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DAVID BARKER

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MR. SHORTRIDGE, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5082]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5082) for the relief of David Barker, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon, without amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The bill meets with the approval of the Navy Department, as shown by the following letter from the Secretary of the Navy addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the Senate, and which is hereby made a part of this report.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 16, 1927.

THE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Replying further to the committee's communication of December 21, 1926, transmitting the bill (H. R. 5082) for the relief of David Barker, and requesting to be furnished with the views of the Navy Department relative to this measure, I have the honor to advise you as follows:

The bill provides that in the administration of the pension laws David Barker shall hereafter be held and considered to have been honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps August 1, 1900, at Mare Island, Calif.

The records of the Navy Department show that David Barker enlisted as a private in the United States Marine Corps on August 2, 1895, for five years, and was discharged on August 1, 1900, a private, upon report of a medical survey for physical disability, origin not in line of duty, with character "Fair." The disability in his case was found to be due to his own misconduct.

Barker served as a member of the marine detachment on board the U. S. S. *Boston* from November 18, 1895, to September 13, 1899, and was engaged in the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, and in the capture of Manila on August 13, 1898. As he enlisted on August 2, 1895, for five years, his enlistment expired on

August 1, 1900, and having been discharged on the latter date, he had served his entire enlistment at the date of his discharge.

This bill was referred to the Bureau of the Budget with the statement that the Navy Department contemplated making a favorable recommendation thereon. Under date of February 7, 1927, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advised the Navy Department that this report would not be in conflict with the financial program of the President.

In view of the foregoing, the Navy Department recommends that the bill H. R. 5082 be enacted.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS D. WILBUR, *Secretary of the Navy.*

