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APPLICATION

FOR

Increase of Pension

Under General Law

CERTIFICATE No. 87995

Army and Navy Division
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CLAIM OF

William J Carson

Late pt Co. E 15 Reg't

U S Infantry

P. O. Culver

County Marshall

State Indiana.

R. I. PATTERSON, ATTORNEY,

MUNCIE, INDIANA.

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DECLARATION FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

Under Act of July 14 1862

State of Indiana County of Delaware, ss:

On this 30 day of April, 1908, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, William J Carson, aged 67 8/12 years, a resident of Culver, in the County of Marshall in the State of Indiana, and whose Post Office address is Culver Ind RD 14, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a Pensioner of the United States under General Law, duly enrolled at the Indianapolis Ind Pension Agency, at the rate of $ 14 per month, on Certificate No. 87995 by reason of disability from Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of stomach and rectum

Incurred in Military service of the United States as Private in Co. E, 15 Regiment of U S Inf. Vol.

That he believes himself entitled to receive an increased pension under General Law on account of progressive disability from pensioned causes, and resulting obstinate constipation and Diabetes.

And for the purpose of prosecuting his said claim, he hereby appoints R. I. PATTERSON, of Muncie, State of Indiana, his attorney in fact, with power of substitution and revocation.

Claimant's Signature William J. Carson

Two Witnesses:

Also personally appeared before me, at the time and place aforesaid, W J V H Cassady, a resident of Muncie Ind and, a resident of Muncie Ind whom I certify to be credible persons who, being duly sworn, declare each for himself, that they well know William J Carson, and were personally present and saw said claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, that they 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; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

PENSION OFFICE U. S. MAY 2 1908

W J V H Cassady
William F McCooper

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of April 1908

I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known to applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Nathan H Long
Notary Public

Declaration and power of attorney valid.
S. A. Cuddy
Chief, Law Division.

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APPLICATION

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104 West Washington St.

R. I. PATTERSON, ATTORNEY,

MUNCIE, INDIANA.

104 West Washington St.

J. W. PERKINS, PRINTER, MUNCIE, IND.

DECLARATION FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

Under Act of July 14 1862

State of Indiana County of Delaware, ss:

On this 9 day of February, 1905, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, William J Carson, aged 65 & 12 years, a resident of Muncie, in the County of Delaware, in the State of Indiana, and whose Post Office address is 104 W. Washington St, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a Pensioner of the United States under the general laws, duly enrolled at the Indianapolis Pension Agency, at the rate of $12 per month, on Certificate No 87995, by reason of disability from "Chronic diarrhoea and bleeding disease of Stomach and Rectum"

as Private in Co. E, 15 Regiment of U S Infantry ~~Vol~~

That he believes himself entitled to receive an increased pension under the general laws on account of progressive disability from his personal causes.

PENSION OFFICE. FEB 13 1905

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And for the purpose of prosecuting his said claim, he hereby appoints R. I. PATTERSON, of Muncie, State of Indiana, his attorney in fact, with power of substitution and revocation.

Claimant's Signature William J Carson

Two Witnesses: { Bert F Bradbury
Flossie Davis

Also personally appeared before me, at the time and place aforesaid, Bert F. Bradbury, a resident of Muncie Indiana and Flossie Davis, a resident of Muncie Indiana, whom I certify to be credible persons who, being duly sworn, declare each for himself, that they well know William J Carson, and were personally present and saw said claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, that they 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; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Bert F Bradbury
Flossie Davis

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of February 1905

I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known to applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

R. Earl Patterson
~~Notary Public~~
Notary Public

My Notarial commission

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Certificate No. 87995

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, William J. Carson

P. O., Culver

County, Marshall

State, Indiana

Rank, Private

Company, E. 1 Batln

Regiment, 15 U. S. Inf.

Rate, $ per month, commencing

Pensioned for

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, R. I. Patterson

P. O., Muncie, Ind.

Fee, $ 2 ; Agent to pay.

Articles filed , 1

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REJECTED

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Ad. July 6, 1908, Jno W. Wheeler, Examiner.

Approved for Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of stomach and rectum.

Constipation and diabetes alleged results to Medical Referee.

Approved for Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of stomach and rectum

14/18 No increase

Constipation included in approval and rate.

Diabetes cannot be accepted as a result

July 7, 1908, J. Morrison, Legal Reviewer

, 190 , Re-Reviewer

Bennett, Medical Examiner.

July 9, 1908, Stapler, Medical Reviewer

Medical Referee

Enlisted Sept. 2, 1864 Discharged Sept 1, 1864 Last paid to , 1

Pensioned at $ 14 per month for Chr. diar. & res dis of stomach and rectum

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed May 2, 1908 - Increase and resulting constipation and diabetes.

Claimant does — write.

ARMY AND NAVY DIV.

No. , M. C.

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APPLICATION

FOR

Increase of Pension

Under the General Laws

J. Cert 87995-09

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CLAIM OF

William J Carson

Late private C.+ Co. E 15 Reg't

U.S. Infantry

P. O. Muncie

County Delaware

State Indiana.

FEB 19 1903

R. I. PATTERSON, ATTORNEY,

MUNCIE, INDIANA.

