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HUNT, IDAHO

Your induction into the life of a relocation Center will probably introduce you to surroundings unlike any you have experienced before. Each Center is a large wartime community of barrack-type buildings.

The Minidoka War Relocation Project for the housing of Japanese is located about nine miles northwest of Eden, Idaho and about twenty miles northeast of Twin Falls, Idaho. The camp houses approximately ten thousand people. The project is situated near one of the richest irrigated districts in the United States. Elevation is approximately four thousand feet. There are many warm sunny days during the summer. The temperature seldom gets above ninety-five degrees. There is little or no rain during the summer. Climate during the winter is variable. There are many winters in which the thermometer never registers below zero.

A regular bus schedule operates to and from Jerome, Twin Falls, Shoshone, Hazelton, and Eden. Some appointed personnel commute to and from these places daily. Others live at the Center.

The Center lies within reasonable access to many scenic spots, good fishing, and hunting. If you own a car, you can make good use of it, when gasoline is available, though no garage facilities are provided at the Center for private vehicles.

TICKET-PURCHASES TO THE CENTER

If you are coming to the Center from the East, you should purchase your ticket to Shoshone, Idaho on the Union Pacific via Pocatello; from the West, to Shoshone, Idaho via Boise. If you will notify the Personnel Office in advance, a car will pick you up at Shoshone. Otherwise, bus service is available from Shoshone to the Center. In case of emergency, you may phone the Minidoka W. R. A. Project at Hunt, Idaho. Phone service is available at the McCall Hotel, Shoshone, across from the depot.

Personal effects shipped by freight should be sent c/o W.R.A., Eden, Idaho. From there our trucks will bring them to the Center.

HOUSING

The Center has thirty-eight apartments, sixteen with single bedrooms and twenty-two with two bedrooms. Rent for furnished double bedroom apartments is twenty-six dollars per month with all utilities provided; unfurnished, twenty dollars. One-bedroom apartments rent furnished for twenty dollars per month with utilities provided, sixteen dollars unfurnished. All apartments have modern kitchens, with electric range and refrigerator, and with oil heat.

There are five dormitories on the Center -- two for men and three for women. Rooms rent for six and eight dollars per month. Housekeeping and kitchen facilities are provided for the higher rental.

In the dormitory rooms, a bed, dresser, chair and blankets are furnished. You supply your own linen and whatever other things you may want for your own comfort. Dress at the Centers is highly informal. Good durable clothing, not too easily soiled, is especially desirable. You will need warm clothing for winter wear.

MEALS

A Staff Mess Hall is maintained for appointed personnel. At the present time meals cost twenty cents per meal. When you report for duty the Personnel Office will give you a meal slip, which you present at the Mess Hall. Deductions for your meals will be made each pay period. Deductions are also made for your room or apartment rent in the same manner.

CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS

All positions at the Center filled by appointed personnel are subject to Civil Service approval. Applications for positions should be sent to the Personnel Office on Standard Form 57, which may be obtained from any United States Employment Service or Federal Office including the Post Office.

Form 57 should be filled out in quadruplicate, with two copies notarized. All higher-grade positions must receive approval from the W. R. A. in Washington before appointments can be made. Others are approved by the Center Personnel Office, and when you are appointed you become a regular Civil Service employee and are entitled to all the rights and benefits such employees receive.

The work week consists of 48 hours during the war emergency. The hours on the project are from 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon and from 12:35 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. five days per week, and from 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. on Saturdays. Every two weeks you will have accumulated enough compensatory overtime to allow you to have every other Saturday afternoon off from 12 o'clock noon.

Five percent is deducted from the pay of every Civil Service employee for retirement purposes. This money may be returned to you if you leave the service within five years. If you wish, you may leave it in your Retirement Fund, where it gathers four percent interest.

You accumulate annual leave at the rate of 2 days per month and 4 days every third month, a total of 26 days per year. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ days per month, or 15 days per year.

The government work week ordinarily being 40 hours and now being 48 hours accounts for the overtime pay which you receive. An example: if your base pay is \$2000, for the extra time you receive \$433.32 making your total pay \$2433.32. This is true on all salaries except those in the highest brackets. Pay days on the project are on the 2nd and the 17th of each month, and you are paid by check.

BANKING

Special arrangements have been made at a bank in Twin Falls, where employees of the W. R. A. Center may secure emergency loans.

