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U.S. ENGINEER OFFICE
751 S. Figueroa
Los Angeles, Calif.

Fire Control

May 19, 1942.

ME-6

SUBJECT: Parker Reception Center fire extinguishing equipment

TO: District Regional Engineer
First District Region
P.O. Box 710
San Diego, California

For the information of the Area Engineer, fire extinguishing equipment for Parker Reception Center has been ordered on the basis of distribution as follows:

1. Typical Reception Center Block.

Units 1, 2, and 3.

a. 2½ gal. non-freeze extinguishers and 14 quart buckets.

- 2 each in barracks with partitions.
- 2 each in barracks without partitions.
- 1 each in laundry building.
- 1 each in bath and latrine (women).
- 1 each in bath and latrine (men).
- 2 each in recreation building.
- 2 each in warehouses.

b. 2½ gas. foam type extinguishers.

- 2 each in mess hall.

c. 1 gal. carbon tetrachloride extinguishers.

- 2 each in refrigerated warehouses.

d. Shovel and rake.

- 1 each in all buildings except refrigerated warehouses.

2. Military Police Camps.

a. 2½ gal. non-freeze extinguishers.

- 4 each in guard house.
- 2 each in barracks.
- 1 each in bath and latrine.
- 2 each in officers quarters.
- 1 each in first aid building.
- 2 each in administration and school building
- 2 each in recreation building

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- b. $2\frac{1}{2}$ gal. foam type extinguisher.
 - 3 each in motor repair building.
 - 1 each in guard house.
 - 2 each in kitchen and mess.
- c. 1 gal. carbon tetrachloride extinguishers.
 - 1 each in motor repair shop.
- d. 14 quart buckets.
 - 2 each in motor repair building.
 - 2 each in guard house
 - 2 each in barracks.
 - 1 each in bath latrine.
 - 2 each in officers quarters.
 - 1 each in first aid building.
 - 2 each in administration and school building.
 - 2 each in recreation building.
 - 2 each in kitchen and mess
- e. Shovel and rake
 - 2 each in guard house.
 - 1 each in all other buildings.

3. Hospital Group

- a. $2\frac{1}{2}$ gal. non-freeze extinguishers.
 - 1 each in administration building
 - 2 each in nurses' quarters
 - 2 each in doctors' quarters
 - 2 each in all ward buildings.
 - 1 each in boiler house.
 - 1 each in morgue.
 - 1 each in laundry.
 - 2 each in storehouse.
- b. $2\frac{1}{2}$ gal. foam type extinguishers.
 - 1 each in administration building
 - 2 each in mess hall.
- c. 1 gal. carbon tetrachloride extinguisher
 - 1 each in boiler house
 - 1 each in laundry.
 - 1 each in storehouse.
- d. $\frac{1}{4}$ gal. carbon tetrachloride extinguisher.
 - 1 in administration building.

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e. One pound CO₂ extinguisher.

f. 14 quart buckets.

- 2 each in nurses' quarters
- 2 each in doctors' quarters
- 2 each in ward buildings
- 2 each in storehouse.

g. Shovels and rakes

- 1 each in nurses' quarters
- 1 each in doctors' quarters
- 1 each in ward buildings
- 1 each in mess
- 1 each in storehouse

4. Administration Group

a. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. non-freeze extinguishers

- 2 each in administration buildings
- 2 each in post office
- 1 each in fire house
- 1 each in garages
- 1 each in storehouse
- 2 each in barracks
- 2 each in dispensary
- 2 each in recreation building
- 1 each in laundry

b. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. foam type extinguishers.

- 1 each in administration buildings
- 1 each in post office building
- 2 each in mess hall
- 1 each in dispensary

c. 1 gal. carbon tetrachloride extinguisher

- 2 each in garage buildings

d. 14 quart buckets

- 2 each in all buildings except laundry
- 1 each in laundry

e. Shovels and rakes

- 1 each in all buildings

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5. Extinguishers of glass bowl type have been ordered for installation in each room of all barrack and quarter buildings.
6. One fire truck and equipment for each of three units.