J. W. PERKINS, PRINTER, MUNCIE, IND

DECLARATION FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

Under Act of July 14 1862

State of Indiana County of Delaware, ss:

On this 30 day of April, 1908, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, William J Carson, aged 67 8/12 years, a resident of Culver, in the County of Marshall in the State of Indiana, and whose Post Office address is Culver Ind RD 14, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a Pensioner of the United States under General Law, duly enrolled at the Indianapolis Ind Pension Agency, at the rate of $ 14 per month, on Certificate No. 87995 by reason of disability from Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of stomach and rectum

Incurred in Military service of the United States as Private in Co. E, 15 Regiment of U S Inf. Vol.

That he believes himself entitled to receive an increased pension under General Law on account of progressive disability from pensioned causes, and resulting obstinate constipation and Diabetes.

And for the purpose of prosecuting his said claim, he hereby appoints R. I. PATTERSON, of Muncie, State of Indiana, his attorney in fact, with power of substitution and revocation.

Claimant's Signature William J. Carson

Two Witnesses:

Also personally appeared before me, at the time and place aforesaid, W J V H Cassady, a resident of Muncie Ind and, a resident of Muncie Ind whom I certify to be credible persons who, being duly sworn, declare each for himself, that they well know William J Carson, and were personally present and saw said claimant sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, that they 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; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

PENSION MAY 2 1908 U. S. OFFICE

W J V H Cassady
William F McCooper

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of April 1908

I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known to applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Nathan H Long
Notary Public

Declaration and power of attorney valid.
S. A. Cuddy
Chief, Law Division.

Com. Ex. Jan. 25, 09

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(Old No. 3—145.)

Certificate No. 87995

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, William J Carson

P. O., 104 West Washington Street | Rank, Private
County, Muncie | Company, E.
State, Indiana | Regiment, 15 U S Inf

Rate, $ 12 per month, commencing May 20, 1903.

Pensioned for Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of stomach and rectum.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, R. I. Patterson | Fee, $ 2 ; Agent to pay.
P. O., Muncie Ind | Articles filed , 1

APPROVALS.

Submitted for June 25, 1903, H A Engle, Examiner.

Approved for Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of rectum and Stomach.
Constipation alleged as results
Referred to Medical Referee

Approved for Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of stomach and rectum
12/18 from May 20, 1903.
No disability from alleged constipation other than that covered by above approval and rate

June 26, 1903, W E Stith, Amy Div, Legal Reviewer.

Taylor, Medical Examiner. Morgan, Medical Reviewer.

, 190 , Re-Reviewer

June 27, 1903, [signature], Medical Referee.

Enlisted September 2, 1861. Discharged September 1, 1864 Last paid to , 1
Pensioned at $ 10. per month for Chr. diarrhoea and res. dis. of Stomach and rectum.

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed February 17, 1903 Inc. pen. disabilities, viz: Chr. diarrhoea and res. dis. of Stomach and rectum.

Claimant does — write.

No, M. C.

RMY DIV.

Also personally appeared J. D. Fenwick, residing at Muncie and C. O. Swingley, residing at Muncie, Ind., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Wm. J. Carson the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they 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; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

J. D. Fenwick
C. O. Swingley
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 17th day of June, A. D. 1897 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words [L. S.] —, erased, and the words ....., added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

John E. Reed Clerk
(Signature.)
Circuit Court.
(Official character.)

Ans. # 87,995 (3-011)

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CLAIM FOR INCREASE.

William J. Carson, Applicant.
Lett E Co. 15 U S Inf Regt.
C 15 U. S. Inf Vols.
(PENSION CERTIFICATE NOT REQUIRED.)

FILED BY
William J. Carson
Muncie
Delaware Co. Ind

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The POST-OFFICE ADDRESS (naming street and number in all large cities) of the applicant, attorney, and witnesses, should be embodied in or accompany every application, *and all evidence in each claim;* and each change of residence of said parties, while communicating with the Bureau of Pensions or the pension agents, should be stated.

Pensions are, by law, exempted from any liability on account of the obligations of the pensioners, and no lien upon them can be recognized.

Testimony in support of allegations made in a declaration may be taken before any officer whose authority and signature are duly certified, and who shall disclaim any interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of the claim.

If executed before any officer other than a Clerk of a Court of Record, the certificate of the Clerk as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer should be attached.

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DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Indiana }
County of Delaware } ss:

On this 17th day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven personally appeared before me, clerk circuit court within and for the county and State aforesaid, William J Carson, aged 56 years, a resident of the City of Muncie, county of Delaware State of Indiana, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Indianapolis Ind Pension Agency at the rate of Ten dollars per month, by reason of disability from Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of Stomach and rectum (Here name the disability for which pension was granted.) incurred in the Infantry (Military or Naval.) service of the United States while Private in Co E 1 Batt 15th U S Inft (Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the Army—vessel if in the Navy.) while (Confined in Rebel Prison)

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of Increase of both both rectum and Stomach trouble, the rectum trouble extending to both ascending and descending Colon. the Letter becoming obstructed for days at a time, causing intense Pain and Suffering in same. also causing intense Pain & Suffering of back spine and head. causing Eyes to Suffer greatly injuring Sight of Same suffering in descending Colon & Constant. after long abstruction - intense diarrhoea breaks out completely prostrating me. at such times great suffering - rectum. Stomach trouble increases in intensity and duration all causes great and prolonged suffering in Lower limbs (Here state the reasons for applying for increase.) (If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be described. If on account of disability for which not pensioned, the location of the wound or injury, the name of the disease, and the time, place, and circumstances of its origin, and the names of hospitals where treated in the service, should be fully stated. The date of treatment should be given as nearly as possible.)

that he appoints himself, of

county of , State of , his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim. That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is Muncie county of Delaware, State of Indiana

Claimant's signature: William J Carson

Attest: J D Fenwick
C O Swingley

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O. Increase INVALID PENSION.