Facilities for cashing pay-checks are obtained through the local Community Co-op bank, Block 22-3-A.

POST OFFICE

The Hunt Post Office is located on the Center. Entire personnel of this branch consists of evacuees. The office is located inside of the Relocation Center, the method of handling the U. S. Mail is exactly the same as that of any other post office in the United States, including money order business, registered mail, C.O.D. and insured mail.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Center has stores with stocks of merchandise which should be sufficient to meet all ordinary needs. You can buy candy, ice cream and pop, cigarettes and tobacco, fruits, magazines, and toilet articles as easily as in any small town.

Barber and beauty shop services, and also medical care with the exception of emergency treatments, must be obtained outside the Centers. Hospitalization at the Centers is available to members of the appointed personnel only in emergency cases.

SCHOOLS

School children are housed in made-over barracks buildings. These barracks are one hundred twenty feet long and twenty-four feet wide. They are divided into the sizes needed for the pupils which they house. Supplies and equipment are not quite like those found in ordinary school situations. However, funds are available for purchasing needed supplies and no one need worry about the lack of what is essential.

The libraries are well equipped. There are hundreds of fine books to be found in both the elementary school and junior-senior high school libraries.

Schools are divided into nursery, kindergarten, elementary and junior-senior high school. In addition to these the Center maintains a vocational training department and an adult education program. 275 pupils are enrolled in the nursery school, 775 in the elementary school (kindergarten, grades 1-6 inclusive), 1140 in the junior-senior high school, and 600 in the adult education program. Appointed personnel teachers only are used in the kindergarten, elementary and junior-senior high school. There are 20 teachers in the elementary school and 33 in the junior-senior high school.

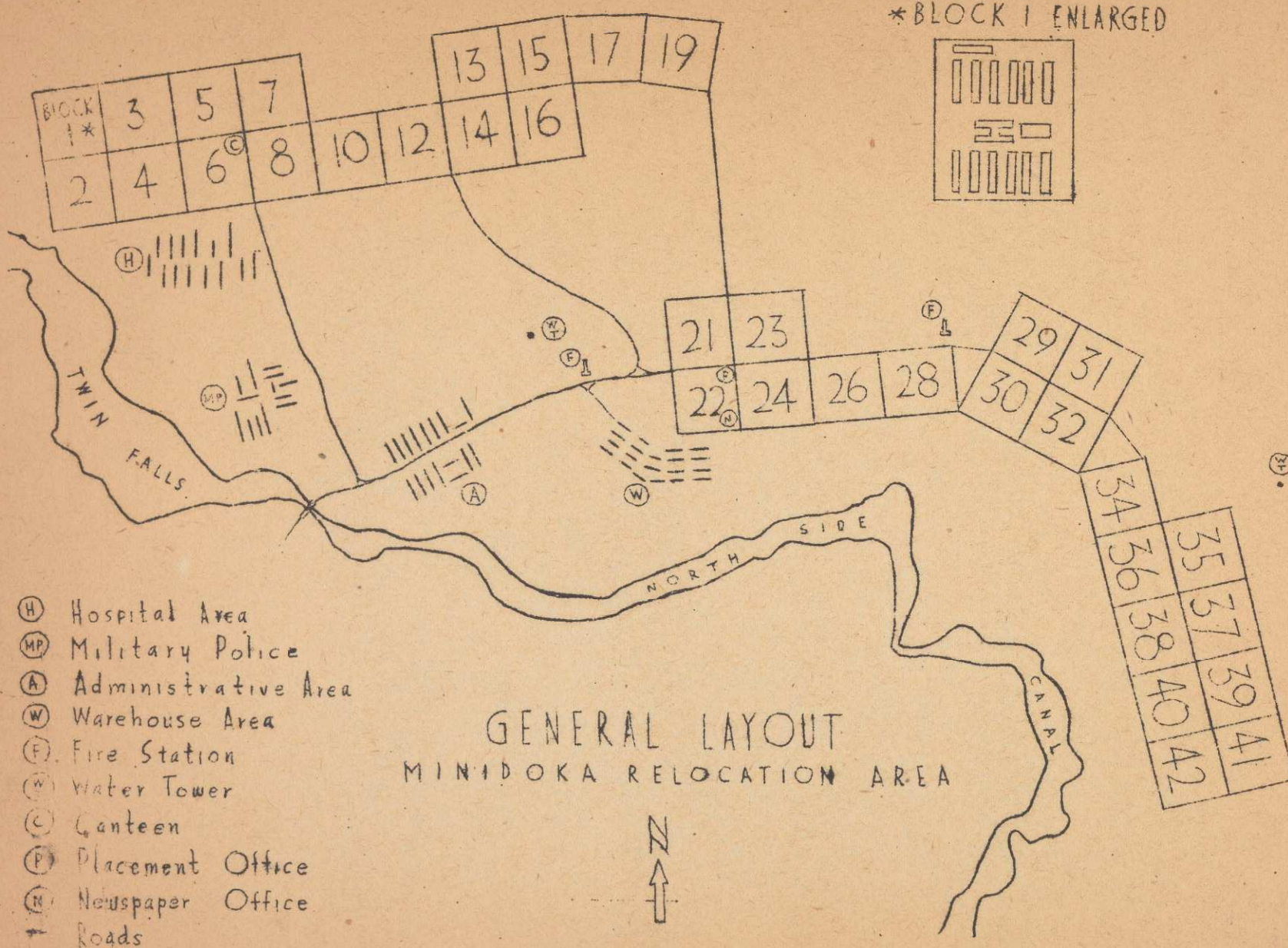
School is in session five days a week. Saturdays are used for professional research and classroom preparation. Teachers are required by Civil Service Regulations to work forty-eight hours per week. A school day is from 8:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M.

