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Report : Petition of H. Van Trees

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 28, 1884.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. CULLOM, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 562.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 562) granting a pension to H. E. Van Trees, report as follows :

That the facts in this case, which has twice been acted on favorably by the House of Representatives, are correctly set forth in the accompanying report of the House committee, which is adopted by this committee, which is as follows:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 562) granting a pension to H. E. Van Trees, submit the following report :

We find that H. E. Van Trees was enrolled in Kansas State Militia by governor of Kansas, on the 3d day of September, 1874, and on the 23d day of December, 1874, was mustered into service as first lieutenant, and ordered at once into active service to repel an Indian invasion in Western Kansas. On the 8th day of January, 1875, while the command was in active service, Lieutenant Trees was ordered to proceed to Hutchinson for supplies. While on the way they were overtaken by a terrible snow-storm, and Van Trees was so severely frozen as to render necessary the amputation of both his feet at the instep, rendering him a cripple for life.

Van Trees had previously served during the war of the rebellion, and distinguished himself by his brave and gallant conduct.

There is no doubt as to the facts in the case, but as the service rendered was for the State of Kansas, and in no way connected with the military service of the United States, the committee recommend that the bill do not pass.