UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
EVACUEE PROPERTY DIVISION

Report of the Activities of the Evacuee Property Division War Relocation Authority

July 1, 1944 - December 31, 1944

San Francisco, California
December 1944

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Organization

The Evacuee Property Division continued to be directly responsible to the Assistant Director at San Francisco.

Upon the establishment of the San Francisco Area Office on July 1, 1944, the functions previously performed by the San Francisco Field Office for the area were transferred to the Area Office, completing the decentralization program previously initiated, and placing all operating details in the Area Offices.

In August the activities of the Property Survey Section, which had been inactive for several months due to vacancies, were resumed on appointment of Harold R. Erdman as Head of the Section.

Personnel Changes

Appointments:

July 16, 1944, John W. Lawton, Asst. Chief Evac. Prop. Div.

July 25, 1944, Joseph C. Eyring, Special Property Officer

Aug. 1, 1944, Harold R. Erdman, Head, Property Survey Section

Aug. 16, 1944, Claude G. Walker, Area Supervisor, Seattle

Sept. 1, 1944, O. B. Wilt, Head, Transportation Sec.

Sept. 1, 1944, Paul J. Fischer, Special Property Officer

Sept. 1, 1944, Kenneth E. Combs, Transportation & Property Officer

Resignations

Aug. 31, 1944, S. A. Dunsay, Head Transportation Section

Dec. 23, 1944, Kenneth E. Combs, Transp. & Property Officer

Area Supervisors Conference

In the interests of uniform operations in the Area Offices, Russell T. Robinson, Chief, Evacuee Property Division, held conference of the Area Supervisors and local personnel in San Francisco, July 11, 12, 13; in Seattle Sept. 12, 13, and 14; and in Los Angeles November 14 to 17.

Problems common to all Area Offices were discussed under the following subjects:

Personnel Requirements

Personnel Training

Office Procedure and Management

Operations of Transportation Unit

Operations of Property Management Unit

Packing, Shipping, and Crating Evacuee Property

Warehousing methods.

Fire Regulations

Property Management Section

The summary of business activity of all Area offices in connection with evacuee property (Table 1) shows by months from July through December 1944 the number of property transactions completed by all offices, the amount of money handled, the number of miscellaneous services performed and the total number of all transactions. The column "Miscellaneous Services" shows the number of cases in which Property Supervisors rendered advisory or investigational services not involving transfer of property or collection of money. These services vary widely in character ranging from casual telephone inquiries to request requiring detailed inspection, investigation, or negotiation, field trips, and several days of the Property Supervisor's time.

TABLE I
Summary of Business Activity
All Area Offices
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	Transaction Completed	Amount	Misc. Services	Total
July	93	$ 42,372.39	590	683
August	119	30,434.91	628	747
Sept.	98	27,803.22	519	617
Oct.	86	52,586.53	539	625
November	103	43,384.91	612	715
December	100	80,473.88	593	693
Totals	599	277,055.84	3481	4080

The decrease in volume of cases and amount of money handled is apparent in Table II which compares the totals for three half-year periods. The number of "Miscellaneous Services" rendered during the last half of 1944 is only about 40% of the number of such services rendered for the comparable half-year of 1943.

TABLE II
Comparison of Business Activities
All Area Offices

Half Year Ending	Transactions completed	Amount	Misc. Services	Total
December 31, 1943	685	$ 367,471.53	8683	9368
June 30, 1944	608	324,211.72	6406	7014
December 31, 1944	599	277,055.84	3481	4080

Table III tabulates the combined business activities of all Area Offices for the half-year period by type and number of transactions and amount of money passing through the hands of the Property Supervisors. In some cases much of the Property Supervisor's time is occupied in preliminary negotiations on a transaction which is finally completed by direct communication between the parties. Such cases are included, unsegregated, under "Miscellaneous Services" in the Table. (See Table III, Page 4.

In terms of the total number of Property Management transaction completed Farm Property cases continued at about the same level as during the previous half-year period and comprised about 20% of the load. The number of transactions involving Farm and Automotive Equipment declined sharply from about 39% of the load during the previous half year to less than 15% of the cases for the current half-year. On the other hand the volume of Urban and Commercial Property transactions increased from 44% to about 65% of the total during the last half of the year.

TABLE III

Activity Report of All Offices

July 1, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1944

Type of Activity	Number	Dollars
I. Farm Property		
A. Sales	22	$ 84,890.42
B. Leases		
1. Cash	10	1,890.00
2. Share	4	951.69
C. Collections		
1. Rent	46	11,307.12
2. Other	28	3,301.41
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts	5	3,290.54
2. Miscellaneous Obligations	4	157.50
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	119	105,788.68
II. Farm and Automotive Equipment		
A. Sales		
1. Farm Machinery	20	9,374.35
2. Trucks	5	1,094.32
3. Automobiles	20	10,652.45
4. Other	25	10,217.13
B. Collections	16	2,140.47
C. Total Number of Transactions Involved	86	33,478.72
III. Urban and Commercial Property		
A. Sales		
1. Hotels and Apartments	14	56,248.09
2. Stores and Industrial Property	5	3,355.04
3. Residential Property	18	35,527.77
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures	18	10,250.80
5. Merchandise	14	2,052.25
6. Other	105	24,528.81
B. Leases and Other Types of Management		
1. Hotels and Apartments	7	5,089.85
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property	2	1,375.00
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures		
5. Other	16	1,258.67
C. Collections		
1. Rents	116	6,502.98
2. Other	69	8,849.68
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts	2	1,211.28
2. Miscellaneous Obligations	8	510.74
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	394	156,760.96
IV. Miscellaneous Activities		
A. Miscellaneous Inquiries Answered	2057	
B. Miscellaneous Services Performed	1424	2,069.50
V. Total Number of All Types of Transactions Completed	4080	298,097.86

TABLE IV

Property Management Case Load
All Area Offices
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

	Contraband	Agricultural	Commercial	Total
Cases on hand beginning of period	2144	1320	2467	5931
New cases received	866	170	590	1626
Sub-total	3010	1490	3057	7557
Cases closed	507	174	642	1323
Cases on hand end of period	2503	1316	2415	6234

Monthly average number of Property Supervisors 12.5

Monthly average case load per Property Supervisor 83.1

Fire, Pilferage and Vandalism

In addition to the six cases reported prior to July 1, 1944, there were 28 new cases of fires, pilferage, and vandalism of evacuee property formally reported to the San Francisco Field Office during the half year. Documentation of these cases, including reports and photographs, has been completed insofar as there is any further action to be taken by WRA. In addition to the more serious cases reported there is constant evidence of numerous instances of petty pilferage in lots of evacuee property picked up by the field crews.

