

CLAIMS OF CITIZENS OF MONTANA FOR SERVICES IN NEZ
PERCÉS WAR.

JANUARY 23, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to
be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1320.]

*The committee, having had bill H. R. 1320 under consideration, respectfully
submit the following report:*

From the letter of Col. John Gibbon, of the Seventh Infantry, which
is herewith filed and asked to be made a part of this report, it appears
that in the expedition against the Nez Percés Indians in August, 1877,
thirty citizens of the Territory of Montana volunteered their services
and served with the United States troops in that expedition; that five
of the number were killed, four wounded, and twenty-one survived.

Your committee think, under the circumstances, that the services of
these men were invaluable to Colonel Gibbon and his command, and
that the amount allowed them of one dollar per day would not reach
the amount they would have received had they been regular soldiers,
entitled to clothing and other allowances.

A similar bill passed the House at the last Congress, went to the
Senate, and passed that body, but failed in the House on Senate amend-
ments for want of time.

Your committee unanimously recommend the passage of the bill.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF MONTANA,
Fort Shaw, Mont. Ter., September 5, 1877.

To ADJUTANT-GENERAL, U. S. A.
(Through Headquarters Department of Dakota),
Washington, D. C.:

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following-named citizens of Montana Ter-
ritory accompanied me as volunteers in the late expedition against the Nez Percés
Indians; most of them were in the battle on the 9th and remained faithfully with us
till the last.

Those who were killed and wounded are marked in the margin.

I trust some provision may be made by law by which these parties may be placed

on the same footing in regard to pay, allowances, pension, &c., as is now provided for soldiers duly mustered into the service of the United States.

John Armstrong. (Killed.)
 Jacob Baker. (Wounded.)
 Anthony Chaffin.
 Oscar Clark.
 Samuel Dunham.
 William Edwards.
 Fred. Held.
 Hubbard.
 Otto Lifer. (Wounded.)
 Amos Buck.
 J. B. Catlin.
 Samuel Chaffin.
 I. W. Davis.
 L. C. Elliott. (Killed.)
 Charles Hart.

Joseph Hull.
 Oscar Judd.
 Myron Lockwood. (Wounded.)
 Almond Lockwood. (Killed.)
 David Morrow. (Killed.)
 Squire Madding.
 M. F. Sherrill.
 Barnett Wilkinson.
 Michael Wright.
 Eugene Lent.
 Campbell Mitchell. (Killed.)
 William Ryan. (Wounded.)
 Thomas Sherrill.
 George Waide.
 Jerry Wallace.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN GIBBON,
Colonel Seventh Infantry, Commanding.

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