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TROOPER B. C. PEARS
LATE B.A.M.R.

States treatment for pension had he been serving under Imperial Regulations. Returns original papers.

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AR 30807/2000, 26/10/50, 2/11/50 was issued that payment of arrears
accrued with para 1 of assumption in para 2 of award ^{should} say that
appropriate wife and children allowances ^{should} applicable. It
paid also ^{should} say that unless that payment in arrears
is above is subject to adjustment in respect of pension already
issued

*A.P.C.
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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.
CROMWELL HOUSE,
MILLBANK.

LONDON, S.W.1.

26 August, 1920.

Sir,

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In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, No. 36897/20, relative to the pension claim of Trooper R.C. Pears, late East Africa Mounted Rifles, I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to say, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that under Imperial Regulations, Mr. Pears would have been granted a pension of 25/- a week for three months from date of discharge. Thereafter he would have been awarded a permanent pension of 10/6d. a week. The permanent award would have been revised as follows- 14/- per week from 18th May, 1916, to 3rd April, 1917; 19/3d. a week from 4th April, 1917, to 1st October, 1918; 23/1d. a week from 1st November, 1918, to 17th July, 1919; 26/5d. a week from 18th July, 1919, to 2nd September, 1919, and 32/- a week from 3rd September, 1919, for life.

The above awards are calculated on the assumption that amputation was performed 4" below the hip joint, i.e. with a stump of exactly 4" as measured from the tip of the great trochanter to the end of the bone.

If Mr. Pears was married, and had a family at the time he received his wound, he would also be eligible for wife's and children's allowances at varying rates, in addition to his pension, but definite particulars of the amount of these allowances cannot be given in the absence of information as to his marital condition, and the number of children under 16 years of age at date of discharge.

The Union Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.
S.W.1.

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MEDICAL BOARD REPORT ON A DISABLED OFFICER

(Also to be used for Disabled Nurses)

Nairobi, P.F.A.

DATE: 4th June 1920

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I am to add that under imperial regulations the various revisions of Mr. Pears pension would have been carried out automatically without any application on his part.

The Medical Report which accompanied your letter is returned herewith.

Sir,
Your obedient servant

P. [Signature]

Colonel for General [Name]

1. Rank and Name: 2nd Trooper R.O. Pears.

2. Date: 4th June 1920

3. Age: 49 Total Service: 16 Months War Service: 16 Months

4. Address: C/O. Stanley (bank of S. Africa) Nairobi.

STATEMENT OF CASE

Note: To complete the following questions the Board will require the assistance of the following statements of evidence furnished in his medical documents. When possible a statement from the patient should also be obtained.

6. Disability: Right eye, late 1919

7. Date of onset of disability: ear 1919

8. Place of origin of disability: ear 1919

9. Give concisely the essential facts bearing on the history of the disability (personal and family history, etc.)

Note: Board enquired to the first medical board held here the progress of the case since the officer's last appearance in 1919. It should be stated that on active service, his right eye was mole hole and the left eye was wrapped. He got an acute inflammation also keratitis and cataract, a large abscess developed around the knee joint and subsequently it was found necessary to amputate the leg through the top of the thigh owing to continued suppuration. 12 years previous to the accident a large abscess formed - situated in the thigh - it was opened - drained and healed up.

OPINION OF THE MEDICAL BOARD

Notes: (1) The Board will on no account inform the officer of its opinion on any of the following questions:

(a) Clear and decisive answers should be filled in by the Board to enable the Minister of Pensions to act on the Board's decision on the officer's claim to pension etc.

(b) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," should be avoided, if possible.

(c) Where there is more than one disability, the officer will distinguish between them.

10. Was the disability contracted (a) before entering the service? Yes.

(b) in the service? Yes.

11. Was it attributable to military service? Yes.

If so, to what specific military conditions is it attributable? 1. Injury to right eye - Mole hole & OR Active

[Enteric Fever, Dysentery, Malaria, &c., contracted on service in countries where there is a special liability to the disease are to be regarded as attributable to military service.]

12. If not attributable to, was it aggravated by, military service? Yes.

If so, by what specific military conditions? Yes.

13. Is it attributable to, or aggravated by, the officer's own negligence or misconduct? If so, in what way, and to what extent? Yes.

14. What is the officer's present condition? Wound of amputation firmly healed - had for artificial leg - but owing to the shortness of the stump (amputation was through the top of the tibia), he is very active with his artificial leg. Amputation was through tibia 4 inches below his joint.

15. To what degree is the officer disabled at the present time? 50
(Degrees of disability should be expressed in the following percentages - 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, under 20, (omit 10))

16. Is the disability permanent? Yes

17. If not permanent, state the period of disability in months. None

18. Is it necessary that the officer should be re-examined by the same Board? No

19. What treatment is the officer receiving, and where, and from whom? None

20. Is the officer in need of special medical treatment of any kind, and if so, of what nature? No. Will require removal of artificial leg periodically.

21. Does the officer require the constant attendance of another person? No

22. Officers will be classified by the Medical Board under one of the following categories, the probable period of unfitness for the higher categories being stated. Examination of these categories is in para. 5 of A.C.I. 1677/1917. In case of nurses, omit B. and (i) and (ii) of E.

- A.—Fit for general service.
- B.—Fit for service in a garrison or labour unit abroad.
- C.—Fit for home service:—
 - (i) Active duty with troops.
 - (ii) Sedentary employment only.
- D.—For admission to a command depot.
- E.—Requiring indoor hospital treatment:—
 - (i) In an officers' military or auxiliary convalescent hospital.
 - (ii) In an officers' hospital.
- F.—Permanently unfit for any further military service.

23. In the case of officers suffering from neurasthenia found permanently unfit, has A.C.I. 1289 of 1917 been complied with? Yes

F. Henderson Proctor
President
M. BOB REG



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DOWNING STREET,

3 September 1934

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Sir,

[36897/29]

I have etc. to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Benson's ^{Confidential} despatch No. 113 of the 31st of June and to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Ministry of Pensions regarding the pension of Mr. R. C. Pears late Trooper, East African Mounted Rifles.

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Mr. Cromie 2/19/30/s

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Sir H. Lambert.

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Col. Amery

Lord Milner.

3. I shall be glad if payment can be made to Mr. Pears in accordance with the terms of Para. 1 of that letter, if the assumption in Para. 2 is correct. The ^{appropriate} ~~proper~~ wife's and children's allowances, if applicable, should also be paid.

3. Payment in accordance with the terms of the letter from the Ministry of Pensions of the 26th of August is, of course, subject to adjustment in respect of payments of pension already made.

I am etc.

MILNER

from Min. of Pensions
26th August.