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Claim for Compensation.

Vryheid District.



Name *Sigval Larsen*

Postal Address *Vryheid Natal*
7/3 adruan £166 27/3/04-199⁺

Amount Claimed £ 497 : 13 : 6

Amount Assessed £ 630 : - : -

SUMMARY.

ALLOCATION.	AMOUNT CLAIMED.			AMOUNT ASSESSED.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Live Stock				} 630		
Damage to Buildings						
Furniture Looted <i>+ Photographic goods</i>	497	13	6			
Stock Looted						
Stock Commandeered						
Total	£ 497	13	6	£ 630		

ALLOWED £ 250 - *Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling.*

Mineberg
Secretary,
Central Judicial Commission.

4.3.04
Arthur Shepherdson
Chairman

Final Payment of 4s. p. £1

ON ASSESSMENT.
£50 - 6.0.04

Dec 18th

NOTE.

- (A) If claim is made in respect of damage to, or loss of, movable property, a sworn inventory in detail, showing fair and reasonable values, must be attached.
- (B) If Commandeering Notes are held, these must be attached in original.
- (C) If any Commandeered or Looted Property has been recovered by you, statement in detail, showing values, must be submitted.
- (D) If Claim is made in respect of Immovable Property, a sworn statement of the damage done, with fair and reasonable estimate of loss, must be attached.
- (E) Agents presenting Claims on behalf of absent clients must attach a copy of the Power of Attorney authorizing their action.

Any person who submits a Claim which is proved on investigation to be excessive, or is found to contain or be supported by any false or misleading statement, is liable to forfeit his right to consideration.

To be filled in by Applicant.

1. Full Name.	<i>Sigvart Larsen</i>
2. Residential Address.	<i>Vryheid Natal</i>
3. Postal Address.	<i>Vryheid Natal</i>
4. Nationality.	<i>Norwegian</i>
5. If Naturalized British Subject, give Date of Naturalization Papers.	<i>/</i>
6. State whether Married.	<i>Yes</i>
7. Occupation.	<i>Photographer</i>
8. Name of Employer prior to leaving Transvaal.	<i>/</i>
9. Name of present Employer.	<i>/</i>
10. Address prior to war, stating whether Owner of Property or Tenant.	<i>Vryheid Tenant</i>

11. Date of leaving Transvaal.	October 1900
12. Did anyone acting on your behalf remain in the Transvaal? If so, state	/
(a) Name and present address.	/
(b) Extent of his authority.	/
(c) What action he took towards the protection of your property.	/
13. Where resident since outbreak of war.	Durban. Natal
14. Military Service, if any.	None
15. Date of return to Transvaal.	August November 1902
16. If claim is made in respect of movable property (see Note A), state where stored at date of your leaving Transvaal.	Vryheid 9
17. If claim is made in respect of immovable property, give particulars of situation of property; also state	/
(a) Value of property in October, 1899.	/
(b) Value of building thereon in October, 1899.	/
18. Do you hold Commandeering Notes (see Note B)? If so, give value.	No

19. Have you any knowledge as to date on which, and persons by whom, looting or commandeering (where no notes are held) was caused?

No. except that it was taken during the occupation of Vyheid by the British

20. Have you recovered any commandeered or looted property? If so, give total value. (See Note C).

Yes. £297.0

21. Have you visited the Stores of the Personal and Property Enquiry Department?

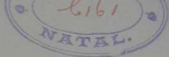
No

22. Have you received assistance from the Refugees' Aid Department: if so, to what extent?

No

23. Was your property insured, wholly or in part, against war risks? If so, state with what company, and to what extent your claim has been entertained.

No



Pro Forma Wrapper

Name Ogriant Larsen

Address Tryheid

District Tryheid

Amount Photographic goods Furniture

Taken in Charge _____

Price £497-13-6

2/5/61

Extract from Register
Claims for Compensations

Name & Address	Date of surrender if loyal since and other information	Claim	How supported	Amount	Date of handing in of receipt	Date of giving receipt 'a'	Signature of Officer to 'a' giving receipt	Signature of Individual receiving 'a'
Trykeid	Expelled from Trykeid in the month of October 1900	Loss of photographic goods & furniture		£497-13-6		29/10/02	Capt Ewart TC Troops	

Sigvart Larsen

Vryheid

Vryheid

Claimant is a Norwegian Subject, and did not take up arms. Remained in Vryheid until sent away in Oct: 1900.

