

WILLIAM BARNES.

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MAY 2, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. WILSON, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 2266.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2266) granting a pension to William Barnes, submit the following report:

It appears from the records in this case that William Barnes was enrolled at Hopkinsville, Ky., on 9th day of October, 1861, as a private in Company D, Third Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, and served with said command until December 26, 1864, when he was mustered out of service.

On the 4th day of September, 1882, he filed in the Pension Office an application for pension (No. 458930). On December 21, 1883, his claim was rejected by the pension board of review because the wound was received while on leave of absence and not in line of duty. The application of Barnes and the affidavits of Shelton Baker and Squire B. Agee, his comrades, show that while Company D, Third Kentucky Cavalry was camped near Paint Lick Bridge, in Girard County, Ky., in October, 1861, William Barnes, a member of said company and regiment, was granted a furlough to go to his home, 10 miles away, to remain over night. While returning to this command one chamber of his pistol was accidentally discharged, and he was wounded in the left thigh. The proof and the records show that William Barnes was a cavalry soldier and entitled to carry a pistol, and on account of this wound Barnes was not able to rejoin his command until March, 1864, and that by reason of said wound he is now partly disabled.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.