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Claimant, William J. Carson

P.O., Muncie	Rank, Private
County, Delaware	Company, E.
State, Ind	Regiment, 15 U S Inf

Rate, $ ..... per month, commencing .....

Disabled by ..... REJECTED Aug 5/98

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, None	Fee $ ....., Agent ..... to pay.
P.O.,	Articles filed ....., 18 .

APPROVALS:

Submitted for ad July 19, 1898.	Miss Chandler, Examiner.
Approved for Chr. diarrhoea & res disease of stomach and rectum.	Approved for Chronic diarrhoea and resulting disease of stomach and rectum 10/18 (No Increase)
No further results alleged, only symptoms described. Evidence filed.	Hayes C.M.F.
July 23, 1898 Hensley, Legal Reviewer.	July 25, 1898, Medical Referee.

Enlisted Sept 2 1861

Discharged " " 2, 1864. Last paid to ....., at $ .....

Pensioned from " 2, 1864, at $ 2, for chronic diarrhoea

" " 26 1888 " 6

" " August 28 1889 " 10 for same & resulting disease of stomach and rectum.

Original declaration filed Jany 7, 1865; alleged chronic diarrhoea

Inc " " Sept 12 1885 rejected Nov 5, 1885

" " " April 26, 1888 allowed at $6

" " " July 10, 1889 " " $10

Arrears allowed from ....., 18 , to ....., 18 , at $ .....

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed June 19, 1897. alleges increase of disabilities causing pains in back, spine & head & ~~resulting paralysis~~ of lower limbs

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Reissue

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Cert. No. 87995

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Claimant, William J. Carson

P. O., Muncie

County, Delaware

State, Indiana

Rank, Private — Private Co. C.

Service, Co. E. Ind. 1st Battn 15 U.S. Inf. 1 Battln., 15 U.S. Inf.

Rate, $ 25 per month, commencing May 22, 1912

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ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name,

P. O.,

Fee, $; Agent to pay

Articles filed , 19

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Adm., Oct. 3, 1912, E. F. Salazar, Examiner

Approved for Admission — Rate $ 25 per month; age 70 years.

Reissue from Act February 6, 1907

Length of pensionable service: 3 years, 0 months, 0 days.

Deductions in service from any cause: none years, months, days,

on account of

Oct. 10, 1912, Paige, C.H. Legal Reviewer. Oct 11, 1912, W. M. K. Cobb Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted Sept. 2, 1861; honorably discharged Sept. 1, 1864

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Length of pensionable service: 3 years, 0 months, 0 days

Pensioned at $ 15 per month, under Act of Feb. 6, 1907

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed May 22, 1912

Age shown by evidence 71 years; date of birth alleged Aug. 30, 1840

Claimant does — write.

Hon. J. A. M. Adair, M. C.

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ARMY AND NAVY DIV.

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

Certificate No. 87,995

Name, Wm J. Carson

Service .....

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INSTRUCIONS.

The form may be used for original pension or increase of pension.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

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Army and Navy Division
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AN ACT

GRANTING PENSIONS TO CERTAIN ENLISTED MEN, SOLDIERS, AND OFFICERS WHO SERVED IN THE CIVIL WAR AND THE WAR WITH MEXICO.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

That any person who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late Civil War, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of sixty-two years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of sixty-two years and served ninety days, thirteen dollars per month; six months, thirteen dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, fourteen dollars per month; one and a half years, fourteen dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, fifteen dollars per month; two and a half years, fifteen dollars and fifty cents per month; three years or over, sixteen dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of sixty-six years and served ninety days, fifteen dollars per month; six months, fifteen dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, sixteen dollars per month; one and a half years, sixteen dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, seventeen dollars per month; two and a half years, eighteen dollars per month; three years or over, nineteen dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of seventy years and served ninety days, eighteen dollars per month; six months, nineteen dollars per month; one year, twenty dollars per month; one and a half years, twenty-one dollars and fifty cents per month; two years, twenty-three dollars per month; two and a half years, twenty-four dollars per month; three years or over, twenty-five dollars per month. In case such person has reached the age of seventy-five years and served ninety days, twenty-one dollars per month; six months, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents per month; one year, twenty-four dollars per month; one and a half years, twenty-seven dollars per month; two years or over, thirty dollars per month. That any person who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the civil war and received an honorable discharge, and who was wounded in battle or in line of duty and is now unfit for manual labor by reason thereof, or who from disease or other causes incurred in line of duty resulting in his disability is now unable to perform manual labor, shall be paid the maximum pension under this act, to wit, thirty dollars per month, without regard to length of service or age.

That any person who has served sixty days or more in the military or naval service of the United States in the War with Mexico and has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall, upon making like proof of such service, be entitled to receive a pension of thirty dollars per month.

