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EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. 469523

Name of claimant, Relief Stepney

Rank, Pri

Company, G

Regiment, 39

State, N.S.C.T

EXAMINING SURGEON'S ADDRESS:

Post office, Baltimore

County,

State, Maryland

Date of examination, March 24 1883.

We **hereby certify** That We have carefully examined this applicant, who claims that while in the service of the United States, at or near a place named Virginia, and while in line of duty, on or about the day of , 1865, he incurred

Cause of disability and the degree.

Bayonet Wound of right leg below Knee, and that in consequence thereof he is Not disabled for earning his subsistence by manual labor.

Particular description.

He states that he is 48 years of age, that he weighs 166 pounds, and that he is 5 feet 9½ inches in height.

His pulse-rate per minute is 78, his respiration 16, and his temperature Normal

The examination reveals the following facts:

Give the rational and physical signs so fully that *how* and *why* and *how much* the claimant is disabled shall clearly appear. When there are neither structural changes nor physical nor rational signs in support of the claim, that fact should be stated. The rating should be made in compliance with the "Instructions."

Bayonet Wound right leg below Knee's Cicatrix Oval inch in diameter on anterior aspect Middle 3rd Not adherent; No disabling effect Observed O

From the condition and history of the claimant, it is our opinion the disability was Not 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 no rating.

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to give an opinion as to the proportionate degree of disability, as ¼, ½, total, &c., through the grades, *without any regard to dollars and cents*, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

Examining Surgeon.

Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

A. M. Dodge D. W. Lane G. Lane Dannyhill