

MARGARET S. HEINTZELMAN.

JULY 6, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 2726.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2726) granting an increase of pension to Margaret S. Heintzelman, have considered the same and now submit the following report:

After a careful consideration of this case the committee are of the opinion that the relief asked for ought to be granted, and therefore adopt the Senate report hereto appended and recommend the passage of the bill.

[Senate Report No. 1475, Fiftieth Congress, first session.]

The bill to place on the pension roll the name of Mrs. Margaret S. Heintzelman, widow of the late Maj. Gen. Samuel P. Heintzelman, deceased, and to pay her a pension at the rate of \$100 per month from and after the passage of this act, is most meritorious, and your committee is of the opinion that it should pass.

General Heintzelman entered the military service on July 1, 1822. He served with distinction in the Florida war, in the war with Mexico, and in expeditions against the Indians in California and Oregon. In May, 1861, he was appointed colonel U. S. Army and brigadier-general of the U. S. Volunteers, and in May, 1862, major-general of volunteers, and was engaged during the greater part of the late civil war in active field operations. At the battle of Bull Run, July, 1861, where he was wounded, and the Virginia peninsular campaign, in command of the Third Army Corps; at the siege of Yorktown; at the battle of Williamsburgh; at the battle of Fair Oaks; at the battle of Gaines' Mills, and at the battles of Savage Station, Glendale, where he was captured, and of Malvern Hill, in the northern Virginia campaign in the fall of 1862; at the battle of Manassas, August, 1862, and at the battle of Chantilly. He afterwards commanded the defense of Washington and the Department of Washington, and the Twenty-second Army Corps. He was breveted brigadier-general of the U. S. Army for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battle of Fair Oaks, and major-general of the U. S. Army for gallant and meritorious service at the battle of Williamsburgh.

After the close of the war he was in command in Texas and elsewhere until he was retired, by an special act of Congress, as major-general, for wounds received in the line of duty.

On the 1st of May, 1880, General Heintzelman died of disease contracted while in military service and the result of extreme exposure in the line of duty, and of wounds, as detailed above. Especial reference is made to the general orders issued by General Sherman (copy herewith attached) on the death of General Heintzelman, in which, summing up the extraordinary services rendered, General Sherman said: "When the war closed, no name on our register bore a more honorable record."

Mrs. Heintzelman is now receiving a pension at the rate of \$50 per month, but your committee consider that it is but just to her in her declining years to be paid a sum adequate to her needs, which her present pension does not meet.

The long and eminent service of her late husband, the wounds received and disease contracted while fighting the battles of his country, are deemed to be sufficient grounds for the increase asked for.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 30. }

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 1, 1880.

The General announces to the Army and the country the death of Maj. Gen. Samuel P. Heintzelman (retired), at his residence in this city at 1 o'clock this morning, at the age of seventy-five years.

Thus parts another link in the golden chain of memory which binds us to the past, and naught now remains of this noble soldier and gentleman except his example and the record of deeds which have contributed largely to the development and glory of his country in the last half century.

Samuel P. Heintzelman was born at Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., September 30, 1805; entered the Military Academy at West Point July 1, 1822; graduated in 1826; commissioned as brevet second lieutenant Third Infantry and second lieutenant Second Infantry July 1, 1826. In this capacity he served on the northern frontier at Forts Gratiot, Mackinac, and Brady, when on the 4th of March, 1833, he was appointed first lieutenant, and served on quartermaster's duty in Florida and the Creek country.

On the 7th of July, 1838, he was commissioned as captain of the staff in the Quartermaster's Department, remaining in Florida till the close of that war in 1842, and in 1847 joined General Scott's army in Mexico, taking an active part in several engagements, for which he was brevetted major October 9, 1847.

In 1848-'49 he accompanied his regiment around Cape Horn to California, and for several years was very busily employed in what is now the Territory of Arizona, receiving the brevet of lieutenant-colonel for his conduct in the campaign against the Yuma Indians, which terminated hostilities in that quarter.

March 3, 1855, he was promoted to major of the First Infantry, and served with that regiment on the Texas frontier, rendering most valuable service against the organized marauders under Cortinas, and contributing largely to the safety of that newly-acquired region of our country.

The civil war of 1861 found him at Fort Columbus, New York Harbor, superintending the general recruiting service, and with the ardor of his nature and with his whole soul and might he embarked in that terrible conflict; first, appointed colonel of the now Seventeenth Infantry, he was rapidly advanced to brigadier and major-general, holding high and important commands throughout the entire war, attaining the rank of major-general of volunteers and brevet major-general of the regular Army. A record of these services would pass the limits of this obituary notice, but when the war closed no name on our register bore a more honorable record.

On the 22d of February, 1869, having attained the age of sixty-five, and having served continuously in the Army forty-five years, he voluntarily retired, as major-general, and has since spent most of his time here in Washington till this bright day of May, 1880.

General Heintzelman was a man of an intense nature, of vehement action, guided by sound judgment and a cultivated taste. Universally respected and beloved, at a ripe old age he leaves us, universally regretted. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." May our end be as peaceful and as much deplored as his.

The funeral will take place from his residence, No. 1123 Fourteenth street, at 9 a. m., on Monday, May 3 instant, and will be escorted to the Sixth-street depot by a battalion of the Marine Corps and a battalion of the Second Artillery. The commanding officer of the artillery troops at the Washington Arsenal will detail an officer, a non-commissioned officer, and three men to accompany the remains to Buffalo, for final interment.

The officers of the Army in this city are requested to attend the funeral ceremonies on Monday.

By command of General Sherman.

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Adjutant-General.