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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Heart Mountain Relocation Center  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Internal Security  
ACTIVITIES NARRATIVE REPORT

July 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943



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February 4, 1944

TO: Guy Robertson, Project Director  
ATTENTION: M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director  
FROM: M. L. Campbell, Chief of Internal Security  
SUBJECT: Activities Narrative Report - July 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943.

Attached hereto is an activities report covering the period from July 1, 1943 until December 31, 1943.

On July 1, I took over as Chief of Internal Security and my task has been to coordinate the different branches in the investigative and police field into a smoothly working organization. This has been brought about due to the diligence and cooperation of all members of the staff of Internal Security and the Police Department. Education along police lines, through lecture classes and police science to the department as a whole, crime prevention and educational programs to the residents have in a large part contributed to the present peace and quiet which we have enjoyed at this project.

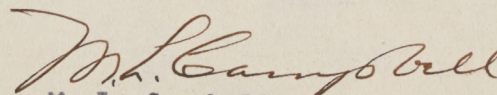
Police work in a relocation center is unique inasmuch as we are faced with the ordinary problems in crime, morals and delinquency but with this we are also faced with a condition such as this country has never before experienced in dealing with citizens confined within their own country through military necessity.

I would like to commend and congratulate all the members of both the Internal Security and Police Department and for your information the police lectures and educational programs will continue indefinitely.

Police technique and methods are an accumulation of experience and is something that must be carried on to maintain a peaceful community. Knowledge of the "modus operandi" of criminals, and methods of their apprehension, skill, tact, industry and thoroughness, together with a flare peculiar to a successful detective will be everlasting primary assets in police work and to obtain this high degree of efficiency, constant study and application of knowledge gained in school is necessary.

A justification for our being here is exemplified by this peaceful and orderly community of ten thousand people.

Following is a report of cases handled during the last half year.

  
M. L. Campbell  
Chief of Internal Security



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
CENTRAL REGION

Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

INTERNAL SECURITY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

(A report of cases from July to December 1943, inclusive)

Type of Cases	Number of Cases
<u>Aggravated Assault</u>	2
Cases brought to trial	1
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Case dismissed--No charge	
2. No charges pressed	
Pending	None
Closed	2
<u>Burglary</u>	4
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. No clue as to the guilty party	
Pending	4
Closed	None
<u>Other Assaults</u>	2
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Referred to other division- (Social Welfare)	
2. Confessed-Personal Settlement	
Pending	None
Closed	3
<u>Forgery</u>	1
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Referred to Internal Security	
Pending	None
Closed	1



Type of Cases	Number of Cases
<u>Drunkenness</u>	1
Cases brought to trial	None
Disposition:	
1. Detained overnight at Police Station	
Referred to other division-Housing.	
Pending	None
Closed	1
<u>Disorderly Conduct</u>	1
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Disturbance of Peace-	
public apology made	
Pending	None
Closed	1
<u>Gambling</u>	2
Cases brought to trial	2
Conviction	20
Disposition:	
1. Fine paid	
Pending	None
Closed	2
(Warning given to three other premises)	
<u>Violation Road and Driving Laws</u>	1
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Speeding-License suspended	
Pending	None
Closed	1
<u>Other Offenses</u>	2
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Public Nuisances-Rattlesnake	
Reptile destroyed and returned	
for entymology study.	
2. Misc.-Possession of property not	
rightfully owned by party.	
No charges pressed-Articles	
returned to rightful owner.	
Pending	None
Closed	2



Type of Cases	Number of Cases
<u>Lost and Found</u>	3

Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Two person-returned home	
2. Purse missing-under investigation	
Pending	1
Closed	2

In addition Police Station have on record 127 articles lost and 107 found, making a total of 134.

<u>Traffic Accident</u>	6
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Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Referred to other division	
a. Internal Security	
b. Project Attorney (Fatal injury)	
c. Community Enterprise	
2. Dismissed at Preliminary Hearing Board	
a. Unavoidable accident	
Pending	2
Closed	4

<u>Street Accident</u>	1
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Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Defendant released to Parent-	
No complaint	
Pending	None
Closed	1

<u>Home Accident</u>	4
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Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Accidental Explosion-Victim hospitalized	
2. Burn-Hot Ashes	
a. Referred to Preliminary Hearing Board	
Case closed.	
3. Burn-Coal Pile	
a. No charges	
4. Cut by empty can	
Pending	None
Closed	By Medical treatment



Type of Case	Number of Cases
<u>Industrial Accident (See Traffic Accident)</u>	1
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Fell from truck-Hospitalized	
Pending	1
Closed	None
<u>Other Accidents</u>	2
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Dog Bite-dog impounded	
2. Thrown hard ball	
a. Closed-No charges	
Pending	None
Closed	2
<u>Other Cases Involving Infraction of Project Regulation</u>	1
Segregee	
Cases brought to trial	Before Project Director
Conviction	1
Disposition:	
1. 90 days sentence	
Parole-to be sent to Tulelake	
Pending	1
Closed	None
<u>All Other Cases</u>	3
Cases brought to trial	None
Conviction	None
Disposition:	
1. Stray Dog - destroyed	
2. Out of Bounds - Probation (Juveniles)	
3. Forgery - Work Order (See Forgery case previously listed)	
Pending	None
Closed	3



Associate Chief  
Internal Security

War Relocation Authority  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

August 9, 1943 to December 31, 1943

*BROWN*

Since arriving at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center and assuming the responsibility of Associate Chief on August 9, 1943, I have performed duties that are essential to the welfare of this community. These duties I will put in chronological order and attempt to explain their place in the set-up of our organization, the Internal Security Section.

