

EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

No. 10.800

Name of claimant, Edwin BarlowRank, PrivateCompany, CRegiment, 16thState, Mich Vols.

EXAMINING SURGEON'S ADDRESS:

Post office, AbrdeenCounty, BrownState, South DakotaDate of examination, Sept 10th, 1888

Present rating.

The applicant states that he is now paid at the agency for a \$6.00 disability, on account of gun shot wound of left side and that he applies for increase on the ground that of increase of 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 42 years of age, that he weighs 170 pounds, and that he is 6 feet — inches in height.

His pulse-rate per minute is 68, his respiration 18, and his temperature 98.

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:

A united fracture of 8th rib, left side, at a point 2 1/2 inches in front of a line from middle of axilla to the sup. spir. process anterior of ilium, and six inches from center of sternum, making the wound of supposed entry of missile below and to the left of apex of the heart. The skin is adherent to the rib at the wound, and the rough points of fragments of bone, now united, plainly felt. The wound is quite tender to the touch.

Only complaint of claimant is pain in the left breast above the external wound and nervousness.

He is decidedly a nervous temperament, is restless under the examination, jerking of muscles, &c.

Examination finds the liver, stomach and spleen in healthy, normal condition. Vesicular murmur can be plainly heard over all parts of both lungs. Chest expansion 2 1/2 inches, alike on both sides, (Expir. 35 in. Inspir. 37 1/2). No cough, no dyspnea, respirations regular. In erect position the heart beats are regular, clear and distinct, and pulse moderately full, soft and strong. In recumbent position the heart's action became weaker and irregular. No dropsical indications. Capillary circulation free, skin smooth and soft. Failed to find any increase in size of heart, or definite valvular disease.

Diagnosis: Functional derangement of heart and nervousness. Heavily due largely to immoderate use of tobacco, perhaps in part, the remote effects of penetrating wound of chest cavity and lung substance. The missile is said near to liver, &c. &c. Could find no definite structural change.

Judging from the condition and history of the claimant, it is my opinion the disability was incurred in the service as claimed, and that it is not aggravated or protracted by vicious habits.

I find the disability as above described to entitle him to a 3/8 rating.

Would consider his disability from the wound & its effects at 3/8.

A. E. Mc Nutt

Examining Surgeon.

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