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NAME WILLIS, Calvin E.

CASE 1537 1011 AAZ

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File: 1011 AA2

Name: Hillis

Calvin Erskine 1537

No. of Claimant: (1)

No. of Claim: (a) Number Class Amount Claimed

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Signature

Date

Mar 7/54

WILLIS

2559 Corwin Cres.,
Niagara Falls, Ont.
Feb. 13, 1959

Dear Sir,

Receipt of cheque in the
amount of \$128.50, re maltreatment
awards, is herewith acknowledged
with thanks.

Yours Truly

Calvin E. Willis

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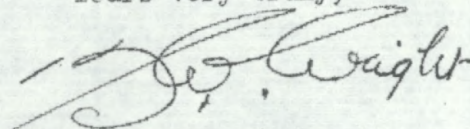
Dear Sir.

I have been requested by the Secretary of State to inform you that the Government has agreed to an increase of 50% in all maltreatment awards and that an Order in Council to provide for this, amending the War Claims Regulations, was passed on October 23rd, 1958.

I am, therefore, enclosing a cheque for \$ 128.50 to cover your additional award.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,



K.W. Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

Encl.

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Calvin E. Willis Esq.
2559 Corwin Crescent
Niagara Falls, Ont.

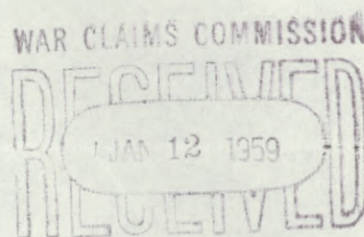


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War Claims Commission
262 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, Ontario



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Dear Sirs:

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According to recent newspaper items, it is understood that additional remuneration has been authorized by the Government for those who suffered undue hardships while being held as prisoners during World War II. Your files will indicate that I come under this category and information regarding same would be appreciated.

For your information my previous address was 424 Laurier Ave. W. Ottawa. My service number was R.C.A.F. J25541

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Yours Truly

Calvin E. Willis

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CANADA

Ottawa 4, May 28, 1953.

K. W. Wright, Esquire, Q.C.,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel,
Department of Secretary of State,
Ottawa, C a n a d a.

War Claims - Maltreatment Awards

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am enclosing herewith six cheques,
#C19028970-5 inclusive, totalling \$3,864 in respect
of persons and in the amounts listed on the attached
schedule.

With the exception of Mr. Yeadon, all
the files were received through you. You will recollect
that I spoke to you about his case and mentioned the fact
that it was one with which the Treasury Board could deal
directly without a recommendation from the Chief War Claims
Commissioner, and it was transferred from the Commission to
this office and not via your own office. I am attaching these
files herewith and might mention as in my earlier letters on
this subject that the War Claims Commission would like to have
these files returned to them.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED - H. D. Clark)

H. D. Clark.

Encls.

T.B. 450426

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Francis E. Yeadon	\$1,245

T.B. 450425

Rev. Gordon L. Rowe	864
Violet Phoebe Rowe	864
<u>Calvin E. Willis</u>	135
Minnie E. Allen	378
Minnie E. Allen, in trust for William John Allen	<u>378</u>
	<u>\$3,864</u>

(Initialed - H.D.C.)

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Honourable the
Treasury Board, held at Ottawa, on May 8, 1953.

E.E.C.

T.B. 450425

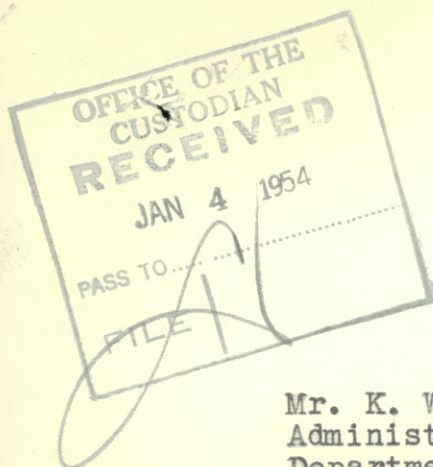
TREASURY BOARD

The Board authorize payment of
\$135. in respect of claims arising out of the maltreatment of
former prisoners of war, to be charged to the War Claims Fund
in accordance with P. C. 4267 of October 9, 1952, as follows:

Award to be paid to Calvin E. Willis in respect of his own maltreatment at the hands of the Germans	\$135.
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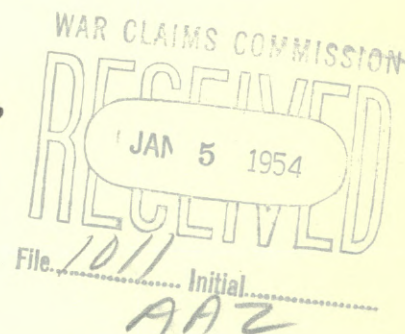
(SIGNED - R. B. BRYCE)

Secretary.



