

DENNIS W. SCOTT

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MR. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 14664]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 14664) for the relief of Dennis W. Scott, having considered the same, reports thereon favorably with the recommendation that it pass.

The merits of this case are set forth in the attached report of the House Military Committee, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report, as follows:

[House Report No. 2228, Sixty-ninth Congress, second session]

The records of the War Department show that Dennis W. Scott was enrolled and mustered into service June 18, 1898, to serve two years as a private in Company K, First Missouri Infantry, and was mustered out and honorably discharged with the company October 21, 1898.

The records of the War Department further show that Dennis W. Scott enlisted July 15, 1899, as a recruit for Company B, Thirty-second United States Volunteer Infantry, to serve to June 30, 1901, and he was present with the company on the muster roll dated February 28, 1901. The regiment left Manila March 23, 1901, on the United States transport *Grant*; arrived at Nagasaki, Japan, March 28, 1901; left that port at 9 o'clock a. m. March 30, 1901; arrived at San Francisco, April 19, 1901; and was mustered out of service May 8, 1901, at San Francisco. On the muster-out roll of Company B, this man's name appears among the names of those mustered out, with the certificate, "Soldier not reported from absence without leave at date of forwarding this roll to A. G. May 10, 1901; S. P. Jocelyn, colonel, chief mustering officer." This roll also bears opposite this man's name, the remarks: "Absent without leave at Nagasaki, Japan, since March 30, 1901." On the company morning report of March 30, 1901, it is stated that he was absent without leave. Nothing has been found to show that he was authorized to be absent from his command between March 28 and 30, 1901.

Said Dennis W. Scott makes affidavit that when his vessel, the *Grant*, reached Nagasaki, Japan, on March 28, 1901, all of the company was granted shore leave. While on shore he (Scott) and one other man went across the bay, after having been informed that their ship would not leave until two days later. They returned to find that their ship had sailed. He (Scott) went immediately to the

American consul at Nagasaki, who informed him that he would be provided transportation on the next vessel, the *Egbert*, which was due within a few days. However, before the *Egbert* arrived a riot occurred between the marines of a British vessel and a French vessel and one British marine was killed. He being an eyewitness to the riot was summoned to accompany the French vessel to Marseille, where an investigation was to be held. He again sought the advice of the American consul, who advised him to accompany the vessel to Marseille, which he did. He asked the American consul to make report of the incident and his connection with it to the War Department at Washington and was under the impression that when he was able to return to the United States on a later transport he would be able to obtain an honorable discharge. After giving his testimony in the case he returned to United States to find that his company had been mustered out. He wrote to the War Department for an honorable discharge but was informed that his name appeared on their records as a deserter. He simply desires now that his record be corrected.

Affidavit from his first lieutenant, also detailed report from the War Department, are on file with the Committee on Military Affairs.



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