

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE.

Company "B" Ranger Force, Station Laredo.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Webb

I, W.R.Speed was born in DeWitt Co.  
in the State of Texas, aged 38 years and 5 months, and by occupation a  
Stockman do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this day of 1st  
April, 1914, 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 impar-  
tially 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 furthermore swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, con-  
tributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure  
my appointment. So help me God.

W. R. Speed

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of April, A. D. 1914

J. W. Houshain  
Notary Public, Webb County, Texas.

I certify that W.R.Speed, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me pre-  
vious 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 5  
months of age. Height 5 feet 1 inches. Complexion Dark Eyes Dark  
Hair Dark Born at Cuero County of DeWitt State of Texas  
Occupation Stockman Married or single Single Previous service none

Remarks

J. J. Summers  
Captain Co. "B" Ranger Force.

STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name W. R. SPEED

Rank PRIVATE

Company "B", *Ranger Force*

Station LAREDO

*Carl B. M.*

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**SEND** the following message subject to the terms  
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Austin, Texa, Jan 22, 1915

Ranger

W. R. Speed,

Harlingen, Texas.

*Ranger B*

You will not be retained in the service after this date.

Capt. J. J. Saunders.

**ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS WHICH ARE HEREBY AGREED TO**

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any REPEATED message, beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; *nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.*

2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for any mistakes or delay in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery of this message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS, at which amount this message is hereby valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing hereon at the time the message is offered to the Company for transmission, and an additional sum paid or agreed to be paid based on such value equal to one-tenth of one per cent. thereof.

3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

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6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within ninety-five days after the cause of action, if any, shall have arisen.

7. *No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.*

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The State



of Texas,

Adjutant General's Office.

✦ Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List. ✦

This is to Certify, That the bearer W.R.Speed  
 is a Private in Company "B" Ranger Force, State of  
 Texas, and this is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 27th  
 Legislature of the State of Texas, Approved March 29th, 1901, 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 Com-  
 mander 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

Name <u>W.R.Speed</u>	Rank <u>Private</u>
Age <u>38 years</u>	Where born <u>DeWitt, County, Texas.</u>
Height <u>5 Feet, 1 inch</u>	Occupation <u>Stockman</u>
Hair <u>Dark</u>	Enlisted Where <u>Laredo</u>
Eyes <u>Dark</u>	Enlisted When <u>April, 1st, 1914</u>
Complexion <u>Dark</u>	Enlisted by Whom <u>J.J.Sanders</u>

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 1st,  
 day of April 1914

*Henry Hutchings*  
 Adjutant General.

Attest: J.J.Sanders  
 Capt. Commanding Co. "B" Ranger Force.