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WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No. 417 L/C.
Case under G.O. 89, W.D. 1919.

October 24, 1919.

In the matter of the claim of)
Perry Lindsey, R.F.D. #2, Campo-) R E P O R T.
bello, S. C.)

This is a claim of Perry Lindsey, of Campobello, S. C., hereinafter referred to as the claimant, for damages in the amount of \$41.00, alleged to have been sustained by him as a result of the leasing of a tract of his land of about 17 1/2 acres, to the Chamber of Commerce, Sparrowsburg, S. C., and leased by the said Chamber of Commerce, under blanket lease, to the United States, for the purposes of an artillery and small arms target range, which land is more particularly described as being in Glassy Mountain Township, Greenville County, S. C., and adjoining lands of Rachel Lindsey and Melinda Howard on the North, Mrs. R. V. Howard on the East, Arthur Howard on the south and Rachel Lindsey on the West. The claim is itemized as \$16.00 damage to buildings, \$25.00 for crops destroyed.

This claim was considered by a board of Officers convened pursuant to paragraph 9, Special Orders No. 22, Headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, S. C., dated January 22nd, 1919.

The Local Board made an examination of claimant's land and buildings, and heard testimony, and as a result the Board ascertained that the land of claimant was near an artillery target position. From the testimony it was found that 300 feet of ceiling was taken from claimant's house and carried away; that 10 small lights, 2 large lights and 2 sash were broken out of the house.

The Board was of the opinion that \$16.00 was fair and reasonable reimbursement for this damage.

The testimony of claimant was to the effect that when this property was taken over by the Government; (that is, November 27th, 1917, the date of the blanket lease), he had a large amount of corn and about 5 acres of peas. Claimant states that he was given notice by the officers in charge that it would be dangerous for him to remain on his farm, and they advised him to take off the most valuable of his crops so as to make the damage the Government would have to pay, as small as possible. Claimant states that he had 5 acres of peas which

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should have been harvested before he began harvesting the corn, but having received this notice, he decided to save as much of his corn as possible, as that was the most valuable crop, and that he did save 400 bushels, but that by the time he had removed this amount of corn, the 5 acres of peas were of no value, and were a total loss. Claimant estimates his loss at the rate of 5 bushels per acre on 5 acres, or 25 bushels, worth \$2.00 per bushel, or deducting one dollar per bushel for harvesting, that his net loss was \$25.00. This is at the rate of \$5.00 per acre, and the Local Board considered this item of the claim to be reasonable.

A copy of the lease which is in evidence, shows that the land owner is to be reimbursed on account of loss of crops due to inability to enter upon the leased land and harvest same, and it is thought that claimant's inability to harvest these 5 acres of peas was due to the result of Government occupancy and use of his land as a target range.

The Local Board recommended that claimant be reimbursed in the amount of \$15.00 damage to buildings and \$25.00 damage due to loss of crop.

Claimant has agreed to accept the sum of \$41.00 in full and complete satisfaction of his claim, and releases the Government from any and further obligations and responsibility for the said land.

In view of the above facts, I recommend that claimant be awarded damages in the amount of \$41.00, in full and complete satisfaction of his claim.

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By W. S. VALENTINE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Member.

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Adopted October 30, 1919,
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By J. L. KNOWLTON,
Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps,
Chairman.

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