All of the aforesaid pensions shall commence from the date of filing of the applications in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this act: Provided, That pensioners who are sixty-two years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special act: Provided, That no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time or for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this act: Provided further, That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension under any other general or special law than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this act.

Sec. 2. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

Sec. 3. That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions, or securing any pension, under this act, except in applications for original pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension.

Sec. 4. That the benefits of this act shall include any person who served during the late Civil War, or in the War with Mexico, and who is now or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the acts of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety; February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and the joint resolutions of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six, or the acts of January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven; March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Sec. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Pensions, as each application for pension under this act is adjudicated, to cause to be kept a record showing the names and length of service of each claimant, the monthly rate of payment granted to or received by him, and the county and State of his residence; and shall at the end of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fourteen tabulate the record so obtained by States and counties, and shall furnish certified copies thereof upon demand and the payment of such fee therefor as is provided by law for certified copies of records in the executive departments.

APPROVED: May 11, 1912.

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Indiana
County of Marion } ss.

On this 20 day of May A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve personally appeared before me a Samuel M. Gold a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, William J Carson, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 71 years of age, and a resident of Muncie county of Delaware State of Indiana; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Bellfountaine Ohio under the name of William J Carson on the 2nd day of September 1861 as a Private in 1st Battalion Co. E 15th U S Infantry

(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army; or vessels, if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.) at Fort Adams, R. I. on the 2d day of September 1864

That he also served

(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, Five (5) feet 5 1/2 inches; complexion Fair; color of eyes, Grey; color of hair, Brown; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born August 30th 1840

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: DeGraff Logan County Ohio and Muncie Delaware County Indiana in Nov 1872

(State date of each change as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 87595

That he has ..... applied for pension under original No. .....

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912.

That his post-office address is Muncie county of Delaware State of Indiana

William J Carson
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) Walter N Carpenter
(2) Lew Nicole

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 20 day of May A. D. 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words ——— erased, and the words ——— added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

Samuel M. Gold
(Signature.)
Notary Public
(Official character.)

Authority accepted as to execution
S. A. Cuddy,
Chief, Law Division.

My Commission Expires Feb. 18, 1915.

IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.

per 101

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Original No.

Certificate No. 87,995.

87995

Indpls

REISSUE.

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Hmv

Claimant, William J. Carson,

P. O., Muncie,

County, Delaware,

State, Indiana.

Rank, Private Private

Company, E, 1 Battn., E. J. Company C, 1 Battn

Regiment, 15 U. S. Inf. 15th U. S. Inf.

Rate, $ 15 per month, commencing November 7, 1910.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, None

P. O.,

APPROVAL.

Submitted for adm., November 14, 1910. 191 C. J. Fleischer, Examiner.

Approved for Admission.

age over 70

Rate $15. per month.

Reissue to allow under act February 6, 1907. Deduct sub payments and drop name under general law.

Nov. 15, 1910, H. M. Vandervort, Nov 16, 1910, B. W. Van Loan

Legal Reviewer. Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted September 2, 1861, 18 ; honorably discharged September 1, 1864. 18

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Pensioned at $ 14. — per month, under the general law.

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Declaration filed November 7, 1910. , 191

Date of birth alleged, August 30, 1840.

Age shown by evidence 70 years.

Claimant does — write.

J. M. Adair

~~No~~ C. M. C.

ARMY AND NAVY 191

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From: Deeds of Valor 1903 W F Beyer

THIS BUGLER CHECKED A ROUT

W. J. CARSON,
Musician, Co. E, 15th United States Infantry.

BUGLER W. J. CARSON's story is interesting, because it furnishes a fine example of personal bravery, and in addition, shows to what extent a bugler can become an important factor in battle.

"On September 19, 1863, our brigade consisting of the First Battalion of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth United States Infantry, the three battalions of the Eighteenth United States Infantry, two battalions of the Nineteenth Infantry and Battery H of the Fifth United States Artillery, was ordered to advance to a position one mile east of Kelley's Field, Chickamauga," Bugler Carson narrates. "Just as our battery was getting into position, a battery and two brigades of the enemy opened fire on us. The short, but sharp, engagement resulted in the death of First Lieutenant H. M. Burnham, and twelve men, the capture of thirteen men and the entire battery. In addition, two lieutenants and sixteen men were wounded, while nearly every horse was either killed outright, or fatally injured.

"Our infantry made a grand and noble effort to recapture the battery, but were driven back by the greatly superior force of the enemy. As bugler, I did all in my power to rally and lead the men to the charge, going to the flags and sounding 'to the colors.' The brave fellows rallied, and, with the assistance of the Seventeenth and Ninth Ohio, the battery was retaken.

"On the following morning, our brigade was engaged with Breckenridge's Corps in a most desperate and deadly conflict. Our battalion of 262 men were lying down 100 yards in the rear as reserves. I had picked up a gun, as was always my custom,

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Chickamauga.—During the summer of 1863, General Rosecrans having succeeded in forcing Bragg into Georgia, took a position at Chattanooga, on the Tennessee. Bragg, strongly re-enforced by Johnston and Longstreet, attacked the Federal Army, September 19, at Chickamauga Creek. The first day's battle was undecisive. On the 20th, the Confederates advanced, Longstreet on the left, Polk on the right, Ewell and Johnston in the center. The Federal left wing was commanded by General Thomas, the center by Crittenden, the right by McCook.

