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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 18, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BURNSIDE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill S. 1311.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1311) for the relief of Edward Byrne, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report :

Edward Byrne entered the service on the 1st of August, 1861, as second lieutenant in the Eleventh New York Volunteers, and promoted to first lieutenant on the 15th of February, 1862, and resigned from that regiment April 17, 1862. He re-entered the service the following October as first lieutenant in the One hundred and seventieth New York Volunteers, and promoted captain January 28, 1863. On August 21, 1863, he was discharged from that regiment to receive promotion to the rank of major of the Eighteenth New York Cavalry, and was promoted to lieutenant-colonel October 11, 1865. He served with his regiment in the field a portion of the time; a portion of the time he was in arrest and under trial by general court-martial, and absent sick and on detached service until mustered out with regiment May 31, 1866. He was appointed captain in the Regular Army, Tenth Cavalry, on the 28th of August, 1866, and was on recruiting service in Tennessee and Kentucky to May, 1867. After that he was *en route* to and with his regiment in Kansas and Indian Territory until honorably mustered out of service, January 1, 1871. It seems that this officer was mustered out in the regular way, under the law reducing the Army, at the same time that a large number of other officers were mustered out, and your committee see no reason for the reinstatement of this officer which would not apply to all the other officers mustered out at the same time.

Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill, report it adversely, and recommend its indefinite postponement.