As indicated in Table V most of the cases involve pilferage and vandalism. Although these cases were reported to local police and systematically checked, practically no recoveries have been effected, principally because, in most cases, the depredations had occurred many months before discovery.

TABLE V

Reported Pilferage, Vandalism and Fires
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Location	Pilferage & Vandalism	Fires	Total Reported
California			
Fresno County	1	2	3
Imperial County	2	-	2
Los Angeles County	1	1	2
Monterey County	2	1	3
Sacramento County	2	-	2
San Benito County	1	-	1
San Joaquin County	1	-	1
San Francisco County	3	-	3
Salano County	1	-	1
Total California	14	4	18
Washington			
Kings County	5	2	7
Pierce County	1	-	1
Yakima County	1	-	1
Total Washington	7	2	9
Oregon			
Multnomah County	1	-	1
Total Oregon	1	-	1
TOTAL ALL STATES	22	6	28

Property Survey Section

From August through December 1944 County records and accessment rolls were surveyed for property apparently owned by persons of Japanese ancestry. The survey has been completed for 37 counties in California, 3 counties in Washington, and 2 counties in Oregon. Four counties in California likely to show such ownership remain to be surveyed.

By the end of October 5320 properties had been identified, classified, indexed, and mapped on large scale county maps. The classification, indexing, and mapping of properties identified during the last two months of the period had not been completed.

Of the 5320 properties, 1971 are agricultural comprising 55,825 acres with total assessed valuation of about $6,000,000.00. The remaining 3349 are urban and commercial properties assessed at slightly over $6,000,000.00.

Transportation Section

Rate Unit

During the six months period ending December 31, 1944, the rate unit audited 8676 carriers bills resulting in the elimination of overcharges amounting to $82,401.86 as shown in Table VI.

TABLE VI

Audit of Carrier's Bills

Month	Numbers of vouchers audited	Overcharges eliminated
July	937	$11,585.16
August	1814	13,260.75
September	1114	15,477.58
October	1673	14,825.19
November	1180	10,226.16
December	1958	17,027.02
TOTAL	8676	$82,401.86
	Average Monthly Saving	$13,733.64

Warehouses

The total capacity of WRA warehouses in the evacuated area at the end of December 1944 was approximately 20,000 square feet more than at the beginning of the period.

TABLE VII

WRA Warehouse Facilities

Location and Capacity

December 31, 1944

Location	June 30, 1944	December 31, 1944
San Francisco Area		
San Francisco	73,588 sq. ft.	73,588 sq. ft.
Watsonville	6,500	6,500
Sacramento	54,000	54,000
Stockton	11,000	13,000
Fresno	38,480	38,480
Los Angeles Area		
Los Angeles	146,000	131,250
Seattle Area		
Seattle, Washington	53,130	53,130
Portland, Oregon	10,000	42,350
TOTAL	392,698 sq. ft.	412,298 sq. ft.

Evacuee Property Movements

The number of requests for transportation and storage of evacuee property received during the last half of the year was about 18% less than the number received during the first half of the year. This appears to be due principally to the sharp decline in the number of requests received during November and December as shown on Table VIII.

TABLE VIII

Evacuee Property Movements

Number of Requests Received

Form of Request	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	July to Dec. 1944	Jan. to June 1944
WRA-155	359	249	165	198	141	144	1256	2028
WRA-156	614	539	502	601	443	409	3108	4028
TOTAL	973	788	667	799	584	553	4364	6056
No. of lots to Gov't. Whse.	542	504	473	637	553	683	3392	4067
No. of lots shipped	560	676	447	435	305	324	2747	2838
No. of carloads shipped	8	10	10	5	7	2	42	49

The number of lots brought into the warehouses is shown in Table IX indicating the volume of activity in each warehouse district.

TABLE IX

Number of Lots Brought into
WRA Warehouses
July 1, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1945

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	November	December	Total
San Francisco	182	147	111	200	122	76	838
Sacramento	131	113	98	140	140	123	745
Los Angeles	115	157	128	163	155	372	1090
Seattle	95	57	91	100	65	85	493
Portland	19	30	45	34	71	27	226
TOTAL	542	504	473	637	553	683	3392

Passenger Ticket Service

The Transportation Section in the San Francisco Field Office secured 208 rail tickets and 376 Pullman reservations during the period for WRA personnel and for evacuees transferred by the Health Section.

The Area Offices

Los Angeles Area

This Area office provides Property Management and Transportation Services for that portion of California south of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernadino counties and all of the State of Arizona.

TABLE X

Summary of Business Activities

Los Angeles Area Office

July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	Property Transactions Completed	Amount Involved	Miscellaneous Services	Total Services
July	10	$ 7,101.98	240	250
August	16	7,921.31	228	244
September	17	6,950.46	226	243
October	18	17,095.88	224	242
November	13	7,302.24	193	206
December	13	42,212.48	217	230
TOTAL	87	$88,584.35	1328	1415

Table XI, page 11, summarizes the business activities of the Los Angeles Area Office. About 79% of the transactions dealt with Urban and Commercial Property while less than 5% involved Farm Property. The number of sales of automobiles and trucks dropped from 28 during the first half of the year to 3 during the last half of the year.

