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JAMES H. PRESTON.

MARCH 22, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1759.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1759) granting a pension to James H. Preston, have considered the same and report:

Claimant enlisted as a private in Company A, Griffin's battalion, for service in Mexican war, on July 4, 1848, and served until November 7, 1848, when he was discharged by reason of the expiration of his term of service. It will be seen that he enlisted on the day on which peace was declared with Mexico, and therefore did not see the sixty days' service in the war necessary to entitle him to a service pension as a Mexican war veteran under the provisions of the law of January 29, 1887, although he actually served four months. An application for pension under the general law, for piles contracted in the service, was rejected on the ground that there was no evidence of origin of piles in the service.

It appears that at the conclusion of the war the battalion of which claimant was a member was sent to guard the supply trains leading from Fort Leavenworth to Santa Fe against the attacks of predatory bands of Comanche Indians. The hardships and dangers of this class of service were undoubtedly as great as any that could have been incurred with the Army in Mexico. Whether the disabilities mentioned by claimant are owing to this service or not we are unable to say, but the record of his service on its face warrants your committee in recommending that the bill pass, asking as he does only \$8 per month, the minimum amount now received by Mexican war veterans.