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EVA W. BRANNAN.

MAY 24, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 717.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 717) granting an increase of pension to Eva W. Brannan, widow of the late Maj. Gen. John Milton Brannan, United States Army, have examined the same and report:

The military record of Major-General Brannan is as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December —, 1896.

Statement of the military service of the late John Milton Brannan, of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office.

REGULAR ARMY RECORD.

He entered the United States Military Academy September 1, 1837; was graduated July 1, 1841, and was subsequently appointed and promoted as follows: Brevet second lieutenant, First Artillery, July 1, 1841; second lieutenant, May 16, 1842; first lieutenant, March 3, 1847; regimental adjutant, April 17, 1847, to November 4, 1854; captain, November 4, 1854; (brigadier-general of volunteers, September 28, 1861; honorably mustered out of volunteer service, May 31, 1866;) major, First Artillery, August 1, 1863; lieutenant-colonel, Fourth Artillery, January 10, 1877; transferred to First Artillery, March 16, 1877; colonel, March 15, 1881; retired, April 19, 1882; died, December 16, 1892.

He received the following brevets: Captain, August 20, 1847, for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, Mexico; lieutenant-colonel, September 25, 1862, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Jacksonville, Fla.; colonel, September 20, 1863, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Chickamauga, Ga.; brigadier-general, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services in the campaign against Atlanta, Ga., and major-general, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services in the field during the war.

SERVICE.

He joined his regiment October 1, 1841, and served with it in New York and New England, to August 22, 1845; at Fort Pickens, Fla., to November 17, 1845; at Fort Wood, La., to March 3, 1846; on recruiting service to May 5, 1846, and with regiment in the military occupation of Texas and in the war with Mexico, to September 13, 1847.

He was engaged in the following operations and battles: Siege of Vera Cruz, March 9 to 28, 1847; Cerro Gordo, Mexico, April 17 and 18, 1847; Pass of La Hoya, Mexico, June 20, 1847; Hacienda de Oka Lake, Mexico, August 16, 1847; San Antonio, Contreras, and Churubusco, Mexico, August 19 and 20, 1847; and assault on the city of Mexico, September 13, 1847, where he was severely wounded at the Belen Gate.

He was in hospital, on account of wounds, in the city of Mexico, from September 13, 1847, to January, 1848; on duty with regiment in Mexico, to August, 1848; en route to and at Fort Columbus, N. Y., to November 1, 1850; at New Orleans Barracks, La., to May 14, 1851; at Pensacola, Fla. (on leave October 1 to December 4, 1851), to February 23, 1852; at Fort Brooke, Fla., to January, 1853; at Pensacola, Fla., to November 15, 1853; at Fort Monroe, Va., to October 25, 1856; commanding company in Florida, and engaged in the Seminole Indian war, to September 13, 1858; on leave to March 7, 1859; and commanding company and post at Key West Barracks, Fla., to October 23, 1861. (He served in volunteer forces October 23, 1861, to May 31, 1866.)

He was on leave and on delay from May 31, to November 6, 1866; commanding post of Fort Trumbull, Conn., to February 22, 1870; post of Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. (and commanding United States troops at Ogdensburg, N. Y., during threatened Fenian raids into Canada, May 25, to June 4, 1870), to November 1, 1872; Fort Barrancas, Fla., to December 17, 1875; Fort Trumbull, Conn. (in the meantime commanding battalion of troops in South Carolina and Florida, October 23, to December 19, 1876, and in Pennsylvania during labor strikes July 23, to August 16, 1877, and on leave and sick leave January 24, to May 5, 1880), to December 8, 1880; on leave to January 20, 1881; on duty in New York City, as member of court-martial, to June 10, 1881, and on sick leave until retired April 19, 1882, in conformity with section 1244 Revised Statutes.

He died December 16, 1892, in New York City, N. Y.

GEO. D. RUGGLES, *Adjutant-General.*

General Brannan's services during the late civil war were conspicuously valuable. The record shows that he was appointed brigadier-general of volunteers September 28, 1861, to rank from the same date. He accepted the appointment October 3, 1861; was brevetted major-general, United States Volunteers, to date January 23, 1865, and was honorably mustered out of the volunteer service to date May 30, 1866, in special orders from the War Department.

During his service as an officer of volunteers he held command as follows: Third Brigade, Smith's division, Army of the Potomac; Department of Key West; southern district, Department of the South; United States forces, Port Royal Island; Department of the South; First Division, Twenty-first Army Corps; Third Division, Fourteenth Army Corps; chief of artillery, Department of the Cumberland; district of Savannah, Ga., and Department of Georgia.

A letter from John L. Clem, of Atlanta, Ga., department commander of the Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic, says that Mrs. Brannan is absolutely without means of support except her pension of \$30 per month. Letters from Mrs. Brannan, who is a resident of Marietta, Ga., to Senator Hawley, are also in the possession of the committee, written more than a year ago, appealing for help. She calls attention to her extreme poverty, and also to the fact that her husband served the Government for forty-one years, at one time being in charge when seven deaths per day from yellow fever occurred in the garrison.

Your committee regret that the consideration of this most meritorious bill has been so long delayed. Its prompt passage is recommended with the following amendments:

In line 7, after the word "Army," insert the words "and pay her a pension:" in the same line fill the blank by inserting the word "fifty," and in line 8 strike out the words "which pension shall be."

Amend the title by striking therefrom all after the word "Brannan."