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My dear Miles:

I can't do it. I remember you but don't know what service you did nor anything about it and I never certify to what I do not know.

I have no ^{recollection} ~~memory~~ whatever as to the amount of service you performed. I cannot specifically remember you ~~as~~ ^{being} engaged in specific duty, and I do not recall anything about your general relation to duty as I would of those in my own company or under my particular control. I cannot, therefore, make either a positive or negative affidavit on the subject.

Yours truly