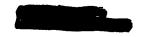


ISSUE:

Service connection for left hand and wrist condition.



SUMMARY OF EVIDE	NCE AND ADJUDICATIVE ACTIONS:
Service	honorable.
	Veteran filed a claim for service connection for left wrist and hand and arm hemangioma which he stated began in
	Veterans Administration rating denied service connection for left wrist and hand condition. This was on the basis of a VA examination and review of all service records. The veteran's service medical records disclose that he was treated on the left wrist and hand and multiple cyst were noted in that area. On the was again treated and had a history of multiple cyst existing for the past year. Service records show surgery for a left wrist and hand growths the gave a history of the growths on the left wrist both anteriorly and posteriorly since birth. The VA examination show the scars for the surgery in service as well healed, nonkeloidal with no evidence of recurrence of growth. Neurological examination of this area was negative.
	Veterans Administration letter to the veteran notified him of the above VA decision.
	Veteran submitted a notice of disagreement and a service medical record dated to the service showing multiple masses left hand with a 1½ year history of existence.
	Letter was sent to the veteran from the VA clarifying the VA decision. $\label{eq:constraint}$
	Veteran submitted a notice of disagreement stating his growths on his hand the service which be approximately contradicting the service medical evidence showing treatment in service that the condition started

PERTINENT LAWS, REGULATIONS AND RATING SCHEDULE PROVISIONS:

Service connection involves many factors but basically it means that the facts as shown by the evidence established that a particular injury or disease resulting in disability was incurred coincident with service in the Armed Forces, or if pre-existing such service, was aggravated therein. $(38\ CFR\ 3.303(A))$



Aggravation may not be conceded where the disability underwent no increase in severity during service on the basis of all the evidence of record pertaining to the manifestations of the disability prior to, during and subsequent to service. (38 CFT 3.306B)

When a reasonable doubt arises regarding service origin, the degree of disability, or any other point, such doubt will be resolved in favor of the claimant. A reasonable doubt means a substantial doubt and one within the range of probability as distinguished from speculation or remote possibility. (38 CFR 3.102)

DECISION:

Service connection was denied for veteran's left wrist and hand condition.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

The evidence in its entirety and considering the veteran's numerous conflicting statements as to date of origin of his claimed condition warrants a determination that the veteran's left wrist and hand condition existed prior to service and was not aggravated by any incident in service. Surgery in service for the growths on his left wrist are held to have been remedial in nature for condition existing prior to induction.

SUBMITTED BY:	DATED:	
Rating Specialist		
APPROVED BY: Activity Section Chief	DATED:	· · · · ·

TDIU Decision (excerpt)

EVIDENCE

- VA Examination, VAMC
- VA Letter (Duty To Assist) dated

REASONS FOR DECISION

1. Service connection for Heamangioma, left wrist with ulanr and radial deviations.

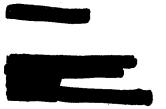
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2. Service connection for Partial loss of sensation of the superficial branch of the left radial nerve as secondary to the service-connected disability of Heamangioma, left wrist with ulanr and radial deviations.

The facts and circumstances pertaining to this decision are the same as those that were discussed in the issue (Heamangioma, left wrist with ulnar and radial deviations). Based on that evidence, Service connection for Partial loss of sensation of the superficial branch of the left radial nerve has been established as related to the service-connected disability of Heamangioma, left wrist with ulanr and radial deviations.

3. Entitlement to individual unemployability.

The VA examiner's opinion was based on the veteran's work experience, education, and



Dear I

Your disability compensation claim has been carefully considered. To be entitled to compensation, the evidence must show: (1) that you have a disability which was incurred in or aggravated by your service, in line-of-duty, and (2) it must be 10% or more disabling. The evidence, including your service records, does not meet these requirements. You are not, therefore, entitled to compensation.

It was held that your postoperative scars on your left wrist and hand were not incurred in or aggravated by your service, having existed prior to your service. Any treatment in service is considered a remedial measure. There is no record of any disease or injury in service which caused an aggravation.

Sincerely yours,

Adjudication Officer

Enclosure:

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