

any cough, or disease of lungs until within a few years prior to soldier's death.

He states, and it is the testimony of all the men I have seen who served in the colored regiments that were mustered in at Benedict, Md., that all men mustered into the service at Benedict were examined prior to muster in, and to appear from his statement that Dr. Alex. T. Augusta now residing at No 1319, D. Street Washington D.C. examined the men who enlisted in the 19. U. S. C. T.

It appears to me that the evidence in this case proves that, claimant's husband, the deceased soldier was a sound man when he enlisted. The record shows that he suffered with chronic rheumatism in the service, and the testimony indicates that he suffered there with from discharge to death, and that he had a cough in service, at discharge, and to death, which was from consumption. I recommend a decision

Very respectfully  
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 Special Examiner