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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. 168 400

Name of claimant. George W. Downs

Company E, 30, Reg't U.S.C.Inf.

Claimant's post-office address. #507 Jasper St., Balto., Md.

Address of Board. Baltimore, P. O. Maryland, State.

September 27, 1902, 190
[Date of examination.]

Cause of disability. Gunshot wound of left knee, shortness of breath, obesity, rheumatism, disease of kidneys and heart, general debility, dyspepsia, asthma. He receives a pension of Eight dollars per month.

Here give the claimant's statement (as briefly and as compactly as possible) in regard to the date of origin and cause of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him. He makes the following statement in regard to the origin of his disabilities and date when first discovered by him: "Was wounded in leg at North Carolina. Causes me considerable trouble in walking. Cannot do much work because of weakness and fat."

The outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate should be used to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, etc.

Birthplace, Baltimore, Md.; age, 60 years; height, 5-6; weight, 210 pounds; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, Dark; color of hair, Dark; occupation, None; permanent marks and scars other than those described below, None

We hereby certify that upon examination we find the following objective conditions:

Pulse rate, 68, 74, 90 [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]; respiration, 14, 16, 30 [Sitting, standing, after exercise.]; temperature, 98;

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

Gunshot Wound: Scar of entrance on the outer apsect of the left knee, at the insertion of the outer hamstring tendons. The scar is 3/4 inch in diameter; depressed, adherent to the tendons and sensitive. The missile penetrated, passed across the popliteal space, downward and inward, and emerged on the inner aspect of the leg, at the middle of the margin of the gastrocnemius muscle. The scar of exit is 1/2 inch in diameter; slightly depressed, adherent, dragging and sensitive. There is no loss of tissue, and no impairment or flexion and extension of the leg. He probably has some pain in prolonged walking, as alleged.

Facts within the knowledge of the Board, or any member thereof, relative to the cause of any disability found should be stated. 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.

Shortness of Breath; Obesity; Asthma: He has no asthma. The shortness of breath and what he claims to be asthma, are due to his extreme obesity. His abdomen measures 43 inches in circumference. He is unwieldly in his movements, and has severe dyspnoea on exertion.

Rheumatism; Heart: All his muscles are normal in size and function. He has no objective symptoms of rhuematism. Heart--Apex impulse apparent by palpation in fifth interspace, one inch to right of left nipple. Percussion dullness extends from apex of heart to the left margin of the lower half of the sternum, as high as the third costal cartilage. Action is regular. No valvular lesion. No hypertrophy or dilatation. No cyanosis or edema.

Kidneys: He has no anaemia, uraemia or local dropsies. Urine dark. S. G. 1020. Acid. No albumen or sugar.

When rates are recommended solely on subjective evidence the strongest reasons must be given therefor.

General Debility complained of is due to obesity described above.

Dyspepsia: All digestive organs are normal in size and function. He has no abdominal sorenes. Rectum in normal condition. He presents no symptoms of dyspepsia.

He has a blind fistula two inches from the left margin of the anus, not communicating with bowel, but discharging pus. The ischio rectal tissues surrounding the fistula, sre tender

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