

S.E. Division.
B.F.R.

Southern District.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 7, 1897.

Mr. Chas. Hanback,
Special Examiner,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Referring to the pension claim, Ctf. No. 564,793, of Nathan Johnson, late private Co. "D", 7th U.S.C. Vol. Inf., and your reports therein, under dates of July 26th and Sept. 23d, 1897, you are advised as follows:

Your report of July 26, after examination by the reviewer, was returned to you, together with the papers of the claim, and you were charged with faulty and insufficient work upon the ground that you failed to exhaust all means of information within the limits of your district.

In your report of Sept. 23, you criticize the action of the reviewer and ask that your said report be called to the personal attention of the Chief of the Special Examination Division, and express the hope that "he will see proper to direct the removal of the black mark". This request is construed as an appeal from the reviewer's action and is treated accordingly.

When the case was sent to you for further examination as to origin of the alleged inquiry, it appeared that four comrades named on list resided within the limits of your district, to-wit: Lemuel Chase, Gilbert Adams, Enolds Money and Benjamin Cook. You took the deposition of Lemuel Chase and then reported the case, recommending further

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