TABLE XI

Activity Report of the Los Angeles Office
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Type of Activity	Number	Dollars
I. Farm Property		
A. Sales	1	$ 7, 175.00
B. Leases		
1. Cash		
2. Share		
C. Collections		
1. Rent	1	300.00
2. Other		
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts		105.50
2. Miscellaneous Obligations	2	
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	4	7,580.50
II. Farm and Automotive Equipment		
A. Sales		
1. Farm Machinery	2	870.00
2. Trucks		
3. Automobiles	3	2,962.70
4. Other	5	6,070.00
B. Collections	4	418.28
C. Total Number of Transactions Involved	14	10,320.98
III. Urban and Commercial Property		
A. Sales		
1. Hotels and Apartments	1	35,000.00
2. Stores and Industrial Property	1	300.00
3. Residential Property	5	16,794.85
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures	2	3,044.00
5. Merchandise	2	22.00
6. Other	28	9,518.95
B. Leases and Other Types of Management		
1. Hotels and Apartments		
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property		
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures		
5. Other	6	663.22
C. Collections		
1. Rents	7	149.70
2. Other	16	3,717.12
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts	1	680.53
2. Miscellaneous Obligations		
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	69	69,890.37
IV. Miscelleneous Activities		
A. Miscellaneous Inquiries Answered	815	
B. Miscellaneous Services Performed	513	792.50
V. Total Number of All Types of Transactions Completed	1415	88,584.35

San Francisco Area

San Francisco Office. The Area served by the San Francisco office of the San Francisco Area includes that part of California north of San Luis Obispo County and west of the eastern boundaries of Del Norte Humboldt, Mendocina, Lake, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, and Monterey Counties.

TABLE XII

Summary of Business Activities
of
San Francisco Office
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	Property Transactions Completed	Amount Involved	Miscellaneous Services	Total Services
July	14	$ 5,400.18	18	32
August	119	51,476.84	628	747
September	5	944.50	20	25
October	9	13,119.95	21	30
November	16	5,029.12	29	45
December	19	4,524.23	14	33
TOTAL	182	$80,494.86	730	912

August was an unusually busy month for the San Francisco office. Of the 182 cases closed during the half year, 119 or 65% were closed during August. Over three fourths of the business of the office, 78% dealt with Urban and Commercial Property. Table XIII, page 13, shows the business activities of the San Francisco office.

TABLE XIII

Activity Report of San Francisco Office

July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Type of Activity	Number	Dollars
I. Farm Property		
A. Sales	3	$ 19,760.00
B. Leases		
1. Cash		
2. Share	1	600.00
C. Collections		
1. Rent	2	337.50
2. Other	9	1,228.09
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts		
2. Miscellaneous Obligations		
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	15	21,925.59
II. Farm and Automotive Equipment		
A. Sales		
1. Farm Machinery	5	1,985.00
2. Trucks	1	334.50
3. Automobiles	8	4,478.70
4. Other	6	2,518.68
B. Collections	4	1,385.00
C. Total Number of Transactions Involved	24	10,701.88
III. Urban and Commercial Property		
A. Sales		
1. Hotels and Apartments	3	3,420.98
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property	9	20,783.53
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures	5	2,641.00
5. Merchandise	3	1,650.00
6. Other	54	12,032.78
B. Leases and Other Types of Management		
1. Hotels and Apartments	2	174.85
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property	2	1,375.00
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures		
5. Other	2	210.00
C. Collections		
1. Rents	29	1,934.18
2. Other	33	3,614.32
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts		
2. Miscellaneous Obligations	1	30.75
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	143	47,867.39
IV. Miscellaneous Activities		
A. Miscellaneous Inquiries Answered	501	
B. Miscellaneous Services Performed	229	
V. Total Number of All Types of Transactions Completed	912	80,494.86

Sacramento Office

The Sacramento Office serves all of California north of Kern and San Bernardino Counties and east of the coastal counties served by the San Francisco office.

TABLE XIV

Summary of Business Activities
of
Sacramento Office
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	Property Transactions Completed	Amount Involved	Miscellaneous Services	Total Services
July	17	$17,633.52	184	201
August	25	6,298.75	211	236
September	15	2,222.50	166	181
October	20	11,156.35	165	185
November	24	12,192.16	203	227
December	27	10,549.45	66	93
TOTAL	128	60,042.73	995	1123

Only about half of the volume of cases in the Sacramento office dealt with Urban and Commercial Property, the remaining cases being divided about equally between Farm Property and Farm and Automotive Equipment Transactions. Table XV, page 15, summarizes the business activities of the Sacramento office.

TABLE XV

Activity Report of Sacramento Office

July 1, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1944

Type of Activity	Number	Dollars
I. Farm Property		
A. Sales	5	$ 27,066.71
B. Leases		
1. Cash		
2. Share	1	600.00
C. Collections		
1. Rent	18	6,509.96
2. Other	3	72.41
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts	4	3,275.44
2. Miscellaneous Obligations	1	2.00
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	32	37,526.52
II. Farm and Automotive Equipment		
A. Sales		
1. Farm Machinery	14	6,954.35
2. Trucks	1	400.00
3. Automobiles	8	2,858.75
4. Other	4	2,777.00
B. Collections	6	1,356.85
C. Total Number of Transactions Involved	33	14,346.95
III. Urban and Commercial Property		
A. Sales		
1. Hotels and Apartments		
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property		
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures	5	3,915.31
5. Merchandise	8	306.25
6. Other	24	1,479.05
B. Leases and Other Types of Management		
1. Hotels and Apartments		
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property	1	1,275.00
4. Industrial Equipment		
5. Other	9	455.45
C. Collections		
1. Rents	5	184.20
2. Other	4	71.00
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts	7	
2. Miscellaneous Obligations		483.00
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	63	8,169.26
IV. Miscellaneous Activities		
A. Miscellaneous Inquiries Answered	574	
B. Miscellaneous Services Performed	421	
V. Total Number of all Types of Transactions Completed	1123	60,042.73

Seattle Area

Seattle Office

The Seattle office serves the state of Washington except Clark County and supervises the work of the Portland office.

