



39th United States Colored Troops

Officer's Pay Voucher with black servants....

The 39th USCT was organized in Baltimore in March 1864 and was attached to the 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 9th Corps, Army of the Potomac to September 1864...service before Petersburg, the Siege of Petersburg, the Battle of the Crater, bombardment and assault on Fort Fisher...mustered out December 1865.

Pay voucher for 2nd Lt. Marvin Babcock (later promoted to Captain) for the period August 31st, 1864 to September 30th, 1864 and subsistence for his negro servant *John H. Swowden*. A rare voucher for a white officer of a black unit with a black servant.

Return

VOUCHER No. 72

\$100.82

Paid the 1 of February 1865,

Marvin Babcock

2nd Lt. 39th U.S. Col. Troops

From the 31 of August 1864

To the 30 of September 1864

Pay	86
Subsistence. . . .	48
Forage	
Clothing.	2 50
	<u>\$108.50</u>

Taxable 5% \$53.50

Tax \$2.68

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39th U.S. Colored Troops Pay Voucher – Partial image (1)

For / private servant not soldier	the	of	18	the	of	18	1	11	11	by authority of <i>Spec</i> dated <i>Jan 15</i> <i>2 Brig. 3 D</i> <i>Federal Po</i> <i>N</i>	
CLOTHING.											
For / private servant not soldier	the	of	18	the	of	18	1	2	50		2 50
FORAGE.											
For horses	the	of	18	the	of	18					
SUBSISTENCE.											
For myself for year service	the	of	18	the	of	18	30	4	150	30	45
For / private servant not soldier	the	of	18	the	of	18	30	1	150	30	45
										103 50	
										2 68	
										101 82	

August - 31 1864
Sept Dec 31 1864
Fort Fisher N.C.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent WITH OR WITHOUT LEAVE during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, nor drawn rations, forage money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that I actually owned, and kept in service the horses, and employed the private servants for which I charge, for the whole of the time charged, and that I did not any part thereof, keep or employ a soldier as a waiter or servant; that the annexed is an accurate description of my servant; that for the whole period charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment, and I was the actual and only commanding officer at the double-ration post charged for; and that no officer, within my knowledge, has a right to claim, or does claim, for said services for any part of the period charged; that for the whole of the command stated; that I was actually in the command of a company for the whole time additional pay is charged; that I have not been in the performance of any staff duty for which I claim or have received extra compensation during the time charged for; that I have been in the United States Army as a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for extra rations; that I am not in arrears with the United States on any account whatsoever, and that

DESCRIPTION OF SERVANTS.					RECAPITULATION.	
NAMES.	COMPLEXION.	HEIGHT.		EYES.	HAIR.	Pay
		Feet.	Inches.			
<i>John H Snowden</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Black</i>	
						Subsistence
						Forage
						Clothing
						AMOUNT . . \$

from Paymaster *Hall day* and to the *31* day of *Feb*
 that the same time acknowledge that I have RECEIVED of *H. Hall day*
 this *1* day of *Feb*, 1865; the sum of *One hundred*
 and *Eighty-two* cents, being the amount and in full of said account. *Als*
I am not indebted to the U.S. for Hospital

(SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.)

Marvin
2^d Lieut

39th U.S. Colored Troops Pay Voucher – Partial image (2)

soldier .	the	of	18	the	of	18	1	11	11
soldier .	the	of	18	the	of	18	1	2	50
. . .	the	of	18	the	of	18			
ice . .	the	of	18	the	of	18	3A	4	15A
oldier .	the	of	18	the	of	18	3A	1	15A

August - 31 1864
Sep Dec Jan 31 1865

No. of days.	No. of Rations per day.	Total No. of Rations.	Post or place where due.	Price of Rations.
				CENTS.
3A	4	15A	Fort Smith A.C.	3A 45
3A	1			113 50
				2 68
				111 82

by authority of Special Order No. 2 dated Jan 15 1865 - Headquarters of 2 Brig 3 Div 25 Va Federal Point - Va
Marvin Babcock
2^d Lieut Co. D. 39th U.S.C.T.

I hereby certify that I have seen and noted this payment on the above-mentioned Order.
J. V. Holliday
Paymaster U.S.A.

Payable @ 5% \$53.50

at the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent WITH OR WITHOUT LEAVE during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, nor drawn rations, forage, or clothing, in kind, or received or any part of the time therein charged; that I actually owned, and kept in service the horses, and employed the private servants for which I charge, for the whole of the time charged, and that I did not, during the term so charged, or soldier as a waiter or servant; that the annexed is an accurate description of my servant; that for the whole period charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment, and did duty in the department; that ling officer at the double-ration post charged for; and that no officer, within my knowledge, has a right to claim, or does claim, for said services for any part of the period charged; that for the whole time brevet pay is claimed, I had tually in the command of a company for the whole time additional pay is charged; that I have not been in the performance of any staff duty for which I claim or have received extra compensation during the time an additional ration the United States Army as a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for extra rations; that I am not in arrears with the United States on any account whatsoever, and that the last payment I received was from Paymaster *Holliday* and to the *31* day of *August*, 18*64*. I at the same time acknowledge that I have RECEIVED of *J. V. Holliday*, Paymaster U. S. Army, this *1* day of *Feb*, 18*65*, the sum of *One hundred* dollars and *Eighty-two* cents, being the amount and in full of said account. *Also I certify that I am not indebted to the U.S. for Hospital or other dues*

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