JOHN G. PAULEY

JUNE 25, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. GLYNN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 1133]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1133) for the relief of John G. Pauley, having considered the same, report thereon with the recommendation that the same do pass with the following amendment.

Line 8, before word "pension," insert "back pay, bounty, or."

This man appears to have been desirous of serving his country and enlisted before he was of age. His parents informed the military authorities of this fact and he was subsequently discharged without honor. Upon obtaining his majority, he enlisted in the marines and enjoyed a very creditable record, being honorably discharged as a sergeant, September 27, 1905.

Mr. Pauley resides at Buffalo, N. Y., and there is an abundance of evidence with the committee as to his good character and high reputation he enjoys in the community.

Your committee feels that inasmuch as his only offense was trying to serve the country while still under age, it should no longer be held against him.

CASE OF JOHN PAULEY, PRIVATE, COMPANY G, TWENTY-FIRST UNITED STATES INFANTRY

WARRANT DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
JANUARY 27, 1926.

The Secretary of War:

The records show that John Pauley (not found as John G. Pauley) was enlisted February 1, 1899, at Buffalo, N. Y., to serve three years; was assigned to Company G, Twenty-first United States Infantry, and was discharged without honor December 20, 1899, at Calamba, Philippine Islands, a private, per S. O. 253, dated A. G. O., October 30, 1899, for having enlisted under false pretenses.
The discharge of this soldier without honor having been duly carried into effect and being an accomplished fact, it is beyond the power of this department to alter or amend the records so as to make them show that he was honorably discharged or to issue to him a certificate of honorable discharge.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT C. DAVIS,
Major General, The Adjutant General.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
County of Erie, ss:

On this 16th day of December, 1925, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, John G. Pauley, who makes the following declaration:

That he enlisted February 1, 1899, at the age of 19 years, misstating his age as 21 years, in Company G, Twenty-first United States Infantry, without having obtained parental consent at time of enlistment. That he served honorably in said company and regiment in the United States and proceeded with it to Calamba, Luzon, Philippine Islands, when his parents, learning of his whereabouts, apprised the military authorities of his unlawful enlistment owing to his age and he was discharged from the service without honor at the latter named place by S. O. 253 A. G. O., Washington, D. C., dated October 30, 1899.

That his enlistment under age was not for the purpose of defrauding the Government, but was actuated solely by a youthful enthusiasm to serve under the colors with others whom he knew were enlisting at that time for service in the Philippines.

That in the next year, having reached his twenty-first year, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps September 28, 1900, serving therein a full five-year enlistment, being promoted through the various grades and receiving an honorable discharge as sergeant September 27, 1905. During this service he served from February 16, 1901, to July 8, 1904, on the U. S. S. New York, which was then the flagship of the Asiatic Fleet.

JOHN G. PAULEY,
30 Montana Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of December, 1925, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

ALBERT HAHN,
Notary Public, in and for Erie County, N. Y.