424 Laurier Avenue West,
Apartment 15,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.
January 4, 1954.

Mr. K. W. Wright, Chairman,
Administration Board and Chief Counsel,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.



Re: File No. 1011WCC

Dear Sir,

Receipt of your letter of December 29th, 1953, enclosing Cheque No. C19 X094198 is herewith acknowledged. The prompt consideration you gave to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Calvin E. Willis

Calvin E. Willis.

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File No. 1011 AAZ

January 22nd, 1954.

Dear Sir:

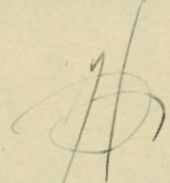
Enclosed are the personal papers as listed
below which you submitted in support of your claim.

These papers were submitted by you as exhibits at an
oral hearing held in the War Claims Commission Hearing
Room on April 1, 1953.

1. P.O.W. card
2. Letter - Dr. V. Vincke
3. Letters (3) R.C.A.F., and personal and translation

Yours very truly,

Encl. 3


M. A. Havelock,
Registrar.

MAH/ML

Mr. Calvin E. Willis,
424 Laurier Avenue West,
Apartment 15,
Ottawa

1011 WCC

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, December 29th, 1953.

LL/AB.

Calvin E. Willis, Esquire,
424 Laurier Avenue West,
Apartment No. 15,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

Your attention is being directed
to the letter of November 3rd, 1953, addressed
to you by Mr. Thane A. Campbell, Chief War
Claims Commissioner.

In this connection, I enclose
herewith Cheque No. C19 X094198 dated December
24th, 1953, in your favour, for the amount of
\$122.00, in full settlement of the additional
award for maltreatment.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of
this cheque.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HONOURABLE
THE TREASURY BOARD, HELD AT OTTAWA ON DECEMBER 4, 1953.

E. E. C.

T.B.462913

TREASURY BOARD.

The Board authorize payment of an additional award of \$122.00 to Calvin E. Willis in respect of his claim for maltreatment, to be charged to the War Claims Fund in accordance with P.C. 4267 of October 9, 1952.

R.B. Bryce.

Secretary.

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LL/EMM

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

November 5, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Re: Calvin E. Willis
Case No. 1537.

I am sending you herewith a recommendation signed by the Chief War Claims Commissioner in the case of Calvin E. Willis, together with the War Claims Summary and the above mentioned file relating to this claim.

Kindly give this matter your attention at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

The Secretary,
Treasury Board,
Confederation Building,
OTTAWA 4,
Ontario.

MJL

File No. 1011 AAz.

November 3, 1953.

Mr. Calvin E. Willis,
424 Laurier Avenue West,
Apartment No. 15,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Willis:

I have reopened your claim for supplementary review on the basis of the formulae for computation of maltreatment awards adopted pursuant to my recent Report on general conditions in European prison camps.

I find that you would be entitled to a total award of \$257.00, and I am therefore making a Supplementary Recommendation to that effect.

...

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the formal Supplementary Recommendation.

Yours faithfully,

Thane A. Campbell
Chief War Claims Commissioner

Office of the Commissioner

C A N A D A

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

Case No. 1537

Re: Calvin E. Willis.

SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

On April 23, 1953, I approved the recommendation of Deputy Commissioner Merion, awarding this claimant \$135.00 for maltreatment while in the hands of the Gestapo in Europe.

I have now reopened this claim for further review in the light of my recent Report on conditions prevailing generally among Canadian prisoners of war in Europe during World War II.

I find that the claimant was in custody for a total period of 355 days, of which 135 were spent in the direct custody of the Gestapo. I also find that, in addition, the claimant was maltreated, during transportation in a box-car, and in the course of a "hunger march" in the winter of 1945.

On the basis of the formulae presently applicable for the computation of maltreatment awards, the claimant would be entitled to a total award of \$257.00.

I therefore recommend that the claimant be paid:

Additional award for maltreatment of himself, \$122.00,
in order of Priority No. (1-2).

Dated the 30th day of October, A.D. 1953.

Chief War Claims Commissioner

SUPPLEMENTARY
WAR CLAIMS SUMMARY

Date Oct. 30, 1953.
Case File No. 1537.

