



ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and abilities of
Corporal Bernard A. Kellner I do hereby appoint him
Sergeant, Co. B, 131st Machine Gun Bn. of the *National Guard*
of the *United States*, to rank as such from the *first* day of *December*
one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty
of *Sergeant* by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I do
strictly charge and require all Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as
Sergeant. And he is to obey and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as he
shall receive from his Superior Officers and Non Commissioned Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War.

Given under my hand at *Camp Bowie Ft. Worth, Texas*
this *first* day of *Dec.* in the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *seventeen*.

E. H. Thompson
Major, Infantry, U.S.N.G. Commanding