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Martin Dempsey

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

5 OCT. 1916

Policy vtd 2/11/16 J.

# Assessors Report. 20th Sepr 1916

Claim No. 2 3 6 7 Name of Claimant Martin Dempsey., M. D.,

Situation of Property 35 Merrion Square East, Dublin.

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Commissioners Valuation of Buildings	Assessors Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies
Building	30: 5: 0	1200		30: 5: 0	30: 5: 0	
Household Goods &c	79: 1: 8	800		64: 15: 0	64: 15: 0	
TOTALS, £	109: 6: 8	2000		95: 0: 0	95: 0: 0	

Loss and Damage by Looting, Bombing, & Gun Fire.

Interests in the buildings **Claimant is Leaseholder, and has carried out the repairs at the figure claimed and allowed.**

**Messrs Maunsell Darley & Orpen, Solicitors, 18 Stephens Green, Dublin, who are Agents for the Lessor, inform us that no claim will be made on his behalf.**

*Walter James & Co*

Award of Committee: Contents £95 11/4

do. Buildings \_\_\_\_\_

LAURENCE J. O'NEILL,  
SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE N<sup>o</sup> 2087.

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58, UPPER SACKVILLE STREET,  
DUBLIN.

11th. July, 1916.

J. J. Healy Esq.  
Secretary,

Property Losses (Ireland) Committee 1916  
51 St. Stephen's Green, East.

ack  
16/7/16.

Dear Sir,

re. Dr. Martin Dempsey - Claim

Enclosed I send you Claim of Dr. Martin Dempsey of No. 35  
Merrion Square, together with Policy of Assurance of the Patriotic  
Company annexed, also copy of the Claim.

Yours faithfully,

*Guinness*

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# Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, EAST, DUBLIN.

## Claim for Damages caused during the Disturbances on the 24th April, 1916, and following days.

I Martin Duffey now residing  
at 35 Merrion Square in the City of Dublin H. D.

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 24th day of April  
1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—\*

\* State situation of property damaged.

at my house 35 Merrion Square Dublin.

and such damage was occasioned to the best of my belief by\*\* The Military  
or Sinn Feiners or both.

\*\* Here state cause of damage.

And I further declare that the Property and Articles specified on the other side were  
so destroyed or damaged; that the Cost Price of same was as shown in each case;  
that at the time of the destruction or damage they were respectively of the Values  
specified under the head "Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage";  
and that, in consequence of such destruction or damage, claim is hereby made for the  
sums specified under the head "Amount Claimed"; that the Claim is made by me  
as† owner; and that no person is interested in  
the said property except ‡ myself.

† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

and that it is not insured by me or any other person, § except as follows, namely:—

‡ Insert "myself," or "ourselves," and the names of Mortgagees, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

<u>Patriotic</u>	Company, Policy No. <u>1020954</u>	Amount £ <u>800</u>	<u>Furniture</u>
<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>£ 1200 House</u>
<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>£</u>

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1916, at 35 Merrion Square  
Dublin in the said City,  
County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said  
City  
County.  
Richard Murray  
Dublin City

Signature of Claimant } Martin Duffey

NOTE—This Claim should be accompanied by the Policies of Fire Insurance and the last receipt, in each case, or certified copies of same. When completed it is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee, 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM.

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.	Cost Price.			Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage.	Value of Salvage.			Amount Claimed		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
James Orr's Eskimau	11	2	6				✓			11 2 6.
Phoenix & Standings do.	19	2	6.				✓			19 2 6.
Anderson Stamford & Ridgeway do.			18 8				✓			18 8.
M <sup>rs</sup> Dempsey Jewellery.										50 . .
Linen & Furniture										10 . .
Glass & China.										15 . .
Burberry Rain Coat.										3 3 .
										<div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;"> <i>Wm</i>  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">10968</div> </div>

Carried forward,

2367 ~~2367~~  
Telegraphic Address -  
"MEYHER, DUBLIN."  
Telephone - 3569. ~~6520~~  
1916

THE WALTHAM WATCH DEPÔT.  
OPPOSITE O'CONNELL MONUMENT.

Dublin 260d

To J. J. Healy Esq  
The Property Loss Committee

**Hopkins & Hopkins,**  
MANUFACTURING JEWELLERS,  
SILVERSMITHS & WATCHMAKERS.

Dear Sir

We received the enclosed letter today, and we would be obliged if you would deal with same.

