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Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

MAY 20 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. John C. Baker

Dear Mr. Myer:

Since you wrote saying that the Washington office would produce a pictorial pamphlet for public distribution, dealing with Japanese Americans in the Army, we have been on the lookout for such material but none has been available. We requested Mr. Freeland, through whose office all visitors enter camp, to tell us if anyone came in from whom we might get such stories. He has reported repeatedly that none have come who have had foreign duty or been wounded in foreign service.

Just before your request came, Sgt. Kazuo Komoto who fought through several Pacific battles and was awarded the Purple Heart after he had been seriously wounded, was in camp for a farewell visit. He had volunteered for over seas. When he first visited here on furlough from a California hospital, he felt that he had done his bit of fox hole fighting and said he would not go again unless he had to. On his last visit here he told us that he had thought a lot about the situation and decided with his experience he might come through where unexperienced boys would not. Besides he said he had come to the belief that there are many more important thing than life and he wanted to give everything he had for his country. He expected that he would be sent with an Intelligence Service group. When he was in the South Pacific before he had served as an interpreter and an interrogator of Jap prisoners for several months. Later he fought in the fox holes until he was wounded and returned to American hospital. In mentioning of the Jap prisoners he said, "How they do hate us when they learn that we are Americans and are fighting for America." At Rivers, Sgt. Komoto has his parents

and three younger brothers. Tetsu, the brother just younger than the Sgt. has already volunteered for Camp Savage. The next brother who will graduate from Canal High School, May 9 is already reclassified as 1-A and expects to leave soon. The Mother is attending Adult Education classes regularly in order that she can write to her sons, "the American way".

The Washington office has the picture and also the negative of Sgt. Komoto showing the Purple Heart to his youngest brother and also has a picture of the entire family with the exception of Tetsu, who at that time, was working in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

cc: Mr. Gossens ✓





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6-27-44

The attached list was made up from the
list of names in this letter from Gila . . .
Do you want to have this sent out from here,
or have these mailed to Mr. Bennett for release
from there?

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Inductees

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George H. Yokoyama) Parlier
George Ota)

FRESNO BEE: Akira Iwamura -) -Selma
Yoshito Komoto-))
Gary Y. Iwai) Del Rey
Matsushige Ando)
Robert L. Yano) Kingsburg

Masao R. Baba)
Isamu Hara) Fresno

CONTRA COSTA GAZETTE, MARTINEZ

Sam S. Furukawa) Concord

VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD

VALLEJO CHRONICLE NEWS

Sukeo Handa)
Yoshiharu W. Tsujimoto) Vacaville
George T. Ichimoto)

Hirota Yoshikazu) Suisun

SANTA MARIA TIMES

Utaka Hayashi)
Takashi Kamon) Santa Maria
Ben T. Tachihara)

SAN DIEGO UNION

SAN DIEGO TRIBUNE SUN

Tsutomu H. Ikemura) San Diego

LODI NEWS SENTINEL

Tadashi Inoshita) Lodi

SANTA BARBARA NEWS

Dale R. Ishimoto)
Junnosuke J. Nakano) Guadalupe
Saburo Tanaka)
Goro Oishi)

WOODLAND DAILY DEMOCRAT

Tadakazu M. Kato) Winters

LOS ANGELES TIMES, LOS ANGELES HERALD EXPRESS, LOS ANGELES EXAMINER,
LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS:

Hajime Itan)
Perry T. Oishi) Los Angeles

Hiroshi Matsushita) Compton

Teruo Ryono) Terminal Island

Ichiro Yoshihashi) Altadena

WILMINGTON JOURNAL, WILMINGTON PRESS

Kenichi J. Nishino) Wilmington

OAKLAND TRIBUNE

Kay Kanagaki) Livermore

SAN FRANCISCO NEWS, CHRONICLE, EXAMINER, CALL-BULLETIN

Frank F. Wada) San Francisco

(This is in King County, Washington - (paper?))

