

MRS. CLARA A. THOMPSON.

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FEBRUARY 28, 1881.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. COFFROTH, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 7177.]

*The committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7177) granting a pension to Clara A. Thompson, submit the following report:*

Your committee find, on examination of the papers in this case, that petitioner asks a pension as the widow of Edmund F. Thompson, late captain Twelfth United States Infantry, who died of apoplexy December 16, 1880; that he enlisted November 2, 1864; that on account of his energy and attention to duty he was successively promoted to the rank of sergeant-major, second and first lieutenant, and, finally, to that of captain; that his service was mostly rendered on the Indian frontier; that while stationed at Fort Mohave, Ariz., the extreme heat brought on an attack of sun-stroke; subsequently, in 1877, while at Camp McDermott, Nev., he had another attack of sun-stroke, brought on by constant exposure to extreme heat in the discharge of his duties. His constitution was greatly impaired, and epilepsy manifested itself; the fits became more frequent and resulted in an apoplectic stroke, which ended his active and useful life at the early age of thirty-four years, after sixteen consecutive years of active service. His widow has four children, all under the age of ten years, to care for, and is apparently in a very destitute condition.

Your committee find, in view of all the facts, that the case is a very deserving one, and report favorably upon the bill, with the recommendation that a pension of \$28 per month be granted the petitioner.