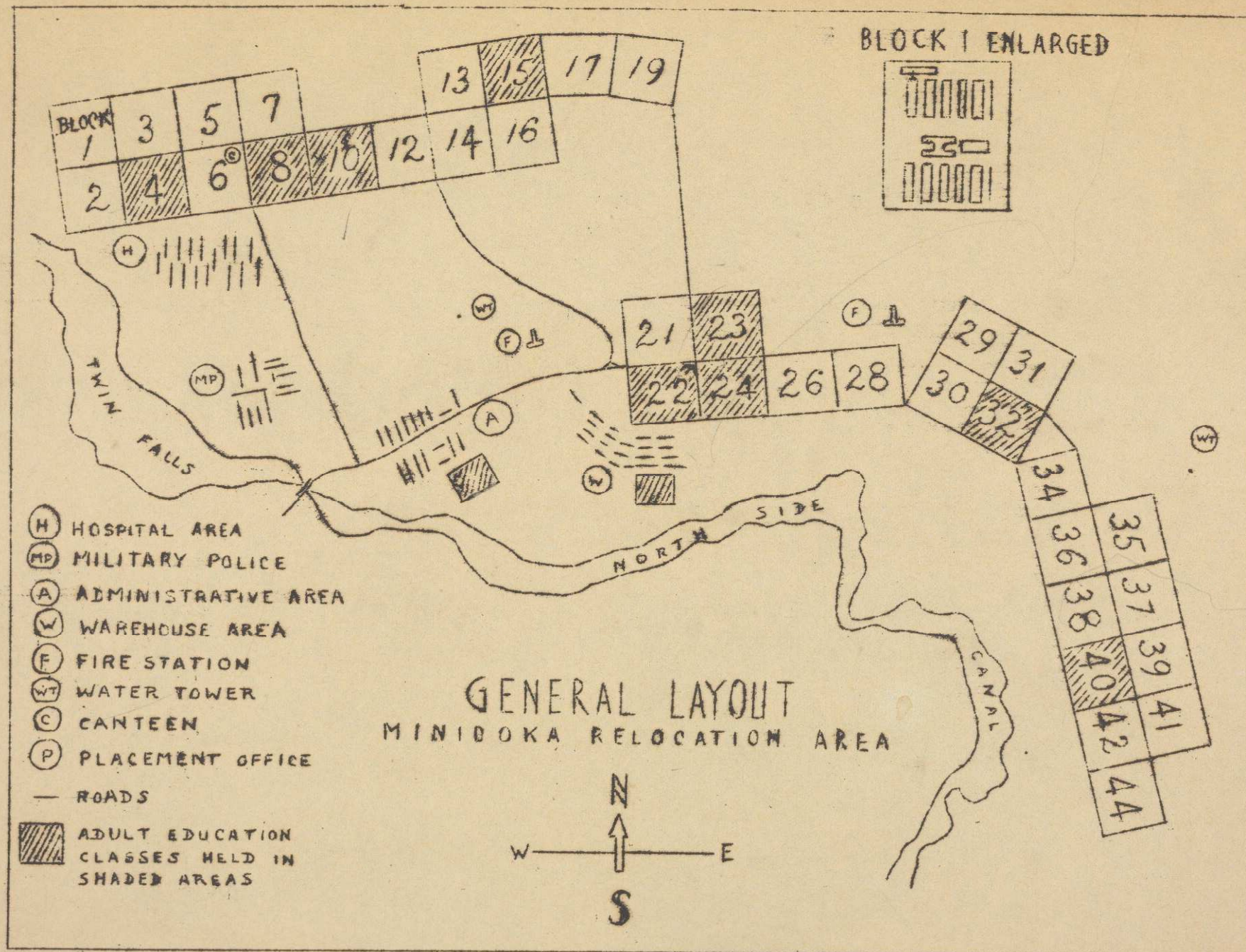
Families with school-age children may send them either to the schools at the Center, or to the schools in some nearby community. The Center school meets all educational requirements of the State of Idaho.