Andrew Segimoto) Snoqualmie Falls, Washington

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

Date ans.

JUL 22 1944

To reply nec.

To file

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Mr. Robert B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Attention: Mr. Patrick Frayne

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

We are sending you the list of names and former California addresses of inductees who left Rivers, June 20, to report for active duty at Fort Douglas, Utah.

We would appreciate having the names and addresses of the California newspapers which are circulated in these small California towns in order that we may send news releases to the papers from the communities in which the inductees lived. However, if you are handling this material from a public relations standpoint, please tell us in order that we do not duplicate your efforts.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

Enclosure No. 8953



THIRD GROUP OF INDUCTEES

June 20, 1944

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER ADDRESS</u>
Pvt. Ando, Matsushige	Kingsburg, California
Pvt. Baba, Masao R.	Fresno, California
Pvt. Furukawa, Sam S.	Concord, California
Pvt. Handa, Sukeo	Vacaville, California
Pvt. Hara, Isamu	Fresno, California
Pvt. Hayashi, Utaka	Santa Maria, California
Pvt. Hirota, Yoshikazu	Suisun, California
Pvt. Ichimoto, George T.	Vacaville, California
Pvt. Ikemura, Tsutomu H.	San Diego, California
Pvt. Inoshita, Tadashi	Lodi, California
Pvt. Ishimoto, Dale R.	Guadalupe, California
Pvt. Itan, Hajime	Los Angeles, California
Pvt. Iwai, Gary Y.	Del Rey, California
Pvt. Iwamura, Akira	Selma, California
Pvt. Kamon, Takashi	Santa Maria, California
Pvt. Kanagaki, Kay	Livermore, California
Pvt. Kato, Tadakazu M.	Winters, California
Pvt. Komoto, Yoshito	Selma, California
Pvt. Matsushita, Hiroshi	Compton, California
Pvt. Nakano, Junnosuke J.	Guadalupe, California
Pvt. Nishino Kenichi J.	Wilmington, California
Pvt. Oishi, Perry T.	Los Angeles, California
Pvt. Ota, George	Parlier, California
Pvt. Ryono, Teruo	Terminal Island, California
Pvt. Segimoto, Andrew	Snoqualmie Falls, Washington
Pvt. Tachihara, Ben T.	Santa Maria, California
Pvt. Tanaka, Saburo	Guadalupe, California
Pvt. Tsujimoto, Yoshiharu W.	Vacaville, California
Pvt. Wada, Frank F.	San Francisco, California
Pvt. Yano, Robert L.	Kingsburg, California
Pvt. Yokoyama, George H.	Parlier, California
Pvt. Yoshida, Kazuto	Reedley, California
Pvt. Yoshihashi, Ichiro	Altadena, California
Pvt. Oishi, Goro	Guadalupe, California

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Ari zona

Reports Office

AIR MAIL

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

We are enclosing data regarding the 17 inductees who are to report to Fort Douglas, Utah, on August 27 and three volunteers who will report to the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota on August 29.

We are not sending releases to the home town newspapers of these boys as we did for the earlier inductees. Please inform us whether you do want us to make releases to the coast papers or send available data to your office only. We are releasing to the Arizona papers, radio stations and press associations, the number of inductees and volunteers who are reporting for active duty.

It was gratifying to know that some of our news items had been carried by local papers in the localities where inductees had lived before evacuation. Thank you for giving us that information.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett
By C. F. F.

L. H. Bennett
Project Director



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Inductees

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August 25, 1944
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To file _____
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

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Press release

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To file _____
(NAME)

AIR MAIL

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Word has been received of ^{three} ~~two~~ more Gila boys killed and two wounded in action. We are enclosing such information as we could gather this morning and hope it will aid you in public relations. This information has not yet been released in Arizona.

