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SHARP NOSE, INDIAN SCOUT.

AUGUST 1, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 3332.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3332) granting a pension to Sharp Nose, a war chief of the Northern Arapahoe Indians, have considered the same and report as follows:

Sharp Nose, who resides on the Shoshone Indian Reservation, and whose post-office address is Fort Washakie, Fremont County, Wyo., served as a scout and guide with the United States troops on the Western frontier. Evidence of his services and the estimation in which he was held by the President of the United States and by distinguished Army officers are fully set forth in the following letters:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebr., May 29, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith papers relating to the case of Sharp Nose, war chief of the Northern Arapahoes, late an Indian scout at Fort Washakie, Wyo., who is an applicant for a pension. As it appears from the inclosed copy of letter from the War Department that his case does not come within the provisions of the general pension laws, it is urgently requested that you present his case to the next Congress in the shape of a private pension bill. His long and faithful service to the United States seems to merit favorable consideration by Congress, and it is hoped that this deserving Indian may thus secure from the hands of the Government a much-needed assistance.

I inclose herewith a draft of a bill that would cover his case, but if it is not in proper form please change it.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN R. BROOKE,
Brigadier-General, Commanding.

HON. HENRY A. COFFEEN, M. C.,
Sheridan, Wyo.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, D. C., May 9, 1881.

GOOD FRIEND: Mr. Ballou has just presented to me the handsome pipe which you so generously sent. It affords me great pleasure to accept this gift, not alone for its beauty, but because it is an evidence that I have in Sharp Nose a friend whose fidelity I can rely upon.

As such a token it shall ever be held by
Your friend,

J. A. GARFIELD.

SHARP NOSE,
War Chief of Northern Arapahoes.

A true copy.

JOE C. BEARDSLEY,
Second Lieutenant, Eighth Infantry, Post Adjutant.

FORT WASHAKIE, WYO., *January 2, 1893.*

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 23, 1893.

SIR: Referring to your indorsements of February 21, 1893, and March 28, 1893, on papers relating to Sharp Nose, late an Indian scout, and transmitted with a view to obtain a pension for him, if possible, I have the honor to inform you, by direction of the Major-General Commanding the Army, that the Department of the Interior states that, as the disability of Sharp Nose was not incurred while he was in the service of the United States, he does not come within the provisions of the general pension laws.

The Secretary of War has remarked that no further action in the matter can be taken by this Department, but that it would be a kind act to prepare a bill and put it into the hands of a member of Congress who would interest himself in the matter.

The recommendations (4) transmitted in the original letter are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

WM. J. VOLKMAR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

The COMMANDING GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,
Omaha, Nebr.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE, IN THE FIELD,
Camp Robinson, Nebr., October 20, 1877.

Sharp Nose, one of the principal chiefs of the Arapaho tribe of Indians, is one of the best specimens of his race on the American continent. He commanded the detachment of friendly Indian scouts in Gen. Mackenzie's attack upon the village of hostile Cheyennes, in the Big Horn Mountains, in November of last year.

Sharp Nose's behavior on that occasion, as well as at all times since, entitles him to the grateful consideration of all good citizens.

He is honest and friendly, and his word can be relied upon implicitly.

GEORGE CROOK,
Brigadier-General.

A true copy.

JOS. C. BEARDSLEY,
Second Lieutenant, Eighth Infantry, Post Adjutant.

FORT WASHAKIE, WYO., January 2, 1893.

FORT WASHAKIE, WYO., November 19, 1882.

To SHARP NOSE:

It gives me great pleasure to join Gen. Garfield and Gen. Crook in indorsing the reputation of Sharp Nose for uniform good conduct.

Faithfully,

O. O. HOWARD,
Brigadier-General U. S. Army.

A true copy.

JOE C. BEARDSLEY,
Second Lieutenant Eighth Infantry, Post Adjutant.

FORT WASHAKIE, WYO., January 2, 1893.

FORT RENO, OKLA., February 2, 1893.

SIR: I was not at Washakie when Sharp Nose met with his accident, and therefore know nothing of the occurrence except from hearsay. I have delayed answering your letter until I could see Lieut. H. W. Wheeler, Fifth Cavalry, who was on duty as assistant commissary of subsistence and acting assistant quartermaster at Fort Washakie at the time Sharp Nose was injured. He informs me that Sharp Nose was not in the service of the Government at the time.

I would recommend that the matter be referred to Col. Sheridan, assistant adjutant-general, Omaha, Nebr., who is a friend of Sharp Nose and I feel sure will do everything in his power to aid him.

Everybody acquainted with the history of the service rendered to the Army and settlers by Sharp Nose believe that he is entitled to a pension or some kind of help from the Government.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. M. HAYES,
Captain, Fifth Cavalry.

To Lieut. J. C. BEARDSLEY,
Eighth Infantry, Fort Washakie, Wyo.

Experience has shown that substantial recognition by the Government of loyal and faithful services on the part of friendly Indian chiefs is in the nature of a good investment, and in the light of the disabled condition of Sharp Nose and the long, faithful, and always reliable services rendered by him your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

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