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## RELIEF OF CORDELIA EVANGELINE MITCHELL

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Mr. REED, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 1158]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1158) for the relief of Cordelia Evangeline Mitchell, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass.

This is a claim by the widow of a former soldier, who died more than nine years after discharge. The cause of death was heart disease, which had no connection with his military service.

The report of the Veterans' Administration is as follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, January 7, 1932.

HON. REED SMOOT,  
Chairman Committee on Finance,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: This is in reply to your letter of December 29, 1931, with which you forwarded for reply a copy of S. 1158, Seventy-second Congress, "A bill for the relief of Cordelia Evangeline Mitchell."

William S. Mitchell enlisted July 19, 1918, and was honorably discharged on July 8, 1919. While in the service he was treated from September 29 to October 7, 1918, at Camp Hospital No. 7, A. E. F., for influenza.

This deceased ex-service man did not file any claim for disability compensation during his lifetime. He died on January 25, 1928, from hemorrhage due to ruptured thoracic aortic aneurism, the death certificate showing that he was treated from January 18 to 24, 1928. Under date of March 10, 1928, the widow filed, Form 527, claim for death compensation, for herself and two minor children. This claim was disallowed due to the fact that the disability causing death could not be connected with the service. Under date of March 8, 1928, there was paid to Cordelia E. Mitchell as the widow of the deceased ex-service man, \$891 adjusted compensation.

It is noted that the bill as written provides for the payment of compensation to the widow at the rate fixed by section 200 of the World War veterans' act. It is believed that it was intended that the section read 201.

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It does not appear that the claim in this instance has any greater merit than many others wherein the veteran dies or has died of a nonservice connected disease or injury. It is, as you know, against the policy of the Veterans' Administration to recommend special legislation except where administrative error or legal technicality has worked detriment or disadvantage to the person in whose favor legislation is sought.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