Very truly yours,

Ethel A. Fleming

Ethel A. Fleming
Reports Officer

Enclosure



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*The Gila River War Relocation
in Arizona*

Visalia - James Delta

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Visalia

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*Gardena,
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Papers*

Pvt. William J. Otani, 21, son of William Ko Otani of Butte camp in Rivers was wounded on the Italian battle front on July 7. He had enlisted from Tacoma in the air corp when he was 18. After Pearl Harbor he was transferred to Camp Shelby. His mother has relocated from Rivers to Chicago.

Pvt. Tamotsu Yukawa, age 19, formerly of Guadalupe and Gila, was wounded July 9, according to the War Department message received by his father Takiji Yukawa who lives in Butte Camp with his daughter, Fumiye 18, and two sons--Isao 16 and Osamu 12. His mother is deceased. Pvt. Yukawa attended Santa Maria High School for one year. Pvt. Yukawa left Rivers with the last volunteer group late last year, trained at Camp Shelby and was fighting in Italy with the 442nd when wounded.



Sent to all San Francisco Papers.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

Service Survey

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[Signature]
NOV 16 1944

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 1, 1944, requesting the total number of service men from the Gila River Project.

As you will notice on the Armistice Day Supplement of our News Courier, we have published all the names of the service men making a total of 826. Since then 5 more have gone so that makes 831 as of November 15, 1944. Of this number 89 were volunteers and there are 3 WAC volunteers.

Very truly yours,

Ben F. Runyan

Ben F. Runyan
Acting Project Director

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To file _____ (NAME)



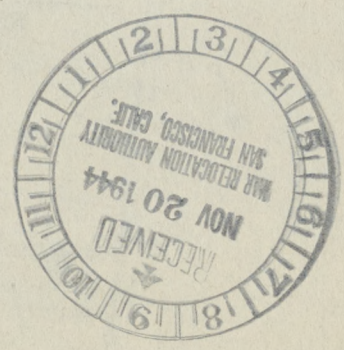
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NOV 20 1944

Mr. J. E. Connelley
San Francisco, California
Dear Mr. Connelley:
This will acknowledge your letter of November
1, 1944, regarding the total number of persons who
were in the United States from 1941 to 1944.
The total number of persons who were in the United States
from 1941 to 1944 was 1,100,000. This number includes
all persons who were in the United States from 1941 to 1944,
including those who were in the United States for a short
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Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

San Francisco, California
November 20, 1944



COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

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November 24, 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: M. M. Tozier

Dear Mr. Myer:

We wish to submit the enclosed documentary material for your files:

Reports sent:

News Clippings: Tucson Daily Star - Nov. 17
Yuma Sun & Sentinel - Nov. 20

1 Soldier's Questionnaire form with news release attached

Sincerely yours,

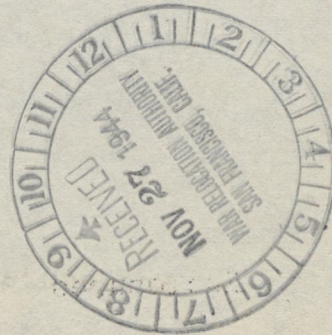
Pauline Bates Brown

Pauline Bates Brown
Reports Officer

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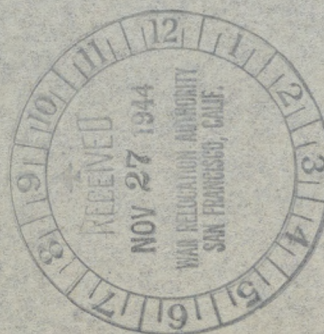


News Release From
PAULINE BATES BROWN
Reports Officer
COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

POSTON, Ariz., November 21--Reporting to Fort Douglas, Utah, for active duty in the United States Army on November 20, was Tony Nakazaki, formerly of Salinas, California. Nakazaki was evacuated from Salinas to the ^{Colorado River} ~~Poston~~ Relocation Center in 1942 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Tanigawa, who still reside in the center.

