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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 31, 1867.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. KIRKWOOD made the following

REPORT.

(To accompany bill S. 554.)

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Carter late a private in company H, 5th regiment United States infantry, having had the same under consideration, report:

That said Carter was discharged, by reason of the expiration of his term of service, on the 20th day of June, 1858, at camp, forty-three miles west of Camp Scott, *en route* for Salt Lake City, Utah Territory; that at the time of his discharge no final statement was given him, in consequence of the loss of the company desk in June, 1857; that upon his discharge it would have been unsafe for him to have travelled alone to the point at which he could have procured his final statement; that he remained with the command, acting as cook for one of the officers, until he could procure his necessary final statement; that while so acting the camp was alarmed by a supposed attack by Indians, during which said Carter was wounded in the right arm by the accidental discharge of a gun that was being handed to him by Colonel Bee, commanding the expedition, that he might aid in repelling the attack, and that in consequence of said wound his arm was amputated.

The committee are of opinion that, under these circumstances, said Carter is entitled to a pension, and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.