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(Claim of Wilburn D. Lindsey) Wrapper Indorsement.
(Tigerville, S. C.)
(File No. 383 L/C.)

War Dept., Office of the Director of the Real Estate Service, Munitions Bldg.,
Washington, D. C. December 6, 1919 - To Director of Finance, Attention Major
Hartley.

1. Synopsis made of the claim of Wilburn D. Lindsey, Tigerville, S. C.
File No. 383 L/C.

2. In order that our files may be completed, it is requested that you
advise this office when payment is made on this claim.

By authority of the Director, Real Estate Service:

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

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War Department Board of Appraisers, Purchase, Storage & Traffic Division,
General Staff, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., December 2, 1919.
To the Director of Finance (Through the Director of Real Estate Service).

1. The attached claim is being forwarded for the action of the
Director of Finance, in compliance with Paragraph 3, General Orders
No. 102, War Department, 1919.

2. The report of the Board of Appraisers and the records in the
claim are herewith inclosed.

3. The report of the Board of Appraisers recommends that an
award in the sum of \$900.00 issue in favor of the claimant, Wilburn D.
Lindsey, Tigerville, S.C., in full settlement for all claims for loss
or damage of the said claimant arising under said claim.

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By F. M. CALDWELL,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Chairman.

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File No. 385 L/C.
Case under G.O. 102, W.D. 1919.

November 26, 1919.

In the matter of the claim of)
Wilburn D. Lindsey, Figerville,) REPORT
S. C., for damages to property.)

This is a claim of one Wilburn D. Lindsey, in the amount of \$900.00, itemized as follows:

- \$800.00 damage to buildings,
- 100.00 damage to ground,

said damage resulting from his leasing of a tract of 90 acres of land to the Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg, S. C., subsequently leased to the United States by the said Chamber of Commerce, under blanket lease, for the purpose of an Artillery and Small Arms Target Range, which land is more particularly described as being in Glassy Mountain Township, Greenville County, S. C., adjoining lands of O. M. Moore on the North, C. D. Lindsay on the East, lands formerly of Robert Rector on the South and land of J. J. Lindsay on the West.

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 Board made physical examination of the land and buildings of claimant, and found that there were about 200 feet of firing trenches on the land, a portion of which was revetted and built up with heavy logs; that claimant's land had been considerably damaged by tramping, and the Board recommended damages for this item in the amount of \$100.00, estimated as follows:

To remove revetments, 2 men 10 days, at \$2.00 per day, and to fill firing trenches, 1 man with scraper and team, 15 days at \$5.00 per day, totaling approximately \$125.00, which item was compromised at \$100.00.

The buildings which formed the basis of the remaining item of this claim were 1 dwelling house and one store. The dwelling house was of frame and in good repair, 28 x 16, with an extension 14 x 12. From the testimony of one E. J. Howard, it was found that this dwelling had been completely destroyed by fire about February 22nd, 1918. The Board could not ascertain the cause of the fire, but did ascertain that troops were occupying the range

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at that time; that they occupied this particular house; that they kept fires therein and frequently left the house without putting out the fires, and it is fair to presume that the carelessness of the military occupants of the house resulted in the fire which occurred during the life of the lease. The cost of restoring this building is estimated by Captain Acheron, who is a building contractor in civil life, and who was constructing Quartermaster at Camp Wadsworth, at \$1.20 per square foot, or about \$739.20, allowing for lumber at \$25.00 per thousand, plus 50¢ a hundred for hauling lumber at \$3.50 per day. This item was compromised with claimant at \$735.00.

It was found that in the store troops had saved away all of the rafters which held the side walls and supported the roof, allowing the side walls to sag; that all of the store shelving had been torn out and used by troops, and the damage was estimated by the Board as follows:

320 feet of lumber at \$25.00,	\$15.00
216 feet of dressed lumber at \$33.00,	11.96
192 feet 2 x 4 at \$30.00	5.76
2 carpenters, 6 days, at \$3.50	42.00
hardware	4.00
	<u>\$75.02</u>

total damage to buildings being compromised at \$600.00.

Claimant has agreed in writing to accept \$900.00 in full and complete satisfaction for all damages.

The writer is of the opinion that damage to claimant's ground is the result of the operation and instruction of troops; that the dwelling house was burned while occupied by troops, and through carelessness in leaving the building unguarded while fires were in the building; that the store was partially wrecked in order to obtain lumber which was used in the nearby camp to add to the comfort and convenience of troops. The amount of the award is believed to be reasonable and just.

I therefore recommend that an award issue in favor of this claimant, in the amount of \$900.00, in full and complete satisfaction of this claim.

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W. B. VALENTEER,
Colonel, Cavalry.

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Adopted November 28, 1919.
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By
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Chairman.

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