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march or not, Did not write to Claimant, wrote to his father that soldier was dead and told him to inform Claimant, Don't think deceased soldier was ever in battle, Is the identical William Foot who made the preceding Affidavit, Understands the penalty for perjury, Claimant has not assumed marital relations since soldier's death, Served in the Army as William Foot, but right name is William Rider Foot, Witness appears to be a respectable coloured man, has a fair reputation for veracity.

Exhibit I, page 30 Thomas Norris, swears July 30, 1881, that he was a comrade with James Cole, that while on a forced march (he thinks) July or August 1864, in excessively hot weather, the soldier died from chills and malaria, were marching near the Weldon R.R., immediately behind or near Perins Hospital when the soldier was seized with a violent chill, staggered and fell in a fence corner, he lived hardly more than 20 minutes after he fell, Affiant was attacked about the same time but recovered, Saw dead buried and can swear to the fact of his death, Adjutant Gule's report says, Muster roll of Co "A" 30th Regt. for the month of July and August reports Private Thomas Norris absent sick in hospital since August 14, 1864, Return for month of July 64 indicates that he was present July 30, 64 Regiment was before Petersburg Va, July & August 1864. I did not see this witness, heard of him living near Town