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HER MAJESTY'S 1st Batt 15th REG. OF Foot

Whereof Lt. General T. A. Draught is Colonel.

95494 [Place and Date] St Georges Bermuda 12th May 1869.

PROCEEDINGS OF A REGIMENTAL BOARD, held this day, in conformity to the Articles of War, for the purpose of verifying and recording the Services, Conduct, Character, and cause of Discharge of No. 130, Private John Pickwick of the Regiment above-mentioned.

President.

Capt R. Dashwood 1/15 Regt.

Members.

Capt ? Farquharson 1/15 Regt   Lieut ? Smyth 1/15 Regt

THE BOARD having examined and compared the Regimental Records, the Soldier's Book, and such other Documents as appeared to them to be necessary, report that after making every deduction required by Her Majesty's Regulations, the Service up to this day, which he is entitled to reckon, is correctly shown by the detailed Statement on the 2nd page; during which period he served abroad 7 5/12 years, viz.:

at North America 6 5/12 years,

in Bermuda 1 years;

"

and further, that his DISCHARGE is proposed in consequence of being found

[Here state whether—Completion of period, at his own request, or as unfit for further Service.] unfit for further Service

With regard to the CHARACTER and CONDUCT of No 130 Pte John Pickwick, the Board have to report that upon reference to the Defaulter's Book, and by the Parole testimony that has been given, it appears that

[Insert opposite—the man's Character, the number of Good Conduct Badges in his possession, and all Badges of Merit, or gallant conduct in the Field, conferred upon him.]

His Conduct has been ~~Bad~~ ~~Indifferent~~ Fair

? Major

He is in possession of one good conduct badge.

[Insert the number of times his Name appears in the Regimental Defaulter's Book, and that he has been tried by Court Martial.

The charge, finding, and sentence, on each occasion, is to be recorded on a separate sheet, which is to accompany the Discharge Documents.

If never tried or entered in the Regimental Defaulter's Book, state so.]

His name appears ? times in the Defaulter Book.

3 times tried by Court Martial

[If this man received Wounds, &c., in action, or other Injuries in or by the Service, although not invalided on account thereof, state here the nature of the wound, or injuries, and when and where he received the same, and if any Court of Enquiry was held, (as is required) state or annex the result.]

None received

~~His Conduct has been Indifferent~~
~~He is in possession of one good conduct badge~~
? Major ? Commanding

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130 Pte John Pickwick being asked to what date he has been paid, answered, that his Account is balanced up to the latest period required by the Regulations; and being further asked whether he has any claim on the Regiment for Arrears of PAY, ALLOWANCES, or CLOTHING, answered, that he has received all just demands, from his entry into the Service up to the 12th May 1869 and in confirmation therefore, affixes his signature hereto.

I acknowledge this to be true. J Pickwick

Witness Jn. Murphy Ensign 15th Regt

Commanding the Company to which he belongs.

THE Board have ascertained that No 130 Pte John Pickwick Soldier's Book is correctly balanced, and signed by the Officer Commanding his Company, and they declare, that they have impartially inquired into, and faithfully reported upon, all the matters brought before them, in accordance with the Regulations and Instructions issued by Her Majesty's Orders.

[*Additional Paragraph applicable in cases of Discharge by Purchase.*]

THE Board have likewise ascertained that the sum of , being the amount required by Regulation for his Discharge by Purchase, has been lodged with the † whose receipt for the same is annexed hereto.

W Buchanan Capt 15th Regt *President.*

L.N. Farquharson Capt 15th Regt } *Members.*

Detailed Statement of the Services of 130 Private John Pickwick

Regiment	Promotions, Reductions, &c.	Rank	Period of Service in each Rank From	To	Amount of Service towards G. C. Pay and Pension Years	Days	Amount of Service towards completion of limited engagement Years	Days
15th		Private	9 Oct. 1857	6 Oct 58		363		363
	Absent without leave		7 Oct 58	8 Oct 58				2
	Paid & Susp.		9 Oct. 58	29 Nov 58		"		"
		Private	30 Nov 58	1 April 62	3	123	3	123
	Susp. by Comm.	Officer	2 April 62	8 April 62				7
		Private	9 April 62	6 June 62		59		59
	Susp. by Comm.	Officer	7 June 62	13 June 62				7
		Private	14 June 62	29 Oct 62		138		138
	Paid & Susp.	for "A-D"	30 Oct. 62	15 Dec. 62		"		"
		Private	16 Dec. 62	11 Oct. 65	2	300	2	300
	In Confinement		12 Oct 65	15 Oct 65				4
	Paid & Susp.	for "A.W."	16 Oct. 65	25 Nov 65		"		"
		Private	26 Nov 65	7 Nov 66		347		347
	Susp. by Comm.	Officer	8 Nov 66	14 Nov 66				7
		Private	15 Nov 66	29 March 68	1	136	1	136
						×		×
Re-engaged at St John's NB for 10 Years 333 Days		Private	30 March 68	12 May 1869	10 1	6 44	10 1	333 44
	Service re-credited per G.O. No 63 Aug 69						"	21
			Total of the foregoing Statement		11	49	11	497
* Further Service from the 13 May 69		to the 13 July 69	when finally discharged			62	"	62
			Total Service allowed to reckon to the day of final discharge		11	111	11	159

* To be erased, when not required, by drawing the Pen through the Lines.
† Here insert Paymaster or Agent, as the case may be.