TABLE XVI

Summary of Business Activities
of
Seattle Office
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	Property Transactions Completed	Amount Involved	Miscellaneous Services	Total Services
July	36	$ 4,040.04	42	78
August	42	15,787.65	53	95
September	45	13,915.38	46	91
October	29	6,992.26	71	100
November	38	16,901.95	116	154
December	28	8,418.19	92	120
TOTAL	218	$66,055.47	420	638

Nearly two thirds, 64% of the property management cases in the Seattle Area dealt with Urban and Commercial Property and about 28% with Farm Property. Only 5 automobiles and trucks were sold during the half year. Table XVII, page 17, shows the activities of the Seattle Office.

TABLE XVII

Activity Report for the Seattle Office
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Type of Activity	Number	Dollars
I. Farm Property		
A. Sales		
B. Leases		
1. Cash	14	$ 9,187.59
2. Share	4	551.69
C. Collections		
1. Rent	19	1,595.00
2. Other	22	1,030.82
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts	1	15.10
2. Miscellaneous Obligations	1	50.00
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	61	12,430.20
II. Farm and Automotive Equipment		
A. Sales		
1. Farm Machinery		
2. Trucks	2	285.00
3. Automobiles	3	1,730.00
4. Other	11	744.63
B. Collections	1	275.34
C. Total Number of Transactions Involved	17	3,034.97
III. Urban and Commercial Property		
A. Sales		
1. Hotels and Apartments	8	17,245.98
2. Stores and Industrial Property	3	2,955.04
3. Residential Property	4	5,152.45
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures	9	2,001.49
5. Merchandise	1	54.00
6. Other	24	10,073.35
B. Leases and Other Types of Management		
1. Hotels and Apartments	7	5,089.85
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property		
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures		
5. Other		
C. Collections		
1. Rents	55	4,038.68
2. Other	26	2,143.97
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts	1	500.00
2. Miscellaneous Obligations	2	58.49
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	140	49,313.30
IV. Miscellaneous Activities		
A. Miscellaneous Inquiries Answered	339	
B. Miscellaneous Services performed	81	1,277.00
V. Total Number of All Types of Transactions Completed	638	66,055.47

TABLE XIX

Activity Report for the Portland Office
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Type of Activity	Number	Dollars
I. Farm Property		
A. Sales	8	$ 23,391.12
B. Leases		
1. Cash		
2. Share		
C. Collections		
1. Rent	7	3,182.71
2. Other	4	1,674.09
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts		
2. Miscellaneous Obligations		
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	19	28,247.92
II. Farm and Automotive Equipment		
A. Sales		
1. Farm Machinery	1	500.00
2. Trucks	3	426.30
3. Automobiles		
4. Other	1	10.00
B. Collections	4	40.00
C. Total Number of Transactions Involved	9	976.30
III. Urban and Commercial Property		
A. Sales		
1. Hotels and Apartments	7	4,115.11
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property	3	440.00
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures	1	200.00
5. Merchandise	3	124.00
6. Other	2	40.10
B. Leases and Other Types of Management		
1. Hotels and Apartments		
2. Stores and Industrial Property		
3. Residential Property		
4. Industrial Equipment and Fixtures		
5. Other		
C. Collections		
1. Rents	42	1,287.98
2. Other	3	437.21
D. Debt Adjustments		
1. Mortgages and Contracts		
2. Miscellaneous Obligations		
E. Total Number of Transactions Involved	61	6,644.40
IV. Miscellaneous Activities		
A. Miscellaneous Inquiries Answered	271	
B. Miscellaneous Services performed	194	
V. Total Number of All Types of Transactions Completed	554	35,868.62

Portland Office

This office serves all of the State of Oregon and Clark County in Washington.

TABLE XVIII

Summary of Business Activities
of
Portland Office
July 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	Property Transactions Completed	Amount Involved	Miscellaneous Services	Total Services
July	16	$ 8,196.67	106	122
August	13	2,971.04	103	121
September	16	3,770.38	61	77
October	14	4,231.49	58	72
November	12	1,929.51	71	83
December	13	14,769.53	66	79
TOTAL	89	$35,868.62	265	544

About 68% of the business of the Portland office dealt with Urban and Commercial Property and about 21% with Farm Property. The activities of the Portland office are tabulated in Table XIX, page 18.

Russell T. Robinson

Russell T. Robinson, Chief
Evacuee Property Division

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~~WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING~~

February 17, 1945

Memorandum to: John W. Lawton

Subject: Activity Report - Principal Clerk
Transportation Section

In response to your request, the following information is submitted covering the activity of the Principal Clerk in this section for the period July through December 1944:

During this period 376 pullman reservations were secured and 208 rail tickets for employees of the WRA and evacuees transferred by the Health Section.

The Principal Clerk has also acted as Mileage Administrator, having charge of all the cars under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Office, obtaining gasoline rations, issuing credit cards and driver's licenses, license plates and submitting quarterly reports to the Washington Office.

O B Wilt

O. B. Wilt, Head
Transportation Section

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In reply, please refer to:
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January 23, 1945

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
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San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

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for Harold S. Fistere
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Evac. Prop.

