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1 ment of such guardian ad litem has been made by any relative or
2 friend of said minor or incompetent defendants, and that said minor
3 and incompetent defendants have not, to the best knowledge and
4 information of plaintiffs, any general or testamentary guardian or
5 guardians within this state.

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7 That although plaintiffs have made a diligent effort
8 to do so, they have been unable to ascertain whether or not
9 any of the above-named defendants are in the military service of
10 the United States, or serving with the forces of any nation with
11 which the United States may be allied, and that they have reason
12 to believe, and do believe, that if any of the defendants are in
13 such military service, their ability to comply with any Judgment
14 that may be rendered in this cause is not materially impaired or
15 effected by reason of such service; that by virtue of the afore-
16 said Affidavit, the Court made and entered an Order appointing
17 J. A. Christmas, a legally practicing attorney of this Court, to
18 represent said minor and incompetent unknown defendants, as their
19 guardian ad litem, and to defend said action in their behalf, and
20 appointing said J. A. Christmas attorney for and to represent all
21 of the above-named defendants, except Selmer G. Larson, aka Selmer
22 G. Larsen and as S. G. Larson, receiver of the Bank of Paullina,
23 Iowa, in the trial of this cause, and authorized him to appear and
24 defend said action in their behalf, said appointment having been
25 made pursuant to the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors'
26 Civil Relief Act; and that the said J. A. Christmas, by virtue of
27 said appointment, has filed an Answer herein denying the allega-
28 tions of plaintiffs' Complaint. That plaintiffs have made and
29 filed herein, before service by publication on any defendant was
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