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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 28, 1892.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 1220.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1220) granting a pension to Eliza K. Starr, have examined the same and report:

Col. Samuel H. Starr, husband of Eliza K. Starr, died November 23, 1891, leaving his widow, who is now 65 years of age, without adequate means of support. Col. Starr's military career is briefly stated as follows: He enlisted as private Fourth United States Artillery October 27, 1832; was promoted corporal January 1, 1834, and discharged a sergeant. He reenlisted as private United States Engineers, June 23, 1846, was promoted corporal August 1, 1846, sergeant November 1, 1846, and discharged for promotion July 13, 1848.

He was appointed second lieutenant United States dragoons July 13, 1848; promoted first lieutenant November 10, 1851; captain June 14, 1858; major Sixth United States Cavalry April 25, 1863; was appointed colonel Fifth New Jersey Volunteers August 24, 1861, and resigned October 20, 1862, to return to his regiment; he was acting brigadier-general United States volunteers, and in command of Second New Jersey Brigade, from November, 1861, to May, 1862; he was retired with rank of colonel December 15, 1870, for loss of right arm and wounds received in line of duty. He saw large service in the Creek, Seminole, and Mexican wars, as well as the war of 1861, and distinguished himself everywhere. He died November 23, 1891, at Philadelphia, Pa.

In view of Col. Starr's meritorious services the committee feel warranted in recommending the passage of the bill, with the following amendment: Strike out the word "fifty" in line 9 and insert instead the word "thirty."