After the fight had lasted several hours, the Union battle-line was opened by General Wood, acting under mistaken orders, and the Confederate general, forcing a column into the gap, cut the army in two and drove the right wing from the field. General Thomas held the left until nightfall, then withdrew to Chattanooga.

The Union losses in these two days amounted to 15,851; the Confederate loss, 17,804.

and was giving the enemy every shot I could, when I saw one of the officers of the Eighteenth skulking back from tree to tree. I went through the rows of our men and sent him back at the point of the bayonet.

"The conflict began, when Beattie's Brigade gave way and was driven back by an overwhelming force of the enemy. The left of our brigade became exposed and likewise gave away. Finally the whole line was coming back in disorder. Try as they would, the officers were powerless to check the rout. I threw down my gun, rushed out some thirty yards to the color-bearer of the Eighteenth and said to him: 'Let us rally these men, or the whole left is gone.' The brave fellow stopped and waived his flag. I sounded 'to the colors.' The men cheered. They rushed into line. Still sounding the rally, I passed back and forth in front of the forming line, and what a few minutes before seemed like a hopeless and disastrous rout, now turned out to be a complete victory. The retreat had been checked and the enemy driven back with awful slaughter. So severe was their repulse, that within a few minutes we were firing towards our rear into the enemy who were pressing Beattie's troops back. I noticed a color-bearer of the Second Ohio running with his men out of the woods on the north side of Kelley's Field. I headed him off and exhorted him to stop, which he promptly did. Then I once more sounded 'to the colors' and many a brave soldier halted, but as the enemy appeared at the edge of the timber and poured a deadly volley into us, all broke and ran like good fellows. We sought shelter at the east of the timber and fired into the enemy from a temporary defense of logs and rails. After two hours of hard fighting and receiving re-enforcements our lines were once more formed and straightened out. I took an inventory of myself and found ten bullet holes in my clothes; three

"I SOUNDED 'TO THE COLORS '"

bullets had pierced my hat and one had struck and slightly wounded my left arm. We held our position until the last cartridge was gone, and at about 6:30 o'clock were taken prisoners."

It was not known till long afterwards that the Fourteenth Corps owed its deliverance from annihilation to Bugler Carson. General Bragg had ordered a charge on the Federal position at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and if it had been delivered at that time the rebels could have broken the left of the defense and got in the rear of General Thomas' men who were holding Snodgrass Hill. The destruction of the Fourteenth Corps would have been inevitable, for both McCook's and Critlander's Corps had been swept from the field. But the rebels were deceived by the bugle calls, and thought they signalled the arrival of heavy re-enforcements, so they delayed the final blow till they had collected all the forces at hand. This took nearly three hours, and by the time the final charge was delivered, and the little defending force crushed by weight of numbers, the Northern Army was well on its way to Chattanooga.

PLANTED THE COLORS AND RALLIED THE REGIMENT

GEORGE S. MYERS,
Sergeant, Co. F, 101st Ohio Infantry.
Born at Lancaster, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1843.

"When General Bragg, the commander of the Confederate Army at Chickamauga, was making a desperate effort to gain possession of the 'State or Lafayette Road,'" Sergeant George S. Myers relates, "the One hundred and first Ohio Regiment, was fighting with its brigade on what was then the right flank of the Union Army, which rested on the Vineyard Farm. An irresistible force of the enemy bore down upon this point, crushing the right of the One hundred and first Ohio, killing and capturing many men of the right companies, and compelling the entire line to fall back in some confusion.

"All of the color-guards were killed, wounded or captured within a few minutes: the color-bearer went down with a bullet through his head, and the colors were thus almost in the hands of the enemy. I sprang back, secured the precious flag, and, instead of continuing the retreat, ran boldly forward and planted the colors on a knoll in the face of the Confederate line. The regiment responded

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WILLIAM J. CARSON

COMRADE Carson, so well known to the survivors of the Regular Brigade, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., August 30, 1840. In 1845 his parents moved to Washington County, Ohio, and in 1852 again removed to Logan County, Ohio, near Bellefontaine, the county seat. He worked on the farm in spring, summer, and early autumn, and attended the district school in winter, and here he was at the outbreak of the rebellion. Mr. Carson enlisted September 2, 1861, in the 15th U. S. Infantry, and was assigned to Company "E", 1st Battalion, Captain Henry Keteltas commanding.

He participated with the regiment in all of its battles, from Pittsburgh Landing, April 7, 1862, to Chickamauga, Ga., September 20, 1863, where he was captured by the enemy. He was taken to Richmond, Va., where he was confined in Pemberton prison, was sick all of the three months that he was held as a prisoner, and when released, his weight was but 64 pounds. He is said to have been in the worst condition of any soldier that ever came to Annapolis, Md.

While in the service comrade Carson was a bugler, and carries a record of which he may well be proud. His army service is of the clean and bright order, prompt, ready and willing to do whatsoever or whenever duty called. It is very seldom that one sees such high testimonials as our comrade has in his possession, not only from his officers, but the government has highly honored him by presenting him with the Medal of Honor for his distinguished services at the battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19 and 20, 1863.

