

WAR DEPARTMENT
REAL ESTATE SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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December 15th, 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR:
The Director of Munitions:

Subject: Claim of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church,
Tigerville, S.C., R. P. Pitman and
D. M. Burrell, Trustees.

1.. Herewith is the claim of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Tigerville, S. C. - R. P. Pitman and D. M. Burrell, Trustees, for damages to property, with the recommendation for the payment of \$75.00 in full settlement of the claim by the War Department Board of Appraisers, for necessary action of the Secretary of War in compliance with Paragraph 4, General Orders No. 39, War Department, 1919.

2. This claim does not come within the scope of a memorandum dated May 13, 1919, from the Director of Operations relative to the sale of National Guard Camps whereby certain damage claims were assumed by the purchaser.

3. It is requested that after the necessary action of the Secretary of War, this claim be returned to this office in order that it may be forwarded to the Director of the Real Estate Service for transmittal to the Auditor for the War Department to authorize payment in accordance with General Orders No. 39, 1919, War Department.

6. Approval of the attached recommendation of award is recommended.

J. S. FAIR,
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant Director of Purchase, Storage
and Traffic

J. S. Fair
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War Department Board of Appraisers, Purchasing, Storage & Traffic Division,
General Staff, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C., December 11, 1919.
To the Director of the Real Estate Service, Attention of Lt. Col. J. C.
Whitaker, Fiscal Assistant.

1. The attached claim is being forwarded for the action of the
Secretary of War, in compliance with Paragraph 4, General Orders No. 39,
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 \$75.00 issue in favor of the claimant, the Mt. Pleasant
Baptist Church, Tigerville, S. C., H. P. Pitman and D. M. Burrell, Trus-
tees, in full settlement for all claims for loss or damage of the said
claimant arising under said claim.

WAR DEPARTMENTST BOARD OF APPRAISERS,

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

Incls.

The proceedings of the Board referred to by the agents of
plaintiff state: This church is outside of the reservation and
near the Hite bridge. The damage in this instance was partly
caused by window sash and lights, 14 x 20 and 12 additional
lights, 14 x 20, were destroyed. The church organ was destroyed
and torn apart. Walls were disfigured with bullet holes
and were damaged. The Board recommends the payment of this claim
in the sum of \$75,000.

never been paid.
\$75,000 in full settlement of damage, but that this \$75,000 had
the said Board, they (the trustees) had signed an acceptance of
the damage done to the property and that, at the demand of
the constituted damage board that the said Board had invited
to one Colonel Hogan, one Lt. Colonel Mack and one Major Horton,
church to protect it, but without result; that he had complained
he, the said plaintiff, had asked for a guard to be placed over this
and had broken the organ which belonged to the congregation; that
the windows of the church that they had broken into the church
that he had seen soldiers maliciously throwing bricks through
H. P. Plummer appeared as a witness, and being duly sworn, stated
H. Turner that which was a short distance from the church. One
1917. It was alleged that soldiers were engaged upon the H.
Small Arms Depot Hinge. This lease began to run November 27th,
Horse, Sparta, Pa., for the purpose of an Artillery and
the United States under a license lease of the Chamber of Com-
merce, which had named that was leased to
land of one H. H. Turner, which had named that was leased to
It appears that the H. P. Plummer Baptist Church is near the

This claim was considered by a Board of Officers sitting
at Camp Wadsworth, D. C., convened pursuant to paragraph 4
of Special Order No. 22, dated January 22nd, 1919.

This is a claim of the H. P. Plummer Baptist Church, in the
amount of \$75,000, on account of damages alleged to have been
inflicted upon the said building, and its contents by soldiers
of the 27th Division.

In the matter of the claim of
the H. P. Plummer Baptist Church
Sergeants, E. G. H. Plummer, H. P. O. H. S.
and D. H. Murrell, Trustees.

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The Board further recommended that this sum be assessed against the 105th and 106th Infantry, this apparently for the reason that the name of a soldier of the 106th Infantry, also the letters and figures, 105th Infantry, were found painted upon the walls. Apparently this action under the 105th Article of War was never carried to completion, for reasons not now ascertainable. As these two regiments are no longer in service, and action under the 105th Article of War is no longer possible, it is the opinion of the writer that a claim against the United States arises and should be settled.

Taking the 15 window lights destroyed, at 35¢, there results a total of \$5.25, to which should be added \$20.00 for 5 lights and sash destroyed, at \$4.00 apiece, -leaving about \$25.00 for restoration of walls, and for the replacement of the church organ, -there results \$75.25. This appears to be a fair and reasonable basis of settlement, and as the trustee of this church, R. P. Pitman, has agreed in writing to accept \$75.00 in full of all damages, I recommend that an award issue in favor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, in the amount of \$75.00, in full and complete satisfaction of this claim.

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

APPROVED DECEMBER 4, 1919,
WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS,

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

APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED:

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BENEDICT CROWELL,
The Assistant Secretary of War.

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Baptist Church.