

THE

# PRESIDENT

MS. DIV. 70-128  
AC. NO.

OF

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of Oswald Theodore Avery  
I do appoint him Captain in the Medical Corps in

## The United States Army

to rank as such from the twenty-sixth day of September,  
nineteen hundred and eighteen. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of the office to which he is appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as an officer of his grade and position. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of America, or the General or other Superior Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and for the period of the existing emergency under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved May eighteen, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the one hundred and forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.

By the President:

The Adjutant General's Office.

Recorded: **DEC 4 1918**

J. C. Waterman  
Adjutant General.

*W. W. Wood*

The Assistant Secretary of War.