When Larsen was sent away he enquired the reason and was told that foreign subjects would not be allowed to stay in Vryheid.

Name

Place & Address

Address before War

Place of Surrender

To whom

Date of Surrender

If Loyal since

My four brothers were all in the Durban Light Infantry. Natal.

Spouse

Birth & date of birth

Family

Claimant did no service. Losses were sustained after being sent away.

Remarks or description of loss

Expelled from Vryheid with remarks of Oct: 1900

Remarks

A

Memorandum of War Losses sus-
tained by Sigvart Larsen during
October 1900 till 8th August 1902.

Photographic Goods:-			
2 Cameras with Lenses		40	.
1 Photographic Stand		2	.
1 Retouching Desk		1	10
1 Dark Room Lamp (first class)		1	5
2 Backgrounds £3. each		6	.
1 Green Grass mat		2	10
1 Show Case		3	10
2 Tables 15/- & 30/-		2	5
1 Fancy Chair		3	10
2 Ordinary Bentwood Chairs	7/6		15
1 Doz. Printing Frames	2/-	1	4
2 Photographic Show Frames		1	10
Photographic Tent Studio with poles		65	.
1 Tent dark Room		10	10
Developing Dishes		1	15
1 Large sensitising Dish		1	5
1 Lot Chemicals		3	10
3000 Valuable Negatives of all descriptions		450	.
Sitting Room:-			
1 Piano (damaged)		10	.
1 Marble Clock (Large)		5	5
1 Matras (damaged)			15
4 Folding Rush Chairs	£3/-	8	.
4 Folding Chairs	15/-	3	.
1 Fancy table (large) damaged		1	10
1 Music Stool		1	15
Large Collection Music Books & Music		15	.
Carry Forward	£	642	4

Brought Forward

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5 10
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- 1 Large Sitting Room Carpet
- 1 Table Cloth 15/- 1 Photo Enlargement 3/6-
- 1 Album 1/5/- 2 Flower Stands 1/10/- 1 Lot Vases 2/6/-
- 1 Music Table 15/- 1 Drawing Room Standing Lamp 4/6-

Dining Room

- 1 Book Case with Collection Historical Books 2 0
- 6 Morocco covered Dining Room Chairs 4 10
- 1 American Rocking Chair 30/- 1 Couch 3 1/-
- 1 Food Safe 1 10/- 1 Fancy Work Table 1 5/-
- 1 Sewing Machine 5/- 1 Fancy Work Basket 30/-
- 1 Side Board (damaged) 60/- 1 Large Over mouth mirror 2/10/-
- 1 Writing Table 30/- 1 Dining Room Clock £3.10.
- 1 Dining Room Table 40/- 6 Tumblers 6/-
- 1 Doz Wine Glasses 9/- 2 large Cut-glass Fruit Stands 11/-
- 1 Silver Buffet Stand 2 1/- 1 Egg Stand 10/-
- 3 Cut-glass Dishes 8/- 1 Silver Coffee Pot 2 1/-
- 1 Glass Fruit plate 4/- 3 Small Fruit plates 4/-
- 1 Cut-glass Preserve Dish 3/- 1/2 doz ^{small} knives & prongs 2 1/-
- 1/2 doz large knives & prongs 3 7/- 1 Silver Soup Ladle 10/-
- 1/2 doz Table Spoons 9/- 1/2 dessert Spoons 6/- 1 doz tea Spoons 13/-
- 1 Carving knife & Fork 30/- 6 China Cups & Saucers 7/-
- 1/2 doz Breakfast Cups 6/- Plates & Dishes 32/-
- 1 Biscuit Case (Silver) £2 10/- Linoleum 32/-
- 1 Oil Painting 20/- 1 Large Hanging Lamp £2 10/-

Kitchen :-

- 2 Large Tables 30/- 1 Stone damaged 2 10/- 5 Saucepans 3 1/-
- 3 Baths 2 7/- 2 Large Brackets 10/- 2 Meat Mincers 3 2/-
- 1 Coffee Grinder 15/- 1 Pumping Stove Swedish 2/-
- 1 Set Flat Irons 7/6 1 Singer Sewing Machine 7/-
- 3 Enamelled Basins 8/- 6 feet wire Netting 2 1/-
- 2 Wicker Chairs 2 4/- 1 Hall Lamp 1 10/-

