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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 4, 1874.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. INGALLS submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 767.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew J. Lasley, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report:

That the petitioner was mustered in as private in Company K, Second Regiment United States Volunteers, October 13, 1864, at Rock Island, Ill., where he had been detained as a rebel prisoner. He served on the frontier at Fort Zarah, Kans., and was in an engagement with Indians at Cow Creek, where the tube blew off his gun, and his eye-sight was partially destroyed. Examining Surgeon Hoadley certifies, April 2, 1873, that Lasley is partially disabled by diarrhea and disease of the heart, which appear to have resulted from exposure in the line of duty. His application was rejected upon the ground that he had served in the rebel army. He admits this to be the fact, but swears that his service was involuntary; that he was conscripted under the age of 20, and at the first opportunity deserted, joined the national forces, and has ever since conducted himself like a loyal and patriotic citizen.

The committee regard the case with favor, and report a bill placing the petitioner on the pension-roll, with the recommendation that it pass.