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GEORGE FITZCLARENCE.

FEBRUARY 28, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 755.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 755) granting a pension to George Fitzclarence, submit the following report:

That the facts in this case are very clearly and fully set forth in the Senate report, which is adopted by this committee.

[Senate Report No. 103, Fifty-first Congress, First Session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill granting a pension to George Fitzclarence, have examined the same and report:

This soldier enlisted April 10, 1865, as a private in Company F, Fourth Regiment California Volunteer Infantry. He had formerly served an enlistment, commencing March 27, 1862, to March 27, 1865, in Company B, First Washington Territory Volunteers. He was discharged from his second service November 30, 1865. On September 17, 1887, he filed an application for pension, alleging that he contracted rheumatism and disease of the kidneys in California, October 15, 1865. The claim was rejected by the Commissioner of Pensions, October 25, 1888, on the ground there is no record in the War Department of alleged rheumatism and disease of kidneys, and no evidence on file showing incurrence of said disabilities while in service, and claimant states his inability to furnish such evidence.

The claimant states further in his application that these disabilities were contracted while en route from Fort Humboldt, Cal, with Indian prisoners, to Grand Ronde Valley, California, having no surgeon with the command. He was discharged in about six weeks afterwards. He states that he has since been treated in the City Hospital at Little Rock, Ark.; at City Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; also at the poor-farm, in Pottawatomie County, Kans.; and that he is unable to find any of his comrades, and that he is unable to make a living. He is now an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kans. He furnishes the affidavits of Dr. M. A. Malord and Dr. J. W. Fulton, showing treatment for rheumatism and disease of kidneys; and the board of examining surgeons, at Leavenworth, Kans., rate him at four eighteenths for rheumatism.

The fact that this old soldier, after an honorable service of nearly four years, has had to be cared for by the supervisors of the poor, warrants your committee in recommending the passage of the bill.