Name of Claimant Calvin E. Willis
Address of Claimant 424 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario.
Class of Claim Maltreatment Priority Order No (1-2)

Established Loss in Local Currency
Rate of Conversion
Established Loss in Canadian Currency (Additional) (i) \$ 122.00
Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to date (.....) (ii) \$ Nil
Years - Days
Established Expenses in Local Currency
Rate of Conversion
Canadian Dollar equivalent of Local Expenses (iii) \$ Nil
Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to date (.....) (iv) \$ Nil
Years - Days
Other Satisfaction in Local Currency
Rate of Conversion
Other Satisfaction in Canadian Currency (v) \$ Nil
Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to date (.....) (vi) \$ Nil
Years - Days

I recommend payment as follows:

(a) Principal sum \$ 122.00
(i) + (iii) - (v)
(b) Interest \$ Nil
(ii) + (iv) - (vi)
Sub Total (vii) \$ 122.00
(c) Interest on the amount of \$ Nil at 3% per annum
from the date hereof to such date as the Treasury Board
directs.

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Chief War Claims Commissioner

Claim checked by	Computations and Extensions computed by checked by
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First Payment to Claimant
Nominal Priority Limit on established loss (viii) \$

First Payment Calculation
(viii) \$ ((i+ii) \$ + (iii + iv) \$)
(i) \$ - (v + vi) \$ = \$
Amount of Award as in (vii) or First Payment Calculation \$
Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to (.....)
date of award date of T.B. Authority

TOTAL \$

Authority T.B. Minute No. 462913 dated Dec 4/53 195

TO:
Comptroller of the Treasury:- Date 195

Application is hereby made for issue of cheque in favour of above named claimant
in the amount of \$ 122.00

..... Head of Branch Deputy Head
..... Chief Treasury Officer.	Cheque No. <u>C-19-8094198</u> <u>Dec 24/53.</u>

August 26, 1953.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. P. HAMEL:

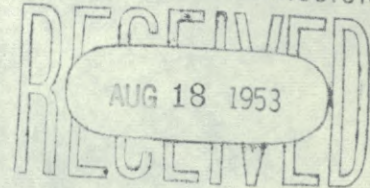
I have for acknowledgement your memo
of August 17th.

I would advise that Mr. Calvin E. Willis'
regimental number is J-25541.

P. Fried.

August 17, 1953.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION



MEMORANDUM FOR MISS P. FRIED:

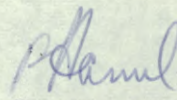
In connection with the telephone ^{File}..... Initial.....
conversation this afternoon, I have rechecked
the names and I find that the only maltreatment
award we have on record to date is:

Calvin E Willis
(Case #1537.

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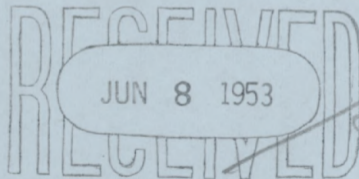
AAZ

Would you please furnish me
at your earliest convenience with the Regimental
Number of the above prisoner of war.


P. Hamel.

Miss Fried:-

This is the letter I was
speaking of over the phone a few minutes
ago.



File..... Initial.....

424 Laurier Avenue, West,
Apartment 15,
Ottawa, Ontario.
June 5th, 1953.

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Chairman,
Administration Board,
Department of the Secretary
of State,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

File no 1011

Re: Case No. 1537.

Receipt of your cheque in my favour
for \$135.00 is respectfully acknowledged.

Yours very truly,

Calvin E. Willis

Calvin E. Willis.

OFFICE OF THE
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FILE ☒

June 3rd 1953.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the following files:

No. 1607 - Case no. 1545 - Rev. Gordon L. Rowe

No. 1882 - Case no. 1546 - Mrs. Violet Phoebe Rowe

No. 1303 - Case no. 1519 - Minnie E. Allen

No. 1011 - Case no. 1537 - Calvin E. Willis.

Yours very truly,

P. Theriault,
Secretary.

K.W. Wright, Esq., Q.C.,
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

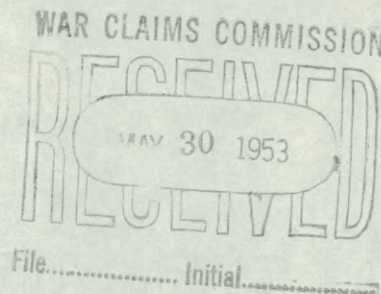
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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
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May 30, 1953.

Paul Theriault, Esq.,
Secretary, War Claims Commission,
262 Wellington Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.



Dear Mr. Theriault:

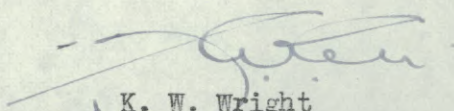
Re: Calvin E. Willis
Case No. 1537

I return herewith File No. 1011 re
the above case.

You will observe that the cheque
has been forwarded to the claimant to-day.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this
file.