Here is what some of the officers of the 15th Infantry say of him:

FORT ADAMS, R. I., *September 2, 1864.*

Private Carson, 15th Infantry, was under my command for some time. In the field proved himself to be a faithful, trustworthy soldier. He particularly distinguished himself at the battle of Stone River, Tenn., where he behaved with great gallantry.

F. D. OGILBY,
First Lieutenant and Adjutant, 15th Infantry.

During about eighteen months' service in the field I had abundant opportunity to observe the gallant conduct of Private Carson, and I take great pleasure in indorsing the above.

JAMES Y. SEMPLE,
First Lieutenant, 15th Infantry.

WILLIAM J. CARSON

Vice-President Association Survivors Regular Brigade

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 3, 1864.*

It gives me much pleasure to recommend William J. Carson, an old member of my company.

Carson is a most gallant soldier, was mentioned in orders for his conduct at Chickamauga, is thoroughly reliable, honest, sober and intelligent.

HENRY KETELTAS,
Captain 15th Infantry.

443 FORTY-FIRST STREET,
CHICAGO, ILL., *June 1, 1894.*

To all whom it may concern: I have known W. J. Carson, of Muncie, Ind., late bugler of Company E, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, since 1862, as a citizen, perfectly upright, honest and worthy of the highest esteem from all.

As a soldier his standing was perfect: his name was a synonym of bravery, and his patriotism of the highest order. In battle he was apparently lost to fear, and his every action heroic. His acts of heroism on the 20th of September, 1863, that came under my personal observation, I believe are without a parallel of individual bravery of that memorable battle. He with his bugle made it possible for us to check a most disastrous retreat. We were able through the assistance of Carson to rally over 2500 of our division and retake the position we had lost, which was then held by us until night. W. J. Carson, along with 1900 of us, after being completely surrounded by the enemy, and out of all ammunition, were captured at 6:30 P. M. on the original line of battle, the entire army, at that time, having retired several miles toward Chattanooga. He was as brave a man as ever wore the blue, and I deem it a great privilege and honor to be remembered among his friends and acquaintances. As to his simple request, asking the Government to award him the Medal of Honor for gallantry and heroism, I am sure no more patriotic or gallant breast ever merited the distinguishing mark of bravery from the U. S. Government than that of W. J. Carson.

W. G. GALLOWAY,
Late Captain 15th U. S. Infantry.

OFFICE COMMISSARY OF MUSTERS, FOURTH ARMY CORPS.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., *October 19, 1863.*

Colonel: At the request of Major-General Rosecrans, I have the honor to make the following report of Private William J. Carson, bugler of the First Battalion, Fifteenth U. S. Infantry:

On Saturday, September 19, when the regular brigade was falling back, he behaved with most conspicuous gallantry; with a sword in one hand and his bugle in the other, he sounded constantly the "Halt," the "Rally," and the "Forward." Espying a stand of colors belonging to the Eighteenth U. S. Infantry, he rushed up to them and sounded "To the Color." His conduct attracted the notice and elicited the admiration of the whole brigade.

On Sunday, September 20, before our battalion was engaged, the Eighteenth U. S. Infantry, being pressed by vastly superior numbers, was falling back. Carson by some means became the possessor of a musket and constituted himself a "provost-guard." One of the officers attempted to pass him, but he positively refused to allow it, stating that it was against his orders. All this time he continued to sound the various calls on his bugle. I regret to state that his fate

remains a mystery. He was last seen by me late on Sunday afternoon behind the breast works. I can only hope that he is a prisoner.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALBERT B. DOD,
Captain 15th U. S. Infantry, Commanding Battalion
Battle of Chickamauga.

COL. C. GODDARD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade Carson is a member of Williams Post G. A. R., "Department of Indiana", and at its meeting blows the calls which rallied the Regulars on the bloody field of Chickamauga.

He is the proud head of an intelligent and devoted family, to whom he will leave a good name and this imperishable record of gallant service to his country.

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Camp Near
Murfreesboro Tenn
Jan 7th 1863

Dear parrents

I seat myself to pen you a few hasty lines to let you no that I still live and enjoy the best of health doubtless ear this you have heard of the dreadful battle and its results I will give you a partial details of events since we left Nashville we left there on the 26th of Dec 62 Dec 28th rained all day we struck tents at 7 ock A.M. heard cannonadding in front marched 12 mls Camped at 4 P.M. 27th raining took upon line [illegible] at 8 ock A.M. heavy

marched 10 mls roads very bad camped near nolimill

28 Clear and pleasant remained there untill the next morning

29 clear and pleasant took upon line of march at 7 ock A M heard cannonading in front camped at 3 P.m.

