

SOLDIER DIVISION

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John Smothers
Co. 49 U. S. Inf.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1930

Mr. John Smothers,
69 N. Bethel St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

In this claim for increase to the \$90 per month rate provided under the act of July 3, 1926, for one who is totally helpless or blind there should be furnished the sworn statement of a physician, preferably that of the attending or family physician, describing fully and clearly the pensioner's mental and physical condition, and showing whether he is bed-ridden or in such a condition as to render him unable to feed himself, to sit up, put on or take off a garment, or walk at all. The date from which such condition has existed should be stated.

If the \$90 rate is claimed on account of the condition of the eyes, the distance at which fingers can be counted with each eye with glasses should be shown.

If the statement of a physician can not be furnished, the sworn statement of the attendant or nurse should be filed.



Very truly yours,

E. W. Morgan
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Acting Commissioner.