

EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. 511 934

Name of claimant, Thos H DarhilleRank, privateCompany, 1stRegiment, 1stState, U. S. C. T.

EXAMINING SURGEON'S ADDRESS:

Post office, BaltimoreCounty, State, MarylandDate of examination, May 21, 1884

Cause of disability and the degree.

We hereby certify That we have carefully examined this applicant, who claims that while in the service of the United States, at or near a place named Petersburg Va, and while in line of duty, on or about the day of , 18, he incurred Bayonet and shell wound left leg below knee and injury to back, and that in consequence thereof he is totally disabled for earning his subsistence by manual labor.

Particular description.

He states that he is 34 years of age, that he weighs 150 pounds, and that he is 5 feet 7 inches in height.

His pulse-rate per minute is 78, his respiration 16, and his temperature normal.

Give the rational and physical signs so fully that how and why and how much the claimant is disabled shall clearly appear. When there are neither structural changes nor physical nor rational signs in support of the claim, that fact should be stated. Thereafter should be made in compliance with the "Instructions."

The examination reveals the following facts:

The alleged bayonet wound is of right leg below knee posteriorly over gastrocnemius; we find no visible cicatrix nor any structural alterations. No disability.

Shell wound of left leg below knee; there is a smooth, non-adherent cicatrix $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide over tuberosity of left knee; no thickening of tissue, no lameness, no pain; no disability.

Injury to back; alleges some pain in left knee and left hip; says has pain in back after working or lifting; we find no structural alterations of spinal column and no cicatrices over back; no evidence of injury of same; action of heart normal.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, total, &c., through the grades, without any regard to dollars and cents, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

From the condition and history of the claimant, it is our opinion the disability was not incurred in the service as claimed, and that it is not aggravated or protracted by vicious habits.

We find the disability as above described to entitle him to no rating.

Examining Surgeon.

Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

J M Dodge

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