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Report : Petition of the Survivors of C. Collins

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 9, 1871.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. EDMUNDS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 1087.]

The petitioner is the widow of Charles O. Collins, of the Regular Army, who graduated at West Point in 1828, and served continually until he died, a captain, at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, in August, 1846, of disease contracted while at that fort and in the line of duty. His widow's claim for a pension was rejected by the Commissioner of Pensions because he was not then under orders to change his station. But the committee is of opinion that the case is fairly within the provisions of the act of July 21, 1848, as he was at a post which might then not improperly be considered as on the borders of Mexico, and as on the day succeeding his death he was ordered to join the Army in Mexico.

They therefore recommend the passage of the bill, with the amendment, making it take effect from the passage of the act.