

# DESCRIPTION, PHYSICAL RECORD, AND ENLISTMENT.

## VOLUNTEERS.

Regiment

2nd Regt Ala U.S.V.

Company

("D")

Name: William J. Alford Grade or rank, Private

Age: 21 years 3 months Height, 5 feet 8 inches Complexion, fair

Eyes, Brown Hair, Brown Born at Pugh County of Montgomery

State of Ala Occupation Carpenter Enrolled on the 12th

day of July 1898, at Montgomery in the State of Ala

by Capt C. F. Anderson for 2 years. Residence, Montgomery, Ala.

Married or single, Single Name of wife, relative, guardian, or friend who is to be notified in case of

emergency: H. J. Alford.

Address of same: Pugh, Ala.

Previous military or naval service (not militia): none

Remarks:

### Physical Record.

Charles F. Anderson  
Captain 2nd Ala U.S.V.  
Recruiting Officer.

Personal marks: Outer side left arm below elbow, scar,

Chest: Expiration, inches 31 inspiration, inches 34 Weight, stripped, 123 lbs. Piles, no

Rheumatism, no Varicose veins, no Varicocoele, slight

Coughs, no Hernia, no Feet, good Previous sickness, none

Eyes, good Hearing, good Head, good Teeth, good

Remarks: \* Fairly characteristic light of weight, has a varicocoele but will not interfere with military duties.

I CERTIFY that this man is a fit subject for military service

C. F. Anderson, M.D.

Examining Surgeon.

\* All defects discovered in the medical examination, not sufficient to reject, but which might be aggravated by the soldier's duties, will be here noted.

\* 2, William J. Alford, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily  
enlisted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1898, as a **SOLDIER** in the **VOLUNTEER**  
**ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** for the period of two 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 (or affirm) 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 whomsoever; and that I will 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1898

William J. Alford [SEAL]  
Charles F. Anderson  
Optician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class U. S. A.  
Recruiting Officer.

\*NOTE.—The acknowledgment and oath will not be executed until the man has been accepted by the Examining Surgeon, nor in cases where a company  
is mustered-in on a muster-in roll, as the same is subscribed to thereon.

William J. Alford  
Enrolled at Mustang, Ok. on  
the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1898  
by Capt. Charles F. Anderson  
72 Regt. of Ala. Inf.  
U. S. A.  
Volunteers.  
Ala.

#### INSTRUCTIONS.

One of these papers will be prepared in the case of all recruits  
enrolled and will be forwarded to the Adjutant General of the  
Army in the following manner:

1. When recruits are mustered in with a company on a  
muster-in roll, it will accompany the latter when forwarded to  
the Adjutant General.

2. In cases of individual enlistments by recruiting officers, it  
will be forwarded on the 10th, 20th, and last days of each  
month, with the trimonthly reports of recruiting. When the  
recruits are forwarded to their organizations a descriptive and  
assignment card will be prepared and forwarded to the regi-  
mental or other commander in accordance with the instructions  
on the card.

3. In cases of rejected recruits a duplicate will be made. The  
Surgeon will note upon each the word "Rejected," stating the  
cause. The mustering officer will cause transportation to be  
furnished the recruit to the place of enrollment, and the dupli-  
cate will be the Quartermaster's authority for issuing the trans-  
portation and will be filed with his accounts. The original will  
be forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army.

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#### CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, do, DO CERTIFY that I am the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; that the said  
\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
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 TWO YEARS.

Given at \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS:

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189

# REMARKS.

[In case of death, transfer, discharge, desertion, and apprehension, the date and place will be here noted; also any other information which may be necessary or useful for record. In case of sickness or injury, it will be carefully stated, and whether or not it occurred in line of duty.]

I CERTIFY that this card is correct, that it exhibits the true statement of the recruit, and that he has been minutely inspected.

Station: Montgomery, Ala.  
Date: July 12<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Charles F. Anderson  
Captain 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. U.S.V.  
Recruiting Officer.

This recruit has been received this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1898, and assigned to Captain Charles F. Anderson  
Company "D"  
Station: Miami, Fla.  
Date: July 14<sup>th</sup> 1898  
James C. Cox  
Commanding.

NOTE.—One of these cards will be prepared in the cases of individual enlistments. When recruits are sent from a rendezvous or station, the cards will be given to the officer assigned to the command of the detachment, or if no officer be so assigned, the cards will be sent by mail. Upon the arrival of a recruit at his destination, the regimental or other commander will furnish the company commander with a copy of the card and forward the original direct to the Adjutant General of the Army. Should the recruit fail to report within a reasonable period, the fact will be noted on the card and the latter be forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army.

