

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, *William B Reed* desiring to VOLUNTEER as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, for the term of THREE YEARS, Do Declare, That I am *20* years and \_\_\_\_\_ months of age; 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 a term of enlistment; and I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for three years.

GIVEN at *Boston*  
The *12th* day of *August* 1861

Witness: *J. H. H. H.* *William B Reed*

*W. B. Reed*  
*Franklin S. 1857*

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*William B Reed*  
Volunteered at *Boston*  
*August 12th* 18*61*,  
By *Capt. D. B. Chamberlain*  
*1st* Regiment of *Infantry*  
*20*  
enlistment; last served in Company ( )  
Reg't of \_\_\_\_\_  
Discharged \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

*26*

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Do CERTIFY, That I am the  
of \_\_\_\_\_; that the  
said \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; and I  
do hereby freely give my CONSENT to his volunteering as a SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES for  
the period of THREE YEARS.

GIVEN at \_\_\_\_\_  
The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



R | 6 (3 Months, 1861.) | Mass. Mil.

*Wm B Reed*

*Priv*, Co. *E*, 6 Reg't Mass. Inf. (3 Mos., 1861).

Age *19* years.

Appears on **Co. Muster-out Roll**, dated

*Boston, Mass., August 2, 1861.*

Muster-out to date *August 2, 1861.*

Last paid to \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

When enrolled *Apr 15, 1861*, for \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Where enrolled *Acton* \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Period *3* months.\*

**Clothing account:**

Last settled \_\_\_\_\_, 186 ; drawn since \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

Due soldier \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100; due U. S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

Bounty paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100; due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

Remarks : \_\_\_\_\_

**From Second Auditor's Roll.**

\* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

Discharges were furnished enlisted men of this regiment at date of final payment.—Sec 1552 B, 1871.

Book mark : \_\_\_\_\_

*J. L. Borris*  
(361c) Copyist.

R | 6 (3 Months, 1861.) | Mass. Mil.

*William B Reed*

*Priv*, Capt. Tuttle's Co. (3 Months, 1861).†

Age *18* years.

Appears on

**Company Muster-in Roll**

of the organization named above. Roll dated

*Washington, D.C., April 22, 1861.*

Muster-in to date *April 22, 1861.*

Joined for duty and enrolled :

When *April 22, 1861* .\*

Where *Washington* .\*

Period *3* months.\*

Bounty paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100; due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

Remarks : \_\_\_\_\_

*Next Rollou file N. O.*

† This organization subsequently became Co. E, 6 Reg't Mass. Mil. Infantry (3 Months, 1861.)

\* Muster-in roll shows enrollment and muster-in of this company as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card or cards.

Book mark : \_\_\_\_\_

*J. L. Borris*  
(356b) Copyist.

*Reed, William B*

Co. *E*, 6 Massachusetts Militia Infantry.

(3 Months, 1861.)

*Private Private*

**CARD NUMBERS.**

1	<i>16271288</i>	26
2	<i>16271342</i>	27
3		28
4		29
5		30
6		31
7		32
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11		36
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22		47
23		48
24		49
25		50

Number of personal papers herein *0*



William B. Reed  
Private, Co. E, 26 Reg't Mass. Infantry.  
Age 20 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated  
Lowell, Mass., Nov 7, 1864.  
Muster-out to date  
Last paid to

Clothing account:  
Last settled, 186 ; drawn since \$ 100  
Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 100  
Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 100  
Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100  
Remarks: Died Jan 14  
1864 at Gen. Hospital  
Franklin, La

Book mark

Tolson Copyist (361)

William B. Reed  
Private, Co. E, 26 Reg't Mass. Vet. Cav.\*  
Appears on

Company Muster Roll  
for Jan & Feb, 1864.  
Present or absent  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Died in Hospital  
at Franklin, La Jan 14  
1864 Diarrhoea

\*The designation of this organization subsequently became Co. E, 26 Reg't Mass. Vet. Infantry.

