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February 8, 1909.

The Auditor

for the War Department.

Sir:-

In response to your call of the 30th ult., received the 2nd instant (T.322-152,249), relative to the case of John Armstrong, of Baltimore, Maryland, late of Co. B, <sup>39</sup>39" U.S.C.Infantry, Cert. #761,637, you are advised as follows:

William H. Williams, of Baltimore, Maryland, testified, September 10, 1890, that he served in Co. I, 39" U.S.C.Infantry, and that John Armstrong served in Co. B of said regiment; affiant knew said claimant contracted weakness of the back carrying a knapsack; that said disability was incurred in the march from the Petersburg & Weldon Railroad in 1865.

Similar testimony is given by William H. Wilson, of Baltimore, Maryland, in his affidavit of February 24, 1898.

The War Department reports that William H. D. F. Wilson served in Co. B, 39" U.S.C.Infantry, and was acquainted with William Armstrong, a member of said regiment, and who, affiant states, incurred weakness of the back and rheumatism, and was sent to the hospital at Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1864; affiant was also in the hospital at the same time.