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Station: Montgomery, Ala.  
Date: July 12<sup>th</sup> 1898

Recruiting Officer.

This recruit has been received this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1898, and assigned to Captain Chas. F. Anderson  
Company "D"  
Station: Miami, Fla.  
Date: July 14<sup>th</sup> 1898  
James C. Cox  
Commanding.

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DESCRIPTIVE AND ASSIGNMENT CARD.

VOLUNTEERS.

REGIMENT: 2<sup>d</sup> Ala. U.S.V.

COMPANY: D

NAME: William J. Alford

DESCRIPTION.

AGE.	HEIGHT.		COMPLEXION.	EYES.	HAIR.
	FEET.	INCHES.			
21	5	8	Fair	Brown	Brown

WHERE BORN.

TOWN OR COUNTY.	STATE OR KINGDOM.	OCCUPATION.
Pugh	Alabama	
		Carpenter

ENROLLED.

WHEN.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.
July 12/98	Montgomery	Capt. C. F. Audum	1. yrs

RESIDENCE: Montgomery, Ala.

MARRIED OR SINGLE: Single

NAME AND ADDRESS OF WIFE, RELATIVE, GUARDIAN, OR FRIEND WHO IS TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

NAME.	ADDRESS.
H. J. Alford	Pugh Ala.

PREVIOUS MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE (Not Militia).

none

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TOWN OR COUNTY.	STATE OR KINGDOM.	OCCUPATION.
Pugh	Alabama	
		Carpenter

ENROLLED.

WHEN.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.
July 12/98	Montgomery	Capt. C. F. Audum	2 yrs

RESIDENCE: Montgomery, Ala.

MARRIED OR SINGLE: Single

NAME AND ADDRESS OF WIFE, RELATIVE, GUARDIAN, OR FRIEND WHO IS TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

NAME.	ADDRESS.
H. J. Alford	Pugh Ala

PREVIOUS MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE (Not Militia).

none

AUG. 14.

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1899.

to Co. D, July 14/98.

Sick not-  
line duty Aug. 9. Sick line  
duty Aug. 18. Sick not-line  
duty Aug. 19. No clothing issued.

to him by State.

On furlough  
Sept. 20 to Oct. 19, 1898, per  
G. O. 130. H. C. O.

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Alford, William J.  
Co. D, 2 Alabama Infantry.

(Spanish War.)

Private

Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1	41008773	20	
2	13399	21	
3	08900	22	
4		23	
5		24	
6		25	
7		26	
8		27	
9		28	
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11		30	
12		31	
13		32	
14		33	
15		34	
16		35	
17		36	
18		37	
19		38	

Number of medical cards herein.....0

Number of personal papers herein...4

Book Mark:

See also

*William J. Alford,*  
*Priv.*, Co. *D.*, 2 Reg't Alabama Infantry.

Appears on

## Company Muster-out Roll.

of the organization named above. Roll dated

*Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 31,* 189*8.*

Mustered out *Oct. 31,* 189*8.*

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *July 12,* 189*8.*

Where *Montgomery, Ala.*

Last paid by *Maj. Dwight,*

Last paid to *Aug. 31,* 189*8.*

Place of residence *Montgomery, Ala.*

Place of discharge *Montgomery, Ala.*

Furnished by himself since mustered into service:

Subsistence *30* days; forage \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Clothing:

Due U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_, cts \_\_\_\_\_; due Soldier \$ *21*, cts *57*.

Due U. S. for arms and equipments \$ \_\_\_\_\_, cts *16*

Due U. S. for Q. M. Stores & equipage \$ \_\_\_\_\_, cts \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *Enlisted by Spec. R. O. C. F.*

*Anderson, at Montgomery, Ala., July*

*12/98. Reported for duty at Miami,*

*Fla. & assigned by Comdg. off. (over)*

Book mark:

*Wm R Goodman,*

Copyist.

*William J. Alford,*  
*Priv.*, Co. *D.*, 2 Reg't Alabama Infantry.

