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MARY H. STACY.

JANUARY 23, 1889.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3883.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3888) granting a pension to Mary H. Stacy submit the following report:

That the bill granting a pension to the beneficiary named herein was referred to the Committee on Pensions; that committee made a favorable report, which is hereto annexed and made part hereof. This committee, after carefully examining the papers, believe this to be a meritorious case, and they therefore recommend that the bill do pass, with an amendment striking out the word "fifty" in the seventh line, and inserting the word "thirty."

[House Report No. 3694. Forty-ninth Congress, second session.]

The record in the civil, naval, and military service of the United States of Brevet Lieut. Col. M. H. Stacy, late United States Army, the husband of May H. Stacy, is specially meritorious.

At nineteen years of age he accompanied General Beale on his United States survey across the continent to California, returning by ship via Calcutta and Cape of Good Hope. He then joined the U. S. S. *Crusader* as master's mate, and subsequently served in the Coast Survey. Upon the outbreak of the rebellion he was appointed first lieutenant Twelfth United States Infantry, May 14, 1861, and assisted in the organization of the First Battalion at Fort Hamilton, accompanying it to the Peninsula. At Gaines's Mill he received a severe wound, carrying the bullet in his side until, and causing, his death. As adjutant of his battalion he served at second Bull Run, Antietam, and Fredericksburgh. Being temporarily disabled from field service by a severe fall from his horse he was on duty at Fort Hamilton in 1863, and assisted, with his company, in quelling the draft riots in New York in July of that year.

Returning to the field he participated in the Wilderness campaign, and was present in all the battles of the Fifth Corps from the Rappahannock to the James. As aid-de-camp to General Ayers he served in front of Petersburgh and at the Weldon Road, winning two brevets for special gallantry in battle.

Promoted captain Twelfth Infantry August 19, 1864, he was appointed commissary of musters, Second Army Corps, and saw hard service as aid-de-camp under Generals Hancock and Humphreys at Boydton Plank Road, Hatcher's Run, etc., and throughout the closing campaign, and was again breveted for distinguished services.

From 1864 to 1869 he served on the staffs of Generals Canby and Emory as aid-de-camp, and then was ordered, with his regiment, to the Pacific coast, where he served for fourteen years in California, Nevada, and Arizona; after that he was stationed at Plattsburgh and Fort Ontario.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Stacey died at Fort Ontario, New York, February 12, 1886, from paralysis, caused by the wounds he received in the service of the Government while on duty, leaving his wife and three children in needy circumstances. They are at present dependent upon the small pension allowed under existing laws for support.

The committee recommend that the bill do pass. They append the official record of his military services.

Stacy, M. H. Born in Pennsylvania; appointed from Pennsylvania first lieutenant Twelfth United States Infantry May 14, 1861; at Fort Hamilton, New York harbor, to March 5, 1862; at the siege of Yorktown and operations around Richmond, to battle of Gaines's Mill, Va., June 27, 1862 (wounded); acting adjutant first battalion Twelfth Infantry; adjutant first battalion Twelfth Infantry, August; with battalion as adjutant at second battle of Bull Run August 30, 1862; Maryland campaign, ending with battle of Antietam; Virginia campaign, ending with battle of Fredericksburgh, December 11, 12, and 13; seriously injured by a fall from his horse on December 25, 1862; on temporary light duty in Washington, D. C., from latter part of January, 1863, until February, 1863; appointed battalion quartermaster third battalion Twelfth Infantry, February, 1863; on duty at Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor; sent temporarily to fort at Sandy Hook with Company F, second battalion Twelfth Infantry, June, 1863; on duty with that company during the draft riots in July, 1863; post adjutant, Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor, until November, 1863; joined first battalion Twelfth Infantry in the field early in December, 1863; relieved as quartermaster third battalion and appointed quartermaster first battalion Twelfth Infantry, February, 1864; engaged in the Wilderness campaign and with battalion until June 8, 1864, when appointed acting aid-de-camp to Brig. Gen. R. B. Ayers, commanding second division, Fifth Corps; promoted captain Twelfth Infantry, August 19, 1864; with General Ayers at explosion of the mine July 30, 1864; also operations around Petersburg, including battles on Weldon Railroad, 18th, 19th, and 21st of August, 1864; appointed commissary of musters of the Second Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, September, 1864, and held the position until the corps was disbanded at the close of the war, June 30, 1865, participating in battles on the Boydton Plank Road, Armstrong's Mills, Hatcher's Run, and operations terminating with the surrender of the rebel army under General R. E. Lee; brevet captain U. S. Army, for gallant and meritorious services at the battles on the Weldon Railroad, Virginia; brevet-major for gallant and meritorious services in the campaign ending in the surrender of General R. E. Lee; brevet lieutenant-colonel, U. S. Army, for gallant and efficient services in the engagements on the Weldon Railroad, Virginia; on recruiting service from July, 1865, to September, 1866; joined regiment in Washington, D. C., September 4, 1866; aid-de-camp to commander of Department of Washington, from September 6, 1867, until March 22, 1869; acting assistant inspector-general, Department of Washington, from September 18, 1868, to March, 1869; department discontinued; went with regiment to Department of California; stationed at Fort Mojave, Arizona, from June, 1869, to February, 1871, most of the time commanding post; at Angel Island, Cal., from March 7, 1871, to May, 1872; commanding at Camp McDermitt, Nevada, June and July, 1872; commanding Camp Halleck, Nevada, from July 20, 1872, to June 23, 1874; recorder of infantry equipment board to December, 1874; rejoined for duty at Camp Halleck, Nevada, December 22, 1874; detailed on recruiting service October 1, 1876, to October 1, 1878; commanding Fort Thomas, Arizona, from December, 1878, to June, 1880; absent sick, until 1881; on duty at Fort Grant, Ariz., June, July, and August, 1881; ordered to Fort Yuma, California, in September; in the field in pursuit of hostile Apache Indians from September to November, 1881; commanding Fort Lowell, Arizona, till September 9, 1882; commanding at Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, from September 17, 1882.