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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

Insert character and number of claim. Increase Pension Claim No. Cert. 626 009

Name of claimant. Robert Barnes

Claimant's post-office address. Private [Rank.] Company K, 19 Reg't U.S.C.Inf. #1011 Plum Alley, Baltimore, Md.

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

September 22, 1900 [Date of examination.]

Cause of disability. Rheumatism, disease of rectum, stomach, back, chest and eyes, shortness of breath, disease of heart, kidneys, dyspepsia, broken foot, affection of left side and right leg, piles and diarrhoea. He receives a pension of ---------- 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 [Original, increase, restoration, etc.] "Contracted disease of rectum and shortness of breath while in service. Not able to perform manual labor on account of rheumatism." Whitewasher.

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, 82, 88 [Sitting, standing, after exercise.], respiration, 18, 22, 26 [Sitting, standing, after exercise.], temperature, 98, height, 5 feet 7 inches; actual weight, 164 pounds; age, 58 years.

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

Rheumatism; Back; Heart. Has crepitation in all large joints with pain on motion. No deformity or limitation of motion of joints. He has general muscular soreness, affecting all his muscles, and his lumbar muscles are very painful in stooping and rising. Heart normal in size, position and function. No hypertrophy or dilatation. No dyspenea, cyanosis or oedema.

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

Rectum; Piles. Rectal mucous membrane normal. No piles. No fissure, fistula, stricture or prolapse.

Stomach; Dyspepsia. All digestive organs normal in size and function. No abdominal soreness. Rectum normal. Is in good physical condition. No symptoms of disease of stomach or dyspepsia.

Chest. No cough. No dullness on percussion. Respiratory sounds clear. Chest measures, expiration 36, rest 37, inspiration 39

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."

Eyes. External and internal structures each eye normal. Vision each eye 20/50.

No symptoms of Shortness of Breath.

Kidneys. No local oedemas or dropsies. No anaemia, uraemia or degenerations. Urine pale. S. G. 1018. Acid. No albumen or sugar.

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

Broken Foot. The right instep has been crushed by accident. He has a scar in the instep, but the bones of the foot are not displaced. He claims that it is painful in walking.

Affection of left side and right leg is due to rheumatism.

Deafness. Each external and internal auditory apparatus in normal condition. Can hear with each ear ordinary conversation at a greater distance than six feet.

Except as above, all organs normal.

A. A. White Pres. Geo R Barnes Sec'y. G Lawrence Treas.

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