

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Jim Wells

I, Elmo D. Reed, born in Goliad County, in the State of Texas, aged 22 years and 1 month, and by occupation a Stockman do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 11th day of January, 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 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.

*Elmo D. Reed*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1919.

*E. E. Conway*  
Notary Public Jim Wells County Texas

Fill in description below.

I certify that Elmo D. Reed, 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 22 years 1 month of age. Height 6 feet 2 inches. Complexion Dark. Eyes Dark. Hair Brown. Born at Goliad County of Goliad State of Texas. Occupation Stockman. Married or single Single. Previous service 14 months. Residence Goliad, Texas.

Remarks:

Captain Co. Ranger Force.



Texas Ranger Force  
Company A

J. J. SANDERS, Captain

GEO. HURST, Sergeant

ALICE, TEXAS January, 11th. 1919.

Hon. Jas. A. Harley,  
Adjutant General,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed please find enlistment and descriptive list  
also my old commission from Company "A", Ranger Force.

Please forward me commission as special ranger to Alice,

Yours very respectfully,

*Elmo D. Reed*

Alice, Texas. Jan. 6th. 1919.

Hon. Jas. A. Herley,  
Adjutant General,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Please accept this as my application to you for a Commission as Special Ranger. I have an Honorable discharge from Company "A" dated December 31st. 1918. By reason of an order from you to reduce the force.

My work in the future will all be in the Border ~~xxx~~ country, where I am familiar with conditions and acquainted with most all the officers, and I feel that, with a special Ranger commission I can be of a great deal of assistance to Rangers as well as other officers, and the same time it will be a benefit to me.

I expect to engage in the cattle business and will be on the range most all the time, and I believe that my record in the ranger service will warrant my application for a Special commission, now that I have left the actual service.

If you require it I will furnish you with any number of endorsements from officers and stockmen.

Hoping that you will give this application your prompt and favorable attention I remain,

Very Respectfully Yours,

*Elmo D. Reed*