

further provides that the damage to or loss or destruction of property shall not have been caused in whole or in part by any negligence or wrongful act on the part of the claimant, his agent or employee; that no claim shall be settled under the act unless presented in writing within one year after the incident out of which such claim arises shall have occurred except that if the incident occurs in time of war, or if war intervenes within one year after its occurrence, any claim may, on good cause shown, be presented within one year after peace is established. The Secretary of the Army is authorized to report such claims as exceed \$1,000 to Congress for its consideration.

§ 211.16 Scope and application of Army Regulations.

(a) AR (Army Regulations) 25-25 has been issued in furtherance of the act of July 3, 1943. The regulations in this part, in keeping with the terms of the act, apply to claims for damages only. Paragraph 7 of AR 25-25 provides that claims for damages to real property incident to the use and occupancy thereof by the government under a lease express or implied, or otherwise, are payable under this section even though legally enforceable against the Government as contract claims. However, if deemed preferable in the best interest of the Government claims payable under paragraph 7 may be processed to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement under sec. 236, Revised Statutes. Claims for rent of real property are not payable under AR 25-25.

(b) AR 100-64 has been issued in furtherance of Section 236, Revised Statutes, as amended by the act of June 10, 1921; 42 Stat. 24, 31 U.S.C. 71. These regulations provide exclusive authority for the consideration and settlement of claims for rent and other payments of an express or implied contractual nature, and optional authority with AR 25-25 for settlement of damages, in excess of \$1,000 arising out of the use and occupancy of real estate by the Department of the Army or the Army under an agreement expressed or implied. AR 100-64 applies to all claims for rent regardless of amount and for other payments of a contractual nature, for example, claims for electricity, heat,

light, water, and other out-of-pocket expenses, repairs, etc., where such expenses are not included in the lease as a part of the rental consideration.

§ 211.17 Authority of Division Engineers, Corps of Engineers to settle claims.

(a) Authority has been delegated to Division Engineers, within the geographical limits of their respective jurisdictions, to approve or disapprove, in amounts not exceeding \$1,000, any claim within the purview of the act of July 3, 1943, as amended. Insofar as real estate claims are concerned this delegation of authority applies only to claims for damages incident to the use and occupancy of real property by the Department of the Army or the Army.

(b) Division Engineers have no authority to settle and make payment of claims for damages in excess of \$1,000 or for rents or other payments of a contractual nature regardless of amount arising out of the use and occupation of real estate under an agreement, express or implied, or otherwise.

§ 211.18 Action by claimant.

Real estate claims may be presented by the owner of the property or his duly authorized agent or legal representative. The word "owner", as so used, includes lessees, mortgagors, and conditional vendees, but does not include mortgagees, conditional vendors, and others having title for purposes of security only. The claim, if filed by an agent or legal representative, should show the title of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of the appointment of such person as agent, executor, administrator, guardian, or other fiduciary.

§ 211.19 Place of filing claims.

All real estate claims should be submitted to the United States Division Engineer in whose jurisdiction the claim arises.

§ 211.20 Form of claim.

Claims should be submitted by presenting in triplicate a signed statement, giving the claimant's address, setting forth the amount of the claim, and, so far as possible, the detailed facts and circumstances giving rise to