

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

Increase

Pension Claim No. 540.476

Name and rank of claimant.

William H. Bell

, Rank, Pri

Claimant's post-office address.

Company K, 3d Reg't U. S. C. Inf.

Baltimore, Md

State,

1311 May st.

June 30th

[Date of examination.]

1897

Cause of disability.

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: asthma and rheumatism

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of 6 dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase

[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

He has asthma and rheumatism of shoulders

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 76; respiration, 22; temperature, 98; height, 5 feet 4 inches; weight, 150 pounds; age, 64 years. Gen physical condition good
Asthma - There are no objective symptoms of asthma
Rheumatism - There is rheumatic tenderness of both shoulder joints with crepitation and considerable stiffness. There is no enlargement of joints or atrophy or swelling of muscles - no contraction or impaired motion. The heart and other thoracic organs are normal - Date 6/18

The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth.

Whenever a disability is shown, or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.

Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1895, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."

A. J. Fayson, Pres. W. J. Farrell, Sec'y. W. C. Meland, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not. If sufficient space is not afforded for the necessary statements called for, additional paper should be neatly attached.