Tony attended and was a 1942 graduate of Salinas Union High School where he participated in three years of basketball. He is the 67th to leave for active duty from the center this month.



Returns File

Reports Office

Parker Valley 7152 R2 to Px 90 for relay to San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.

December 19, 1944

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Multiple Message

T. E. Frayne, WRA, San Francisco
Earle O'Day, WRA, Los Angeles

Names requested are: Henry Kiyomi Akiyama and Masuko Yahami Akiyama, P.O. Box 59, Westminster; Sogataro and Kozue Fujita, Rt. 3, Box 263, Fresno; Tadashi Tom, Chizuko, Seiji and Chise Hasegawa, Los Angeles; John Kazumi, Sumiko Lorraine, Dennie Ichiro, Sharon Ann and Ronald Dean Hayashi, Perkins; Ichimatsu, Yoneyo, Yoshiko Louise, Sueko Barbara, Tomiko Jane, Ruby and Natsuye Ruth Hayashi, Perkins; George, Tsuyuko, Ruriko, Setsu, Wato and Shiyo Iwakoshi, Rt. 4, Box 740, Santa Ana; Mantsuchi and Moto Murase, Rt. 2, Box 346, Reedley; Yosoichi Tom, Jitsuyo and Yaeko Joan Kanagawa, Rt. 2, Box 673, Sanger; Shizuo, Katsuko, Harry, Frank, Constance and Elaine Toshiko Kawamura, Rt. 2, Box 2990, Sacramento; Tazu, Shika, Joe and Isamu Kawamura, Rt. 2, Box 2990, Sacramento (two families); George, Masako, Shintaro, Matsu, Thomas Tamotsu, Joyce Junko, Takashi and Beverly Matsumi Kawano, Rt. 1, Box 372, Dinuba; Shosuke, Mary, Kikue, Taka, Hitoshi and Alan Hitoshi Nitta, Rt. 4, Box 42, Santa Ana; Kenzo, Chica and Elizabeth Ayako Sugino, Los Angeles; Kikumatsu, Tami and Bessie Miyo Takehara, Sacramento. All are service connected. No dates set for departure. Nittas did not go Sunday.

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Approved _____, Proj. Director

Pauline Bates Brown
Reports Officer

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT
POSTON, ARIZONA

In order that people in your home community may know that you are entering the Armed Services, the Reports Office is asking you for the following information. Later the Reports Office will appreciate any news items which should reach the newspaper public about nisei's participation and recognition in the war effort.

NAME Nakazaki Tony
Last Middle First

LOCAL ADDRESS Blk. 211 - 13 - D

ADDRESS BEFORE EVACUATION 100 Lake St., Salinas, Calif.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HOME TOWN NEWSPAPERS TO WHICH NEWS ITEMS
SHOULD BE SENT Salinas Index Journal

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTENDED Salinas Union High

IF YOU GRADUATED, PLEASE GIVE YEAR 1942

NAME AND ADDRESS OF COLLEGE YOU ATTENDED none

IF YOU GRADUATED, PLEASE GIVE YEAR -

PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

HIGH SCHOOL Three years basketball

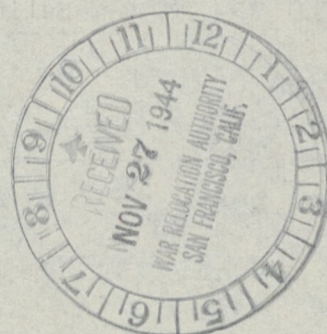
COLLEGE

SCHOLASTIC HONORS, IN BOTH

EMPLOYMENT (IF ANY) BEFORE EVACUATION none

NAMES OF PARENTS OR CLOSEST RELATIVE Mr. and Mrs. Y. Tanigawa

OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY IN ARMED SERVICES WITH RANK AND
PRESENT LOCATION AND ANY SPECIAL HONORS WON none



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REPORTS OFFICERS

Area Offices

For your information and that of any staff member:

As of January 1, 1945, the total evacuees to die in Relocation Centers -- 1332

As of January 1, 1945, the number to be born in Relocation Centers -- 4667

Casualties among Japanese-American soldiers whose relatives are in Relocation Centers totals 504, as of March 12.