Yours faithfully  
Hopkins & Hopkins

*[Signature]*

Recd & sent from  
one/23/10  
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TELEPHONE No 1000

26 OCT 1916

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35, MERRION SQUARE,  
DUBLIN.

October 25th 1916.

Claim for loss of jewellery, injury  
to premises & damage to furniture -  
35 Merrion Square - recommended  
to Govt. 5/10/16.

Dear Sir,

226  
27/10/16.

I reply to your note of this morning

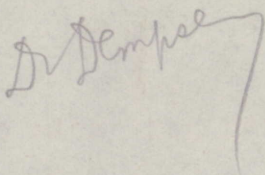
I beg to state that I left three articles to  
be repaired by you about a month before Easter  
They were one silver mustard pot , lid to be  
put on, one silver mustard pot , blue glass  
lining to be fitted, and one large silver salt  
cellar, blue glass lining to be fitted also.  
These articles I value at £2.0.0..therefore I  
should be glad if you would let me know what you



35, MERRION SQUARE,  
DUBLIN.

inyend doing about the matter.

Yours truly



Messrs Hopkins & Hopkins

O'Connell Street

Dublin.

re account 8/6.

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S. T.



Passed. I see no  
evidence to warrant  
disciplinary action.

Vide reports from  
G.O.E. 59<sup>th</sup> Div &  
O.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Regt.

M. Kelly Capt  
for

24/6/16 Col. A.

Mily admit no.  
resp. B.S.O. 10848

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113/494 G.

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Headquarters,  
Irish Command,  
Parkgate.  
Dublin, June 23rd, 1916.

Mrs. M. Martin Dempsey's Claim.

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~~Dr. J. Martin Dempsey~~  
Dr. Martin Dempsey

"A" Passed:

T. C. R. Woodhams

Col.

for Major General i/c Administration,  
Irish Command.

Headquarters,  
23/6/16.

A.D. of S. and T.,  
Irish Command.

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HEAD QUARTERS	
NO.	104/189/19
DATE	22.6.16
59th (West Midland) Coy. P.M.F.	
22 JUN 1916	
No. ....	
PARKDATE, DUBLIN.	

The attached claim from Mrs Martin Dempsey  
35 Merrion Square, Dublin, is ~~returned~~ <sup>forwarded</sup> with report  
received from each unit concerned in the occupation of this  
house. It is clear that some portion of the 5th Lincolnshire  
Regiment were in occupation of this house on the day and  
at the time it is alleged that the jewellery was taken but  
at the same time the Officer commanding that unit is  
satisfied that none of his men were guilty of this offence.  
It appears from his letter that the servants and other  
civilians had means of admission to this house during the  
whole of the period.

DUBLIN.  
21.6.16.

*A. E. Landbach*  
Major-General.  
Cmdg. 59th Division.

A.D. of S. and T.,  
Irish Command.  
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HEAD QUARTERS	
NO.....	104/189/9
DATE.....	22.6.16
69th (North Midland) Division.	

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A. S. Landbach.

DUBLIN.  
21.6.16.

Major-General.  
Cmdg. 59th Division.

HEAD QUARTERS

No. 104/18q/19

DATE 10.6.16.

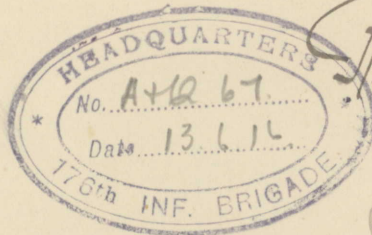
59th (North Midland) Division.

Headquarters,  
176th Infantry Brigade.

With reference to the attached correspondence will you please call upon the officer commanding the unit which first occupied No 35 Merrion Square to render a report as to what action was taken with regard to these premises. The information required is as to the damage done by the bomb throwing referred to in the latter part of Mrs Dempsey's letter. It is understood that no men of the Brigade under your command were actually billeted in this house. Presumably the bombing in question was necessary in the course of operations.

Please return all correspondence.

DUBLIN.  
12.6.16.



*[Handwritten signature]*

Captain.  
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.  
59th Division.

(2)

Officer Commanding,  
5th North Stafford Regiment.

Forwarded for investigation and early report.

STRAFFAN.  
13..6..16.

*[Handwritten signature]*

CAPTAIN,  
STAFF CAPTAIN, 176th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

To...

*Page 3*



Headquarters,  
176th Infantry Brigade,  
Straffan.

with reference to your memo of the 13th.