£ 749 0

Brought Forward

749 . 6

Bed Room

1 Double Bed Stead (damaged) ^{2/11}	1 Dble Mattress ^{25/-}	3	13	.
4 Feather Pillows ^{35/-}	1 Single Bedstead with Spring Mattress ^{3/5/-}	5	.	.
1 Mirror Dressing Table ^{4/10/-}	1 Box Clothing ^{8/1/-}	12	10	.
1 Dble Chamber Set ^{32/-}	3 Chairs ^{22/6}	2	14	6
1 Towel Rack ^{10/-}	1 Enamelled Bucket ^{7/6}	.	17	6
3 pair Dble Sheets ^{18/-}	4 pair Single Sheets ^{10/-}	1	10	.
4 pair Curtains ^{30/-}	1 Lamp ^{25/-}	1 pair New Top Boards ^{35/-}	4	7
1 Bed Room Carpet ^{2/0/-}	Bed Room Pictures ^{15/-}	3	5	.
2 Large Woollen Blankets ^{2/2/-}		2	2	.

Space Room

1 Single Bedstead with Mattress ^{4 pillows 2/12/-}		2	12	.
1 Washstand ^{15/-}	1 Chamber Set ^{1/6}	1	6	6
1 Living Mirror ^{13/6}	1 Rug ^{22/6}	2	13	6
1 Carpet ^{3/-}	1 pair Curtains ^{12/6}	2	3	6
2 Spring Rollers with Blinds ^{@ 4/-}		1	8	.
1 Small Table ^{10/6}		.	10	6

 797 13 6

In the matter of a claim
by Sigvart Larsen for
compensation for damages
and losses sustained by
him.

I Sigvart Larsen of Tryhvid
make oath and say:

that the above claim is a
true and correct one, and that
the prices charged are fair and
reasonable to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

I further say: that I was
expelled by the British forces
from Tryhvid in the month of
October 1900, that all the property
now claimed for was left in
the premises then occupied by
me.

That I returned to Tryhvid
on 5th August, 1902 and found
that all the articles claimed for
had been removed and I have
not been able to recover any
of them:

I am informed and verily
believe that my property was
occupied by members of the
British force during my ab-
sence from Tryhvid Sigvart Larsen
born at Tryhvid on this 20th
day of August 1902

Before me H. L. Seberus.
J. L. Tryhvid.

B

Statement under Note C showing the approximate value of looted property recovered by me

Articles in detail	Original value	Amount charged for damage as shown in claim	Value at time of recovery
1 One Piano	31 10 0	10 . .	21 10 0
One Wharfedale	1 10 0	15 .	15 .
1 Fancy table (large)	3 . .	1 10 .	1 10 0
1 Side board	5 10 .	3 . .	2 10 .
1 stove	5 . .	2 10 .	2 10 .
1 double Bedstead	3 . .	2 8 .	12 .
Totals £			119 10 . 20 3 . 29 7 0

I declare the above to be a correct statement of looted property recovered by me, and that the particulars as to value are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. Lauer

Declared before me at Kyzheid this fifth day of September 1903

William Phipps
Magistrate Kyzheid

C

I Sigvart Larsen maketh oath and say as follows:-

I am a Norwegian subject. I left Norway about twenty five years ago, most of that time I lived in Natal. I came to Vryheid about eighteen months before the war and resumed my business as Photographer at Vryheid. I formerly carried on the business of a Photographer in Durban. In October 1900 Colonel Gawne who was in command at Vryheid, and also District Commissioner sent me into Natal as an undesirable. He told me I was a foreigner, and could not be trusted here.

Before the occupation of Vryheid by the British one of the Boer Commanders named Wessels told me I would have to go to the front and help the Boers. I refused to do so. I did not render them any assistance whatever.

The morning I left Vryheid I locked up my house, and a Military Official demanded my keys, and I gave them to him. I had only one hour notice to quit by Convey, accompanying Genl. Midyard. My wife accompanied me. We only took a small box of clothing with us. We left all that I possessed in my house. This is the property referred to in my claim, marked A, the total value of which is given at £197. 13. 6.