San Francisco, California, Office
Whitcomb Hotel Building

January 23, 1945

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

March 16, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: John W. Lawton,
Senior Property Officer

SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Report

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One part-time stenographer, working during the absence of the analyst in the field, prepared duplicate property ownership cards. Preliminary tabulations of properties from assessors' lists are inaccurate and more or less valueless for purposes of comparison for the reason that some county assessors carry several parcels under one assessment number, thus making that county show a small number of parcels, while another county will show each parcel under a separate assessment number, thus showing a large number.

Reports of farm properties are being consolidated under one ownership so as to form a basis of comparison with census figures, and a consolidated table will be prepared showing farm properties in all counties together with comparisons with the total farms in the counties, both by number of farms and acreage involved. Duplicate ownership cards covering the Japanese properties surveyed will be prepared and sent out to the field relocation officers for their use.

H R Erdman
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Property Survey Analyst

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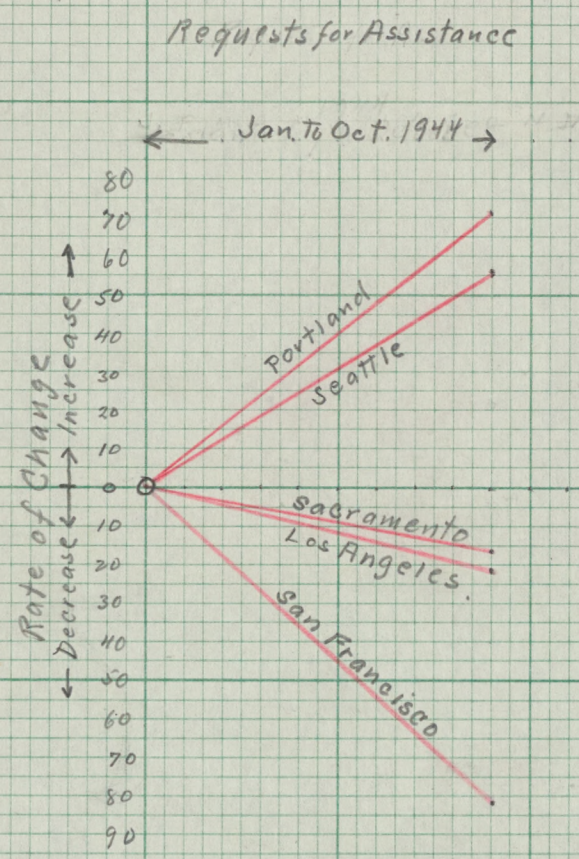
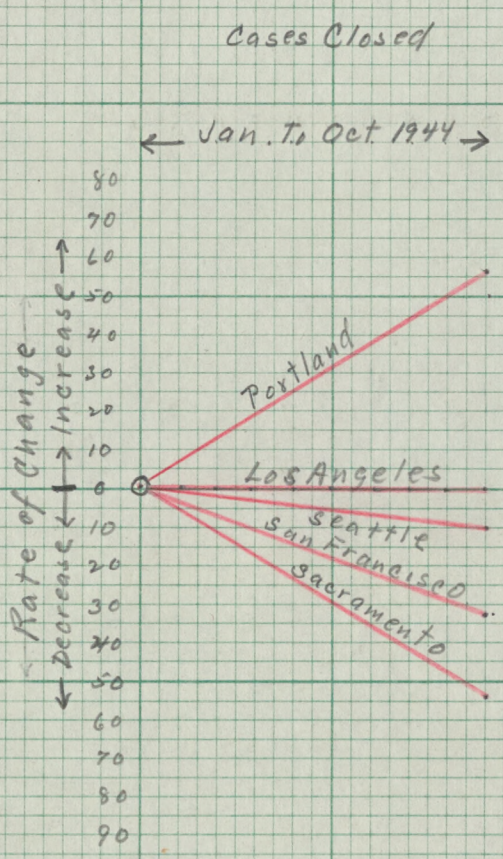
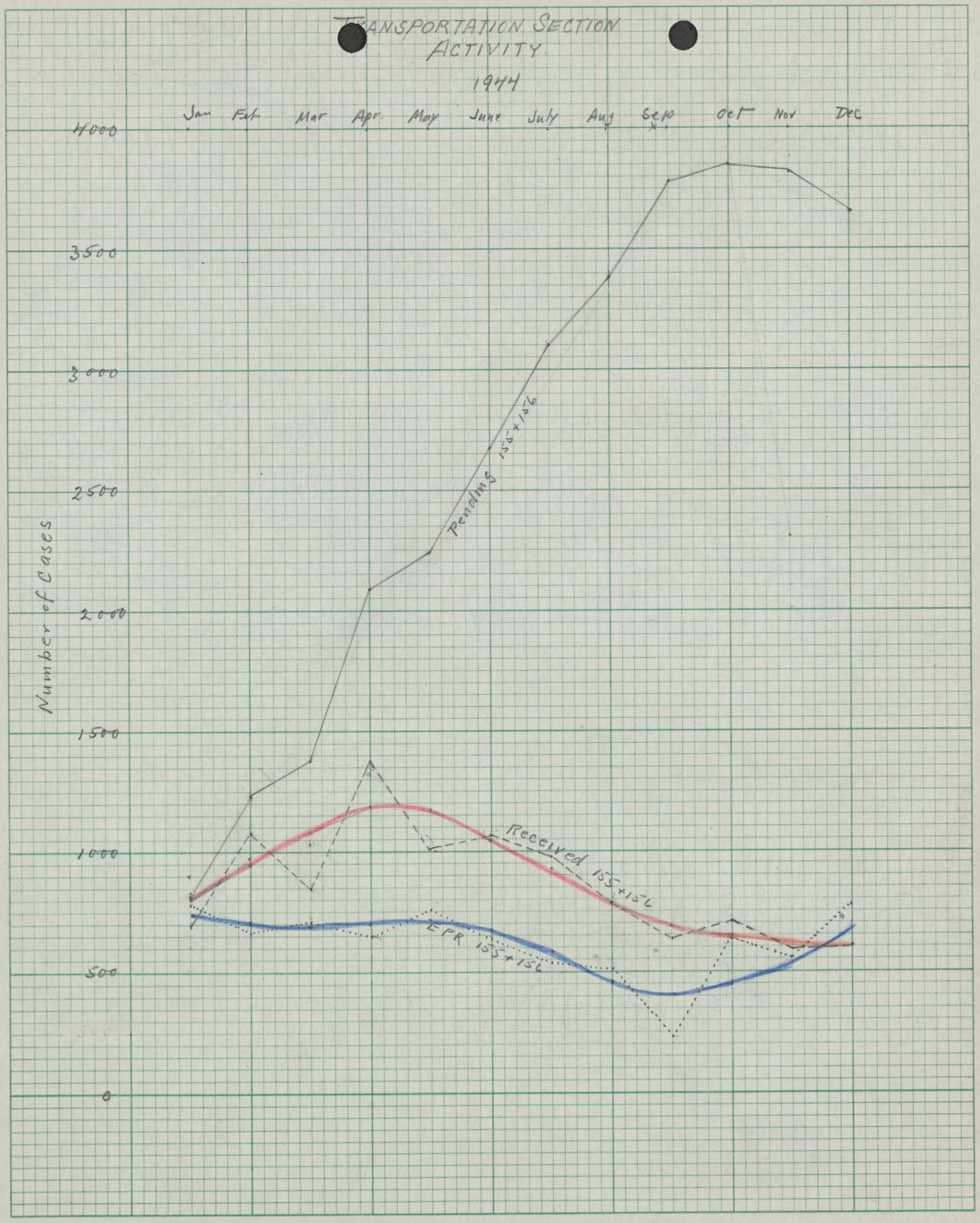
Trend Chart
Evacuee Property Activity