Book mark

Tolson Copyist (358)

William B. Reed  
Private, Co. E, 26 Reg't Mass. Infantry.  
Appears on

Company Muster Roll  
for Sept & Oct, 1862.  
Present or absent present  
Stoppage, \$ 100 for  
Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Received \$25 bounty  
in advance.  
(Mustered in Aug. 12  
1862 Boston)

Book mark

Husted Copyist (358)

William Reed  
Appears with rank of

Descriptive Roll of a Detachment of  
Recruits forwarded

for the 26 Reg't Mass. Inf. Roll dated  
Cambridge Mass, Sep 11, 1862.  
Age 20 y'rs; eyes hazel; hair black  
Complexion dark; height 5 ft. 7 in  
Where born Graton - Mass.  
Occupation Blacksmith  
When enlisted Aug 12, 1862  
Where enlisted Boston - Mass.  
For what period enlisted 3 years.  
When mustered in, 186  
Where mustered in  
To what time last paid, 186  
Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100  
Remarks:

Book mark

Sachman Copyist (339d)

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



I certify, on honor, that William B. Reed a private of  
 Captain W. H. Chapman Company (#1) of the 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Mass.  
**VOLUNTEERS**, of the State of Mass., born in Groton, State  
 of Mass., aged 20 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; dark complexion,  
gray eyes, black hair, and by occupation a blacksmith, having joined the company on  
 its original organization at New Orleans, and enrolled in it at the muster into  
 the service of the United States at Boston Mass., on the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
 of August, 1862, (or was mustered in service as a recruit, by Lt Colonel  
Daly, at Boston, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
 1862, or was drafted and mustered into the service of the United States from the  
 Enrollment District of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_,  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_,) to serve in the Regiment, for  
 the term of three Years: and having served HONESTLY and  
 FAITHFULLY with his Company in Dept. of the Gulf to the present date, is now  
 entitled to a **DISCHARGE** by reason of January 14<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Died in Hospital at Franklin La January 14<sup>th</sup> 1864 Discharge

The said Private William B. Reed was last paid by Paymaster  
Major Nichols to include the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1863, and has  
 pay due him from that time to the present date; he is entitled to pay and subsistence for  
 TRAVELING to place of enrollment, and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer  
 soldiers, drafted men, or militia, so discharged. He has received from the United States **CLOTHING**  
 amounting to 41<sup>7</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, since the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November,  
 1863, when his clothing account was last settled. He has received from the United States  
twenty five 100 dollars advanced **BOUNTY**.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, or other  
 authorities, for **CLOTHING**, &c., received on entering service, \_\_\_\_\_ 100 dollars; and  
 for other stoppages, viz: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 100 dollars.  
 He has been furnished with **TRANSPORTATION** in kind from the place of his discharge to  
 \_\_\_\_\_; and he has been **SUBSISTED** for **TRAVELING** to his  
 place of enrollment, up to the \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_.

He is indebted to \_\_\_\_\_, **SUTLER**, \_\_\_\_\_ 100 dollars.  
 He is indebted to \_\_\_\_\_, **LAUNDRESS**, \_\_\_\_\_ 100 dollars.

Given in Duplicate, at Franklin La, this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
 of January, 1864.

W. H. Chapman  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Captain  
 Commanding Company, #1  
26<sup>th</sup> Mass. Veteran

# VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF *Massachusetts*  City TOWN OF *Boston*

I, *William B Reed* born in *Boston*  
in the State of *Mass* aged *20* years,  
and by occupation a *Blacksmith* Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have  
volunteered this *12th* day of *August* 18*62*

to serve as a **Soldier** in the **Army of the United States of America**, for the  
period of **THREE YEARS**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also  
agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, established  
by law for volunteers. And I, *William B Reed* do  
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**.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Boston*  
this *12th* day of *August* 18*62* } *William B Reed*  
BEFORE *W J Forsythe*  
*Justice of the Peace*

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, 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.

*Henry A. Barnett*

EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, *William B. Reed*  
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, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-  
bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier  
has *Blue* eyes, *Black* hair, *Dark* complexion, is *5* feet *7* inches high.

*Capt A S Chamberlain*

*1st* Regiment of *Inf* Volunteers.  
RECRUITING OFFICER.

*12th Sept*