Yours very truly,


K. W. Wright
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel

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Encl.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

May 30, 1953.

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K. W. Wright
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel

KWW/K
Encl.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

May 30, 1953.

Calvin E. Willis, Esq.,
424 Laurier Avenue West,
Apartment #15,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Case No. 1537

Reference is made to the letter of the 25th. ultimo addressed to you by the Secretary, War Claims Commission, enclosing final recommendation made by the Chief War Claims Commissioner.

I enclose cheque in your favour for \$135.00, the amount of the award herein.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel

Encl.

1011
KWW/EMM

Victoria Building,
70 Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

April 28, 1953.

Dear Mr. Bryce,

Re: Calvin E. Willis
Case No. 1537.

I am sending you herewith a recommendation signed by the Chief War Claims Commissioner in the case of Calvin E. Willis, together with the War Claims Summary and the above numbered file relating to this claim.

Kindly give this matter your attention at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

Mr. R. B. Bryce,
Secretary,
Treasury Board,
Confederation Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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CANADA
WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Ottawa, April 25th, 1953.

Dear Mr. Wright:-

I am directed by the Chief War Claims Commissioner under arrangement with the Honourable The Secretary of State, to forward to you the enclosed recommendations made in the following cases:-

Case No. 1519 - Mrs. Minnie E. allen.

Case No. 1537 - Calvin E. Willis.

Case No. 1545 - Rev. Gordon L. Rowe.

Case No. 1546 - Mrs. Violet Phoebe Rowe.

Yours very truly,

Paul Theriault.

P. Theriault,
Secretary.

K.W. Wright, Esq., Q.C.,
Chairman, Administration Board
and Chief Counsel,
Office of The Custodian,
7 O'Connor Street.,
Ottawa, Ont.

April 25th, 1953.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, you will find a copy of the final recommendation made by the Chief War Claims Commissioner, together with a copy of the report made by the Deputy Commissioner on your claim against the War Claims Fund.

As the recommendation grants the maximum amount of compensation claimed and to which you are entitled under the Rules, it has been felt that you would be satisfied to waive your right of review on these recommendations.

In the hope that you will find these documents in good order, I remain,

Yours very truly,

P. Theriault,
Secretary.

Mr. Calvin E. Willis,
424 Laurier Avenue West,
Apartment No. 15,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Case No. 1537

re: Calvin E. Willis

RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Deputy Commissioner Marion has submitted to me his findings and recommendation, with his reasons therefor.

I have reviewed the report of the Deputy Commissioner.

I agree with his findings and I therefore recommend that the claimant be paid:

Award for maltreatment of claimant, \$135.00,
in order of Priority No. (1-2).

Dated this 23rd day of April, A.D. 1953.

(Sgt.) Thane A. Campbell,
Chief War Claims Commissioner

WAR CLAIMS SUMMARY

Date 23 April 1953
Case File No. 1537

Name of Claimant Calvin E. Willis
Address of Claimant 424 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ont.
Class of Claim Maltreatment Priority Order No. (1-2)

Established Loss in Local Currency
Rate of Conversion
Established Loss in Canadian Currency (i) \$ 135.00
Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to date (.....) (ii) \$ nil
Years - Days
Established Expenses in Local Currency
Rate of Conversion
Canadian Dollar equivalent of Local Expenses (iii) \$ nil
Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to date (.....) (iv) \$ nil
Years - Days
Other Satisfaction in Local Currency
Rate of Conversion
Other Satisfaction in Canadian Currency (v) \$ nil
Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to date (.....) (vi) \$ nil
Years - Days

I recommend payment as follows:

(a) Principal sum \$ 135.00
(i) + (iii) - (v)
(b) Interest \$ nil
(ii) + (iv) - (vi)

Sub Total (vii) \$ 135.00

(c) Interest on the amount of \$ nil at 3% per annum
from the date hereof to such date as the Treasury Board
directs.

(Sgt.) Thane A. Campbell
Chief War Claims Commissioner

Claim checked
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Computations and Extensions
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First Payment to Claimant
Nominal Priority Limit on established loss (viii) \$

First Payment Calculation
(viii) \$ ((i+ii) \$ + (iii + iv) \$)
(i) \$ - (v + vi) \$ = \$

Amount of Award as in (vii) or First Payment Calculation \$

Interest at 3% per annum on \$
from to
date of award date of T.B. Authority

TOTAL \$

Authority T.B. Minute No. dated 195

TO:

Comptroller of the Treasury:-

Date 195

Application is hereby made for issue of cheque in favour of above named claimant
in the amount of \$

Head of Branch

Deputy Head

Chief Treasury Officer.

Cheque No.

