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Office Asst. Com. Musters
New Orleans Sept 23. 1865

To the

Adjutant-

11th U.S.A. (H.)

Lieutenant

I have the honor to enclose herewith
copy of Mem. No 444 from the office of the Paymaster General of the Army
in regard to the Bounties payable to colored troops

It will be seen that it is required that the men shall be
mustered as "Free" ^{in or before} April 19 1861 this may be done by the company command
and making a certificate on the rolls as follows "I certify on honor
that each of the enlisted men whose names are herein on this roll were
free on or before April 19 1861." Signing the certificate officially

In case there are some men in the company who were not free at
that date they should be excepted by name in the certificate

In the case of men who enlisted under the President's call of
Oct. 17 1865 and who at the time of enlistment were "enrolled and subject
to draft in the State" the bounty as provided under that call is due whether
free or not.

My opinion is that persons coming under Par. 5 of the enclosed
Mem. who as in the case of men in your regt. and mustered out by reason
of their services being no longer required, are entitled to the bounty
whether they have served two years or not

The following remark should be placed upon the rolls. Mustered out
in compliance with Par. 7 Special Orders No 5-6 C.S. Hd Qrs. Dept of La
the services of the regiment being no longer required

All men ~~who have a~~ ^{whose} term of service has
expired forfeit their bounty the word "None" will be in the column of
"Bounty" due and opposite the name of every such man

Very Respectfully Yours &c &c

(Signed) A. M. Allister

Capt 10th U.S.A. (H.)

P.S. In order that substitutes may obtain the bounty provided in the Act of July 22 1861 it
must appear on the muster rolls that he is a substitute for a man drafted under the provision
of Act approved March 3 1865

Paymaster General's office
Washington D.C.

Memorandum
No 47

Bounties to colored troops

1. All persons of color who have been enlisted and mustered into the service of the United States and are mustered on the rolls as free men as before the 19th day of April 1861 are entitled to bounty as follows viz.

If enlisted prior to Oct. 24 1863 \$100.

If enlisted in an "old" organization after Oct. 24 1863 and prior to April 1st 1864 \$300.

If enlisted in a new orgⁿ after Dec. 24 1863 and prior to April 1st 1864 \$300.

If enlisted ^{between} April 1st 1864 and July 17th 1864 (inclusive) \$100.

2. All persons of color enlisted and mustered into service under the President's call for 300,000 men, dated Oct. 17 1863, who were at the time of enlistment enrolled and subject to draft in the state when enlisted, are entitled to bounty as follows viz.

Enlisted in any orgⁿ of colored troops between Oct. 17 1863 and Oct. 24 1863 \$300.

Enlisted in an "old" orgⁿ after Oct. 24 1863 and prior to April 1st 1864 \$300.

Remarks to be entered on the muster rolls: Enrolled and subject to draft in the _____ enrollment District of the state of _____ at the time of enlistment.

3. All enlistments of colored men after July 18 1864 for one, two or three years entitles them to bounty of \$100, \$200 or \$300 respectively.

4. Colored soldiers who have or hereafter shall be discharged by reason of wounds received in battle or skirmish, an picket or in action, or in the line of duty, and who are otherwise entitled under existing laws to bounty, are entitled to receive the same bounty as if they had served out the full term of enlistment.

5. All persons of color drafted under ~~the act of Congress~~ March 3 1863 and prior to Sep. 5 1864, and their substitutes are entitled to a bounty of \$100, provided they serve two full years, they have also the same pay and allowances as white soldiers.

6. Under Sec. 2. Act of June 10 1864, no bounty was ordered by the President for persons of color who should enlist between that date and July 18 1864 (unless free April 19 1864).

7. For colored soldiers when discharged the final papers should contain the same date for bounty as was required to elucidate their claims upon the muster rolls.

(Signed) B. W. Brice Paymaster General