The Bombing of 35 Merrion Square was done by a Company of this Unit on April 29th. There is no doubt at all that this house was occupied by the Rebels on the date mentioned above and that snipers were in the house as our sentries on Guard outside were continually being fired at and it was quite necessary for us to have to recourse to bombing.

The area in which 35 Merrion Square is situated was taken over from the 5th South Staffords who also had trouble from this house.

Respecting the missing articles, it is noted in Mrs Dempsey's letter that all personal property was correct on May 2nd, and my Battalion left this district on April 29th.

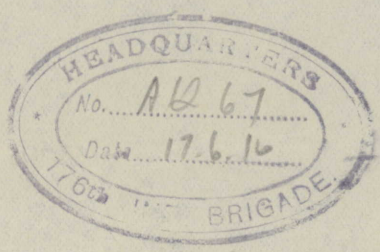
PHOENIX PARK  
15....6....16.

HEADQUARTERS  
No. ....  
DATE .....  
99th (North Midland) Division

*Arthur Han*

Lieut Col.  
Comdng. 5th North Stafford Regiment.

*Headquarters,  
59th Division*



HEADQUARTERS  
No. 104/189/9  
DATE 18.6.16  
59th ( ) Division

*Forwarded; please see Form 3,*

*Straffan.  
17.6.16*

*C. O. Lawley* CAPTAIN,  
STAFF CAPTAIN, 176th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

*for  
Brig Genl  
Commanding 176th Infantry Brigade*

*baag*  
Headquarters,

59th North Midland Division

HEAD QUARTERS	
No.	104 / 189 / 19
DATE	10/6/16
59th (North Midland) Division	



Reference attached correspondence.

I beg to state that no troops of this Unit  
have ever occupied this building.

*W. H. G. Wray, m/c Lt + A / Adjt*  
for Lieut-Col.

Commdg. 2/6th North Staffs Regt

Balls Bridge  
Dublin  
9..6..16





HEAD QUARTERS	
NO.	104/189/9.
DATE	7-6-16
69th (North Midland) Division.	

O.C.,

6th North Staffs. Regt.,

Forwarded. Please report what took place  
with regard to this house.

DUBLIN.  
6.6.16.

Captain.  
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.  
59th Division.

*Wash*



HEAD QUARTERS	
No.	104/189/19
DATE	6. 6. 16
Bill (only)	

*Headquarters  
59<sup>th</sup>*

*(N.M.) Division*

*Passed to you, please.*

*E. G. Lewis Capt.  
for Staff Captain*

*Ferme  
5/6/16.*

Head Quarters.

177<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade.

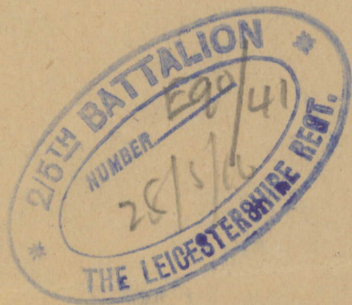
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Please see report below.

Dr J. J. H. H. H.  
4/5/16. Recd.

TRALEE.

28/5/16




To. The Adjutant.

28-5-16.

From. C. Co. 3/5 Leicestershire Regt.

Re. 35 Merion Square.

C. Co. 3/5 Leicestershire Regt did not  
 take over the Lower Mount street +  
 Merion Square line until <sup>Wednesday</sup> ~~Thursday~~  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The house had been bombed  
 either by the Staffords or the 5th Lincolns.  
 On <sup>Wednesday afternoon</sup> ~~Thursday~~ Dr Dempsey came round  
 to see me about my placing a group  
 at No. 34 Merion Square, as he said  
 the troops who had searched his  
 house two or three days before had taken  
 some jewelry.


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 Sifford Burden Capt.  
 C. Co. C. Co.  
 6th Leicestershire Regt.

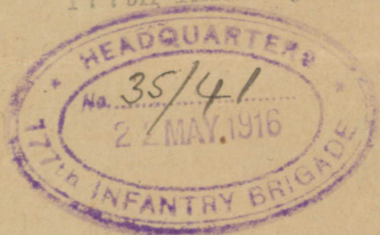
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O.C. 57 Licentia.

For report please a  
very early return.

W. Allen.

22/5/16. .... Capt.  
Staff Captain  
177th Infantry Brigade.



O.C. Coy.

For remarks & ration please.  
I am given to understand that  
this house was occupied by the  
men of your Company.

W. Allen.

24/5/16.



TELEPHONE No 4000

35, MERRION SQUARE,  
DUBLIN.