RECOMMENDATION

CASE No.1537

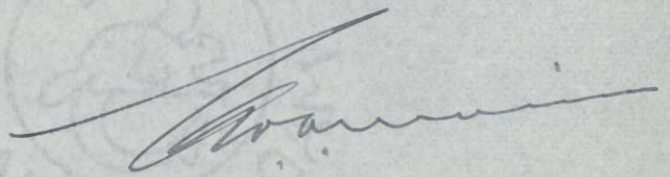
Re: Mr. Calvin E. WILLIS

This application was heard in Ottawa on the 1st of April, 1953, in the presence of the applicant, Mr. Jean de C. Nicol of counsel for the Commission, and Mr. H.R.D. Harris, Assistant Chief Pensions Advocate.

This is an application by Calvin Erskine Willis who resides at 424 Laurier Avenue, West, Apartment 15, Ottawa, a member of the R.C.A.F., No. J-25541. Willis was captured by the Germans early in June 1944 and, on or about the 7th of that month, he was placed in the hands of a criminal organization and remained in their custody until the 20th of October of the same year when he was removed to an ordinary prison camp.

The claim is put on the basis of maltreatment at the hands of his captors during this period of 135 days in the Fresnes and Buchenwald camps of that criminal organization.

I accept the evidence of the applicant that he was so detained by that organization and under those circumstances maltreatment must be presumed to have been continuous during those 135 days and I recommend an award of \$135.00.



Deputy Commissioner

Dated on the 1st of April, 1953.

MINUTES OF HEARING

The hearing started at 11:00 a.m., April 1st, 1953, in the Hearing Room of the War Claims Commission.

Present at the hearing: Deputy Commissioner Marion, Mr. Jean de C. Nicol, Mr. J. Francis, Mr. H.R.D. Harris, Mr. Cunningham of Privy Council, Mr. Graham, Mr. Havelock, Mr. R.J. Batt, Mr. Calvin E. Willis and Miss M. Ducharme.

Mr. Harris: Mr. Willis is claiming an award for maltreatment suffered while a prisoner of war in Europe in concentration camps, particularly Fresnes in Paris and in Buchenwald in Germany. He was captured on June 2nd, 1944 and liberated May 6, 1945. The claim is for the \$1.00 a day award for time spent in criminal camps. We have no documentary evidence on file, particularly on the DVA file, but Mr. Willis himself, I think, has some documents in his possession.

Would you relate to the Commissioner just what occurred from the time you were captured.

Mr. Willis: I was in the R.C.A.F. The night of June 2nd, 1944, I was picked up by the French underground, taken to Paris to Fresnes prison.

Mr. Harris: When did you arrive at Stalag III?

Mr. Willis: October 21st, 1944.

Mr. Harris: 'Till June to October 1944 you were where?

Mr. Willis: I was in the Gestapo headquarters in Paris, Fresnes Prison, for two months. In Buchenwald for two months.

Mr. Harris: What is this card exactly?

Mr. Willis: The German Identification Card. I was missing as far as Canada was concerned. It has the entry of Buchenwald on the card.

Mr. Harris: Did you suffer any maltreatment there?

Mr. Willis: No, just scarcity of food.

Mr. Harris: When was the worst time of your internment?

Mr. Willis: In the Fresnes prison in Paris.

Mr. Harris: What was the food like there?

Mr. Willis: A piece of bread and a bowl of soup.

Mr. Harris: Have you any other documents?

Mr. Willis: I have two letters from people who were in Buchenwald with me. Several Canadians who were with me at the time could be produced as witnesses.

Mr. Harris: How did you get this letter?

Mr. Willis: A friend of mine in the camp gave it to me.

Mr. Marion: What nationality was he?

Mr. Willis: Belgian.

(Mr. Harris read the letter from Dr. Vincke, dated January 7, 1947.)

Mr. Harris: The other letter is from Mr. J. P. Schlienger from Paris, which was forwarded to Mr. Willis by the R.C.A.F. it is dated December 5, 1945. The letter is in French, with an English translation.

(Mr. Harris read the letter of Mr. Schlienger).

Mr. Marion: These documents will be returned to you after your case has been dealt with.

Mr. Marion: I would like to have more dates on this case. How long were you with the French underground?

Mr. Willis: About one week.

Mr. Marion: When did you move to the Fresnes prison?

Mr. Willis: About the 15th of June 1944.

Mr. Marion: How long did you stay there?

Mr. Willis: Sixty days I think. I was then moved to Buchenwald. I stayed there until October 20, 1944, then moved to the regular prisoners of war camp.

Mr. Marion: You claim then for time between June 15 to October 20, 1944.

Mr. Nicol: When was your plane shot down?

Mr. Willis: June 3rd, 1944.

