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REAL ESTATE SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

~~November 8th, 1919~~

Mr. Will J. Roach,
Gastonio, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your claim against the United States for damage to property sustained by you as a result of Government occupancy of your land near Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, has been acted upon by the War Department Board of Appraisers and said Board has recommended that an award issue in your favor in the sum of \$65.00 in full and complete satisfaction of same.

This recommendation is today being forwarded to the Director of Finance for final settlement, and it is suggested that should you desire any further information concerning same, that you communicate direct with that office.

Yours truly,

G. F. WOODS,
Director, Real Estate Service.

By:
J. C. WHITAKER,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Fiscal Assistant.

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(Claim of Will J. Roach, Gastonia, N.C.) 2nd Ind. (S 11/18/19)

War Dept., Real Estate Service, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C., Nov. 6th, 1919. - To the Director of Finance.

1. Forwarded. Synopsis made on claim No. 415 L/C.
2. In order that our files may be completed, it is requested that this office be informed when final settlement is made on claim 415 L/C.

By authority of the Director, Real Estate Service:

J. C. WHITAKER,
Lt. Col., G.H.C.,
Fiscal Assistant.

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File No. 418 1/4

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The Department Board of Appraisers, Purchase, Storage and Traffic Division,
General Staff, War Office Building, Washington, D. C., December 7, 1919.
To the Director of Finance (through the Post Office Service.)

1. The attached claim is being forwarded for the action of the
Director of Finance, in compliance with Paragraph 2, General Order No.
100, War Department 1919.

2. The report of the Board of Appraisers, the proceedings of the
Board of Officers which investigated the claim, and the correspondence
connected with the case are herewith inclosed.

3. The report of the Board of Appraisers recommends that an
award in the amount of \$55.00 be made in favor of Will J. Smith, Captain,
U. S. Army, the claimant, in full settlement for all claims for loss or damage
of the said claimant arising under said claim.

Very respectfully,
Yours truly,

J. L. HENNING,
Colonel, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS
MUNITIONS BLDG., 19TH & B STS.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No. 415 I/C.

October 24, 1919.

Case under A.O. 39, W.D. 1519.

In the matter of the claim of)
Will J. Koch, Gastonia, N. C.) REPORT.

This is a claim of Will J. Koch, of Gastonia, N. C., for \$50.00 damage to buildings and \$50.00 damage to fruit trees, alleged to have been sustained by him as a result of Government occupancy of his land consisting of 137 acres, leased by him to the Chamber of Commerce, Gastonia, N. C., and by the said Chamber of Commerce, under special lease, to the United States for the purpose of an artillery and small arms target range, which land is more particularly described as being situated in Halsey Mountain Township, Greenville County, N. C., and adjoining lands of George Farmer on the North, J. H. Goddard on the West, Joshua Lindsay & D. H. Evans on the South and Mrs. Shankle on the East.

This claim was considered by a local board convened pursuant to paragraph 2, Special Order 22, Headquarters, Camp Meade, N. C., dated January 22nd, 1919.

By examination of claimant's land the Board ascertained that it was adjoining the land of one George A. Center, which last named tract was used as a firing position for artillery. From personal view and from testimony, the Board found that the house on this land was occupied by troops during the target season; that the porch floor and posts were torn up, 5 window sash broken out, floor torn up in one room and destroyed, and that the mantel to the fire-place was torn away and destroyed; further, that the roof was torn off the end nearby. The Board estimated that it would cost \$50.00 to repair this damage.

It was also found that claimant had several large cherry trees about his house, and that many of the limbs had been cut off of these trees, and that one of these trees, 3 inches in diameter, had been cut down. The Board estimated this damage at \$15.00.

The local Board therefore recommended damages to buildings in the amount of \$50.00, and for cherry trees in the amount of \$15.00.

Claimant has agreed to accept this amount, that is, \$65.00, in full and complete satisfaction of his claim, and releases the Government from any and further obligations and responsibility for said land.

File No. 415 L/c.

October 29, 1919.

In view of the above facts, I recommend that an award be made in favor of the claimant, as the result of \$50.00, in full and complete satisfaction of the claim.

WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS.

By W. H. VALMINE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Member.

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Adopted October 30, 1919.

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By J. J. KNOWLTON,
Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps,
Chairman.

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