May 18th 1916



Dear Sir,

During the late disturbances, our house (above address) was taken

over by the Military on April 25th. I called the next day and told the soldiers not to allow anyone in without presenting a card of Doctor Dempsey's

On May 2nd I went through the house and beyond the serious damage done to the lower part of the house by the throwing of ~~the~~ bombs by the soldiers,

I found that none of my personal property had been touched; but on coming

the next day May 3rd, I found that a box containing some jewellery had been

burst open, and all the drawers in my dressing table ~~were~~ <sup>gone through</sup> and the jewellery

<sup>them</sup> taken. All this happened between 3oc on Tuesday May 2nd and Wednesday

morning 1loc May 3rd.

The regiment in occupation of the house at that time was 5th battallion

Lincolns, I went to their headquarters in Clare Street and reported the

matter, I saw one of the officers who took down particulars, and later on

when I called with a list of articles taken, ~~he~~ I was shown two pieces of



Headquarters,  
177th Infantry Brigade.

Forwarded for investigation and report.

*R. W. Shaw*

Captain.  
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.  
59th Division.

DUBLIN.  
19.5.16.

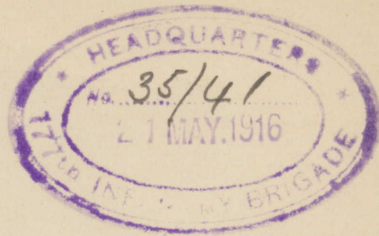
O.S. 57th in colns.

*For early report please. Correspondence to be returned.*

*R. W. Shaw* ..... Capt.

Staff Captain  
177th Infantry Brigade.

20.V.16.



Headquarters. BT  
141 Infantry Brigade

When 5  
With reference to the attached. This house was taken over by my Battalion from the 6th North Staffords. The Bombing was carried out by that Battalion.

My men were out of the house by 8-45 am on May 3rd on being relieved by the 2/5th Leicesters.

On the complaint being received from Mrs Dempsey about mid-day on that date the Platoon which had been on the premises was immediately paraded and every man's kit and his pockets thoroughly searched. All that was found was one pair of toy Ear rings, such as would be found in a Christmas Cracker, and worthless.

This is the jewellery mentioned by Mrs Dempsey as having been shown to her.

Both company and Platoon Commanders are absolutely convinced that there is no man in this Platoon who would be guilty of the offence complained of. The men were all most considerate in the use of the house and took pride in giving the owners the least possible





cause for complaint.

Mrs Dempsey herself stated to my Adjutant that, with the exception of the bombing and the loss of this jewellery, ~~that~~ the house had been treated with every consideration and that nothing had been touched.

I would further point out that the servants had admission to this house and also anyone who produced Mrs Dempsey's Card.

Stewart Colonel  
Command 5 Buffs (East Kent) Regt.

DUBLIN.

21/5/16

*Paul G.O.C. 59 - Division*  
*Acte d + stated with the word be referred to it is 7-8-16*  
*lost the house of Mr. Price 8-16*

LAURENCE J. O'NEILL,

SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE No 2087.

58, UPPER SACKVILLE STREET,

DUBLIN.

83 | 84  
9th. May, 1916.

Major Price  
Intelligence Officer,  
Head Quarters, Irish Command,  
Park Gate,  
Dublin.

*Mil. admit no resp. CSO 9706*



Dear Sir,

I am acting for Dr. Martin Dempsey of No. 35 Merrion Square.

The Military took possession of my client's house on Wednesday night the 26th. of April. My client and his family left when the Military took possession, and the Military remained on in possession until Monday the 8th. of May.

When my client examined his house he found that the following jewellery was missing :-

- 1 French paste Necklace
- 1 Pair Pearl and French paste Earrings
- 1 Pair Pink Topaz and French paste Earrings
- 1 Pink Topaz Diamond Pendant
- 1 Blue stone and French paste Pendant
- 1 Blue Enamel French Brooch
- 1 Green Enamel and paste Brooch
- 2 Neck chains
- 1 Crystal Necklace and various small things

And that the following furniture was injured :-

- Chippendale Chair
- Hall Chairs
- Window Screens
- Glass and China
- Carpets.

In addition to the foregoing there are certain small injuries to the house caused by bombing.

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LAURENCE J. O'NEILL,

SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE N<sup>o</sup> 2087.

2.

58, UPPER SACKVILLE STREET,

DUBLIN.

9th. May, 1916.

Major Price

I shall be glad to know what the Government propose doing in reference to the matter.

Yours faithfully,

*W. M. Donnell*

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