

AWARD NO. 17

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GR.DIV.: 4287

SPECIAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NO. 591

THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS

VS.

READING COMPANY

STATEMENT  
OF CLAIM:

"Claim of the General Committee of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers on the Reading Company, that:

1. The Reading Company violated our current Agreement by requiring and/or permitting officials (assistant train masters) to perform communications of record work at West Falls on October 4, 1963, and at Woodbourne on November 5, 1963.
2. In consequence of the above violation, claim is made for one (1) day's pay at the minimum daily rate for R. J. Twisler account of violation on October 4, 1963, and for R. R. Cooper account of violation on November 5, 1963, both of whom are extra men."

FINDINGS:

On October 4, 1963 an Assistant Train Master reported a derailment by telephone to the operator at PC, who transmitted it to the proper officers, and similarly on November 5, 1963 a Trainmaster reported a change of engine to the operator at PC. In each case the employees say the call is shown as emanating from West Falls and Woodbourne, respectively, and should have gone through the operators on duty there.

There can be no doubt that the use of the telephone by the Trainmaster and the Assistant Trainmaster was to transmit a communication of record, which would have been transmitted by telegraph before the introduction of telephones. This is a violation of the scope rule.

AWARD: Claim sustained.

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DUDLEY E. WHITING, CHAIRMAN

/s/ John T. Finnegan  
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/s/ V. W. Bigelow  
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