Mr. Nicol: What did happen on June 3rd after that?

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Case No. 1537

Re: WILLIS, Calvin Erskine -
P.O.W. in Germany - Maltreatment.

Hearing held: Oral

Place : War Claims Commission Hearing Room,
262 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont.

Date: April 1st, 1953.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Presiding Deputy Commissioner: Judge C.W.A. Marion.

Counsel: Mr. J. de C. Nicol for Commission,
Col. H.R.D. Harris for Claimant.

Exhibits Produced: Exhibits Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were produced by claimant. Ex. No. 1 was a German document with picture of claimant affixed stating his particulars on internment. Exh. 2 was friendly letter dated 1/7/47 from Dr. V. Vincke from Belgium who was interned with the claimant. Ex. 3 was a friendly letter dated Sept. 27/45 from a Mr. J.P. Schlienger from Paris who was interned with claimant.

Note: These exhibits are on claimant's file No. 1011.

Proceedings: Mr. Harris requested the claimant to describe his internment and maltreatment which he proceeded to do.

Mr. Nicol had the claimant elaborate to some extent on the above.

Mr. Harris suggested that no further evidence was necessary as Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 were sufficient to prove internment and maltreatment.

Mr. Nicol was in agreement that internment and mal-

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treatment had been suffered by the Claimant.

2nd April 1953.

J. B. Graham
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CASE NO. 1537

Re: CLAIM OF MR. CALVIN E. WILLIS

Mr. Calvin E. Willis of Ottawa, Ontario, claims an award for maltreatment suffered while a prisoner of war in Europe, in concentration camps, namely Fresnes in France and Buchenwald in Germany.

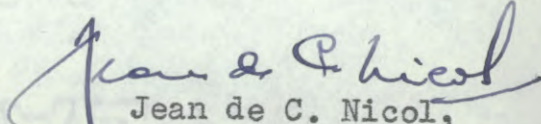
He was captured on June 6, 1944 and liberated on the 26th of May 1945, having spent almost twelve months in prison camps. However, the amount of compensation claimed is \$135.00 which, according to the Rules, could be awarded on the basis of a per diem award of \$1.00 for each day spent in a concentration camp under the direct custody of the Gestapo and the SS.

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In view of the above, it would appear that if the claimant can establish that he was under the direct custody of the Gestapo at the Fresnes Concentration Camp, and also under the direct custody of the SS. at the Buchenwald Concentration Camp for a period of 135 days, he would be entitled to an award of \$135.00.

It should be noted that the claimant has elected to have his claim heard and disposed of on the strength of his statement of claim and documentary evidence on file, but in view of the evidence submitted, an oral hearing was directed in order that by appearing personally, the claimant may be given the opportunity to supplement the material appearing on his file.

March 25, 1953.


Jean de C. Nicol,
Counsel.

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Registered

March 26th, 1953.

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The place of hearing will be at the Hearing Room of the War Claims Commission, Third Floor, 262 Wellington Street, (corner of Kent Street), in the City of Ottawa.

Yours faithfully,

P. Theriault,
Registrar

Mr. Calvin E. Willis,
424 Laurier Avenue West,
Apartment No. 15,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Case No. 1537.

March 25, 1953.

Dear Mr. Willis:

On receipt of your option, in which you state your preference for a documentary hearing, I may say that I have inspected the documents on file with reference to your claim, and I have reached the opinion that it would be preferable for you to appear personally before a Deputy Commissioner in order to supplement the materials appearing on your file.

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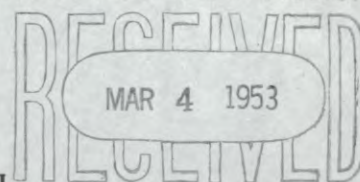
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WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION



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File..... Initial.....

File No. 1011

OTTAWA, February 27, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Your claim for payment of compensation out of the War Claims Fund will shortly be referred to a Deputy Commissioner for hearing. Each claimant has the option of electing one of three methods for the hearing and disposition of his claim, namely:

- Calvin E. Willis*
- (a) a hearing and disposition on the strength of the Statement of Claim and documentary or written materials filed therewith, and without oral hearing or attendance of the claimant or his counsel or representative;
 - (b) a hearing at Ottawa at a time to be fixed by the Deputy Commissioner, such hearing to be attended by the claimant or his counsel or representative;
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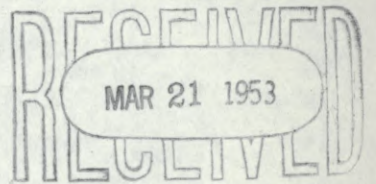
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Your File Ref. 1011

To: Mr. P. Theriault
Secretary,
War Claims Commission,
Ottawa.

