

# EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

No. 168400

Name of claimant, George W Brown

EXAMINING SURGEON'S ADDRESS:

Rank, private

Post office, Baltimore

Company, E

County, \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment, 30

State, Maryland

State, U. S. A.

Date of examination, July 23, 1884.

Present rating. The applicant states that he is now paid at the agency for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  \$2.00 disability, on account of wound of left knee, and that he applies for increase on the ground that he has increased disability

That the present rating is unjustly low, or that there has been actual increase of the disability.

Particular description.

He states that he is 38 years of age, that he weighs 280 pounds, and that he is 5 feet 6 1/2 inches in height.

His pulse-rate per minute is 76, his respiration 16, and his temperature normal.

The surgeon should not recommend increase excepting for one of two reasons—that the present rating is unjustly low, or that the disability has really increased. In either case the reasons for changing the present rating should be clearly set forth, and should include a full statement of the physical and rational signs.

The examination reveals the following conditions:

Ball entered outer aspect left leg two inches below knee joint, passed in and, he says, through the leg behind knee, and emerged on inner side of left leg, opposite entrance; both ~~wounds~~ wounds are superficial; muscles very slightly agglutinated; at times walk lame; about 1/4 inch atrophy of muscle of left leg at upper part of gastrocnemius. No increase

Judging from the condition and history of the claimant, it is our opinion the disability was 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 a  $\frac{1}{4}$  \$2.00 rating.

Examining Surgeon.

The surgeon will forward his report of examination direct to the Pension Office whether the pensioner is thought to be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ or not.

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SEC. 4, Act July 26, 1882. "That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all structural changes. The fee for such examination and satisfactory certificate therefor, shall be two dollars," &c. &c. No certificate will be considered satisfactory, or such examination paid for, unless the above requirements of the law are satisfied.