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Dear Sir:-

Congress passed a law after your discharge from the 1st Ore. Infy., which had the effect of making certain officers of your regiment entitled to what is known as "one-third increase pay proper". You seem to be among the number, and as the law authorizing it was enacted after your discharge it is highly probable that you have never taken any steps to obtain this increase of pay, and probably have not been paid it, unless in some settlement of your pay accounts made since your discharge, and even in many such settlements it has not been allowed, either because not specifically claimed by the officer or else overlooked by the Auditing Clerks because of the comparatively small number of officers entitled thereto. As you were not discharged as 1st Lieut. until July 23, 1866, this item would be a considerable sum in your case; aside from this, however, I feel certain that other items would be allowed you if you have not had any settlement of your pay accounts since about 1890. There have been many more just and liberal rulings since that time and some important legislation, an instance of which latter is the new, officers' remuster law passed in Feb. 1897, which it is quite likely you have not had the benefit of, and which might result in considerably increasing any allowance to you under the other laws and rulings.

It is also probable that you have never received travel allowances from the place of your discharge to the place of your enrollment, or if you have had travel pay for that distance, perhaps you have not had travel subsistence. Travel pay and subsistence are allowed at the rate of one day's pay and subsistence for every 20 miles of the distance between places of discharge and enrollment, where the officer is entitled thereto.

If you have not had a settlement as above indicated I shall be glad to prosecute a claim for you and with this in view I enclose the customary blank form of application.

I was for some time an official examiner of officers' pay and bounty claims in the Treasury Department and am thoroughly familiar with the practice in these claims.

I am prosecuting similar claims for Col. Currey, Maj. Rinehart, and Capt. A. W. Waters of your regiment to whom I can refer you if necessary.

Yours truly, *H. A. Hayward*