Date February 27. 1953

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION



RE: SERVICE AND MEDICAL RECORDS FOR:-

Number J. 25541..... Name Calvin Erskine WILLIS.....
Date of Enlistment 2/4/48..... Theaters Canada, U.K.
Date of Discharge 3/10/45..... of Operational Duty
Service
P.O.W. No..... Captured 3/6/44..... Camps Stalag Luft # 3 at
Liberated 26/5/45..... Sagan and Belaria

HOSPITALIZATION

NAME Admitted. Discharged. Diagnosis.

Nil

M.I.R. SPECIALIST AND TREATMENT REPORTS, ETC.

UNIT	DATE	COMPLAINT
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FINDINGS ON DISCHARGE MEDICAL BOARD

CAUSE	PRESENT DISEASE or INJURIES	ORIGIN	DATE OF ORIGIN	CODE NO.
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N.A.

H.R.D. Harris,
Assistant Chief,
Pensions Advocate.

OTTAWA, March 19, 1953.

RE: R-161505, J-25541 - Calvin E. WILLIS:

Medical Board on discharge negative except for small psoriatic patch on medial aspect of right thigh.

P.O.W. Letter dated February 1, 1945.

"Well here I am safe and sound and in good health. I had a very nice parachute jump and landed in an apple tree unscratched".

Not considered for pension on discharge or at any time.

Received some university training.

/KG

H.R.D. Harris,
Asst. Chief Pensions Advocate.

FEB 18 1953

ORIGINAL



FILE No. 1011

FORM A

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Claims may be submitted in respect of death, personal injury, maltreatment or loss of property, arising directly from operations of war during World War II.

NOTE: Claimants must have been Canadians at the time the loss or injury occurred and must be Canadian citizens at the time of the presentation of the claim, except in the case of members of the armed forces of Canada during World War II, who are deemed to be Canadians at any relevant time.

1. Full name of claimant:

WILLIS

CALVIN ERSKINE

MR.

(Surname)

(Given names)

(Mr., Mrs., Miss)

2. Address:

APT. 15, 424 LAURIER AVE. WEST OTTAWA

3. Particulars of service, if any, in the Armed Forces of Canada, during World War II:

ENLISTED

APRIL 2, 1942

R.C.A.F.

DISCHARGED

OCT. 15, 1945

4. Nature of claim (state whether in respect of death, personal injury, maltreatment, or loss of property):

MALTREATMENT

5. Amount of compensation claimed: \$

135.00

\$1. for each day interned at Fresnes + Buchenwald

6. Particulars of compensation received or expected to be received in respect of the loss to which this claim relates from any source (including insurance) other than the War Claims Fund:

no compensation of any kind received

I, Calvin Erskine Willis do solemnly declare that I am the Claimant herein and that the information contained in the above Statement of Claim and in the Forms hereto annexed and forming part thereof is a true and complete statement of the matter in respect of which this Claim is made, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at

City of Ottawa

this 12th day of February

A.D. 1953.

Calvin E. Willis

(Signature of Claimant)

A Notary Public, Commissioner of Oaths, or other person duly authorized to administer oaths and affidavits. (State office or authority held).

in and for the province of Ontario

NOTE 1. If this declaration is made outside of Canada it should be made before or authenticated by a Canadian Consular officer or Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, in the country in which it is made.

NOTE 2. Form B, Declaration of Canadian status of claimant, must be completed and attached.

FEB 18 1953

ORIGINAL



FILE NO. 1011

FORM G

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

STATEMENT CONCERNING CLAIM FOR MALTREATMENT

(Member of the Armed Forces of Canada)

1. Full name of claimant: CALVIN ERSKINE WILLIS
2. Address of claimant: APT. 15 424 LAURIER AVE. WEST OTTAWA
3. Rank: FLIGHT LIEUTENANT Regimental No. J 25541
4. Corps: R.C.A.F. Unit: AIR CREW
5. Occupation prior to enlistment: CIVIL SERVICE
6. Date of enlistment: APRIL 2, 1942
7. Date of discharge: OCTOBER 1945
8. Place where captured: DOURDON FRANCE Date: JUNE 10, 1944
9. Prison camps in which held. Give names of camps and dates of entering and leaving each camp:
- | (Name of Camp) | (Date of Entry) | (Date of Departure) |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| FRENES PRISON, PARIS | JUNE 13/44 | AUG. 15/44 |
| BUCHENWALD | AUG. 21/44 | OCT. 31/44 |
| STALAG LUFFE 3 | NOV. 6/44 | JAN 1/45 |
| BUCHENWALDE | JAN. 10/45 | MAY 21/45 |
10. Date of final liberation: MAY 27, 1945
11. Were you ever (excluding time spent in travelling from one prison camp to another) liberated (by escape or otherwise) between the dates given in your reply to questions 8 and 10? If so, give particulars, dates of liberation and recapture:

