

JACOB PRICE.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 267.]

APRIL 15, 1856.

Mr. FAULKNER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Jacob Price, of Jefferson county, Virginia, praying a pension for wounds received in the Florida war, report:

That the memorialist was a mail-carrier previous to his connexion with the army, in which service he carried the mails through the most exposed part of Florida during the war with the Seminole Indians; that he then became attached to the army, as a private in company I, 3d regiment artillery, and was on some of the most hazardous marches whilst hostilities were raging in that Territory; that, whilst he was in that company, he was wounded in an engagement with the Indians, by a rifle-ball in the left shoulder; that by reason of this wound he was removed to Tampa bay, where he was confined in the hospital for two months. It appears that, as soon as the memorialist partially recovered from the effect of the wound, he resumed active service in the line of his military duty, and was in other Indian skirmishes, continuing in the army until the sending in of a flag of truce by the Indians, when he was marched to Fort King and was honorably discharged on the 1st of July, 1837.

The committee annex the certificate of the two surgeons who examined the petitioner's wound, who are proved to be eminent and skilful in their profession, by which it appears that he is not only incapacitated for military duty, but is one-fourth disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor on account of said wound.

The fact of his service and discharge, as set forth in his memorial, is fully sustained by the records of the Adjutant-General's office; and whilst the proof that he received his wound during his service in Florida was not deemed satisfactory by the Pension bureau, and is not as perfect as it might be, the committee entertain no doubt, from the evidence laid before them, that he was wounded whilst in the military service of the country, and that he ought to be allowed a pension.

They accordingly submit the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

Surgeons' certificate.

JUNE 24, 1852.

It is hereby certified that Jacob Price, a private in company I, in the 3d regiment of United States artillery, is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, viz : By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that in the month of May, in the year 1836, being engaged in a skirmish with the Seminole Indians, at or near a place called the Black Swamp in Florida, he received a wound in his left shoulder. The ball appears to have passed through near the joint of the shoulder, which partially deprives him of the use of that arm, and he is thereby not only incapacitated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is one-fourth disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor.

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