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1944
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TREND
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San Francisco
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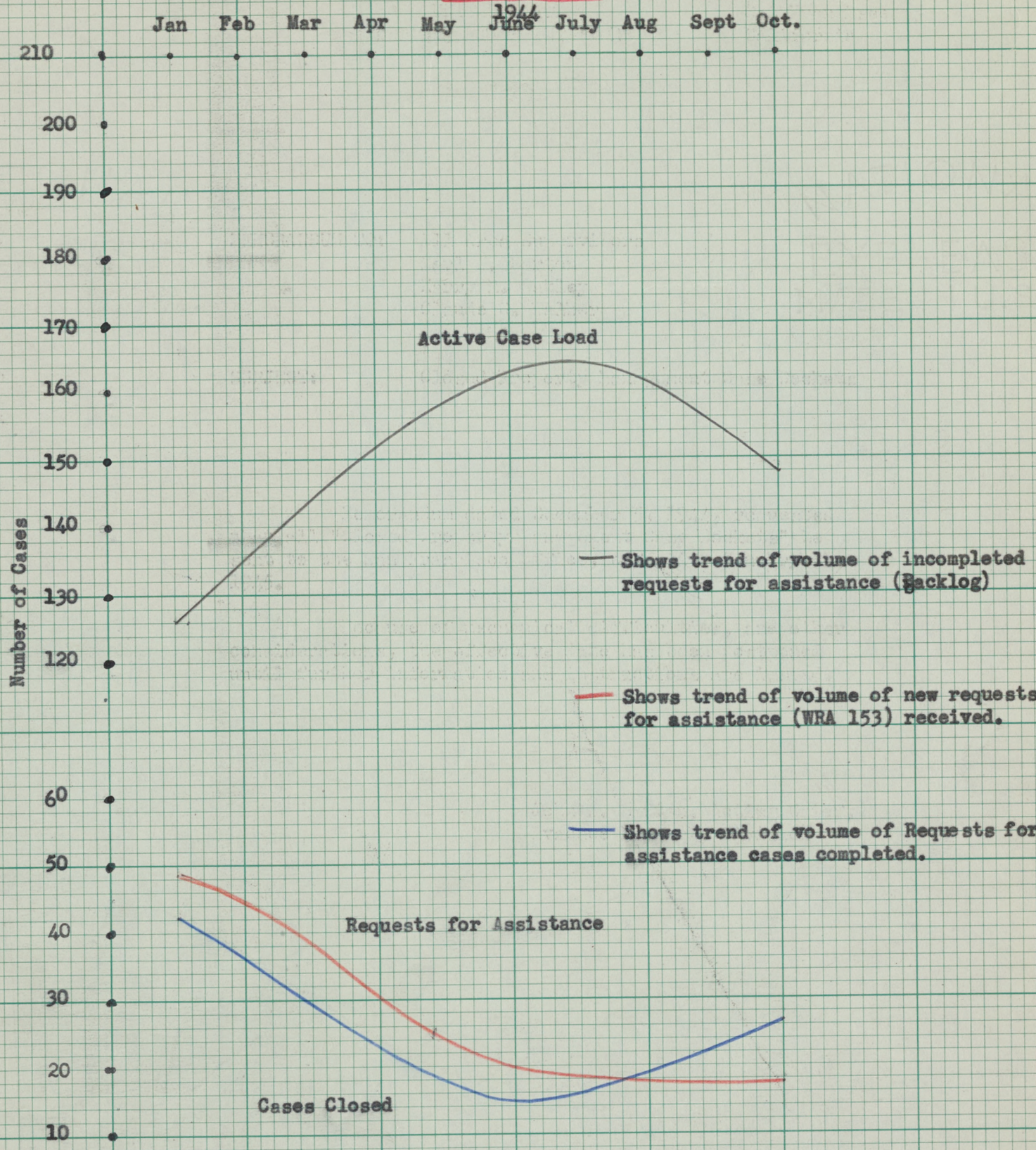

