

(Claim of T. H. Reid)
(Campobello, S.C.)

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War Dept., Real Estate Service, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C., Jan. 7th, 1920. - To the Auditor for the War Department.

1. Herewith for payment in accordance with War Department General Orders 999 1919, is the claim of T. H. Reid, Campobello, S. C., with the recommendation of the War Department Board of Appraisers which has been approved by the Assistant secretary of War.

2. In order that our records may be completed, it is requested that this office be advised when this claim is passed for payment.

By authority of the Director, Real Estate Service:

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

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

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War Department Board of Appraisers, Purchase, Storage & Traffic
Division, December 27, 1919, 2531 Munitions Building, Washington,
D. C. To: The Assistant Secretary of War.

1. Returned. Signed agreement of claimant to accept
One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) in full satisfaction
for damage to his tract of two hundred and five acres and its
appurtenances, the same being near the artillery range at
Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, is herewith.

WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS,

By

F. H. CALDWELL,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Chairman.

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

November 24th, 1919.

File No. 958 R/E.

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

Subject: Claim of T.H. Reid, RFD 2,
Campobello, S. C.

1. Herewith is the claim of T.H.Reid, RFD 2, Campobello, S.C., for damages to property, with the recommendation for the payment of \$125.00 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 Auditor for the War Department to authorize payment in accordance with General Orders No. 39, War Department, 1919.

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

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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War Department Board of Appraisers, Purchase, Storage & Traffic Division,
General Staff, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C., November 19, 1919.
To the Director of the Real Estate Service, Attention of Lt. Col. J. G.
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 \$125.00 issue in favor of the claimant, T. H. Reid,
R.F.D. 2, Campobello, S.C., in full settlement for all claims for loss
or damage of the said claimant arising under said claim.

WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS,

BY

F. M. CAIDWELL,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Chairman.

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

File No. 958 R/E.
Case under C.O. 39, W.D. 1919.

November 12, 1919.

In the matter of the claim of)
T. H. Reid, RFD 2, Campobello,) REPORT
S. C., for damages to property.)

This is a claim of one T. H. Reid, for damages itemized as follows:

To ground,	\$200.00
For Crops	50.00
For timber	25.00
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said damages having been suffered on one 55 acre tract of land, the property of claimant, leased to the Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg, S. C., and leased by the said Chamber of Commerce, under Market lease, to the United States, for the purpose of an Artillery and Small Arms Target Range, which land is more particularly described as situated in Glassy Mountain Township, Greenville County, S. C., and adjoining lands of John Pierce, on the North, other land of lessor on the East, other land of lessor on the South, and land of George W. Plumley on the West.

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

The Board made a physical examination of the land of claimant, from which it appeared that claimant is the owner of 205 acres; that the preliminary negotiations at that time were for the entire tract, but when the lease was actually made out, only 55 acres were included, which 55 acres were a part of the 205. Claimant makes no demand for damages on account of the leased land.

It appears from physical examination of the land, that the unleased portion is on both sides of the road leading into the Engineers' Camp; that on one side of this road there was a rail fence, and on the other, a field of cotton; that during the occupancy of the land by the Engineers, this was the only road leading into the Engineer Camp; that it was very rainy and muddy and the road was sometimes impassable, and therefore Government wagons were detoured through claimant's land and cotton field; this during November and December, 1917; that about 6 acres of claimant's

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land were used in order to gain access to the Camp; that three-quarters of the cotton crop had already been picked, but that one-fourth was destroyed by reason of the use to which the troops put this land, and the Board was of the opinion that \$50.00 was the value of the cotton so destroyed.

From the certificate of Major E. C. Johnson, attached to the proceedings in the matter of this claim, the loss of cotton in lbs. was estimated at 312, the value per lb., 27¢, or a total value of \$80.00, and deducting \$40.00 for picking and hauling to gin, the estimated net loss was \$50.00.

Major Johnson states "it would require considerable plowing and dragging to rehabilitate this ground, as the driving across had been done in wet weather". The estimate was 1 man and team, one day to the acre to plow the entire tract once, and that it would need two plowings and good harrowing to get the land in good shape. The Board recommended \$50.00 in damages for this item of the claim.

The evidence of claimant and of one H. L. Davis, a nearby resident, showed that soldiers from camp were in the habit of loading on 10 or a dozen rails from claimant's rail fence, each time a wagon went towards camp, and the Local Board was of the opinion that this wood was used for fire wood, and the damage was fixed at \$25.00. Major Johnson states that at least 40 panels were taken, and it was found that either to replace the fence, or to estimate the value of the wood taken, as fire wood, would show an amount of damage greater than that claimed by Mr. Reid; that is \$25.00, and the Board therefore was of the opinion that claimant should be reimbursed in the amount claimed; that is, \$25.00.

The Board therefore recommended that claimant be awarded damages as follows:

\$50.00	for damage to crops,
50.00	for damage to ground,
25.00	for damage to fence.
<u>\$125.00</u>	

In view of the above facts, the writer is of the opinion that the wood taken from the rail fence was used as fire wood to add to the comfort of troops during the winter weather; that the damage to ground was unavoidable, as the roads were impassable and there was no other method of reaching camp; that the damage to crops was likewise unavoidable on account of driving over the ground.

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Claimant has agreed in writing to accept \$125.00 in full and complete satisfaction of his claim.

I therefore recommend that an award issue in favor of T. H. Reid, in the sum of \$125.00, in full and complete satisfaction of his claim against the Government.

W. S. VAUGHAN,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Member.

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November 13,

Adopted 1919.

WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS.

By F. H. GARDNER,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Chairman.

Approved and recommended. 1919.

BENEDICT CHURCHILL,
Assistant Secretary of War.

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