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THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE *Fifth* REGIMENT OF *Del. Vol. Infantry* [engraving of variant of Great Seal of the United States]

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

KNOW YE: THAT REPOSING SPECIAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PATRIOTISM, VALOR, FIDELITY AND ABILITIES OF <u>C. T. Thomas²</u> -

I DO HEREBY APPOINT HIM <u>Sergeant</u> IN COMPANY <u>A</u> OF THE <u>Fifth</u> REGIMENT OF <u>Del. Volunteer Infantry</u> IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO RANK AS SUCH FROM THE <u>Fourth</u> DAY OF <u>November</u> ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED and <u>Sixty Two</u>. HE IS THEREFORE CAREFULLY AND DILIGENTLY TO DISCHARGE THE DUTY OF <u>Sergeant</u> 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 <u>Sergeant</u>. AND HE IS TO OBSERVE AND FOLLOW SUCH ORDERS AND DIRECTIONS FROM TIME TO TIME, AS HE SHALL RECEIVE THEM 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 <u>*Wilmington*</u>, <u>*Delaware*</u> THIS <u>*Fourth*</u> DAY OF <u>*November*</u> IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND <u>*Sixty Two*</u>.

BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER

 $H. S. M Comb^3$

Colonel

COMMANDING THE REGIMENT

*Lieut. Wm. [F.] Moore*⁴ Adjutant of the Regiment

A. G. O. No. 103

¹ In the following transcript, the text in small caps or all caps represents the form text of the certificate. The text in italics was added by the scribe in purple ink calligraphy.

² The middle initial very clearly appears to be "T," but this is due to either an error on the scribe's part or another middle name that Thomas had. Other documents list him as either "Charles F." or "Charles T."

³ i.e., Harry S. M. Comb, per the muster records.

⁴ The muster records do not provide Moore's first or middle names.