For the District Engineer:

W. B. Higgins,
Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers,
Executive Assistant

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Poston Project
Poston, Arizona

June 12, 1942

TO: Mr. Wade Head
FROM: John G. Bauman

The following recommendations are submitted for your consideration and approval:

1. The immediate need for 1,000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch fire hose and 500 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch fire hose with nozzles. The shutoff or control nozzles are preferred. In regard to the purchasing of these hose, contact Mr. William E. Hoffman, as he seems to know the 'short-cut'.
2. The present water system is inadequate for use at a fire due to the pressure. In case of a fire, all water should be shut off.
3. At present, there are no charge for foam type extinguishers on hand. There should be some purchased as soon as possible.
4. There are no spanner wrenches for the fire hydrants. The fire hydrants are of no value without these wrenches.
5. The installation of a water heater in the fire house is very essential.
6. Some type of alarm system or signal or phone should be installed because of the large area the Fire Department has to cover. Also, to stop all private consumption of water to increase the pressure in the case of fire.
7. There should be at lease one twelve foot ladder for each two buildings in the Camp. These could
- 8 be constructed on the premises as a rainy day activity. These should be stenciled with the words "For Fire Use Only" and should be hung on hooks on the outside of one of each pair of buildings which the ladder will serve.

J. G. Bauman
Fire Chief.

Tule Lake, Project
Tule Lake, California

COLORADO RIVER
WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

JUN 19 1942

PARKER, ARIZONA

June 16, 1942

Mr. Wade Head, Project Director
Colorado River War Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona

Attention: Thomas Nishimoto

Dear Tom:

I have received your several letters and communications and am very glad to have them. Also, I am very sorry to hear that you have been having a little trouble in getting the fullest cooperation in your new venture. I agree with you heartily that there must be an American fire chief in charge.

Mr. John Bauman has been temporarily detailed to the project for the time being as a fire chief, pending further transfer to a permanent location.

I am doing all I can to get all fire equipments, but I can't make any promises yet. I contacted the U. S. engineers in Los Angeles in that respect and was told that the equipment was due there on June 6, but the manufacturer thought that it would take at least two weeks before they turned them out.

Regarding the glass bowl fire extinguisher, I believe, from the practical viewpoint, as useless. But I would like to know the number they have of that type. It is not necessary to send any orders in C.T.C. extinguishers or the C-o2, as they will come automatically. I hope!

I know that you will cooperate fully with Mr. Bauman during his stay there, and I deeply appreciate the work that you and your staff have done without guidance during my absence. I have contacted Mr. Dunlap by telephone, telegraph, and letter, and it is possible that he will return and take the job at Poston. Under the circumstances, I do not blame him for taking the action that he did.

Tule Lake Project
Tule Lake, California

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Mr. Nishimoto

Please convey my thanks and appreciation to the secretaries.

Very truly yours,

William E. Hoffman
Fire Production Supervisor

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
COLORADO RIVER
WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

In reply, please refer to:

Fire Prot.

AUG 5 1942

PARKER, ARIZONA AUG -3 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Wade Head, Project Director
Colorado River War Relocation Project

SUBJECT: Fire Equipment

Information is furnished that 6000' of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " hose; 3500' of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose and 600' of 1" hose, together with other fittings and equipment was purchased for your project on June 25, 1942. Delivery date is not known.

It is requested that requisition for 1" hose be checked to ascertain what thread was specified, also to find out if this is the same as the 1" booster hose now on apparatus already delivered to your project which we believe is 1" pipe thread.

It is also requested that nozzles on requisition be checked to make certain that these nozzles will fit.

Three Front-Mount 500 G.P.M. Pumps should be provided for proper fire protection for your project. Please furnish this office with information as to what trucks you will assign to the Fire Department for the installation of these Front-Mount Pumps. Give make, type and year, also include any information regarding other fire equipment you may have on requisition.

