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January 8, 1909.

The Auditor

for the War Department.

Sir:-

In response to your call of the 4th, received the 6th instant (GWH.326-336,115), relative to the case of William E. Wheeler, of Baltimore, Maryland, late of Co. A, 4" U.S.C. Infantry, Cert. #611,418, you are advised as follows:

Lloyd Kane and Charles W. Tilghman, of Baltimore, Maryland, testified, September 30, 1905, that they have known William E. Wheeler for 40 and 15 years, respectively, and have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be.

Similar testimony is given by James Thompson and Samuel Sidney, of Baltimore, Maryland, in their affidavit of May 7, 1907, wherein they testify to an acquaintance with William E. Taylor of 20 and 40 years, respectively.

Matthew Webb and John T. Liles, of Baltimore, Maryland, testified, May 16, 1905, to an acquaintance with William E. Wheeler of 18 and 30 years, respectively, and that they believe him to be the identical person he represents himself to be.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.