

VA NEXUS LETTER MEDICAL RECORDS SUMMARY

Nexus Letter Medical Records Summary: D. Prentiss

Claimed condition: left shoulder · C-file 1,860 pages · Fictional veteran and file

VETERAN	D. Prentiss (fictional)
SERVICE	U.S. Army, 06/2004 to 08/2012, motor transport operator (88M), per DD-214 in file
CLAIMED CONDITION	Left shoulder condition
FILE	C-file, 1,860 pages: service treatment records (STR), VA treatment records, private records, lay statements, prior decisions. 37 duplicate pages removed. 2 pages belonging to another veteran (p. 1,402 to p. 1,403) quarantined.
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Overview

A nexus opinion needs 3 things on the page: an in-service event, a current diagnosis and the evidence that connects them. This summary finds each of the 3 in the C-file, quotes it and cites it. It then lists what a physician would still need before signing. It states no opinion on nexus, likelihood or rating. The physician and the representative do that.

In-service events (service treatment records)

DATE	STR DOCUMENT	ENTRY AS DOCUMENTED	CITE
05/2004	Enlistment examination, SF 88 and SF 93	Upper extremities marked normal. Report of medical history: "no" to painful or trick shoulder.	C-file p. 212, p. 215
03/17/2007	Sick call, SF 600	"Left shoulder pain x 3 days after loading tires. Pain with overhead reach. Assessment: shoulder strain. Motrin, limited duty 7 days."	C-file p. 241
03/24/2007	Physical profile, DA 3349	Temporary profile, 14 days: "no lifting over 20 lb, no overhead work, no push-ups."	C-file p. 243
09/2008	Post-deployment health assessment, DD 2796	Checked "yes" to "muscle aches" and "still bothered by" for shoulder; comment line: "L shoulder, pops."	C-file p. 262
02/05/2009	Sick call, SF 600	"Recurrent L shoulder pain, worse with convoy driving. Tender anterior. X-ray ordered."	C-file p. 268
02/05/2009	Radiology order	Order for left shoulder x-ray, 2 views. No report page follows the order in the STR.	C-file p. 269
02/19/2009	Physical therapy consult	"Impingement signs positive. HEP issued, 6 visits authorized." 4 visit notes follow.	C-file p. 271 to p. 276

DATE	STR DOCUMENT	ENTRY AS DOCUMENTED	CITE
06/2012	Separation examination, DD 2807-1	Report of medical history: "yes" to painful shoulder; comment "L shoulder pain since 2007, off and on." Examiner page (DD 2808) is not in the file.	C-file p. 301

Post-service diagnoses as documented

DATE	PROVIDER	DIAGNOSIS AS WRITTEN IN THE RECORD	CITE
11/04/2014	VA primary care, new patient	Problem list entry: "left shoulder pain, chronic." History records "since Army, 2007."	C-file p. 688
03/22/2019	VA orthopedics	MRI left shoulder 03/08/2019 report documents "supraspinatus tendinosis with partial-thickness articular-sided tear; mild AC joint arthrosis." Clinic note assessment lists "rotator cuff tendinopathy, left."	C-file p. 742, p. 746
08/15/2023	Private orthopedics, Ridgefield Bone and Joint (fictional)	Assessment: "chronic left rotator cuff tear, partial thickness; impingement syndrome." Injection documented.	C-file p. 1,118
01/09/2025	VA compensation and pension examination	Diagnosis section lists "left shoulder rotator cuff tendinopathy with partial tear, date of diagnosis 2019." Medical opinion section states "less likely than not"; rationale paragraph on p. 1,236.	C-file p. 1,231, p. 1,236

Continuity evidence between separation and first post-service diagnosis

DATE	SOURCE	ENTRY AS DOCUMENTED	CITE
10/2012 to 09/2014	Employer clinic records referenced, not in file	VA intake note of 11/04/2014 states "seen at work clinic for shoulder twice." No employer clinic pages in the file.	C-file p. 688
01/2013 to 12/2014	Pharmacy claims printout, private insurer	Naproxen fills 01/2013, 06/2013, 02/2014, 09/2014. Prescriber listed as an urgent care physician.	C-file p. 1,502
03/2014	Lay statement, spouse, dated 04/2025	"He has had trouble lifting his left arm overhead since he came home in 2012. He stopped bowling in 2013."	C-file p. 1,611
09/2014	Lay statement, former squad member, dated 05/2025	"I remember him on profile for his shoulder in 2007 and again in 2009."	C-file p. 1,614
11/04/2014	VA primary care	First VA visit; see diagnoses table.	C-file p. 688
2015 to 2018	VA primary care, 6 visits	Shoulder pain recorded on the problem list at each visit; no imaging ordered until 2019.	C-file p. 702 to p. 731

Gaps in the timeline

PERIOD	WHAT THE FILE SHOWS	CITE
08/2012 to 11/2014	No treating record for 27 months. Pharmacy fills and 2 lay statements cover part of the period.	C-file p. 1,502, p. 1,611, p. 1,614
02/2009	X-ray ordered; no report in the STR.	C-file p. 269
06/2012	Separation history page present; examiner findings page (DD 2808) absent.	C-file p. 301

PERIOD	WHAT THE FILE SHOWS	CITE
2019 to 2023	VA orthopedics note of 03/22/2019, then no shoulder entry until the private visit of 08/15/2023.	C-file p. 746, p. 1,118

What is missing for a nexus opinion

- Separation examination findings (DD 2808). The history page says "yes" to painful shoulder; the examiner's finding is not in the file.
- The 02/05/2009 x-ray report. The order is at p. 269; the report would show whether any finding was documented in service.
- Employer clinic records for 2012 to 2014, referenced at p. 688.
- The urgent care records behind the naproxen fills on p. 1,502; the prescriber is named on the printout only.
- The complete 2025 C&P rationale. The opinion paragraph on p. 1,236 cites "no treatment for several years after service" and does not mention the pharmacy printout or the lay statements, which are dated after the exam.
- The prior rating decision referenced on p. 1,228 is not in the file.
- A current VA or private note after 08/2023 showing present-day status of the shoulder.

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