Pat Frayne,
Information Specialist

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Inductees
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Reports Office

JAN 15 1945

Mr. Robert B. Cozznes
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

In response to your request of November 2, we are sending current figures on all service men who have close relatives or have had close relatives at this project.

A total of 15 have left for active duty between December 15th and January 15th. One went to Ft. Snelling on December 18th, and 14 reported to Ft. Douglas on January 6th. Fifteen were called for duty on January 6th, but one was deferred on account of his father's death. The total number as of January 15, is 873.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett
L. H. Bennett
Project Director

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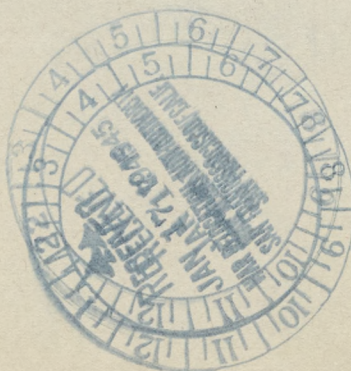
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Service Statistics

April 5, 1945

Relocation Planning Division
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to make a correction on your Reported Casualties list dated March 27, 1945. The number listed is "12" killed, whereas our records indicate a total of 13, names listed as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Family No.</u>
James Shiramizu	13165
Schichizo Toyota	30436
Atsushi Sakamoto	39538
Joe Schiomichi	7-62
Johnny Yamamoto	CC 33
Harry Madokoro	12247
Paul Horiuchi	13067
Fumitake Nagato	33718
Abraham Ohama	39906
Hachiro Mukai	42092
Henry S. Izumizaki	12420
John T. Narimatsu	41371
Torao Hayashi	25240

Very truly yours,

Pauline Bates Brown
Reports Officer

Copies to:
Mr. Frayne ✓
Mr. O'Day

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

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Mr. Robert B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

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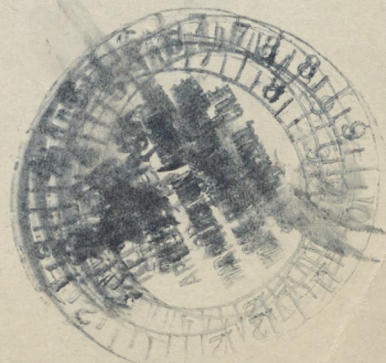
Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Twenty-four boys have reported for active duty, but one had been called before and was counted in our previous report. This brings to 939 the volunteers and draftees called to active duty whose relatives are living or have lived in Rivers.

Sincerely,

L. H. Bennett
L. H. Bennett
Project Director





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

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Service Selection

Mr. Robert B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Fourteen boys have reported for active duty since our report of May 15. This brings to 969 the volunteers and draftees called to active duty whose relatives are living or have lived in Rivers.

Total casualties are as follows: 19 killed in action, 65 wounded in action, 1 missing in action and 1 prisoner of war.

Sincerely,

L. H. Bennett
for L. H. Bennett
Project Director



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

San Francisco, California
April 15, 1945

San Francisco, California

Mr. Robert H. Carson
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
401 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Carson:

Enclosed for you are two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. This memorandum was prepared by the San Francisco Office on April 12, 1945, and contains information regarding the activities of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in the San Francisco area.

Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge

Sincerely,

L. W. Rasmussen
Special Agent in Charge



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No. 263 TELETYPE

D M Todd
Rivers, Ariz

WASHINGTON
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Masuda ~~wa~~ award has considerable national press possibilities and should be carefully handled. We will work at this end to get presentation made by highest possible officer. Please teletype soonest Army serial number of Kazuo and present location of parents. If Mary and Mitsuo have relocation plans, indicate when they will leave and proposed destination.