RECREATION

There is a community organization on the project, and all members of the appointed personnel staff are a part. This Community Council is responsible for welfare and leisure time activities of the people living on the project. Social dances, parties, picnics, entertainments, recreational activities, etc. are part of the program. The usual entertainments are to be found in the nearby cities or towns, and are readily accessible by bus or car.

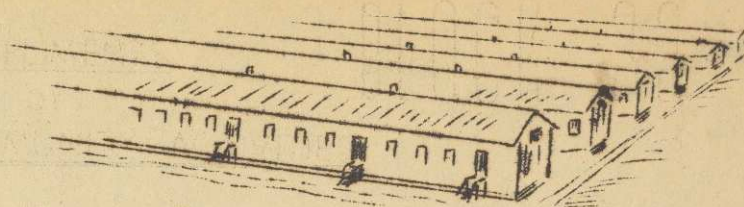
ONE IMPORTANT POINT: The chief rewards of employment at any Center are in experience and in the knowledge that this work is a necessary and important contribution to the war against Axis domination. Time spent at any Center can be very valuable in broadening the outlook of any intelligent person on problems of vital importance to the future of our nation.



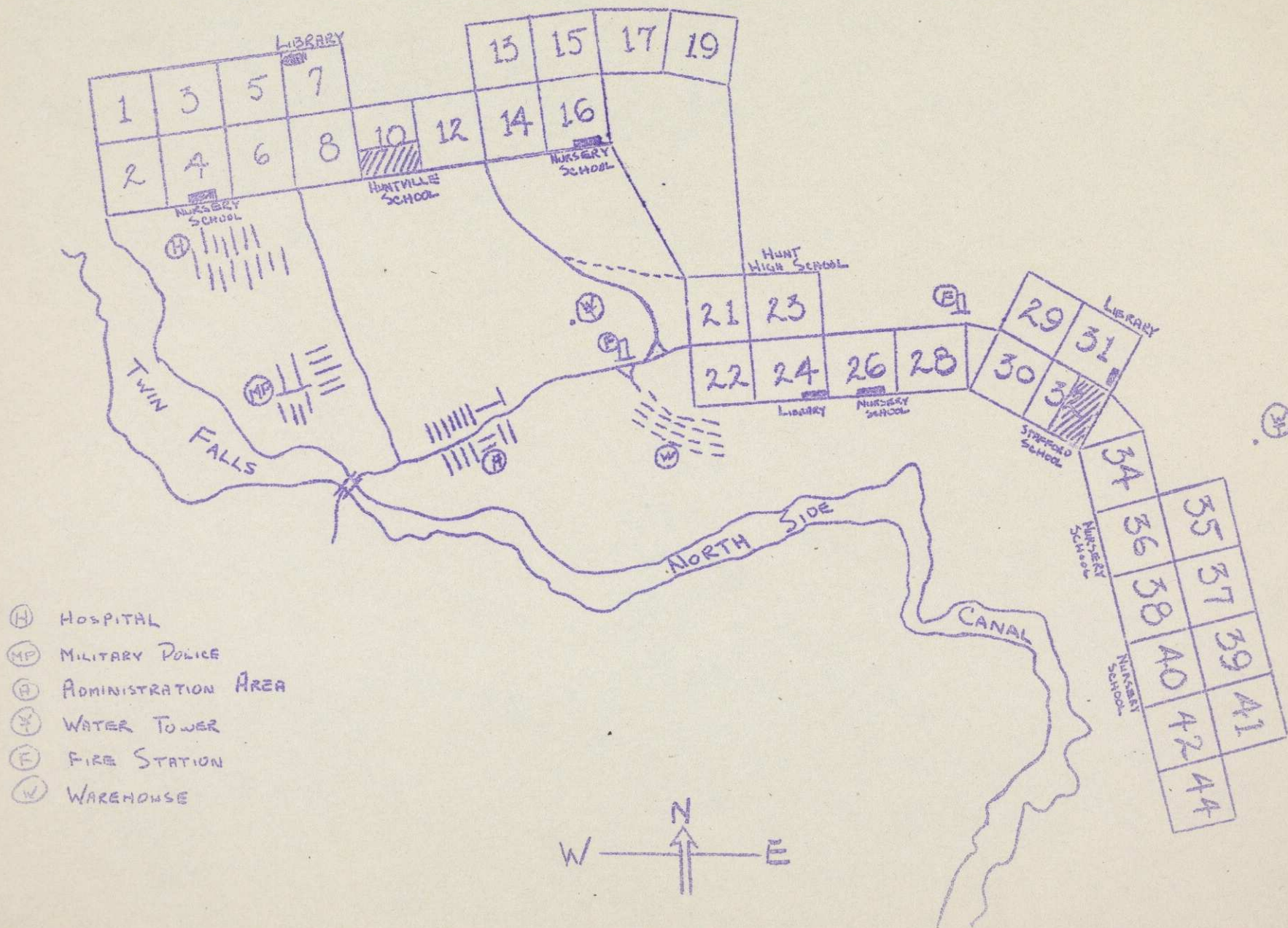


COMPLIMENTS
