

MRS. MARY M. ORD.

JUNE 14, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 2663.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2663) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mary M. Ord, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to submit the following report:

The beneficiary named in the bill is the widow of the late Maj. Gen. E. O. C. Ord.

Upon the death of General Ord the following order was issued by the War Department:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, July 24, 1883.

With profound sorrow the General of the Army announces the death, at Havana, Cuba, at 7 o'clock on the evening of the 22d instant, of Maj. Gen. Edward O. C. Ord, retired, and lately brigadier-general and brevet major-general on the active list.

General Ord was graduated at the Military Academy and appointed second lieutenant in the Third Artillery July 1, 1839. Having passed through the several grades, including that of lieutenant-colonel in the artillery arm, he received his appointment as brigadier-general of the permanent establishment on the 26th of July, 1866. He had, on the 14th of September, 1861, for service in war, been appointed brigadier-general of volunteers, and on the 2d of May, 1862, major-general of volunteers. He was mustered out of the volunteer service September 1, 1866.

For gallant services in action at Dranesville, Va., Iuka, Miss., the Hatchie, Miss., and at the assault of Fort Harrison, Va., he received, successively, the brevets of lieutenant-colonel, colonel, brigadier-general, and major-general, U. S. Army. He served in the Florida war against the Seminole Indians, on the Pacific coast in the war against Mexico, and in Indian campaigns on the same coast.

In the Army of the Potomac he was brigade and division commander, in the Army of the Tennessee he commanded the left wing from August to September, 1862, and subsequently he commanded, successfully, the Thirteenth, Eighth, Eighteenth, and Twenty-fourth Corps, and the Army of the James. He was severely wounded in the battle of the Hatchie, Miss., and was wounded in the assault and capture of Fort Harrison, Va.

Since the late war he has at different times commanded the Departments of Virginia, the Ohio, Arkansas, California, the Platte, Texas, and the Fourth Military District.

He was retired on the 6th day of December, 1880, and by act of Congress approved January 23, 1881, he became a major-general on the retired list. Retirement did not close his active life, for immediately thereafter he engaged in civil pursuits and continued therein until death suddenly came upon him.

Distinguished among his country's defenders, General Ord was a soldier of national repute. Through his long military service, reaching towards half a century, his career has been marked by faithful, devoted, and intelligent discharge of duty, by personal gallantry, by honest administration, and by a firmness which was not

weakened by his great kindness of heart. As his intimate associate since boyhood, the General here bears testimony of him that a more unselfish, manly, and patriotic person never lived.

By command of General Sherman.

GEO. D. RUGGLES,
Acting Adjutant-General.

Mrs. Ord is now in receipt of a pension of \$50 per month, under act of Congress, approved July 5, 1884. She was married to General Ord October 15, 1854, at San Francisco, Cal., and is now a resident of that State. Having exhausted her limited means in support of an invalid daughter, she is now poor and not able to maintain herself and daughter, who is dependent upon her on present pension, which is her only resource.

In view of her dependence and the long and eminent services of her gallant husband, your committee report favorably on the accompanying bill, and ask that it do pass, amending the same by striking out the words "one hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "seventy-five."

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