

THE STATE



OF TEXAS

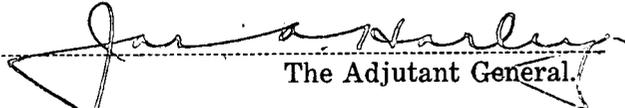
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

*Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer WILLIAM ARTHUR HARDING  
is a Private in ~~Company~~ THE 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 sur-  
rendered 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	<u>William Arhtur Harding</u>	Rank	<u>Private</u>
Age	<u>40 Years</u>	Where born	<u>Ft. Deposit, Ala.</u>
Height	<u>5 Ft., 10 1/2 inches</u>	Occupation	<u>R.R. Spl. Agent</u>
Hair	<u>Light</u>	Enlisted Where	<u>Austin, Texas</u>
Eyes	<u>Gray</u>	Enlisted When	<u>23 May, 1918</u>
Complexion	<u>Fair</u>	Enlisted by whom	<u>Adjutant General</u>

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 31st  
day of May, A.D., 1918

  
The Adjutant General.

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

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Galveston

I, William Arthur Harding, born in Ft. Deposit,  
in the State of Alabama, aged 40 years and 6 months, and by occupation a  
R.R. Special Agent do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 23rd day of  
May, 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.~~ 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May A. D. 1918

*William Arthur Harding*  
*Tref M. Mager*  
Notary Public Galv. Co. Texas

# I certify that....., 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 40 years  
6 months of age. Height 5 feet 10 1/2 inches. Complexion Fair Eyes Grey  
Hair Light Born at Ft. Deposit County of..... State of Ala  
Occupation R.R. Spl Agent Married or single Married Previous service.....

Remarks: .....

Captain Co..... Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name *W. A. Harding*

Rank *Private*

Company *Special*, Ranger Force

Station