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DAVID MCKINNEY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1885.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 7573.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7573) for the relief of David McKinney, submits the following report:

The evidence in this case fully sustains the following points:

(1) That the soldier enlisted for one year in Capt. Nathan Boone's company United States Mounted Rangers, August 4, 1832, and was discharged August 3, 1833.

(2) That about February, 1833, he was, with others, detailed to make and prepare a crossing over the Arkansas River near Fort Gibson for teams and wagons to cross, and while digging on the south bank of said river was struck on the right foot with a mattock in the hands of a fellow-soldier who was aiding the work, the mattock cutting through the foot and injuring the same severely.

(3) That said injury has never ceased to trouble him and impair his ability to perform manual labor.

(4) That on August 5, 1879, the soldier filed an application for a pension in the Pension Office, but the same was rejected "on the ground that there is no record of the alleged disability, and claimant cannot furnish satisfactory evidence of origin in the service."

In addition to the above the soldier alleges, under oath, that about June 1, 1833, while out from camp with others after meat, he was shot by an Indian through the left leg with an arrow; that he was taken prisoner and held captive for five weeks and then escaped and joined his company.

The claimant, as reasons for not making an application for a pension sooner, says, under oath, that he was too proud to ask it, and as long as he was able to do anything was content with such living as he could earn, but that now his physical infirmities are such that he feels compelled to ask aid of the Government in the form of a pension. The soldier is now seventy-three years old.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

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