30th took upon line of march at 7 A M heard both cannonading and musketry in front we marched 6 mls camped for the night

31st marched out at 7 ock A M the ball opened at daylight we marched into a cedar woods and halted untill 9½ ock. then we were ordered to the front formed in line of battle and marched

off at double quick went some distance forming the extreeman right halted sent one Co out for skirmishers they had not gon over 50 yds when they saw the enemy in great numbers they fel back to the regiment firing as they retreated on came the enemy in overwhelming numbers flankings on the right we gave them one volery then were ordered to retire which was done in some disorder (just then I was struck with a spent ball on the right shoulder doing no harm but stinging like the dickens) we retreated all the time keeping up

they gave them grape and
canister making gap after gap
in their ranks the fire was
rather to hot to suit them
and what few of them was
left came to an about face
and skedaddled back to the
~~[illegible]~~ woods for shelter
and it was fine that returned
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minutes we formed a
new line and advanced
again to the woods
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them over one hundred
yds when they came up on
us fresh troops three
~~[illegible]~~ regiments we held
them in check for a
few minutes and was
again compelled to retire

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then they were ordered to
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the approaching foe deadly
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William B McCall when the
order was gone he halted
and fired then turned to
load as we retreated while
he was struck in the left
sholder the ball passing
thrue his heart killing
him instantly
on they came poring raley
after raley in to our ranks
About this time Leoman
guyun and McFadin was
wounded we then came to
a cornfield as we were
crossing that I tell you
they poked it to us there
we were supported by
another line of battle and
plenty of artillery which
opened on them with great
slaughter on they came
like so many deamonds
charged on our regular
battery and another one

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before there I was struck
again on the calf of the
leg ~~[illegible]~~ but does no harm
I think it had struck a
man just behind me
our major was then shot
thrue the arme I had got
about half way across the
field when I saw John
ergo trying to get out of
there way he was wonded
in both thies I ran to his
assistance he took me around
the neck I supported him
the best in my power and
succeeded in getting him
out of harm then returned
again to ~~the~~ my regiment
found them ralied ~~around~~
behind the railroad which
afforded a good shelter

the enemy had again him
repulsed the same as before
when they came in too the
field then the ~~fr~~ battle
raged in the center each
party holding his one for
a long time when the
enemy fell back under
cover of the woods then
the right and center was
silent all but the artillery
which thundered away at
one another the enemy
still holding the ground
where we were first engaged
pretty hot on the left at
times in the after noon
we supported the artillery
the remainder of the day
night came on and closed
the bloody scene could here
the shrieks of the wonded

3 th but little fighting during the day a hot little fight took place at dusk and lasted about one hour the enemy gave way

4 th the enemy skedadled thrue the night not one to be see we geathered up our dead and buried them we buried willian with 9 of his brave comrads I cut the balowing upon a thick pepler board and pool it up at his head

Wm B McCall Cat 13 th U S Infantry killed in action December 31 th 1862

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~~[illegible]~~ Jan 1 st 1863

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2 d clear and cool ~~[illegible]~~ during the night the enemy had brought there artillery close to our lines and concealed it behind a strip of timber at day light opened out on us drove our front 2 or 3 hundred yards when our artillery was brought to bare on them and a terrific cannonading was kept up for one an hour when the enemies batteries were silenced nothing of importance occured untill about 4 o clock they attacked our left wing hard fighting till dark the enemy were drove about two miles with great slaughter

by that time darkness came on & if we [illegible] heat another hour we would of him into Churpreshore it rained all night our [illegible] lay in the rifle pits all night

we searched for hours for
Coomans boddy but
could not find it so
we suppose that he was
but wounded and the
rebles took him to some
of there hospitals when
we got to town I looked
over all the hospitals
that had our men in but
could not find him
they had gathered up
3 or 4 hundred of our men
that were wounded and
had them in 4 different
buildings well cared for
Corporal Deacon of Co. H was
the only one that saw
him fall he said he
caught him by the
over out so he was falling

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he was loved by all his brother soldiers. I have a one dollar bill that I got out of his pocket which I will send to aunt lidie the first time I send away money home I have a lock of his hare I will send half of it this time and the rest when I write again I thought perhapse they would like to have it tell the to write to me and if there is any thing else they want to know concerning him to let me know

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16th regulars wonded gen
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worse than we did
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during the battle the
enemies cavalry got between
us and nashvill and cut off

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trains and plaid
the dickens generaly
we had not any thing
to eate for 3 day but
parched corn and horse
flesh but little corn
I fried up a pane of horse
meate and henry and
I soon put it out of sight
it went booley
it is not to be grined
at by a man that has
no teeth
I have not had a letter from
you since we left
Nashvill the mail will
come thrue tomorrow
give my love to all
enquiring friends

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my best respects to
aunt Peley write as soon
as this comes to hand
during the battle gen
Rosecrans rode along
the lines cheering his
men all the time
I saw him 6 or 8 times
during the day he is
just like a father to us
he talk to most of the boys
just as kind as a father
to his son now I close
for the present your loving
son Wm J Carson Co E
17th U S Inft 1st Batt
Brigade of regulars
Rousseaus Division
Murfreesboro Tennessee

**** = unreadable words

Camp
Murfreesboro, ten
Jan 7th 1863

Dear parents, I seat myself to pen you a few trusty lines to let you no that I still live and enjoy the best of health. Doubtless **** this you here horror of the dreadful battle and its results I will give you a few **** details of events since we left Nashville we left there on the 26th of Dec 62 Dec 26th rained all day we struck tents at 7. oclock **** heard **** in heard cannonading in front marched 12 miles camp at 4. 27th raining took up our line of march **** **** **** ****

