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(FORM 28.)

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Second Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to. The name, company, and regiment of the soldier must also be given.

Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Oct 20, 1890.

Albion N. Sougee
Mayville
N. Y.

SIR:

The receipt of the claim filed by you in this office for Pay
bounty, etc., as claimant in the case of James
Co E 27 N. Y. Vols is acknowledged. Should additional evidence be

required, you will be advised. No unnecessary delay will occur in its final disposition. Frequent inquiries in relation to its condition, by the examination necessary for a reply, only delay final action.

This notice must be accepted by attorneys and agents prosecuting claims before this office. If they persist in forwarding "call-up slips," the same will be filed with papers of claim, to receive consideration when claim is reached for examination.

The final action upon a claim is communicated to both attorney and claimant.

The fees due an attorney are deducted from amount found due claimant, and paid direct. Fees are scaled as follows:

In white cases: For the preparation and prosecution of claims for, and the collection and remittance of, all sums not exceeding two hundred dollars, ten per centum; for all sums exceeding two hundred dollars and less than eight hundred dollars, ten per centum on the first two hundred dollars, and five per centum on the remainder thereof; and for all sums of eight hundred dollars and upward, fifty dollars; and said fees shall include all expenses incident to the collection of said claims, except the expense of the necessary notarial or other acknowledgments, which shall be defrayed by the claimant.

It has also been decided by the Second Comptroller that if the amount found due in such cases is less than five dollars, no fee can be allowed.

In colored cases: For the preparation and prosecution of claims for, and the collection and remittance of, all sums not exceeding fifty dollars, the sum of five dollars; for all sums exceeding fifty and less than one hundred dollars, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents; and for all sums exceeding one hundred dollars, the sum of ten dollars; and the said fees shall include all expenses incident to the collection of said claims, except the expense of the necessary affidavits, and notarial or other acknowledgments, which shall be defrayed by the claimant.

In addition to this, the Second Comptroller has decided that in all colored cases the attorney shall be allowed ten per centum of the sum found to be due the claimant, when the amount so found is less than twenty dollars.

The certificate of discharge, when filed, unless claimant shall, in writing, otherwise direct, is invariably returned to owner.

Respectfully yours,

J. A. Patterson,

Auditor.