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Table of 50 BVA Decisions from LLT PTSD Dataset. Findings of Fact for PTSD on the Three *Shedden* Prongs.

Possible Values = Positive Finding (for the Veteran); Negative Finding (against the Veteran); No Finding.

A value entered in parentheses indicates that the value is implicit or assumed for purposes of adjudication, or that the basis for our assigning the value is uncertain.

* Indicates a decision providing distinct findings [1] for PTSD or for a psychiatric disorder to include PTSD, vs. [2] for a psychiatric disability other than PTSD.

BVA Citation Number	Ultimate Finding	<i>Shedden</i> Prong 1 (Present PTSD)	<i>Shedden</i> Prong 2 (In-Service Stressor)	<i>Shedden</i> Prong 3 (Causal Link)
1302554	Denied	(Negative Finding)	Negative Finding	(Negative Finding)
1303141	Denied	Negative Finding*	No Finding	No Finding
1315144	Denied	(Positive Finding)	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1316146	Denied	Negative Finding*	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1316336	Denied	Negative Finding*	No Finding	No Finding
1334312	Denied	(Positive Finding)	Negative Finding	(No Finding)
1340434	Denied	(Positive Finding)	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1343153	Denied	Positive Finding*	Positive Finding	Negative Finding
1400029	Denied	Negative Finding*	Positive Finding	No Finding
1413417	Denied	Negative Finding*	No Finding	No Finding
1431031	Denied	(Positive Finding)	Negative Finding	No Finding
1455333	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1455570	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1456128	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1456911	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1505726	Denied	Negative Finding*	Negative Finding	(Negative Finding)
1514004	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1514581	Denied	Positive Finding*	Positive Finding	Negative Finding
1525217	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1526599	Denied	Negative Finding	(No Finding)	No Finding
1534347	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1549197	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1554165	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1554166	Denied	Negative Finding*	No Finding	No Finding
1554465	Denied	(Positive Finding)	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1607479	Denied	Negative Finding*	No Finding	Negative Finding
1608262	Denied	Negative Finding	No Finding	No Finding
1613894	Denied	(Positive Finding)*	Negative Finding	No Finding
1630016	Granted	(Positive Finding)	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1630402	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1631836	Denied	Positive Finding	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1632746	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1633713	Granted	Positive Finding*	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1634891	Denied	Negative Finding	Negative Finding	Negative Finding

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1701504¹	Granted	(Positive Finding)	(Positive Finding)	(Positive Finding)
1705557	Denied	Negative Finding	No Finding	No Finding
1709261	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1710389	Denied	Negative Finding	(Negative Finding)	(Negative Finding)
1713615	Denied	(No Finding)	Negative Finding	(Negative Finding)
1713743	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1715225	Denied	Negative Finding*	No Finding	No Finding
1716934	Denied	Negative Finding	Negative Finding	(Negative Finding)
1718378	Denied	(Positive Finding)	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1719263	Denied	Negative Finding	Negative Finding	(Negative Finding)
1720286	Granted	Positive Finding	Positive Finding	Positive Finding
1721981	Denied	(Positive Finding)	Positive Finding	Negative Finding
1727110	Denied	(Negative Finding)	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1731026	Denied	Positive Finding	Negative Finding	Negative Finding
1741477	Denied	Negative Finding*	No Finding	No Finding
1742191	Denied	Negative Finding	(Negative Finding)	(Negative Finding)

¹ Should consider omitting this decision from the experiment, because the inference layering and ambiguity of the text is difficult to follow. There is no explicit Board finding of diagnosis of PTSD, but one psychologist's report that was found credible gave an affirmative diagnosis and linking to service, and the Board granted disability for PTSD as causally linked to the Veteran's service-connected Hodgkin's Disease. I am however curious what an LLM would make of all this!