Document "B" is a list of the only looted property that I recovered on my return to Vryheid. These items are included in my claim where I have entered them as damaged. I have only charged for the damage

and

and not for the value of the article. The Piano actually cost me £21:10:0 delivered in Kuyheid, and because of its condition when I recovered it I sold it for £20. to Mr ~~Hemp~~ Dyers of Kuyheid. I think I purchased this piano about 3 or 4 years before the war. It was as good as new when I bought it, I got it a bargain. I paid £5:10:0 for the sideboard in Durban about four years ago. I remember paying £5:0:0 for the stove in Durban about the same time. I remember buying the bedstead for £3 about the same time. I don't remember what I paid for the whatnot and fancy table, but I am sure that the charges I have made for them are reasonable.

I did not take an inventory of my property before I left Kuyheid, as I had no time to do so. I left my books in my house, including ledger and business books. None of these books have been recovered by me, therefore the prices I have charged in my account "A" are from memory. All my receipts and other papers were left in my house, and were not recovered by me.

With reference to the £3000
negatives at 3/- each = £450; these were
negatives of my own taking, during a period
of

of two years, and were worth much more to me than the amount charged. The usual price of a negative is 10/6. Since the conclusion of peace I have had many applications for photographs from some of these negatives, therefore their loss has been a great loss to me.

With regard to Photographic Tent with poles charged at £65. I paid £35 for it second hand about two years before the war. I bought it in Durban. The tent was 28 feet long and 10 feet wide. The poles were patent poles 10 feet high with gables, and screwed together. After using it a short time I renewed the whole of the canvas at a cost of about £30. One tent dark room charged at £10.10.0, this was the cost price at Durban about two years before the war. I often have used the photographic tent studio, and the tent dark room in Vryheid. I used to take them about in my travels.

Four of my brothers are members of the Durban Light Infantry, and served with the British during the war.

Sigron Larou
Declared before me this fifth day of September 1903
Attno Phupstine
Magistrate. Vryheid.

I. May Larsen **D**maketh oath and saith
as follows:

I am the wife of Mr
Sjogvaert Larsen the claimant. My
husband carries on business as a photographer
in Vyheid. He is a Norwegian subject.
My husband rendered no assistance to
the Boers during the war.

About the 8th October 1900
we were sent from Vyheid to Natal
as undesirable. We had only a few
hours notice. There was no time to
make an inventory of our property.

I assisted my husband in
making out his claim. We made it out
from memory principally. Document "A" now
shown to me is in my opinion a fair
claim, and the charges reasonable. Many
items have been omitted from the claim
owing to having been forgotten.

As we left our house in October 1900, a
military officer locked the door, and took
the key from us as he said the ^{key} house
was required by Colonel Gawne, who was
then O/C Troops Vyheid. All the articles
claimed for were left in our house.

My husband was having a new
studio built; therefore all his photographic

plant

was stored in our dwelling house. Included in this plant were a large photographic tent studio, and a tent dark room. My husband has carried on the business of a photographer for many years.

I was about eight or nine months up to the time of the occupation of Vryheid by the British; Boers frequently came to my husband's place of business to have their photos taken. We ^{some time} often took photos of Boer Commandos. The negatives of these photographs were left in our house with many other negatives my husband had acquired in his business. I knew that there were a great number of negatives, but I can't say how many.

My husband and I returned to Vryheid about August 1902. There were very few articles of furniture left in the house. What was left were all damaged, among these articles was, ^{included} a piano. My husband sold the piano for £20. We had a large collection of music books, and music. Some of these books were large books of classical music.

Our house consisted of four rooms and a kitchen. They were all

well furnished. We had sufficient
furniture to furnish two more rooms

Mr. Larsen.

Declared before me this ninth day of
September 1903. at Bryland

Arthur P. Peterson
Magistrate. Kyheid

E

I Ester Magdalena Pratt maketh oath
and say as follows:

I am a widow
and was a subject of the late South
African Republic. I live in Vyheid and
lived there all through the war. I often
visited the house of Mr Sigwart Larsen,
who carried on the business of a photographer
at Vyheid. I know that his house was
well furnished, and that at the commencement
of the war, and at the time Mr Larsen
was sent away, he had a photographic
tent studio packed away in his house.
I saw the woodwork belonging to this
tent on the verandah of his house before
he was sent away. A short time before
Mr Larsen was sent away, he showed me
a negative of a photograph he had taken
of the Pemsaan bridge, and of my brother
and me. In the course of conversation he
made some remark about the amount of
work he had on hand, and I saw that
he had a great number of negatives. I
know that a great lot of Boers went to
him for photographs before the war, and
during the first part of the war. It was in
Mr Larsen's house that I saw the negatives.