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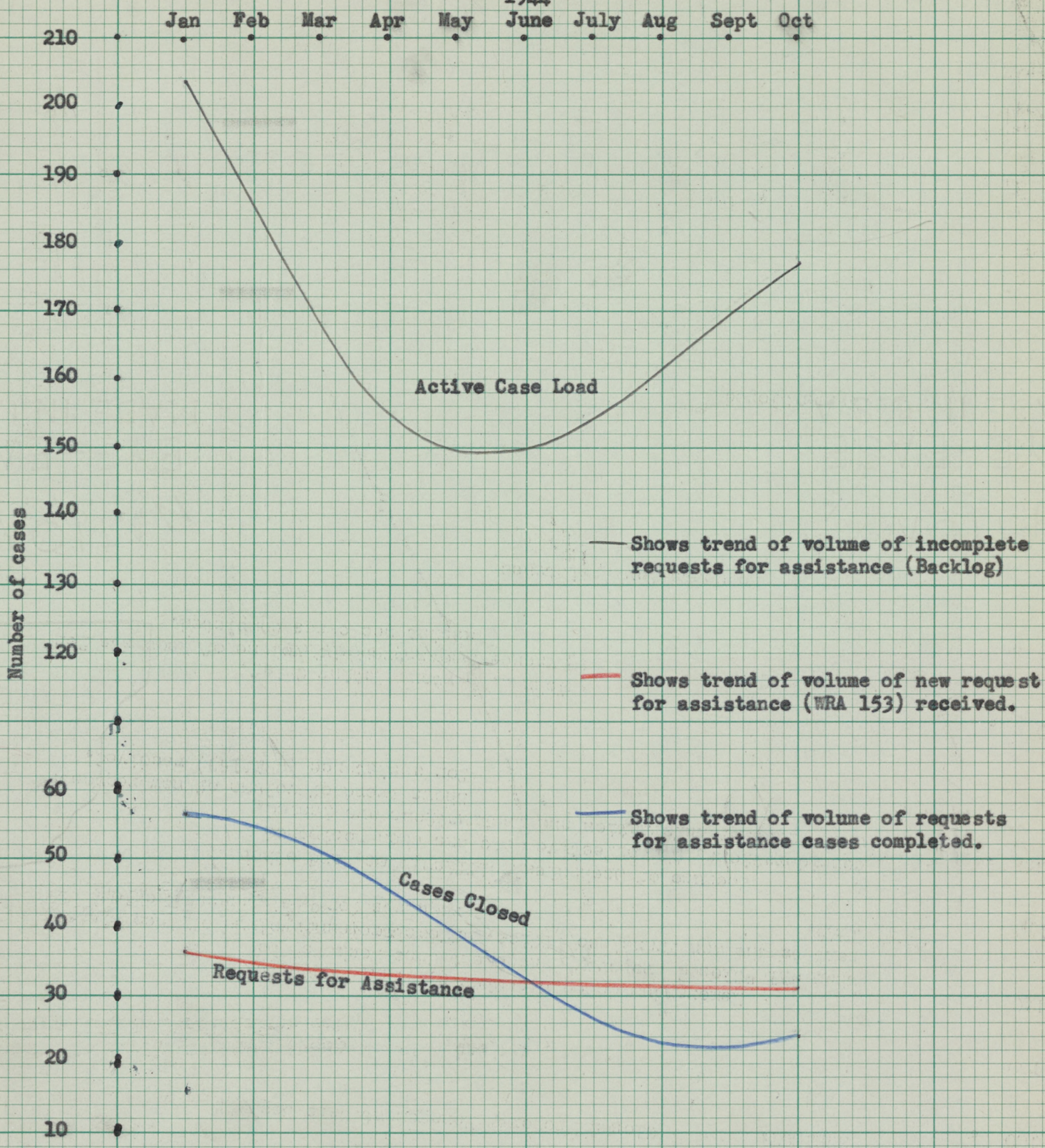

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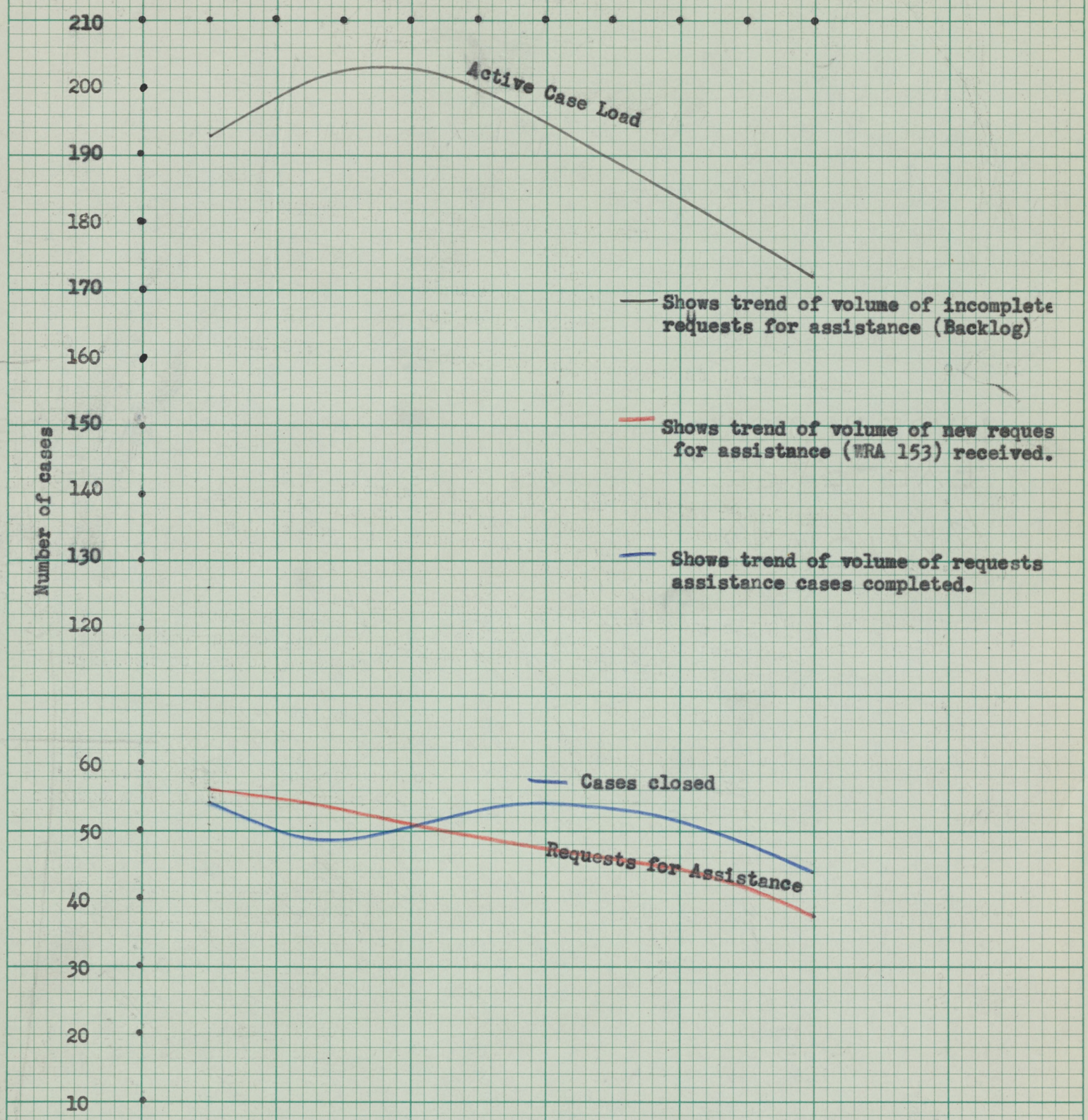

