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JOSEPH HOOKER WOOD.

FEBRUARY 28, 1899.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7416.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7416) authorizing the placing of the name of Joseph Hooker Wood upon the retired list of the United States Army, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel of cavalry, report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

Amend title of bill by striking out the word "lieutenant-colonel" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "first lieutenant."

In line 8 strike out the word "lieutenant-colonel" and insert in lieu thereof the words "first lieutenant."

Colonel Wood enlisted as a private in the Second United States Cavalry, and was promoted from the ranks to a commissioned officer. He rendered good and gallant service in the civil war, and later in the campaign against the Sioux Indians.

He was twice brevetted for gallant and meritorious services. He received in action a gunshot wound through the lower part of the body. His record both as a volunteer and Regular Army officer is excellent.

Colonel Wood is now a respected citizen of Chicago, Ill. His military record, as compiled by the Adjutant-General's Office and by the Record and Pension Office of the War Department, is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 17, 1898.

Statement of the military service of Joseph Hooker Wood, late of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office.

REGULAR ARMY RECORD.

He was enlisted as a private in the Second United States Cavalry February 24, 1863, with a view to an appointment as second lieutenant. He was appointed second lieutenant, Sixth Cavalry, February 25, 1863; promoted to be first lieutenant October 20, 1864, and resigned May 7, 1867.

He was brevetted first lieutenant July 3, 1863, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., and captain July 28, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in the campaign against Sioux Indians.

SERVICES.

He joined his regiment March 4, 1863, and served with it in the Army of the Potomac to July 3, 1863, when wounded in action near Gettysburg, Pa. In this engagement he fell into the hands of the enemy, and was paroled.

He was absent on account of wound to September 16, 1863, when he was granted indefinite leave of absence from his regiment to accept a commission in the New York Volunteers, under which he served from September 16, 1863, to August 10, 1865. Early in 1864 he was detached from his regiment, Fifteenth New York Cavalry, and assigned to duty in the Department of the Northwest, in consequence of his parole or promise not to serve in the field against the enemy until exchanged.

He rejoined the Sixth Cavalry September 8, 1865, and served with it at Frederick, Md., to October, 1865; en route to and at Austin, Tex., to June, 1866; at New Orleans, La., to February 9, 1867, and was then on leave to March 30, 1867. He tendered his resignation March 24, 1867, which was accepted to take effect May 7, 1867.

He participated in the following battles, actions, etc.: Stoneman raid, Virginia, April 29 to May 7, 1863; Beverly Ford, Virginia, June 9, 1863; Bentons Mill, Virginia, June 17, 1863; Upperville, Va., June 21 and 22, 1863; Gettysburg, Pa., July 1 to 3, 1863.

THEO. SCHWAN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Case of Joseph Hooker Wood, late major Fifteenth New York Cavalry Volunteers, and lieutenant-colonel Second New York Mounted Rifles Volunteers.

A report in this case was furnished the Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate, on Senate bill No. 2834, second session Fifty-fifth Congress, January 10, 1898.

Following is a copy:

"The records show that Joseph H. Wood was enrolled and mustered into service September 16, 1863, at Albany, N. Y., as major of the Fifteenth New York Cavalry Volunteers, to serve three years, and was discharged as major April 14, 1865, to enable him to accept promotion. He was mustered in as lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment New York Mounted Rifles Volunteers April 15, 1865, and was mustered out and honorably discharged from the service with said organization as lieutenant-colonel August 10, 1865.

"No medical record has been found of this officer as a member of either of the above-named volunteer organizations. The medical records relating to the Sixth United States Cavalry on file in this office show that J. Wood, second lieutenant Company L of that organization, received a gunshot wound through the lower part of the body at the battle of Fairfield, Pa., July 3, 1863."

Since the date of the report quoted above the status of the case has not been changed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. C. AINSWORTH,
Colonel, U. S. A., Chief Record and Pension Office.

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE,
War Department, March 1, 1898.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.