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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 1, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 1809.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Army officers, praying that a pension be granted to Amos Chapman, scout, have carefully examined the same, and report:

That Amos Chapman, now resident at Camp Supply, Indian Territory, was employed as scout and guide for the "Indian Territory Expedition," commanded by Colonel and Brevet Major-General N. A. Miles, U. S. A.

On the 12th of September, 1874, while he and *five* others were conveying official dispatches from a camp of the expedition on McClellan Creek, Texas, to Camp Supply, Indian Territory, they were met, attacked, and surrounded near the Washita River, Texas, by a force of 125 hostile Kiowas and Comanches, whom they fought so stubbornly as to compel them to abandon the attack.

During this fight Amos Chapman received a wound that rendered the amputation of his leg necessary, and makes him incapable of providing for himself.

The above statement is certified to by the officers of the command in which he served, to wit:

Nelson A. Miles, colonel Fifth Infantry, commanding Indian Territory expedition;

C. C. Compton, major Sixth Cavalry, commanding battalion;

G. W. Baird, first lieutenant and adjutant, Fifth Infantry;

Frank D. Baldwin, first lieutenant, Fifth Infantry, and chief of scouts;

Dr. Cleary, post surgeon, U. S. A., Camp Supply;

who also recommend that a pension be granted him in recognition of his heroic services and valuable assistance to the Army.

Your committee would recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.