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Mr. Dent, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the papers in the case of Edmund Mitchell, make the following report:

Petitioner states that he entered the army in 1793, in what was termed Wayne’s war, having enlisted to serve under Captain Alexander Gibson, in Wythe county, Virginia. In the battle with the Indians at Fort Recovery, he received a wound in the left ankle by a gun-shot. Under treatment his wound partially recovered, and his name was withheld from the list of wounded by his own special request, because he wanted to go south with the army, and was afraid he would not be allowed to do so if he was put upon the list of wounded. The said wound has given much pain, and he has not been able to labor for the last sixteen years. Some six or eight persons, who state they have known petitioner from twenty-five to forty years, certify to his good character for truth and veracity; know of his wound and the sufferings produced thereby, and state that they have always understood that he received said wound in battle, fighting the Indians.

Dr. P. C. Ellis certifies that the wound is a running sore, which produces inflammation from the ankle to the knee-joint, and that it requires dressing from three to four times a day. General William O. Butler, of Kentucky, certifies to the high standing and veracity of Dr. Ellis and all the other witnesses who testify in favor of Edmund Mitchell. The committee, therefore, ask leave to report the accompanying bill.