

*Wade Newell Com 1-4-18*

THE STATE



OF TEXAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

*Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer John W. Vann  
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, Ap-  
proved 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 John W. Vann Rank Private  
Age 56 Years Where born LaGrange, Texas.  
Height 5ft.-10 in. Occupation Railroad Special Agent  
Hair Black Enlisted Where Dallas, Texas.  
Eyes Blue Enlisted When 2nd December, 1916.  
Complexion Dark Enlisted by Whom The Adjutant General

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 4th  
day of December 1916

*Henry Fitchburg*  
The Adjutant General.

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

4 December, 1916.

From: The Adjutant General, State of Texas.

To: Mr. J. W. Vann, Chief Special Agent, M. K. & T. Ry. Co.,  
Dallas, Texas.

Subject: Warrant of authority.

1. Transmitted herewith warrant of authority and descriptive list in your favor commissioning you as Special Ranger without expense to the state.

2. In your description you state that you are 9 feet, 10 inches and that seems to us somewhat high, so will you please verify or modify.

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF.....

I, John W. Vann....., born in Fayette Co. Texas.....  
 in the State of Texas....., aged 56 years and..... months, and by occupation a  
Chief Spol. Agt. MKT...... do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 1st day of  
December....., 1916....., 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 2nd day of December A. D. 1916

*John W. Vann*  
*W. J. [unclear]*  
 Notary Public Dallas, Tex

I certify that John W. Vann....., 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 56 years  
 ..... months of age. Height 9 feet 10 inches. Complexion Dark Eyes Blue  
 Hair Black Born at Lagrange County of Fayette State of Texas  
 Occupation Rail Road Spol. Agt. Married single Previous service.....  
10 Years service as Sheriff and 10 Years service, as Depty U.S. Marshall.

Remarks: R. H. Sgt. M. K. T. Smithville, Texas

Captain Co..... Ranger Force.

*7 W. in also certified also*

THE STATE OF TEXAS

*Special Ranger*

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name

*J. W. Vanner*

Rank

*Private*

Company

*C*, Ranger Force

Station

~~*Delaware*~~

*Reinstated 1-3-18*

~~*Reinstated 12-16-17*~~

# HOTEL SUTOR

MRS. W. J. SUTOR, PROPRIETRESS AND MANAGER

EUROPEAN STYLE

Austin, Texas, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1917

Gen. A. Harley  
Adjutant Gen.  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed  
my Spec. Badge Commis-  
sion, as per your request  
of Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.

I will be very  
glad to have it renewed.  
And render your department  
any assistance, at all  
times, I can.

Respt.

John W. Travis  
Spec. Agt. M.K. & T. Co.

✓ Smithville, Texas.

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Eyes Blue Enlisted When Reinstated 1/3/18
Complexion Dark Enlisted by whom Adjutant General

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 4th day of January, A.D., 1918

[Signature] The Adjutant General

Attest: Captain Ranger Force Commanding Co.

Handwritten notes: Reinstated 1/3/18, Reserved Regiments, etc.