Truly
Yours

Directly after Mr Lawson was sent away his
house was occupied by the late Colonel
Lawne and Capt Shaw & from that time
to the declaration of peace this house
was occupied by British Officers. I just
lived opposite Mr Lawson. I dont know
what became of his property

J. W. Pratt

Declared before me this eighth day of
September 1903.

Arthur Phipstone
Magistrate Nyheid

I Aaron I^Fres maketh oath and
saith as follows:

I am district
surgeon for Kyheid Division. I know
Mr Sigvard Larsen photographer of Kyheid.
I was in Kyheid when he and his
wife were sent away by the late Colonel
Lawne in October 1899. I was also at
that time District Surgeon. I often
visited Mr Larsens house in my professional
capacity. I visited there a short time
before Mr Larsen was sent away. The
house was pretty well furnished.

A short time before they
were sent away I remember seeing photo-
graphic plant belonging to Mr Larsen
in a back room of his house. This
consisted of chemicals and a camera.

This was all I remember having seen.

I know that he had a
photographic tent studio. This must have
been left at the house, as I know they
only got short notice to leave, and I
saw them leave. They only had a few
things (small parcels) in their hands.

I dont know why they were
sent away except that they were considered
undesirables.

A. I. Ires, M.D.

Declared before me this tenth day of September 1903.

Arthur Shepstone
Magistrate, Kyheid

G

I, Ida Louise Damman maketh oath
and saith as follows:

I lived in
Tryheim all through the war. I know
Mr. Sigvat Larsen photographer of
Tryheim. I lived next door to him.
I remember when he and his wife were
sent away from Tryheim by the late
Colonel Gawne. I was in their house
a short time before they left. I often
visited the house. As far as I could
see the house was well furnished. I
have been in all the rooms of the house
with the exception of the dark room he
used for his photography. I remember
seeing a large tent with poles on Mr.
Larsens verandah. Directly after the Larsens
left Colonel Gawne occupied the house.
Then this tent was placed inside the house
and after Colonel Gawne's death it was
put on the verandah again. I don't know
what became of it after that. The house
was in the occupation of Military officers
from the occupation of Tryheim until the
conclusion of peace. On one occasion during
that period I saw some soldiers carrying
some negatives from Mr. Larsens house to the
Dutch

Dutch school close to his house. I cant enumerate
the furniture, but I remember a piano
that was there. It was a good piano.

Louise Dammann

Declared before me this ninth day of September
1903.

Arthur P. Stone
Magistrate Kyhind.

24. Have you rendered any claim to the Military Compensation Board? If so, give

- (a) Registered number of claim *present claim M.C.C. 231*
(b) Date of submission *20: 8: 02*
(c) Amount claimed *£ 797. 13. 6*
(d) Result, if known *referred to Magistrate's*

25. Have you received any payment, restitution, or consideration, from whatever source, in respect of goods or property for which this claim is lodged?

No

26. Where you the sole owner of the goods or property in respect of which claim is lodged?

Yes

Live Stock £

Damage to Buildings £

Photographic goods
Furniture, Looted } £

797. 13. 6

Stock Looted £

Stock Commandeered £

27. Amount claimed. (See Notes A and D.)

Total £ *797. 13. 6*

2. State what documents are attached in support of this claim.

- (A) Particulars regarding my Claims with my Affidavit of the 28th 8. 02.
- (B) Statements of approximate values of lost property recovered by me
- (C) My Deposition dated 5. 9. 03
- (D) Deposition of May Larsen 9. 9. 03
- (E) Deposition of Kate Magdalena Pratt dated 7. 9. 03
- (F) Deposition of Karen Lien dated 10. 9. 03
- (G) Ida Louise Sammar's Deposition dated 9. 9. 03

29. Remarks in support of claim.

Vide Affidavits

I, Sigvard Larsen

do hereby solemnly declare that the replies given to the preceding questions, and the statements contained in supporting documents, are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

S. Larsen

Sworn before me at Vybygd

this 5th day of September 1903.

Arthur S. Peterson M.

Justice of the Peace.

Report on Investigation.

I recommend this claim for
payment, but as it appears that full
prices are claimed for most of the items
think a deduction of about 20 per
cent should be made

I recommend that the claim be
passed at £630-

Arthur J. Johnston

Overland
18/12/03