

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim.

Increase

Pension Claim No. 71 912

Name of claimant.

Benjamin Nicholson

Address of Board.

Baltimore,

P. O.

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

Maryland,

State.

Claimant's post-office address.

#1208 Druid Hill Ave., Balto., Md.

October 2,

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[Date of examination.]

Cause of disability.

Wound of left ankle, rheumatism, defective vision, shortness of breath, kidney trouble or lumbago, diarrhoea and general debility due to age. 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 origin of his disabilities and the manner in which they affect him.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase Pension "Received axe wound and contracted rheumatism, shortness of breath and diarrhoea while in service.. Not able to perform manual labor on account of rheumatism, shortness of breath, diarrhoea and lumbago." No occupation.

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

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

Pulse rate, 76, 80, 88, respiration, 18, 22, 26, temperature, 98

[Sitting, standing, after exercise.]

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height, 5 feet 7 inches; actual weight, 170 pounds; age, 75 years.

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

Wound of Left Ankle. Has a scar of an axe wound received in service, on inner aspect of left ankle immediately below the malleolus, 3-1/4 inches long and 1/2 inch wide; adherent, dragging and sensitive. There is no loss of tissue. The ligaments of the region were cut and are involved in the scar, impairing the motion of the ankle fully 50%. He claims that it is exceedingly painful in walking, and he walks lame. He reports that he is unable to stand upon or walk with the wounded ankle for any great length of time. The wound causes considerable disability. Injury to left ankle. Rating 8/18.

The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth.

Rheumatism; Lumbago. Has crepitation in all large joints with pain on motion. He is unable to completely flex either leg upon the thigh, owing to pain and contraction of tendons and ligaments at the knee joints. All his muscles are sore to touch, and his lumbar are painful in stooping and rising. Heart normal in size, position and function. No hypertrophy or dilatation. No dyspnea, cyanosis or oedema. Rheumatism. Rating 8/18.

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.

Defective Vision. External and internal structures each eye normal. Vision each eye 20/100.

Each disability must be rated separately, the act of Congress of March 2, 1895, requiring "that the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which, in their judgment, the applicant is entitled to."

No symptoms of Shortness of Breath. No rating.

Kidneys. No local oedemas or dropsies. No anaemia, uraemia or degenerations. Urine light amber. S. G. 1020. Acid. No albumen or sugar. No rating.

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

Diarrhoea. All digestive organs normal in size and function. No abdominal soreness. Rectum normal. Is in good physical condition. No symptoms of diarrhoea. No rating.

General Debility; Age. He is weak and much enfeebled from the effects of age. His muscles are well developed, but soft and toneless. He has no organic disease. His mental powers are good, but by reason of his age, he is unable to perform any manual labor. Debility of Age. Rating 12/18.

Except as above, all organs normal. Chest measures, expiration 35, rest 36, inspiration 38. No evidence of vicious habits.

His disabilities are permanent

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