

United States of America.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

PROVISIONAL COMMISSION.

Reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Loyalty, Courage, Prudence
and Ability of Sergt. William M. Kenna
of Company "I" 31st Mass. Vol. Inftry.
by virtue of the authority entrusted to me by the War-Department, I do appoint
said Sergt. William M. Kenna - Captain -
of the Twentieth Regiment of Inftry. Corps d'Afrique
Volunteers, (Company E,) to be obeyed and respected accordingly.

This Commission to remain in force until the pleasure of the President of
the United States be made known in this behalf.

Given at New-Orleans, This Twenty seventh day of August in
the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Three.

A. P. Pauls.

Major General Commanding.

By the General Commanding:

Samuel Libes

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

William McKenna do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power, or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, so help me God.

William McKenna

New Orleans, Oct. 17th 1863.

Then personally appeared the within-named

William McKenna

and took and subscribed in my presence the above oath, in token of his acceptance of the office to which he has been appointed.

Comd'g William's 1st Regt Col'd A.

A. A. COMMISSARY OF MUSTERS.

Swearing that I have this 17th day of October 1863, personally sworn to the oaths of the United States Constitution, that I have never borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof, and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, so help me God.

Wm McKenna

Witnessed by

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