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Sul Ross State College
Alpine, Texas
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Veterans Administration
Regional Office
307 Dwyer Ave
San Antonio 4, Texas

Gentlemen:

On my return from Brooke Army Hospital, March 7th, I found two of your letters. One address to my home address-- 707 South 16th St., McAllen, Texas; and the other to above address.

The first one was a call for my physical examination at your office; and the other was a notice to the effect that my application for pension had been disallowed for lack of sufficient evidence.

You can see that by the time I received your letters, I was already in Brooke Army Hospital. Why did I go there? You may ask Major Fisher of Ward 8. I was in bed when two representatives of that office went there to see me. I told one of them that I was there in the best place for any physical examination required from me. As to the other, I did not exactly understand what his business was. I made it clear for him that I wished I could be reimbursed for my traveling expenses which were as follows, so far:

1950--Oct. 26 from Alpine to San Antonio
Nov. 14 from San Antonio to McAllen
Dec. 4 from McAllen to San Antonio
Dec. 23 from San Antonio to McAllen

1951--Jan. 12 from McAllen to San Antonio
Jan. 14 from San Antonio to McAllen *
Jan. 26 from McAllen to San Antonio
Jan. 30 from San Antonio to Alpine
Feb. 20 from Alpine to San Antonio
March 6 from San Antonio to Alpine

My trip from San Antonio to McAllen, Jan 14, was paid by that office.

I am sixtytwo years old and will be sixtythree next May 17th. As I have already stated, my eyesight and my hearing are failing to me at this time.

In order to prevent from going a beggin, I am doing some studies, here at Sul Ross College. But, who in the world would like to hire an old man sixtythree years old? Even in the teaching profession where I have work for the past forty years, they want young and strong teachers. I will not consider myself total disabled until the day when I will be taking to the cemetery, but that does not mean that I will be good to carry on on a decent job. Are all those veterans of World War 1 who are receiving pension total disabled?

I wish you would take the trouble to inquire from Ebl Col. Sullivan from Ward 25, Annex Four and Lt. Col. Collins from Ward 8, Main Building of Brooke Army Hospital as to whether I will be able to do hard work for my living after the "tremendous operation" underwent there on Dec. 6.

Yes, I will appeal my case, so please send me VA Form P-9 for that purpose. As soon as I get through here with my work I will look for the right party to help me make clear my case.

Sincerely yours,

J. Luz Saenz

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