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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Dec 5th, 1878.

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your request of Nov^r: 22nd, 1878, for certain information for use in the consideration of application for Pension No. 257-549 and to return it herewith, with the following information from the records of this Office:

It appears from the Rolls of U. S. Colored Troops on file in this Office that George W. Downs was enrolled on the 29th day of February 1864, at Baltimore M'd, in Co. "E", 30th Regiment of U. S. Colored Troops, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 4th day of March, 1864, at Baltimore M'd, in Co. "E", 30th Regiment of U. S. Colored Troops, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "E", of that Regiment, ~~for the months of~~ from Organ: to April 30th, 1864, he is reported present, from April 30th/64 to Oct 31st/65, absent on detached service since May 1st/64 x x "Nov^r: + Dec^r:" present, from Dec^r: 31st/64 to April 30th/65, "absent wounded" Feb^r: 11th/65, in hospital at Wilmington N. C. x x. "May + June," Mustered out of service of the U. S., at Baltimore M'd on the 24th day of May 1865, in accordance with telegraph dated Alf. O. Washington D. C. May 4th 1865 x x. (a patient in McKims Hospital, as shown by Individual Muster out Roll.)
No evidence of wounds Dec^r: 1864 as alleged, on Co. or Regt records on file in this Office. Regt Descriptive Book, reports 1st Lieut Soldier "Wounded in action at Sugar Loaf Pt. C. Feb^r: 11th/65." Camp's Morning Report Book Feb^r: 12th/65 remarks "George W. Downs wounded." (Records do not locate wound.)
Station of Co. in Dec^r:/64 ~~at~~ Point of Rocks & in Fairfax, Va.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Amos P. Smith
Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

W. M. Davis