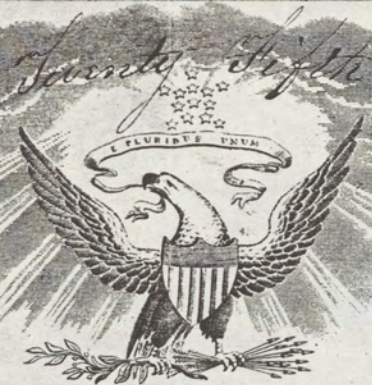


THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE



REGIMENT OF

OF

Michigan Infantry

((To all who shall see these presents, greeting:))

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of Dick B. van Realte I do hereby appoint him Hospital Steward in Company of the Twenty Fifth Regiment of Michigan Volunteers Instantly in the service of the UNITED STATES, to rank, as such from the Thirteenth day of December, one thousand, eight hundred and Sixty Four. He is therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Hospital Steward 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 Hospital Steward. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future Commanding Officer of the Regiment, or other Superior Officers and Non Commissioned Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War. This Warrant to continue in force during the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment for the time being.

Given under my hand at the Head Quarters of the Regiment, at Nashville Tenn. this Thirteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and Sixty Four.

By the Commanding Officer

Chas Woodruff

Adjutant of the Regiment

B. F. Orcutt

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Commanding the Regiment