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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 24, 1871.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SPENCER made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 1253.]

In the matter of the petition of Sarah Evans for pension.

The proof in this case shows that petitioner is the mother of L. G. Evans, late sergeant of Company K, Twenty-first United States Infantry; that deceased served honorably as a soldier, and was discharged at Camp Crittenden, Arizona Territory, by reason of expiration of term of service, on January 26, 1870. That before he could leave on his return homeward to the States, the United States camp was attacked by hostile Indians; that deceased fought to repel the attack with the troops, and was wounded by an arrow through the lungs, and died thereof after lingering until March 13, 1870, at Camp McDowell, Arizona. The proof shows that his mother, the petitioner, was an aged widow, in indigent circumstances; that deceased was a loving and dutiful son, and supported his mother by his pay as a soldier; that she cannot be pensioned under existing laws, in consequence of deceased having been discharged when he received his death wound. That, from the circumstances, it is equitable and just that deceased should be regarded as having died in the service of his country, he having always borne an irreproachable character as a soldier and as a dutiful son, and supported his aged mother by his earnings.

Let a bill be reported granting pension to Sarah Evans, the petitioner, under proper limitation, as mother of L. G. Evans, late sergeant Company K, Twenty-first United States Infantry, to date from passage of the bill.