

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

OFFICE OF AUDITOR  
For War Department  
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File No. 153-F.

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January 24, 1920.

From: Real Estate Service,  
To: Auditor for the War Department,  
Subject: Payment of File No. 996 R/E, Claim of T. H. Ross,  
Tigerville, South Carolina.

1. In order that our file may be completed, you are requested to advise the Real Estate Service if the claim of T. H. Ross, Tigerville, South Carolina, File No. 996 R/E, has been paid.

2. The War Department Board of Appraisers acted upon this claim under General Orders No. 39, War Department 1919, and recommended that an award in the sum of \$96.50 issue in full settlement of same. This recommendation of award was forwarded to you on November 29, 1919.

By authority of the Director, Real Estate Service:

*J. C. Whitaker*  
J. C. WHITAKER  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Fiscal Assistant.

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Auditor for the War Department,

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1. In order that our file may be completed, you are requested to advise the Real Estate Service if the claim of T. H. Ross, Tigerville, South Carolina, File No. 996 R/E, has been paid.

2. The War Department Board of Appraisers acted upon this claim under General Orders No. 59, War Department 1919, and recommended that an award in the sum of \$25.50 issue in full settlement of same. This recommendation of award was forwarded to you on November 23, 1919.

By authority of the Director, Real Estate Service:

J. C. WILKINSON  
Lt. Col. U.S.A.  
Fiscal Assistant.

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((Claim of T. H. Ross,))  
(Tigerville, S. C. )

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War Dept., Real Estate Service, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C., Nov. 29th, 1919. - To the Auditor for the War Department.

1. Herewith is the claim of T. H. Ross, Tigerville, S. C., for payment in accordance with War Department General Orders 39, 1919, 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:

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
PURCHASE, STORAGE & TRAFFIC DIVISION  
GENERAL STAFF  
WASHINGTON

File No. 036 R/E

November 15, 1919.

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

Subject: Claim of T. H. Ross,  
Tigerville, South Carolina.

1. Herewith is the claim of T. H. Ross, Tigerville, South Carolina, for damages to property, with the recommendation for the payment of \$94.50 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 6, General Orders No. 39, War Department, 1919.

2. This claim does not come within the scope of a memorandum dated May 13th, 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, 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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
REAL ESTATE SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

November 28th, 1919.

Mr. T. H. Ross,  
Tigerville, S. C.

Dear Sir:--

Your claim against the United States for damage to timber and ground on a tract of 22 acres of land near Wadsworth, S. C., 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 \$95.50 in full settlement and satisfaction of same.

This recommendation has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of War, and is today being forwarded to the Auditor for the War Department for payment, it is, therefore, suggested that should you desire any further information concerning your claim, 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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
REAL ESTATE SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

File No. 996 R/E

November 15, 1919.

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

Subject: Claim of T. H. Ross,  
Tigerville, South Carolina.

1. Herewith is the claim of T. H. Ross, Tigerville, South Carolina, for damages to property, with the recommendation for the payment of \$96.50 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 13th, 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, 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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War Department Board of Appraisers, Purchase, Storage & Traffic Division,  
General Staff, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., November 7, 1919. To: Di-  
rector of 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, the proceedings of the Board  
of Officers which investigated the claim, and the correspondence connected  
with the same are herewith enclosed.

3. The report of the Board of Appraisers recommends that an award in  
the amount of \$95.50 issue in favor of T. H. Rose, Wigerville, S.C., the  
claimant, in full settlement for all claims for loss or damage of the said  
claimant arising under said claim.

WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS,

By

J. E. HIGHTON  
Colonel, U. S. A.  
Chairman.

Incls.

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
MUNITIONS BLDG. 15TH & B STS.  
WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS

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

File No. 996 E/E.  
 Case under G.O. 39, W.D. 1919.

November 4, 1919.

In the matter of the claim of )  
 E. H. Ross, Tigerville, S. C. ) REPORT.

This is a claim for damages in the amount of \$200.00, alleged to have been sustained on account of damage to ground and timber on a tract of 22 acres of land, of which claimant is the owner, bounded on the North by the land of D. H. Bates, which was leased to the Government, on the East by lands of S. L. Barton and E. H. Turner, which were leased, and on the South by land of S. L. Barton.

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.

Claimant was duly sworn and the Board examined his land and ascertained that it consists of 10 acres of timber and 12 acres of bottom land. Claimant swore that his land was not leased to the Government, and that no effort was made by the the Government to lease it; that the Infantry Camp was located on the Turner land on the Artillery and Rifle Range, Camp Wadsworth, S. C., which land adjoined him on the North and West; that the Infantry soldiers cut a large amount of timber on his land; that they established tents and a part of their camp site thereon; that they tramped over 12 acres of bottom land and established swimming holes in the creek on his land; that he had a crop on the land in 1918 and that troops tramped over the land so that he was unable to tend his crop or gather same; and that his 1918 crop was an entire loss.

From a physical examination of the land the Local Board found that there is still evidence on his land of a camp having been established thereon; that approximately 25 cords of timber had been cut from his land, valued at \$12.50, this being the rate for wood on the stump, provided by the terms of leases on surrounding tracts. This amount was arrived at by examination of stumps and counting the stumps of trees that had been cut down by persons unaccustomed to that character of work. The Board found several roadways made through the bottom land to the creek, and



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November 4, 1919.

From the testimony of the claimant and of neighbors, it appears that most of the personnel of the camp crossed this land each evening for the purpose of swimming. The Local Board in view of the above evidence concluded that the land of claimant received as much use as did the surrounding leased land, and the Board was of the opinion that claimant was entitled to compensation in the form of rent for his 22 acres at the same rate as paid to surrounding land owners; that is, \$3.00 per acre per annum, or \$66.00. The writer believes that this is a fair adjustment for the use of this land for the reasons that evidence submitted in over a hundred cases of claimant by land owners on the target range, Camp Badsworth, show that this land was leased beginning November 27th, 1917; that it was used first by the 27th Division and later by the 6th Division; that the troops moved on the land before the lease began to run; and that the land was used as a target range from that time until some time in the summer of 1918, which would preclude the planting of crops for that year.

The Local Board estimated damages on account of roadways at \$18.00, this being at the rate of extra plowing on 6 acres of bottom land.

The Local Board recommended reimbursement in the amount of \$86.50 in settlement of this claim.

Claimant has agreed to accept this amount in full and complete satisfaction of damages to his land by reason of occupancy or of any other act of the Government.

In view of the above facts, I recommend that an award issue in favor of E. H. Ross, in the sum of \$86.50, in full and complete satisfaction of his claim.

E. S. VALENTINE,  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Master.

WVW/inf.

Adopted November 6, 1919.

WAR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPRAISERS,

By J. L. KENNELTON,  
Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps,  
Chairman.

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Nov. 4, 1919.

Approved and Recommended:

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BENEDICT CROWELL,  
The Assistant Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
MUNITIONS BLDG., 18TH & B STS.  
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