

muscles, ligaments nor tendons furnish evidence of rheumatism in lower extremities.

The claim was rejected Feby. 16/89 upon the opinion of the Medical Referee, to wit: "Rheumatism rejected no pensionable disability since filing claim."

From this adverse action the appeal is taken.

As this claim was filed subsequent to June 30/80, under the provisions of the Act of March 3/79, pension, if allowed, would have been made to commence on the date at which the application was filed.

There has been, therefore, since June 30/80 no title to a pension for any disability that may have existed at discharge, but that ceased to exist prior to the time this claim was made.

All of which, together with the papers in the case is herewith submitted for consideration.

Very respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

The Hon.

Secretary of the Interior.