

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill S. 2774.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2774) to provide a pension for Mrs. Anna Etheridge Hooks, have considered the same, and report :*

Anna Etheridge, now Mrs. Anna Etheridge Hooks, shows in her petition that she entered the military service of the United States in May, 1861, among the first to respond to her country's call in its hour of need, with the Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry, determined to serve her flag as long and as faithfully as her comrade brothers in every duty which a woman could do. She remained during the entire war with the Second, Third, and Fifth Regiments Michigan troops, attached to the Army of the Potomac, returning home with the Fifth Michigan Volunteer Infantry (which was the Third and Fifth consolidated), in July, 1865.

She was in twenty-eight battles, as will appear from a list presented to her when camped near Jeffersonville, Ind., July 5, 1865, in which she shared with her commands the dangers of the field, having two horses shot under her, and the hardships of the camp hospital, under fire, dressing the wounds of the fallen, caring for the dying, and preparing and supplying from the stores in her care the nourishment and stimulants which alone could save the lives of many of our brave men.

During her four years' service she was in every battle in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged, except South Mountain and Antietam, when her division was temporarily detached and left in front of Washington.

She was also one of the few among the meritorious and distinguished non-commissioned officers and privates who received the "Kearney Cross," the division decoration.

She received no compensation whatever during the war for any services, and, more than that, expended a considerable amount out of her own funds for expenses in living, clothing, transportation, &c., for which she has never been recompensed in any way.

She is now poor and needy, has never recovered from the results of her long and arduous service, and now asks this recognition of her services, sacrifices, and disabilities incurred during the war.

Your committee report back the bill with a recommendation that the word "fifty" in line 5, be changed to "twenty-five," and with this amendment that the bill do pass.