of
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BLOCK 22



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11	PLACEMENT OFFICE ⁰⁴²			FAIR LABOR BOARD ⁰⁴²			COMM. ANALYSIS ⁰⁴³	
9	COUNSELOR'S OFFICE ⁰²¹			RATION BOARD ⁰²¹			CLOTHING ALLOWANCE OFFICE ⁰²²	
7	EMPLOYMENT and HOUSING DIVISION ⁰³¹			IRRIGATOR OFFICE ⁰²³				
5	EVACUEE PROPERTY OFFICE and LEGAL DIV. ⁰¹³			PROJECT STEWARD OFFICE ⁰¹⁵				
3	MINIDOKA CONSUMER'S COOPERATIVE ⁰³²			EPISCOPAL			COMM. ACTIVITIES ⁰³³	
1	REV. H. SUGIMOTO	BUDDHIST CHURCH OFF.	FEDERATED CHRISTIAN CHURCH			CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICE		



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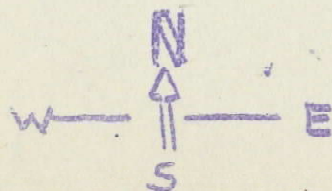
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Hospital
 Military Police
 Administration
 Warehouses
 Fire Station
 Water Towers
 Canteens
 Placament
 Newspaper
 Roads
 Laundry
 Schools