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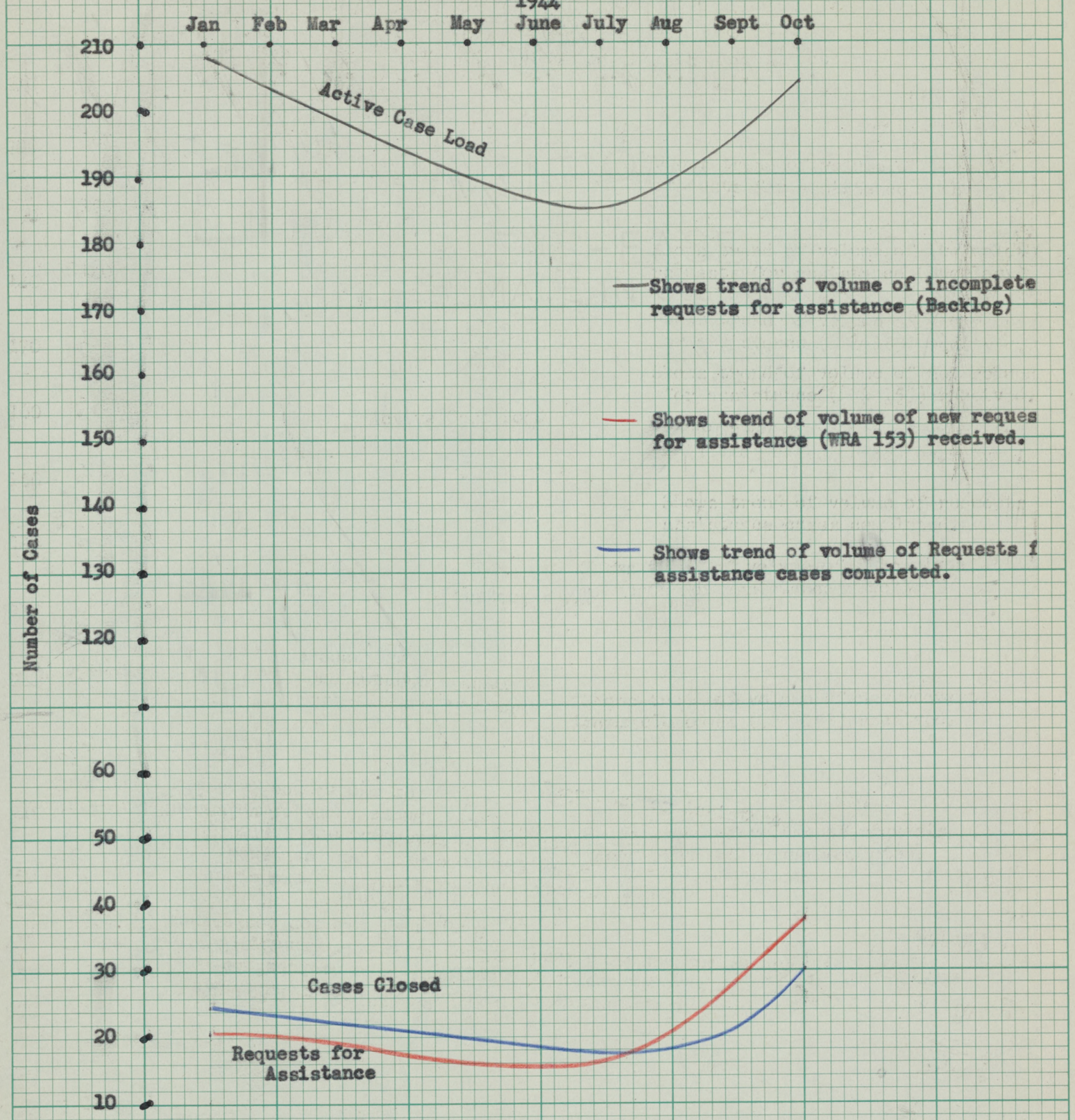

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