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O rig: Fleming
cc: Shelly
Director



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September 27, 1945

FROM: Reports Div.

MISS EMILY BROWN
% REPORTS OFFICE
GILA RELOCATION CENTER
RIVERS, ARIZ.

FRIDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 28 THE TRAIN LEAVING PARKER WILL CARRY A FAMILY OF THREE TO CALIFORNIA WHICH WILL COMPLETE THE RELOCATION PROGRAM IN CAMP II. A TOTAL OF 78 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO CAMP I, OF WHICH 55 ARE DEPENDENCY CASES, 13 ARE FAMILIES INVOLVED BY PREGNANCY AND 10 ARE TWO FAMILIES THE HEAD OF WHICH ARE THE UNIT II ADMINISTRATOR WHO IS LEAVING SHORTLY AND A VITAL WORKER CONNECTED WITH COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE. THE POPULATION IN CAMP II ON AUGUST 18, SIX WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED CLOSING WAS 1598. PEAK POPULATION FOR THAT UNIT WAS APPROXIMATELY 4050.

THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 29 WILL SEE THE LAST OF THE EVACUEE RESIDENTS IN CAMP III. FOUR FAMILIES LEAVING FROM THE SANTA FE STATION IN PARKER THAT NIGHT WILL COMPLETE RELOCATION IN CAMP III. TRANSFERS TO CAMP I FROM CAMP III TOTAL 131 PEOPLE. OF THIS FIGURE 93 INDIVIDUALS ARE IN DEPENDENT FAMILIES. THE BALANCE OF 38 INDIVIDUALS ARE COMPOSED OF 7 FAMILIES OF PAROLEES WAITING FOR PERMITS, 3 FAMILIES OF PREGNANT WOMEN, 3 WOMEN RENUNCEES AND 4 FAMILIES OF WORKERS NEEDED IN COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE AND RELOCATION WORK. ON AUGUST 18 THE POPULATION IN CAMP III WAS 1795. PEAK POPULATION ESTIMATE FOR CAMP III IS 4400. THESE FIGURES INDICATE A TOTAL OF 3393 RESIDENTS IN CAMPS II AND III RELOCATED OR TRANSFERRED DURING THE SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE SET FOR CLOSING.

IN CAMP II NO SINGLE INCIDENT MARRED RELOCATION PLANS ACCORDING TO ROBERT C. WELLS ASSISTANT RELOCATION PROGRAM OFFICER IN CHARGE THERE. LOU BUTLER, ASSISTANT RELOCATION PROGRAM OFFICER AT CAMP III REPORTS NO SERIOUS INCIDENT THERE. THE ABSENCE OF DIFFICULTY INCIDENT TO CLOSING AND THE FACT THAT POSTON BEAT THE DEADLINE BY ONE DAY ARE NEWSWORTHY.

I SHALL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. WILL YOU COVER TELETYPED NEWS STORY TO OTHER CENTERS OR SHALL I?

FANNY R. CONNOLLY
REPORTS OFFICER

APPROVED

Duncan Mills
Project Director

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
9-27-45 4P

DOUGLAS M TODD
RIVERS, ARIZONA

ATTENTION ETHEL FLEMING

SINCE CLOSING OF CANAL CAMP IS PRIMARY INTEREST
TO ARIZONA PAPERS, WE ARE MAKING NO EFFORT TO PUT OUT
PRESS RELEASE FROM HERE. WILL RELY ON YOU TO SERVICE LOCAL
PAPERS. SUGGEST YOU ALSO MAKE ANY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO
GET STORY CARRIED ON REGIONAL OR NATIONAL WIRES.

M. M. TOZIER WRA WA

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CC: HUSO
SHELLY
DIRECTOR

