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January 22, 1909.

The Auditor

for the War Department.

Sir:-

In response to your call of the 8th, received the 12th instant (GMH.326-336,114), relative to the case of Benjamin Welch, of Baltimore, Maryland, late of Co. D, 19" U.S.C.Infantry, Cert. #248,261, you are advised as follows:

The personal description furnished by the War Department shows that Benjamin Welch, Co. D, 19" U. S. C. Infantry, was 22 years of age at the time of his enlistment; height 4 feet, 11 inches; complexion black; eyes and hair black; place of birth Baltimore County, Maryland; occupation laborer.

In a certificate of medical examination had July 18, 1890, the claimant's personal description is given as follows: Height 4 feet, 9 inches; weight 115, 1/2 pounds; age 49 years.

John S. Barnes and Harrison Myers, of Baltimore, Maryland, testified, February 12, 1907, that they have known Benjamin Welch for 20 and 45 years, respectively, and that they believe him to be the identical person he holds himself out to be.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.