

JOHN MANN.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6763.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6763) granting a pension to John Mann, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant, John Mann, was a corporal in Company D, First United States Infantry, from November 18, 1841, to November 18, 1846. From the commencement of the Mexican war until the date of his discharge he was stationed at Fort Snelling, Ind. T. His pension claim for a service pension under the act of January 29, 1887, granting pensions to the survivors of the Mexican war, was rejected on the ground that claimant was not in Mexico, on the frontier thereof, or en route thereto during the war with that nation.

At the first session of the present Congress this committee favorably reported a bill, amendatory of the Mexican pension act, and by which pension is recommended to be allowed to those soldiers who, though not in Mexico, were stationed at forts and elsewhere in lieu of soldiers who were sent to the seat of war.

Under such an amendment this claimant would be entitled to pension.

Moreover, it appears in proof that this man, a non-commissioned officer, was detailed to remain at Fort Snelling to drill recruits who were subsequently sent to the seat of war.

Evidence before the committee shows that Mann is now over seventy years of age, in poor health, without property, and is supported along with his aged wife by two step-sons.

Your committee are of the opinion that a pension should be granted in this case, and hence report it back recommending its passage.