

AWARD NO. 8

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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. Carrier violated and continues to violate the Agreement between the parties when it requires or permits employees not covered thereby to handle (receive, copy and deliver) train orders and messages at Sixth Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware.
2. Carrier shall pay a day's pay (eight hours) to each of the following-named claimants for each date shown after their names: J. Gribbin - March 8, 13, 15 and 17, 1961; and W. D. Grabey - March 6, 10, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27 and 28, 1961.
3. Carrier shall pay a day's pay to the senior extra idle employees for each date the violation occurs subsequent to the date last shown, or to regular employees on their rest days if no extras are available, with proper claimants and amounts due each to be determined by a joint check of Carrier's time records."

FINDINGS:

Elsmere Junction is the crossing point of the B and O main line and this Carrier's Wilmington and Northern Branch, located about three miles from Wilmington. The signals and switches were operated by Reading towermen assigned at that point. After the B and O installed CTC and the ICC approved Reading's application to discontinue manual block operation on its branch, these positions were abolished.

Prior to such abolition train orders for Wilmington were delivered through Elsmere Junction tower and clerks in the Wilmington yard office phoned communications to the operator there for transmission. After the abolishment of those positions Wilmington train orders, when necessary intermittently, were delivered to the train crew by telephone by the operator at Montchanin, about seven miles distant. The messages originated at the yard office were phoned to the operator at CV for transmission.

The fact that the operators now handling the train orders and messages are located a little further from Wilmington than Elsmere Junction does not justify the claim. Otherwise the work is handled in a similar manner.

AWARD: Claim denied.

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/s/ Dudley E. Whiting

DUDLEY E. WHITING, CHAIRMAN

/s/ John T. Finnegan

JOHN T. FINNEGAN Dissenting
Organization Member

/s/ V. W. Bigelow

V. W. BIGELOW
Carrier Member

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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