I have carefully examined the Proceedings of this Board in all its details and I find them in every respect correct.

Commanding 1/15 Regt. of Foot

* 1 day Leap Year deducted from each of these Columns

Report on the case of 130 John Pickwick 1/15
who is recommended for Discharge.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
State the name of the disability, &c.	Chronic Ophthalmia -
1stly.—State whether the disability existed prior to enlistment, and the grounds upon which such opinion is formed.	September/68
2ndly.—Whether the invalid, if discharged, can be repassed into the service.	No - His disease is obvious, and he is deaf.
3. In Ophthalmic, or other disorders of the eyes, state how the disease was contracted, and whether the same was or was not prevalent at the time in the Regiment, or at the Station.	Caught cold on Journal to Bermuda - Disease was prevalent in Regiment and Station.
4. If the disability is the result of wounds, or other injuries, received in action, or in the discharge of some act of military duty, describe distinctly the wounds, &c., and by what weapon, &c., inflicted.	None received any.
5. If the ~~injury~~ Disability occurred *in*, but not *by*, the service, state how it occurred.	The deafness he says was due to a cold caught during the Fenian Raid in Canada
6. And, whatever may have caused the disability, &c., describe the present state thereof, and the probable effect in future on the invalid's capability of contributing towards earning a livelihood, adding how far it is considered to have been caused, or aggravated by, the use of intoxicating liquors, or indulgence in other habits or vices.	Has lost the sight of left Eye and that of right is greatly impaired - Not aggravated by Vice or Intemperance, cannot contribute to his support -

The Examining Surgeon is required to furnish answers to these questions, and to state why he is unable to do so.

Signature J. E. Ruffett S.S *Place* Netley *Date* June 21st 1869

Opinion of the Inspecting Medical Officer.

I hereby declare that I have carefully read the whole of the Medical Records of the case of No. 130 John Pickwick 1/15 Regiment, and have made a most minute personal examination of the man himself, in which I have verified the answers of J. E. Ruffett S (Surgeon or ~~Assistant Surgeon, as the case may be~~) to the above questions, and I am of opinion that the disability of No. 130 John Pickwick 1/15 Regiment, permanently incapacitates him for the active duties of a soldier, and that he cannot re-enlist if discharged. Incpt. Unable to Contribute to his livelihood

Signature of Principal Medical Officer G. G. Blatson Inspg Genl of Hosps *Place* Netley *Date* 23 June 69

I am of opinion that for the medical reasons above assigned, and after personal inspection, the man in question is no longer fit to perform the duties of a soldier.

Signature of the Inspecting General Richard Northcott Major General

The Discharge of the above-named man is approved by The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.

Horse Guards, 13 July 1869

R. H. Stewart

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Trade a *Labourer*	this *13* day of *July* 18*69*
was born in the Parish of *Walcot*	Age *31 7/12*
near the Town of *Bath*	Height *5* Feet *6* Inches,
in the County of *Somerset*	Complexion *Fresh*
and attested for the *15* Regt.	Eyes *Hazel*
at *Bath*	Hair *Dark Brown*
in the County of *Somerset*	Trade *Labourer*
on the *9 Oct. 1857*	Marks or Scars upon the face, or other parts of the body *Anchor on right arm. ditto on left*
at the Age of *20 Years.*	
His final description, &c., when discharged from the Service, at *Netley*	Intended Place of Residence *Bath England*

G70454 - Examined by a Medical Board at Bath 19/1/72
G72620 - ×Gc permanent Bd 13/2/72 No 19 ~~& may be admitted to In Pension~~
× to enable him to become an In-Pensioner
G74224. Admd to Chelsea In Pensr 1/5/72
G76400. Died 19/5/72

DECLARATION TO BE MADE AND SIGNED WHEN THE SOLDIER RECEIVES HIS DISCHARGE AT HIS OWN REQUEST.

~~I, ______ in the ______ Regt. of ______ hereby declare that I do, of my own free will, request to be discharged from Her Majesty's Service; and I further declare, that a period of not less than Thirty Days has elapsed since I first made Application for my Discharge; and it has been fully explained to me, and I perfectly understand that in receiving my Discharge at my own request, I entirely relinquish all Claim to Pension, and that, if I should re-enlist, my past Services prior to the Date of my present Discharge cannot be allowed to be reckoned for the purpose of obtaining any benefit from Chelsea Hospital, unless the re-enlistment shall take place within 12 Calendar Months from this Date, when my previous service will be allowed, nor unless I declare, on re-enlisting, the fact and actual cause of my present Discharge.~~

(Signature of the Soldier.) ______

Signed in the presence of the Regimental Board at ______ this ______ day of ______

______ President.

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