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RICHARD RIGGLES

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Mr. STEPHENS, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 452]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 452) for the relief of Richard Riggles, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

In line 5, strike out the figures "\$3,000" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$500."

The claimant under this bill was a Government employee in the Washington Navy Yard. Through no fault on his part, his foot was crushed by a 10-inch tube, and as a result of this accident this foot was amputated. If he had been injured since May 30, 1908, he would have received one year's pay. Applying the same principle to his case, this committee recommends that he receive an amount equal to one year's pay at the time of the accident, viz, 313 days at \$1.60 per day, \$500.

Letters and reports from the Navy Department, which are appended hereto, are made a part of this report.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, March 5, 1914.

HON. EDWARD W. POU, M. C.,
Chairman Committee on Claims,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. POU: Your letter of the 4th instant, inclosing copy of H. R. 13728, a bill for the relief of Richard Riggles, is received. Report will be made on this measure at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, *Acting Secretary.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, March 24, 1914.

MY DEAR MR. POU: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, inclosing, with request for report in the case, a copy of a bill (H. R. 13728) providing for payment to Richard Riggles of the sum of \$5,000 in full payment for injuries suffered by him on the 6th day of February, 1885, while in the discharge of his duties at the navy yard, Washington, resulting in the loss of his right leg.

A report by the commandant of the Washington Navy Yard shows that—
"Richard Riggles was employed February 15, 1884, as a helper, first class.

"On February 6, 1885, an accident occurred in the handling of a 10-inch tube for the United States Army, under the supervision of Doctor Woodbridge.

"As the result of the accident Mr. Riggles had his foot crushed and in consequence it had to be amputated.

"He was absent from work on account of said injury from February 7 to August 12, 1885, inclusive. On October 18, 1886, he was promoted from helper to machinist, in consideration of the fact that he had been injured in the yard, and in addition he was given such light work as he was competent to perform and also continued in employment."

Since August 13, 1885, Mr. Riggles, as indicated by a statement of his service inclosed, has been almost continuously employed at the Washington Navy Yard. His present rate of pay is \$3.28 per diem.

The department is without information as to the exact circumstances under which the injury was incurred, but has no reason to believe that it was in anywise due to the negligence of Mr. Riggles. Had the injury happened after the passage of the Government liability act of May 30, 1908, Mr. Riggles would doubtless have been entitled to receive compensation as provided by that statute. It would seem, however, from the facts recited in the concluding paragraph of the commandant's report, quoted above, that Mr. Riggles has to some extent been compensated for his injury.

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, *Acting Secretary.*

HON. EDWARD W. POU, M. C.,

Chairman Committee on Claims, House of Representatives.

RECORD OF RICHARD RIGGLES FROM AUGUST 13, 1885

Richard Riggles was employed as a helper, class 1, in the Ordnance Department August 13, 1885; rated brass and iron finisher, class 4, October 18, 1886; rated machinist, all-round, class 3, April 1, 1894, per navy yard order No. 5 of December 8, 1893; discharged May 7, 1898, for missing six successive musters; conduct and work excellent; reemployed May 16, 1898, per navy yard order, Form 26; discharged July 28, 1898, for missing six successive musters; conduct excellent and work good; reemployed August 3, 1898, per navy yard order, Form 26; discharged February 28, 1899, for lack of work; conduct excellent and work good.

Reemployed as an all-round machinist March 2, 1899, clause 1a, regulation No. 6278; certified to Ordnance Department April 13 and employed April 17, 1899, class 4; final grading, class 4; discharged September 26, 1899, for missing six successive musters; conduct excellent and work good; reemployed September 30, 1899, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged February 5, 1901, for missing six successive musters; conduct and work good; reemployed February 7, 1901, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged February 25, 1901, for missing six successive musters; conduct excellent and work good; reemployed March 1, 1901, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged March 1, 1902, for missing six successive musters; conduct excellent and work good; reemployed March 5, 1902, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged February 18, 1903, for missing six successive musters; conduct excellent and work good; reemployed February 25, 1903, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged August 2, 1905, for missing six successive musters; conduct excellent and work good; reemployed August 7, 1905, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged November 27, 1907, for missing six successive musters; conduct and work good; reemployed December 2, 1907, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged February 7, 1908, for missing six successive musters; conduct and work good; reemployed February 11, 1908, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; suspended May 23, 1908, for six days for loafing and reading newspapers during working hours; warned March 3, 1912, for absence

without permission; discharged March 30, 1912, for missing six successive musters; conduct excellent and work good; reemployed April 8, 1912, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged October 3, 1912, for missing six successive musters; conduct and work good; reemployed October 14, 1912, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; discharged March 10, 1913, for missing six successive musters; conduct very good and work good; reemployed March 17, 1913, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; warned April 16, 1913, for excessive loss of time; classified May 11, 1913, under Executive order of December 7, 1912, approved by department May 9, 1913; discharged June 25, 1913, for missing six successive musters; conduct very good and work good; reemployed July 9, 1913, per Navy Yard Order, Form 26; rated from \$3.04 to \$3.28 pre diem July 9, 1913, per schedule of wages effective July 1, 1913; warned July 10, 1913, for absence without permission (last warning).

MAY 1, 1914.

The SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Will you be good enough to refer to the commandant of the Washington Navy Yard and inform me what rate of wages was received by Richard Riggles when he was injured by an accident on February 16, 1885, at the navy yard, as described in the report of the commandant to you in your letter to Mr. Pou, of this committee, dated March 24, 1914, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

JOHN A. PETERS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, May 8, 1914.

HON. JOHN A. PETERS, M. C.,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. PETERS: Referring to your letter of May 1, 1914, in which you request to be advised of the rate of pay received by Mr. Richard Riggles at the time of his injury in the course of his employment at the Washington Navy Yard, the commandant reports that Mr. Riggles was rated as a helper at \$1.60 per diem at the time he was injured February 6, 1885, not February 16, 1885, as stated in your letter. Mr. Riggles was subsequently rated as a machinist, in consideration of the injury, and assigned to low-grade machinist's work.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, *Secretary of the Navy.*



