

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



OATH OF ENLISTMENT AND ALLEGIANCE.

State of Massachusetts

Town of Boston ss:

I, William E. Smith, born in Rouses Point, in the State of New York, and by occupation a Farmer

DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have voluntarily enlisted this thirteenth day of September, 1876, as a **Soldier** in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of FIVE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: And do also agree to accept from the United States such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are or may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear, that I am Twenty-two years and \_\_\_\_\_ months of age, and know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a Soldier for five years under this enlistment contract with the United States. And I, William E. Smith do also solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1876.  
William E. Smith (SEAL)

A. W. Lawton  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
Recruiting Officer.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named recruit, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

A. W. Lawton  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
Examining Officer.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the above-named recruit, William E. Smith, previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that I have accepted and enlisted him into the service of the United States under this contract of enlistment as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, and, in doing so, have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the Recruiting Service. This soldier has gray eyes. Dark hair, Dark complexion, is 5 feet 5 1/2 inches high.

A. W. Lawton (SEAL)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
Recruiting Officer, United States Army.

NOTE.—Scars and marks found upon the person of a recruit will be noted on the enlistment paper.

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, *William E. Smith*, desiring to ENLIST in the Army of the United States, for the term of FIVE YEARS, DO DECLARE, That I have neither wife nor child; that I have never been discharged from the United States Service on account of disability, or by sentence of a court martial, or by order before the expiration of term of enlistment; and that I am of the legal age to enlist of my own accord, and believe myself to be physically qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier.

GIVEN at *Boston, Mass.* this *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 187*5*.

WITNESS:

*Henry H. [Signature]*  
*Lucas Dwyer, [Signature]*

*William E. Smith*

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No. *762*  
*William E. Smith*  
Enlisted at *Boston Mass.* on  
the *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 187*5*,  
by *1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. W. H. Rawson*  
*4<sup>th</sup>* Regiment of *Cavalry.*

..... enlistment; last served in Company ( )  
..... Reg't of .....

Discharged ....., 18 .....

DIRECTIONS.

Enlistments must, in all cases, be taken in triplicate. The recruiting officer will send one copy to the Adjutant General with his monthly accounts, a second to the superintendent with his monthly return, and a third to the depot at the time the recruits are sent there. In cases of soldiers enlisted in a regiment, or of regimental recruits, the third copy of the enlistment will be sent at its date to regimental headquarters for file.

Received A. G. O. ....

Assigned to the ..... Regiment  
of ....., U. S. Army.

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, ....., DO CERTIFY, That I am the ..... is  
of .....; that the said

years of age; and I do hereby freely give my CONSENT to his enlisting as a SOLDIER in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES for the period of  
FIVE YEARS.

GIVEN at .....  
the ..... day of .....

WITNESS: