

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF LAMPASAS

I, J. F. Barnes, born in Coryell County  
in the State of Texas, aged 29 years and 2 months, and by occupation a  
Lumberman do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 1917, 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 furthermore swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.

*J. F. Barnes*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1917  
*Walter A. Sullivan Notary Public*  
*M. L. Lamm*

I certify that J. F. Barnes, 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 29 years 2 months of age. Height 5 feet 10 inches. Complexion dark Eyes blue Hair black Born at Gatesville County of Coryell State of Texas Occupation Lumberman Married or single Married Previous service Military Service at A & M College of Texas 1904-1907  
Remarks: PERMANENT ADDRESS? Lampasas, Texas.

*Full in description*

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 John Barnes

Rank Private

Company "C", Ranger Force

Station \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL RANGER.

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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 J.F. BARNES

is a Private in Company "C" 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 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 J.F. Barnes Rank Private  
Age 29 Yrs., 2 Mos. Where born Coryell County, Texas.  
Height 5 Ft., 10 inches Occupation Lumberman  
Hair Black Enlisted Where Austin, Texas  
Eyes Blue Enlisted When 26 July, 1917  
Complexion Dark Enlisted by Whom The Adjutant General

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 27th

day of July, A.D., 1917

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
The Adjutant General.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Captain Ranger Force  
Commanding Co. \_\_\_\_\_

# W.F. & J.E. BARNES LUMBER COMPANY

DEALERS IN

LONG AND SHORT LEAF

**YELLOW PINE LUMBER**

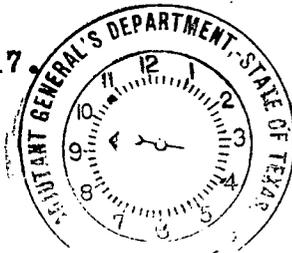
W. F. BARNES, Pres.  
J. F. BARNES, Vice Pres.  
T. J. PROCTOR, Secy & Treas.

GENERAL OFFICE

*LAMPASAS, TEXAS*

YARDS  
LAMPASAS  
LOMETA  
COPPERAS COVE  
DILLEY  
ASHERTON

Dec. 24, 1917.



Mr. Jas. A. Harley,  
Austin, Texas,

Dear Sir:

In compliance with yours of the 17 th inst., stating that all commissions of Special Rangers are revoked, prior to Oct. 1 st, 1917, I enclose, herewith, my commission.

Am confident that this is the best thing that the Department could have done in my special case for I am preparing to get off to war after the first of the year.

Yours very truly,

*J. F. Barnes*

*Order B*

27 July, 1917

From: The Adjutant General, State of Texas.

To: Ranger J.F. Barnes, Lampasas, Texas.

Subject: Warrant of Authority.

1. Transmitted, herewith, warrant of authority issued in your favor as Special Ranger without compensation in the Texas Ranger Force.

1 Incl.