Philip J. Webster
R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Regional Director

Aug 5, 42

W. E. Carette

*Copy of letter handed to Fire Chief with
request to prepare reply for
Mr. Head's signature & send copy
to Procurement G & S / 42*



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Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

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January 1, 1945

Memorandum to Mr. Robert Parnell, Chairman
Board of Survey

Subject: Initiation of Board of Survey Actions in case
of fire.

Effective at once the Block Manager in the block
in which a fire occurs shall initiate the Board of Sur-
vey Action with the assistance of the Property and Ware-
housing Officer. The Block Manager shall also execute
the certificate on the face of the Report of Survey.

The top of the reverse side of the report will be
signed by the person to whom the property is directly
charged. I think this method will eliminate the confu-
sion presently existing in the preparation of these
reports.

Duncan Mills
Duncan Mills
Project Director

cc: Barrett
Lipian
Palmer
Block Managers
Block Managers' Supervisors
Unit Administrators

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

September 6, 1945

MEMO TO:

SUBJECT: Emergency Fire Protection Service

Due to the shortage of regularly assigned firemen, you are hereby designated as an Emergency Fireman and will serve, when requested to do so, in addition to your regularly scheduled work hours.

Time from your regular duties will be allowed for training purposes.

Service at fires occurring within your regular tour of duty will be considered as part of your normal duties and will be shown on the time report in the usual manner.

Service at fires when occurring outside of your regular tour of duty, i.e., after you have worked a total of eight hours in any one day or a total of forty hours in any one week, will be considered and reported as overtime and payment therefor will be made at the end of the pay period at the established overtime rates, unless you elect instead to take compensatory time off.

Duncan Mills
Project Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

POSTON, ARIZONA

TO: Mr. Wade Head
Project Director

FROM: Joseph M. Fien
Fire Protection Officer

SUBJECT: Shortage of Fireman

Sir:

I respectfully call your attention to the Manpower shortage that exists at the present time in the Fire Department. This Department is short men, approximately as follows: 30 men in Camp #1, 9 men in Camp #2 and 9 men in Camp #3.

The Labor Commission has been contacted verbally and also by written request, but apparently no action has been taken. This is a serious situation which makes it necessary at this time to move companies from one camp to another, in case of a serious fire. Thereby leaving one camp with out any Fire Protection whatsoever, this is the only way open to cope with the situation as it now is.

Joseph M. Fien
Joseph M. Fien
Fire Protection Officer

Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston Arizona.

MEMO TO: Duncan Mills, Project Director.

SUBJECT: Volunteer Firemen at Camp #1.

The following is a list of men living in Camp #1 who have volunteered to act as volunteer firemen.

William B. Wilkinson,	Green Village,	Garage.
Jacob O. Ottem,	" "	Machine Shop.
Andrew S. Lande,	Rainbow 13-129,	" "
Lester E. Pratt,	Green Village,	Garage.
Bill M. Conner,	Rainbow 7-107,	Motor Pool.
Walter G. McVey,	" 7-106,	Garage,
Guy L. Stewart,	" 5-100,	"
Patric J. Alberts,	" 14-134,	"
Jack McRay,	Green Village,	"
Paul Hutton,	Block 34-9-1,	"
John B. McNally,	" 34-8-10,	Warehouse.
Marvin E. Heggerness,	Rainbow 14-133,	"
Martin Morrocco,	" 7-105,	Relocation.
Roland Brown,	" 3-90,	Warehouse.
John E. Connelly,	" 2-85,	Finance.
Raymond C. Goetting,	" 17-68,	"
Donald J. Hagerty,	" 19-76,	"
Albert E. Cuberly,	" 40-94,	"
Frank H. Hope,	" 5-98,	"
Ralph R. Drennen,	" 19-73,	Proceedures.

These men will be used to supplement the small crew of regular firemen assigned to Camp #1 and will be used only when needed.

