

CHINAMEN WHO GET PENSIONS.

**Ah Yu, Who Served on the Olympia,
Not the First on the Lists.**

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WASHINGTON, July 28.—The granting of a pension to Ah Yu of Shanghai, China, the other day led to a report that this sailor was the first Chinaman whose services had ever been rewarded in this way by the United States Government. Ah Yu served on the Olympia in 1897, and contracted a disease while in the service which entitled him to a pension.

The Rev. H. S. Stevens, who during the civil war was Chaplain of the Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers, denies that Ah Yu is the first Chinaman to receive a pension. He says that a pure-blooded Chinaman served under the name of Joseph Pierce as a Corporal in Company F, Fourteenth Connecticut, during the civil war. Mr. Stevens does not recall Pierce's Chinese name. Pierce joined the regiment on July 26, 1862, and served to the general muster-out on May 31, 1865.

"The regiment," said Mr. Stevens, "had an exceptional experience as to the number and severity of battles engaged in, hardships of campaigns, and casualties, and 'Our Joe,' as we all called him, was rarely off duty—a brave, capable, and faithful soldier."

Pierce, who now lives in Meriden, Conn., received a pension in 1891. Mr. Stevens says he thinks it probable that other Chinamen may have served under American names in the civil war.

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