NO

(Over)

11. Give full particulars of maltreatment alleged. (If more space is needed attach another sheet):

Beaten & whipped by the Gestapo
Insufficient food at Fresnes Prison & Buchenwald
Forced to spend week in French boxcar with
29 others during transfer Fresnes to Buchenwald
Lack of food at all camps - loss of 40-50 lbs.
Forced march from Stalag Luft 3 on approach of Russians

12. Did the above maltreatment result in incapacity for work? ~~no~~ yes
(Yes or No)

13. Did the above incapacity for work subsist after your liberation? If so, give full particulars of the incapacity and attach medical certificate establishing such incapacity:

no

14. Have you suffered any pecuniary loss as a result of the above incapacity? If so, state the amount of the loss and give full particulars of how this amount is made up:

no

15. Present occupation of claimant:

civil service clerk Grade 2A

16. Add any further information you may wish to submit:

The dates given except for Aug 15/44
may vary one or two days either way.

I declare the foregoing answers, which are hereby annexed to as a part of the Statement of Claim made by me to the War Claims Commission, to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated at Ottawa, this 11 day of February, 1953.

Calvin E. Willis
(Signature of Claimant)

February 12, 1953.

Dear Sir:

I am returning to you herewith Forms A and G received from you today.

Kindly answer question 3 on Form A and return the both forms to the Commission. If you are in receipt of a pension or if you have received any compensation of any kind in respect of the maltreatment alleged, this should be clearly stated in your answer to this question.

Yours very truly,

James Francis
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6 December, 1952.

Dear Mr. Robitaille,-

Re: Your letter dated November 14th,
File No. 57271

As requested by you, I am offering the following information.

Service - R.C.A.F.
Number - J 25541
Receiving a pension - No
Disability - None
Shot down - June 2, 1944
Captured by Gestapo - June 12, 1944

I was beaten and whipped by the Gestapo and held in Fresne Prison, Paris, on negative rations until August 15, 1944, then I was put in a cattle car with eighty others - French, British and Americans. We existed in this car for one week while being transported to Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

We were held in Buchenwald under the S.S. until October 27th, 1944. During this period I lost approximately fifty pounds being very poorly fed, if at all.

At the end of October the German Air Force had us moved to a regular P.O.W. camp Stalag Luft. 3. At this camp we were able to obtain half a red cross parcel per week to augment our meagre rations. On January 5, 1945, we were forced to march for a week to avoid being liberated by the Russians. We finally were placed in a camp at Luchenwalde about fifty miles south of Berlin.

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WAR CLAIMS BRANCH

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1011
Victoria Building,
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November 14, 1952.

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On receipt of your reply the matter will be given further consideration.

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OCT 22 1952

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October 22, 1952.

Dear Sir:

I would like to have my name included on your list of ex-P.O.W's who may be reimbursed for time spent under the Gestapo and S.S. My rank and number was F/L and J25541 R.C.A.F.

Please forward any information to the undernoted address.

Yours truly,

Calvin E. Willis

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WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM RE FILE NO. 1011

NAME J. Willis, Jr. Co.

I) CIRCULAR LETTERS:

Outgoing Date

Incoming Date

1.(a) Covering Letter for Forms

(b) Covering Letter for Forms
(Dependents)

(c) Covering Letter for Forms
(P.O.W.'s in Europe)

2. Acknowledgment of Forms

3. Pre adjudication Letter
REF TO J. MARION

4. Notice of Hearing

-X 5. Letter forwarding Recommendation
(1st & final)

6.(a) Notice re Argument on Review

(b) Notice of Rehearing

-X Supplementary recommendation forwarded
to Sec of State

II) WAR CLAIMS APPLICATION FORMS:

A. Statement of Claim

B. Declaration of Canadian Status

C. Loss in respect of Death

D. Loss in respect of Injury

E. Maltreatment - Civilian interned
by Japanese

F. Maltreatment - Civilian interned
in Europe

G. Maltreatment - Member of the
Armed Forces of Canada

H. Loss in respect of Property

III. CORROBORATION:

1. Citizenship

2. D.V.A.(a) Imprisonment

(b) Medical

3. External Affairs

4. R.C.M.P.

5. National Health & Welfare

IV) FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Capitalization of Pension

2. Earning Capacity

3. Recommendation of Dep. Comm.

4. Statement of Compensation

5. Recommendation of Compensation

Cheque No. Amount

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