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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 5, 1878.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SPENCER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany joint resolution H. R. 62.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred joint resolution (H. R. 62) appropriating \$200 to defray expenses of transferring the remains of Pancoast Loose, a deceased soldier, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears that Pancoast Loose enlisted in Company L, Second United States Cavalry, May 2, 1876, and served with the same, under the assumed name of Harry Trevor, on the frontier. Being under age at the date of his enlistment, his father obtained from the Secretary of War an order for his discharge, which was issued June 28, 1877 (special orders No. 141). Although the fact of his discharge was unofficially known to his captain, yet, forty days after the issuance of the same, he compelled young Trevor to serve in the field with his company in hostilities with the Nez Percés Indians, without absolute necessity therefor, as there were, it appears, able-bodied men of his company, not for discharge, left at Fort Ellis. In the fight young Loose (or Trevor) was shot through the left lung while gallantly fighting, and died in hospital at Virginia City. Hence the order of discharge was never carried out. Under these painful and fortuitous circumstances your committee are of opinion the joint resolution should pass. The fund is to be used under direction of the Secretary of War, which guarantees its economical disbursement.