certify that W.M. Ryan, 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 37 years  
4 months of age. Height 5 feet 10 inches. Complexion Fair Eyes Brown  
Hair I. Gray Born at ----- County of Gonzales State of Texas  
Occupation Peace Officer Married or single Single Previous service.....

Remarks: .....

Captain Co..... Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name W. M. RYAN

Rank Captain

Company "A", Ranger Force

Station James Co

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company C Ranger Force, Station Laredo,

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Travis,

I, William M. Ryan, born in Gonzales County  
in the State of Texas, aged 38 years and 11 months, and by occupation a  
State Ranger, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 20th. day of  
June, 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.

William M. Ryan

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd. day of July, A. D. 1919

Edith Heiligbrodt

Fill in description below.

Notary Public, Travis Co., Texas.

I certify that William M. Ryan, 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 38 years  
11 months of age. Height 5 feet 10 inches. Complexion Fair Eyes Brown  
Hair Gray Born x in the County of Gonzales, State of Texas,  
Occupation State Ranger, Married or single Single, Previous service  
19 months.  
Residence Laredo, Texas.

Remarks: Re-enlisted under new law.

Captain Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name William M. Ryan,

Rank Captain,

Company C, Ranger Force

Station Laredo,

Warrant dated June 20th. 1919,  
Re-enlisted under new law.  
*Discharged Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1924*

COMMISSION OF RANGERS

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*Handwritten notes and signatures on the right side of the page, including a large signature at the bottom right.*

THE STATE



OF TEXAS

COMMISSION  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

This is to Certify, THAT I, JAMES A. HARLEY,

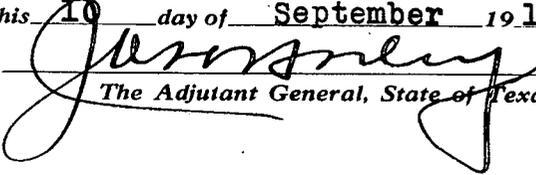
The Adjutant General, State of Texas, by virtue of Authority vested in me as Adjutant General,  
State of Texas, under the Constitution and Laws of said State do hereby commission

W. M. Ryan a Captain 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 10 day of September 1918

*Not valid unless countersigned by Holder*

  
The Adjutant General, State of Texas

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Travis }

I, William M. Ryan, born in Gonzales,  
in the State of Texas, aged 43 years and 11 months, and by occupation a  
Oil man, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 16th day of  
June, 1925, as Captain 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.

W. M. Ryan

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of June A. D. 1925

Edith Heilighdt

Fill in description below.

Notary Public, Travis Co., Texas.

I certify that William M. Ryan, 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 43 years  
11 months of age. Height 5 feet 11 inches. Complexion fair Eyes brown  
Hair GRAY Born at Gonzales, County of Gonzales State of Texas  
Occupation Oil man Married or single single, Previous service.....  
Four years  
Residence Laredo, Texas.

Remarks: .....

Caption 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 William M. Ryan, Jr.

Rank Captain,

Company D, Ranger Force

Station Laredo,

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Warrant dated June 16, 1925  
Discharged February 2, 1927

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THE STATE



OF TEXAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer.....William M. Ryan,.....  
is a.....Captain.....in Company.....D.....Ranger Force, State of Texas, and this  
is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 36th Legislature of the State of Texas, Ap-  
proved March 31, 1919, and Descriptive List for identification, and will be exhibited as his authority to  
act as a Ranger when called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be surrendered to Company  
Commander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List is signed by  
The Adjutant General under seal of office and attested by Company Commander.

Name.....William M. Ryan,..... Rank.....Captain,.....  
Age.....43 years 11 months,..... Where born.....Gonzales, Texas,.....  
Height.....5 feet 11 inches,..... Occupation.....Oil-man,.....  
Hair.....Gray,..... Enlisted Where.....Austin, Texas,.....  
Eyes.....Brown,..... Enlisted When.....June 16, 1925.....  
Complexion.....Fair,..... Enlisted by Whom.....Gen. Mark McGee,.....

Given under my hand and seal of office, this.....16th.....  
day of.....June.....1925.....

*Mark McGee*

The Adjutant General.

Attest:.....*W.M. Ryan*.....

Captain Ranger Force

Commanding Co.....D.....