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HER MAJESTY'S

12th Bde Royal REG. OF Artillery

Whereof H.R.H. the Fd Marshal Duke of Cambridge K.G. is Colonel.

16358

[Place and Date] Devonport 23rd November 1872.

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. 1758, Gunner William Toogood of the Regiment above-mentioned.

President.
Major W.B. Rice R.A.

Members.
Capt T.F. Owen R.A. Lieut Rock R.A

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, amounts to 17 years, ~~349~~ ~~176~~ days, as shown by the detailed Statement on the 2nd page; during which period he served abroad 0 years, viz.:

at _____ years,
in None years;
" _____

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

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

With regard to the CHARACTER and CONDUCT of 1758 Gunner William Toogood 12th Bde R.A., 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 his conduct has been good and he is not in possession of any Good Conduct Badges.

[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; and if in possession of a School Certificate, record it and state the class.]

He has four entries in Regimental defaulters Book, and has never been tried by Court-Martial.

[Insert the number of times his Name appears in the Regtl. Defaulters' 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 Defaulter's Book, state so.]

According to Certificate on 3rd Page this man received an Injury to his foot at Southsea in 1870. No Court of Enquiry was held and the Mans own Statement is appended.

[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.]

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1758 Gunner William Toogood. 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 23rd November 1872 and in confirmation therefore, affixes his signature hereto.

I acknowledge this to be true. William Toogood

Witness W R Rice Major RA

Commanding the Company to which he belongs.

THE Board have ascertained that No 1758 Gunner William Toogood 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 R Rice Major President.

John T Brown Capt RA

T J Rock Lieut RA } Members.

Detailed Statement of the Services of No 1758 Gunner William Toogood

Royal Regiment Artillery	Promotions, Reductions, &c.	Rank	Period of Service in each Rank: From	Period of Service in each Rank: To	Amount of Service towards G. C. Pay and Pension: Years	Amount of Service towards G. C. Pay and Pension: Days	Amount of Service towards completion of limited engagement: Years	Amount of Service towards completion of limited engagement: Days
12th Bde	Attested	Gunner	31 May 69	26 Nov 70			3	180
	Service towards G. C. Pay and Pension not allowed to be reckoned till completion of Militia engagement on the 26 Nov 70							
		Gunner	27 Nov 70	18 Aug 71	"	265	"	265
	Deprived of Pay for absence		19 Aug 71	23 Aug 71	"	"	"	5
		Gunner	24 Aug 71	29 Aug 71	"	6	"	6
	Garrison Cells		30 Aug 71	5 Sept 71	"	"	"	4
		Gunner	6 Sept 71	30 Sept 71	"	25	"	25
		"	1 Oct 71	23 Nov 72	1	53	1	53
	Total of the foregoing Statement				1	349	5	176
	* Further Service from the 24 Nov 72 to the 4th Dec 1872 when finally discharged				"	11	-	11
	Total Service allowed to reckon to the day of final discharge				1	360	5	187

* 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.

C J Carthew Col R.A.

Commanding 12th Brgt. Regt. *of* Artillery

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Medical Report on the case of 1758 Gunner William Toogood who is recommended for discharge, to be filled up by the Surgeons of Regiments and Corps serving at Home, or by the Staff Surgeons of Divisions at Netley in the cases of Invalids from Abroad.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
Answers to these questions to be as full and as accurate as possible, and to be filled in by the Surgeon by whom the Soldier is brought forward for discharge.	
1. Name the Disability.	Contraction of tendons of foot accidentally caused by Gun slipping when unmooring Guns at Southsea Castle
2. How and when incurred, and, if not entirely so, how far in the opinion of the Surgeon the disability is considered to have been caused or aggravated by climate or exposure in and by the Service, or by the performance of any Military duty on which the Soldier may have been employed.	Answered above
3. If the disability be incurred directly by the Service, state its nature, and if a wound or injury, by what weapon inflicted, or by what specific act of duty incurred.	
4. If the disability be attributable to malarious or climatic or other influences, state whether prevalent in the Regiment at the time, or if the man was by any act of Military duty exposed to such influences, or other cause from which it may have resulted.	No
5. Describe the man's present state, whether the disability is likely to be permanent or only temporary, stating in the latter case its probable duration, and in all cases how far it will probably affect his future power of contributing to his own support.	Permanent disability
6. State how far the disability has been caused or aggravated by Intemperance or other vices.	Not in any way.

Signature Jas. Hunter Surgn *Place* Devonport *Date* Nov. 22. 1872

NOTE.—As the object of these questions is to put the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital in possession of the most reliable information, grounded on the opinion of those best capable of judging, to guide them in deciding upon the man's claim to pension, full and decisive answers must in all cases be given.

Opinion of the Inspecting Medical Officer.

I hereby declare that I have read the Medical Records of the case of No. 1758 Gr. William Toogood 12 Bde Royl Artillery Regiment and have carefully examined the man himself, and have verified the answers of Staff Asst Surgeon J Hunter (name the Medical Officer) to the above questions, and I am of opinion that the disability of No. 1758 Gr. W. Toogood 12th de Royl Artillery Regiment, is fully and accurately described, and that it permanently incapacitates him for the active duties of a Soldier.

Signature of Principal Medical Officer Wm Mann M D *Place* Devonport *Date* 22nd Novem: 72
Dep Insp: General of Hospls P.M.O.W.D

I concur in the opinion as to this man's unfitness for further Service.

Signature of the Inspecting General Officer Lt General Commg Western District

The Discharge of the above named man is approved by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief. *Horse Guards,* 4th December 1872.

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No. 1758 Gunner William Toogood
referred to in the preceding pages, by
Trade a Labrer
was born in the Parish of Newchurch
near the Town of Yeadon. S.O.
in the County of Hants
and attested for the Royal Artillery Regt.
at Portsmouth
in the County of Hants
on the 31st May 1864
at the Age of 20 years.

His final description, &c., when discharged
from the Service, at Devonport

this 4th day of December 1872
Age 28 years
Height 5 Feet 10 Inches,
Complexion Fresh
Eyes Grey
Hair Light Brown
Trade Labrer
Marks or Scars upon the face, or other parts
of the body Scar on outer side of right foot

Intended Place of Residence
Stanton
Isle of Wight.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE AND SIGNED BY SOLDIERS OF GOOD CHARACTER WHO TAKE THEIR DISCHARGE EITHER AT THEIR OWN REQUEST, DURING FIRST TERM, OR ON THE COMPLETION OF FIRST PERIOD OF LIMITED ENGAGEMENT.

I, _____ in the Regiment of _____

hereby declare that I do of my own free will _____* to be discharged from Her Majesty's service; and that the conditions on which I can re-enter the service, or join the Army Reserve, have been fully explained to me.

* Here insert the word "claim" or "request."

(Signature of the Soldier.) _____

Signed in the presence of the Regimental Board at _____

this _____ day of _____

_____ President.

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