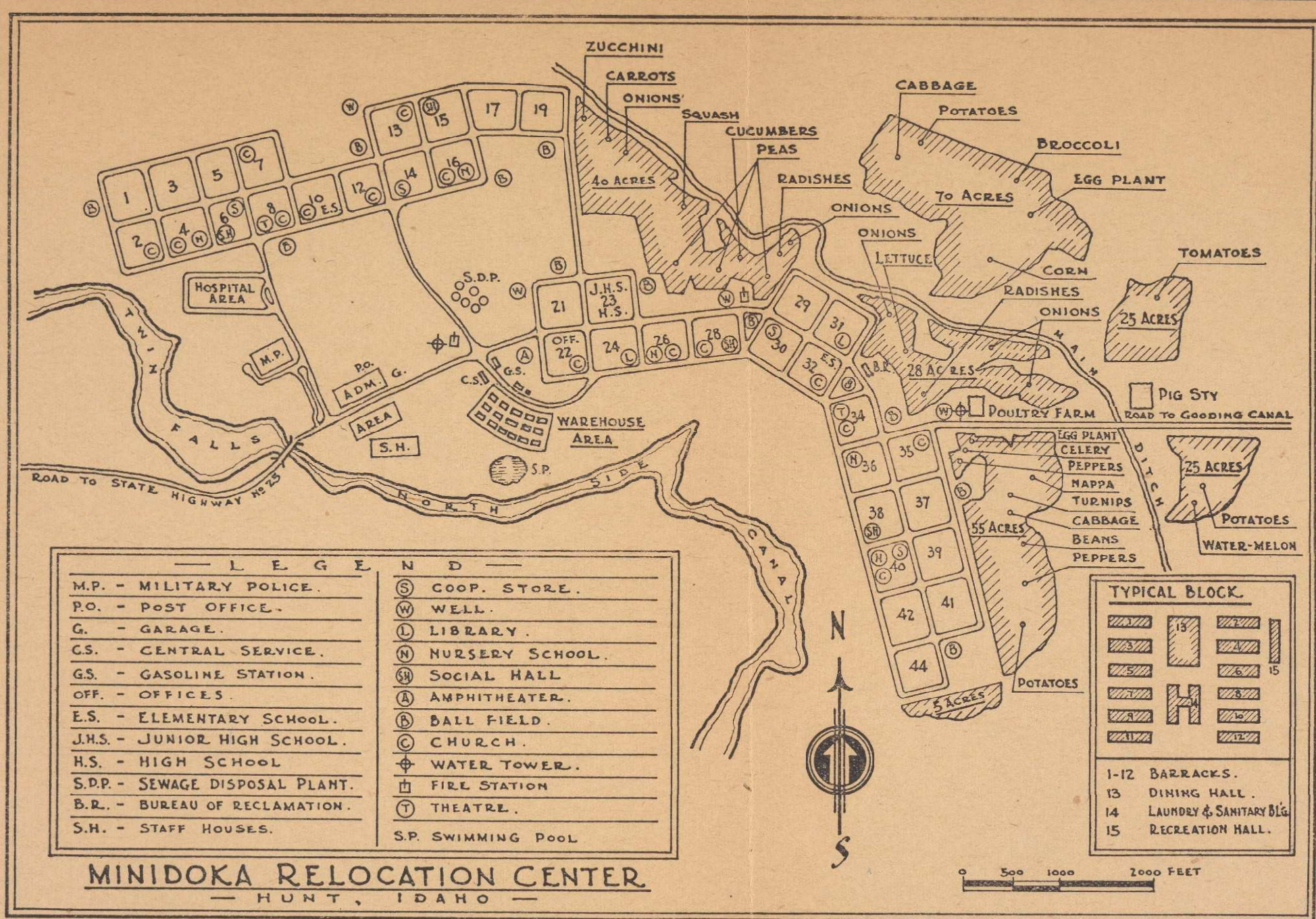
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(地圖說明)

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り、正門傍には門衛兵の控へ所がある。この附近が行政區で、常轉住所運營の中樞機關がこゝに在り、所内郵便局もこの一角にある。正門を入り左手即ち北方に見るバラックが憲兵隊兵舎で、更にその向ふに眺められる、當所で一番高い目じるしたる煉瓦の煙突は病院の所在を物語るものである。運河に最も近接し、小丘に立つ一群の建物は倉庫である。荒漠たるセージ砂原に右煙突と共に巍然、目立つものは二つの貯水塔である。其の一は第廿一區と行政クの間にある、他の一は第卅五クの近くに在る。目下收穫を見つゝある野菜農園は第十九クと第廿九クの間に約四十英加、第卅一クの東方に約廿八英加、更に灌水路を距て七十英加及び廿五英加の農園が二つある。此の外に第卅五ク及び第四十一クの東方に五十五英加及び廿五英加の野菜園がある。養鶏及び養豚場は第卅五クの附近である。



凡例

エム・ビー	憲兵司令部	エス・デー・ビー	下水タンク	エス・エツチ	官舎	エス・エツチ	水泳場	エス・ビー	(以下丸印つきのもの)	コオプ賣店	ダブルユー	地下水源	エル	日本語圖書館は第廿四區の	エヌ	托兒所	エス・エツチ	社、交室	エー	野外劇場	ビー	野球場	シー	各宗派教會	タイ	映画演藝劇場
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