Appears on

## Company Muster Roll

for *July & Aug.*, 189*8.*

Enlisted:

When *July 12*, 189*8.*

Where *Montgomery, Ala.*

Present or absent, *Not Stated*

Last paid by *Maj. Clark*

Last paid to *Aug. 1*, 189*8.*

Due U. S.:

For clothing . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_, cts \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_, cts \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *Enlisted by Special Recruiting*

*Officer Capt. C. F. Anderson, Montgomery,*

*Ala., July 12, 1898, reported for duty*

*and assigned to Co. D. by Commanding*

*Officer July 14, 1898.*

*Mustered in July 12. 98 Bir-*

*mingham Ala. Evln M. O. Adm. Ex.*

Book mark:

*Wm R Goodman,*

Copyist.

*William J. Alford,*  
*Private*, Co. *D.*, 2 Reg't Alabama Infantry

Appears as follows on the

## Company Return

for the month of *July*, 189*8.*

Commissioned officers present and absent:

Remarks:

Alterations since last return among the enlisted men:

Date *July 12/98.*

Place *Montgomery, Ala.*

Remarks: *Recruited & Enlisted by*

*Capt. C. F. Anderson, S. R. O. & assigned*

*by Com. Off. to Co. D. on July 14, 1898.*

Absent enlisted men accounted for:

Date; from \_\_\_\_\_, 189 \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 189 \_\_\_\_\_

Where

Duty or cause

Book mark:

*Wm R Goodman,*

Certificate of Examining Surgeon

IN THE CASE OF

*Wm J Alford Private 2nd Ala Vol Inf*

Question. Have you subjected the person named above to a thorough physical examination? Answer. *yes*

Q. Do you find that at the present time he has any disability, whether incurred in the military service or not? A. *yes*

Q. If any disability is found to exist, describe the character and seat of the wound or injury, or the nature of the disease.

A. *Malaria fever*

Q. State whether, in your opinion, the disability originated in the line of duty in the military service of the United States.

A. *since enlistment yes*

Q. Is the disability permanent? A. *no*

Q. To what extent does the disability disqualify him for the performance of manual labor? A. *Partial*

I CERTIFY that the foregoing statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Chas H. Harrington M.D.*

Dated at *Montgomery Ala* *Dec 24*, 189*8*

EXAMINATION

PRELIMINARY TO

Must-out of Service or Discharge

IN THE CASE OF

*William J Alford*  
*Private* of Co.  
*Second Reg't Ala Vol Inf*



# EXAMINATION PRELIMINARY TO MUSTER-OUT OF U. S. SERVICE OR DISCHARGE.

IN THE CASE OF

*William J. Alford*, a *Private* in Co. *D 2<sup>d</sup>* Ala. Vol. Inf.

## Declaration of Person to be Mustered Out of Service or Discharged.

Question. Have you any reason to believe that at the present time you are suffering from the effects of any wound, injury, or disease, or that you have any disability or impairment of health, whether incurred in the military service or otherwise?

Answer.

*Yes*  
Q. If so, describe the disability, stating the nature and location of the wound, injury or disease. A. *Very bad cold and cough; located in chest*

Q. When was the disability incurred? A.

*Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1898*

Q. Where was the disability incurred? A.

*Birmingham, Ala.*

Q. State the circumstances, if known, under which the disability was incurred. A.

*Insufficient clothing caused contraction of cough & cold*

I declare that the foregoing questions and my answers thereto have been read over to me, and that I fully understand the questions, and that my replies to them are true in every respect and are correctly recorded.

Witness:

*Wm. Alford, Jr.*

*William J. Alford*

*1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Co. 'N' 2<sup>d</sup> Ala. Vol. Inf.*

Dated at

*Montgomery, Ala.*

*Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1898*

## Certificate of Company Commander or other Immediate Commanding Officer.

Question. Do you know, or have you any reason to believe, aside from his own statement, that the person who made and signed the foregoing declaration is disabled or impaired in health, at the present time, by reason of any wound, injury, or disease, whether incurred in the military service of the United States or otherwise? A.

*Yes.*  
Q. If so, describe the disability, stating the nature and location of the wound, injury, or disease, as far as known. A.

*Very bad cold and cough, located in chest*

Q. When was the disability incurred? A.

*Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1898*

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Q. State the circumstances, if known, under which the disability was incurred. A.

*Insufficient clothing caused contraction of Cough & Cold*

Q. Was the disability incurred in line of duty? A.

*Yes*

I CERTIFY that the foregoing statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*H. Anderson*

*Captain*

Commanding Co.

*W. J. Alford*

Dated at

*Montgomery, Ala. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1898*

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