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ANNA RODGERS MACOMB.

JUNE 2, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 3101.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3101) granting a pension to Anna Rodgers Macomb, submit the following report recommending the adoption of the Senate report, which is as follows:

The claimant is the widow of John N. Macomb, late a colonel in the Engineer Corps of the U. S. Army.

His Army record is hereto appended:

“John Navarre Macomb was cadet at the Military Academy from September 1, 1828, to July 1, 1832, when he was graduated and commissioned brevet second lieutenant, Fourth Artillery; went on the Black Hawk expedition; was employed on topographical duty; served as aid-de-camp to Major-General Macomb, general-in-chief until 1836, when he was put in charge of construction of roads in Michigan, of survey of Detroit River; also assistant in the survey of Northwestern lakes. In 1851 he was promoted to be captain of topographical engineers, and was in charge of that important and successful work, the lake survey. In 1856 he was ordered to New Mexico as chief topographical engineer of that department; he constructed several valuable military roads and made an exploration of the San Juan River and region extending from Santa Fé to the junction of the Grand and Green Rivers of the great Colorado of the West. In 1859 on light-house duty as engineer of the Fifth district. In 1861, chief topographical engineer on the staff of General McClellan; in 1862, with General McDowell on the Rappahannock, engaged in the battle of Cedar Mountain; 1863, in Washington preparing military maps; ordered to Portsmouth, N. H., to take charge of fortifications of Portsmouth Harbor and of Newburyport. In 1865 made brevet colonel for faithful and meritorious service. In 1866, superintending engineer of improvement of Western rivers, headquarters at Cincinnati. In 1870, in charge of the improvement of the Upper Mississippi; improvement of Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, and of the construction of Rock Island Bridge; improvement of Illinois River; of the Des Moines Rapids; survey of Hennepin ship-canal, etc.; 1877 colonel Macomb was in charge of the defenses and harbor improvements of Delaware Bay and River; of Schuylkill and Shrewsbury Rivers, New Jersey; and was presiding member of many boards for the consideration of important engineering questions up to the time of his retirement, June 30, 1882.

“During half a century of continuous service Colonel Macomb devoted himself to the interest of the Government; he won the respect of every man who came in contact with him, whether officer or civilian.

“His business methods were so accurate and so careful that in disbursing millions nothing was lost, wasted, or misapplied.

“His widow asks that she be granted a pension in recognition of her husband's long and faithful performance of duty.”

Your committee are of the opinion that such a record demands special consideration. In recognition of Colonel Macomb's long and distinguished services, the passage of the bill is recommended.