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GEORGE W. HORD.

APRIL 24, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. COFFROTH, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1168.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1168) granting a pension to George W. Hord, have considered the same, and report:

It appears that the said Hord was enlisted as a private in Company A, Sixth Regiment Minnesota Volunteers, on 9th day August, 1862, and discharged said service January 4, 1863, under surgeon's certificate of disability.

He alleges that while in said service and in line of duty while on a march in the State of Minnesota guarding Indian prisoners he was attacked with epileptic fits, on or about the 10th day of November, 1862, with which he was afflicted during the remainder of his service in the Army, and from which resulted curvature of the spine. He also alleges that he still suffers from said afflictions.

Harry J. Gillhom testifies that he was captain of claimant's company, and that claimant was a sound, healthy man when enlisted, and that during his said service claimant was attacked with epileptic fits; that prior to the time of his attack claimant was a good soldier and took part in all the engagements with the Indians in Minnesota in 1862; and he states further that he has personal knowledge of the above facts.

Dr. W. W. Webb testifies that he was well acquainted with claimant previous to his removal to the State of Minnesota in 1859, and that at that time he was a very sound, healthy man.

Dr. William Parlmen testifies that he is a regular practicing physician and a near neighbor of claimant before his enlistment, and that at said time the claimant was sound physically and free from epilepsy or curvature of the spine.

Claimant's mother makes the same statement, and the further statement that since his return from the Army he has been afflicted with fits and curvature of the spine.

The claim was rejected because claimant's discharge contains the clause that he was discharged from the service on account of "epileptic fits which existed prior to enlistment."

The committee think the evidence preponderates greatly in favor of this claim, and recommend that the bill do pass.