The plan is to drill these men twice a week for approximately one hour each time for a period of two or three weeks or untill they are efficient in the different evolutions of the Fire Department, then once a week. Time of day for holding the drill will be arranged with all departments concerned.

Compensatory time will only be allowed for actual work at a fire and they will not be used on small fires.

A memo from you to each man, stating that he has been designated a volunteer fireman, that he will be allowed time from his regular duties for drilling and compensatory time in case of actual work at a fire, will make the appointments official.

Robert N. Parnell,
Acting Chief of Operations.



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Poston, Arizona
October 6, 1943

Fire Prevention Week

Ten thousand persons are burned to death each year in the United States alone. Property valued at more than three billion dollars was destroyed by fire in the United States last year--and much of this terrific loss of life and property was the result of carelessness on the part of some one.

More than half of the fires which caused this damage occurred in homes. Some of them started in rubbish heaps. Defective chimneys and combustible roofs caused some and defective heating equipment caused others. Children playing with matches set many fires which caused a great deal of damage to life and property. Persons cleaning clothes with gasoline and other inflammable fluids also were responsible for many home fires. Smoking in bed caused the deaths of many persons.

Hundreds died last year when they were entrapped by fire in buildings where sufficient exits were not available, and many of these fires were caused by inflammable decorations on the walls and over the lights in buildings where crowds gather.

This week, October 3 to October 9, has been set apart as National Fire Prevention Week. During this week, and throughout every week, it is the duty of every person to take every precaution to prevent fires.

All piles of rubbish, in and around the home, where fires might easily start, should be disposed of and all inflammable decorations should be removed. Extreme care should be exercised to keep matches from children and smokers should be particularly careful.

The cooperation of every resident of Poston in keeping fires from being started is urgently requested.

Mr. Gelvin:
Does this do the
job any better?

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Ralph M. Gelvin,
Associate Project Director

FIRE

December 17, 1942

NOTICE TO: ALL RESIDENTS USING HEATERS
SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIGHTING HEATERS, PREVENTION OF FIRE
HAZARD, AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH

1. Remove the top grill and raise the burner lid.
2. Turn Fuel Control No. 1, and when you see the oil entering the pot, place match in the wire holder and lower to the wick in the bottom of the pot. The wick and oil will ignite. Close the burner lid and replace the top grill. The flame can be watched through the hole in the burner lid. The usual burning is between No. 2 and 3 setting.
3. To increase the heat supply, simply open the fuel control gradually and slowly until the desired heat is obtained, but under no circumstance ever turn the control valve above No. 3 as an explosion might occur.
4. In case the flame goes out, do not attempt to again light the stove until the stove is cold, as an accumulation of gas in the stove might cause an explosion.
5. If the stove does not operate properly, immediately turn the stove off and notify the Maintenance Department. Do not attempt to regulate or adjust valves.
6. Place box or can of sand near the heater to be used in case of fire.
7. Do not hang clothing or other articles near or above the heater.
8. Place container of water on top of heater when heater is in use.
9. Keep one window open at least 3 inches when heater is being used, as carbon monoxide which is very detrimental to the health might accumulate in the room.
10. Under no circumstance ever leave the stove lit unattended in the barrack when going to the movies, talent shows, parties, etc.

Joseph M. Fien
Joseph M. Fien, Associate Fire
Protection Officer



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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

November 18, 1943

FIRE ORDER

ORDER

TO THE RESIDENTS OF POSTON;

1. The hours for burning of combustibles shall be between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. All fires must be put out at 9:00 a.m. with water or dirt.
2. Burning at any other time requires a permit from the Fire Department.
3. No combustibles shall be burned between buildings or within the blocks.
4. Public assemblies of 50 people or more require a permit from the Fire Department.
5. The approval by the Fire Department and Construction Department must be secured before the construction or alteration of any structure is begun.
6. Permits shall be secured from the Fire Department.
7. No vehicle shall be parked within 20 feet of any structure or fire hydrant.
8. The Police Department will enforce these regulations.

W. Wade Head

W. WADE HEAD
Project Director