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Trooper W.A. Hesfield

31 May

Last previous Paper.

N 22326

Seals report of Med. Board. States as to pension of T. Hesfield were a private soldier of Regular Army discharged as medically unfit.

in Bottom leg
in Road

(I send in in Green as W. Hesfield has been calling at intervals of two days and asking for pay.)

It will be safest, I think, to give Trooper Hesfield just what he would have received had he been serving under the War Office, i.e. give him his ^(1/8th a day) full pay 31st (a fortnight from May 17th, when the report was completed) and put him on temporary and conditional pension at full rate of 1/6th a day for 12 months from June 1st, a further medical exam. as regards further pension to be held about 1 May 1916.

Hesfield, W.A. }
C.A. }
His case 5 May 16 14.5.16

Next subsequent Paper

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Trooper what is being
done and that it is being
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by the local people for 17-day (Superst^o 1/6/15)
Disproposed 1/6/15

at once.
W. J. R.
2/12/15

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted

2165/6766 (F.3.)

Sir,

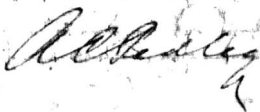
N In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo, No. 17734/15, relative to Trooper E.H. Nesfield, East African Mounted Rifles, I am commanded by the Army Council to acquaint you that the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to whom reference has been made, state they have had Nesfield examined by a Board of Military Medical Officers.

In view of the terms of the report, copy herewith, if Nesfield were a private soldier of the Regular Army discharged as medically unfit, the Commissioners would award him a pension of eighteen pence a day for twelve months conditional. Shortly before the expiration of that period they would cause him to be examined again with a view to the further consideration of his pension claim.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



For the Secretary

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.

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War Office.

London, S.W.

31st May, 1915.

Medical Report on an Invalid.

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Station London.Date 11 May 1915

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1. Unit East Africa Mounted Rifles 5. Age last birthday 30
 2. Regimental No. -
 3. Rank Trooper 6. Enlisted on 4th August 1914
at Nairobi
 4. Name W.H. Nesfield 7. Former Trade
 or Occupation Planter

8. Disability.

Gunshot wound of head.

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the main unsupported statements and evidence reported in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases which are general diseases.

1. Date of origin of disability: Nov. 3rd 1914.
 2. Place of origin of disability: Langido. German East Africa.

3. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries in the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

States that he was hit by a rifle bullet fired from a distance of about 30 yards. Was more or less unconscious for 12 days; was taken to Emanga, E.E. Africa; later to Nairobi. Was there until his return to England about March 1914. In April 1915 he was in the 4th London General Hospital for 3 weeks when he underwent an operation. He left the hospital on May 8th 1915.

4. Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.

(a) Gunshot wound in action.

If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).

(b) See above (a)

Opinion of the Medical Board.

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- (i) Clear and decisive answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, as in the case of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.
- (ii) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.
- (iii) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to state between them (see Articles 1163 and 1165, Pay Warrant, 1913.)
- (iv) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military operations and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.
- (v) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

State whether the disability is the result of (i) active service, (ii) climate, or (iii) ordinary military service.

Of active service.

(b) If due to one of these causes, what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

Gunshot wound in action

Has the disability been aggravated, by

- (a) Intemperance? No.
- (b) Misconduct? No.
- (c) Disability permanent? Yes.

If not permanent, what is its probable maximum duration?

Not Applicable.

measured in months

To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

During the extent of his disability do you estimate that he is at all or total incapacity?

Is the man suffering from a disability which would probably, in fact as you can judge, cause him to be rejected by an Approved Society under the National Health Insurance Act?

No.

If an operation was advised and refused, was the refusal unreasonable?

Not Applicable.

Do the Board recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit
- (b) Change to England?

at home
Fit for light duty in 2 weeks time.

Signatures:—

M. Ult Cooper. President.
Capt.

Military Hospital,
Rochester Row, S.W.

G.T. Hove

R.A.M.C.

Members.

11 May 1916

Lt. R.A.M.C.

Approved.

for C.E. Harrison COLONY
Administrative Medical Officer.
D.D.M.S. LONDON DISTRICT

(On leaving Corps or Station where invalided.)

Transfer or Embarkation	{	Date	Name of	{	Conveyance
		Station			Vessel
{	Date	}	}	}	Officer in medical charge
	Port				

Brief remarks on case during transit, and state on transfer for final disposal.

Re-transferred { Date _____
Hospital or Station _____ } Officer in medical charge _____

(At Station or Hospital where finally disposed of.)

Station and Hospital _____

Arrived from _____ Date _____

If admitted Date	If under treatment From	To	Disease	How finally disposed of	Remarks

Detailed statement as to condition on discharge, and whether discharged as an invalid to corps, to station, or to depot. In cases of discharge from the service it should be stated whether the answers to questions 22, 23 and 24 are concurred in.

Date of final Medical Board, or decision _____

Administrative Medical Officer _____

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN
INVALID

Station _____
 Grade _____
 Regimental No. _____
 Rank _____
 Name _____
 Qualities _____
 Date _____

Hospital or Station transferred to for final disposal _____
 Date of final disposal _____
 How finally disposed of _____

The original report is available to accompany discharge documents of invalids.

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3 June 1915-

Sir Gentlemen

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The four Agents

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 6th of May I am directed by to inform you that he approves of your issuing to Trooper Keasfield pay at the rate of 6/8 a day for the period from the 7th day to the 31st of May, both days inclusive.

(1945)

MINUTE.

Mr. Wheeler 2/6/15
Mr. Poston 2/6/15

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Jagg.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

(6/8)

2. I am also to inform you to issue to Trooper Keasfield a temporary and conditional commission

at the rate of 1/6 a day
for twelve months from
the 1st of June. (1/6)

3. The amounts should
be charged to the funds
of the War

4. Prosper Roofeld's address
is - 1 Pembroke Gardens Hotel,
Notting Hill Gate, W.

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(Signed) H. A. READ,
for the Under Secretary of State

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So

3 June 1915

Sir,

With reference to the
letter from this Office of the
21st of April I am directed to
to inform you that the
Army Council have
reported that you
were examined by a
Board of Military Medical
Officers on the 11th of May
with reference to your
application for a wound
patecity or pension, and
recommend that you should
be granted a temporary

DRAFT

Copy to Mr. Roofeld

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MINUTE

Mr. H. A. Read 2/6/15
Mr. G. H. G. 2/6/15

Mr. G. H. G.
Mr. H. A. Read
Mr. J. Anderson
Mr. L. Edington
Mr. Harcourt