

(3-446.)

DEPOSITION "A."

Case of Horace Gibson, No. 536,135.

On this 19th day of October, 1888, at Medford, County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, before me, Joseph A. O'Neill, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Robert W. Spinney, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: His age is 49 years; occupation, tin-plate worker; P. O. address as above.

I was commissioned a 2^d Lieut. in the 7th U. S. C. 7. March 4/64; assigned to Co. "K" on that date, and joined the command at Hilton Head, S. C. As near as I can recollect, I was assigned to Co. "B" of same Regt. in May, 1865.

I was a prisoner of war from Sept. 29/64 to Feb. 22/65. With that exception, I was present with my command during the whole of service.

I did not know Corporal Gibson until I was assigned to Co. "B." I knew him well from that time on. He was one of the best soldiers that ever stood in boots—white or black.

Q. Was he sick, or wounded, or injured at any time in the service?

A. Not that I am aware of. I don't recollect that he ever attended a Surgeon's call. Don't know that he was a single day off duty.

Q. You have heard claimant's allegation that he was ruptured at Benedict, Md., in the winter of 1864 (7). Does it refresh your memory sufficiently to enable you to recollect whether or not claimant was actually ruptured in service?

A. Nothing ailed the man in service, as far as his appearances indicated, or so far as I ever heard. The Regt. was at Benedict, Md. during its formation, and left there in Feb. 1864. They (the men)