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off at double quick. went some distance forming the extreme right **** sent on a co out for skirmishers they had not gone over 50 yards when they saw the enemy came in overwhelming numbers they fell back to the regiment firing as they retreated on came the enemy in overwhelming numbers flanking us on the right we gave them one volley then were ordered to retire was done in some **** (just then I was struck with a spent ball on the right shoulder doing no harm but stinging like the dickens) we retreated all the time keeping up

End pg 3

a brisk firing as we went in some dist they attempt to volley the fire of the enemy was **** **** I blew the halt then they were ordered to volley some halted and gave the approaching fo a deadly volley amongst them was William B. McEall when the order was gave he halted and fired then turned to boast as we retreated when he was struck in the left shoulder the ball passing through his heart killing him instantly.
on they came firing volley after volley into our ranks about this time Yeoman **** and **** was wounded we then came to a cornfield as we were crossing that I tell you they joked to us there we were supported by another line of battle and **** 15 of artillery which opened on them with great slaughter. On they came like so many demonds charged on our regular battery and another one

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They gave them grape and canister making gap after gap in their ranks the fire was hotter **** **** **** **** **** **** what few of them was left came about face and skedaddled back to the cedar woods for shelter and it was few that **** Steve was awful fear a few minutes we formed a new line and **** again to the woods we had not penetrated them over one hundred yards when they came on no fresh troops three regiments we held them in check for five minutes and was to again compelled to retreat

End pg 5

but with better order than before there I was struck again on the calf of the leg but don no harm I think it had strucken men just behind me and major was then shot thru the **** I had got about half way across the field when I saw John **** trying to get out of there way he was wounded in both **** I ran to his assistance he took me around the **** I supported him the best in my **** and I succeeded in getting him out of harm then returned againe to my regiment finally then rallied behind the railroad which afforded good shelter

End pg 6

the enemy had again bin refused the same as before when they came into the field then battled raged in the center each party **** his own for a long time when the enemy fell back under the cover of the woods then right and center was silent all but the artillery which thundered away at one another. The enemy still holding the ground where we first engaged pretty hot on the left at times in the after noon we supported the artillery the remainder of the day night came in and closed the bloody scene could here the shrieks of the wounded.

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All thru the night ambulances was going all night gathering up the wounded.
Jan 1st 1863
But little firing skirmishing all day each party appeared to the fire of it in the evening the enemy attempted to turn our right again but were driven back with heavy loss.
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3rd but little fighting during the day a hot little fight took place at dark and lasted about one hour the enemy gave away
4th the enemy skedaddled thru the night **** one to see we gathered up our dead and buried them we buried William with 9 of his brave comrades I cut the **** of an ****

**** hard **** food it **** **** Wllm B. McCall call Co A 15th US Infantry killed in action December 31st 1862

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We searched for hours for **** body but could not find it so we suppose that he was but wounded and the rebels took him to some of there hospitals when we got to town I looked over all the hospitals that had our men in but I could not find him. They had gathered up 2 to 4 hundred of our men that were wounded and had them in 4 different buildings Will looked for corporal Deveon of C was the only one that was saw him fall he said he caught him by the over coat so he were falling

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and he fell and he said his neck was very bloody the enemy was close upon us and he had not time to carrie him off so it still remains a mistery about him the rest of the boys was able to get off of the field McFadin got a flesh wound on the right arm above the elbo going on got his 2nd finger of the right hand shot off John Argo was struck about half way behind his knee and baddly the ball struck his left leg in front **** *** cutting **** **** **** **** wounding

End pg 11

right through not touching the bone they have all gone to Nashville where they will be taken good care of. Robinson and **** were both taken prisoners (**** at the hospital with there captain (who was wounded and has since died) Robinson escaped but *** remains a prisoner we found the body of our friend(William) are very lonesome without him but is was gods will he died like a patriot while defending the dear **** flag that our fathers have died for he died with a smile on his **** **** got to support his friends in there berevment is all that I can say is a braver man and better soldier never fell

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he was loved by all his brother soldiers. I have one dollar bill that I got out of his pocket which I send **** **** **** the first time I send any money home. I have a lock of his hair I will send half of it this time and the rest when I write again. I thought perhaps they would like to have it. Tell **** to write to me send if there is anything else the y want to know concerning him let me know

End pg 13

**** the loss of our battalion is 10 killed 74 wounded. 2 captains killed one lieutenant wounded our major was all so wounded there were 17 missing there was over 100 hundred killed of the 18th regulars our brigade suffered dreadful the major of the 19th regiment was killed major of the 16th regulars was wounded gen sill killed I have not heard what our loss was I think the enemy suffering worse than we did it is **** that they have fel back to Chattanooga during the battle the enemies cavalry got behind us and **** and cut off

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our supplies**** trains and *** the **** cavalry we had not any thing to eat for 3 days but parched corn and horse flesh but little corn I fried up a **** of horse meat and henry and I soon *** it out of sight it went booley it is not to be grinned at by a man that has no better

I have had no letter from you since we left Nashville the mail come thru tomorrow give my love to all my **** friends

End pg 15

my best respects to aunt Joley write as soon as **** comes to *** during the battle gen rosecrans wrode about the lines chearing his men all the time I saw him 6 or 7 times during the day he is just like a father to us he talk to most of the boys just as kind as a father As his son now I close for the present your loving son William J Carson Co E

15th US Infantry
Brigade of regulars
Rousseaus Divison
Murfreesboro tennessee