First, however, I will say that the most important factor in maintaining peace in our city has been, and will continue to be, crime prevention. This is the prime requisite for safeguarding against crime in any place or city. Therefore, I will start by citing as an example a case on file regarding Block 2, which involved a petty quarrel between two families. This case also involved or spread to the messhalls of that block and serious trouble or bloodshed might have taken place if the necessary crime prevention measures had not been taken. The case came to our attention when it was in its infancy through police methods used by our department. After due and careful investigation, the parties involved were called in and interrogated and testimony was taken from other people concerning the principals of the case. After the bare facts were laid open, the guilty parties were lectured and given good sound advice and admonition. One party, however, was reprimanded by Court and instructed to move to a different part of the Area. This quarrel, as I said before, was just in the making and would, no doubt, have spread over the entire block and would have ended in a general "free for all" fight, had not the necessary prevention been taken.

On August 17, 1943, I took over, as instructor, the Police School which was held in the High School auditorium, and again, a different phase of crime prevention entered into the picture. An efficient police officer, not instinctively but through proper training and with due observation, should in most instances "smell out" a potential crime and act in due accordance to prevent its furtherance; in common vernacular, "nip it in the bud". Thus, the Police School was conducted on these lines. Courtesy is also an important factor in police work as it works hand in hand with prevention. Courtesy begets courtesy and tends to hold the confidence of the people which, in turn, causes them to confide in the police officer.

From August 17, 1943 to December 31, 1943, I was in charge, if not directly, of the school and the following subjects were taught and discussed: felonious homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, forgery, embezzlement, possession of stolen property, illegal possession of weapons, prostitution, gambling, vagrancy, liquor laws, drunkenness, offenses against family and children, sex offenses, traffic and safety laws, and other offenses such as public nuisances, etc. Naturally, in discussion, the unwritten law or common sense law was discussed and great importance was paid to the fact of being calm and collected to the extent that "the head" should be used at all times. The school lessons were printed in both English and Japanese and were of the question and answer type. I can further state that I actually believe our or-



ganization can record progress in this respect, as I can see that the activities in crime have been lowered to an appreciable degree in the last few months.

On August 29, 1943, I was instructed to write a code covering the traffic conditions in this Area. I started this on the same date and after research and observation, a code was completed, proofread and submitted to the Community Council for passage. It was approved by Mr. Robertson on December 15th and passed by the Community Council on December 21, 1943.

Also, on August 29, 1943, I was appointed to the position of safety officer for the Area. Under this appointment, it was my duty to observe, note, and see that any necessary repair or improvement was made on any hazard that existed within the Area. This would, and did, call for a thorough inspection of the Area at regular intervals. Safety devices, safety signs, electrical devices, automotive devices, traffic hazards, ash deposit pits, and all other items were checked and reported.

On August 30, accompanied by Chief Campbell, I contacted Captain Green of the Military Police in reference to the main gate. This was done to work out a plan to check trucks and other vehicles passing through the gate. As the people entering the Area through this gate are under Internal Security police jurisdiction, it is essential that the Military Police and our division work in close harmony.

At various times from August to December 31, 1943, my attention was called to the main gate office where assistance and advice were offered. Also on August 30, Colonel Furuo of the United States Army visited our office in regarding vehicles used by the WRA here. We discussed safety, safety signs, vehicular accidents and the prevention of same. Chief Campbell and I attended a staff meeting held on August 31, 1943, concerning this matter.

In any absence of Chief Campbell during the period of August to December, 1943, I was called upon to attend several meetings. My notes show that I have attended, at intervals, the Coordinating Council meetings, the Council being composed of representatives from various divisions of the WRA. My duty was to report and discuss juvenile delinquency, safety conditions and any other matters pertaining to our department. It has also been my duty to sit as a member representing the Community Management Division on the Preliminary Hearing Board.

Escorting evacuees to and from different parts of the country have also taken a portion of my time. For example, on September 9, 1943, I escorted some Japanese people to and from Denver, Colorado, the trip requiring three days. Similar trips have also been made.

During segregation, the moving of evacuees from this Area to Tule Lake and vice versa, the Internal Security Section was called upon for assistance. This was in addition to our regular police duties; planning a traffic itinerary, mass handling of crowds, etc.



My duties as Associate Chief of Internal Security are numerous. I assist the Chief at all times when necessary and must also assist other officers and members of the appointed personnel. I have been called into the area, at various times to assist or advise the police in problems and in instances, aid in actual operation, especially in raids on liquor and gambling.

A certain amount of my time is spent in office and executive work. This entails the record of equipment, vehicular and otherwise, planning of schedules, personnel records, crime files and the making and posting of bulletins, orders, etc.

During the last few months I have made trips to Cody, Wyoming for the purpose of visiting the Sheriff and District Attorney. Certain doctrines set forth by the Project Director, Chief Campbell and Sheriff Blackburn were discussed. Men were deputized by the Sheriff for our pleasure. In one case I sought advice regarding the purchase of the Wyoming Penal Code. When available to do so, I also conducted prisoners to the County jail. (See note October 1, 1943).

Calls have come for duty and assistance in various ways and phases. On or about September 1, 1943, Mr. Main and I secured a saddle horse and drove a herd of cattle from our farm at the south end of the Project. I am not, however, a cowboy -- I can't ride and do not boast of this operation.

The care of equipment is left to the Associate Chief and it has been my duty to see that our cars are regularly greased, oil changed and in good running condition.

Between the hours of 5:00 p. m. and 7:00 p. m., it has been our duty to respond to calls from the main gate to carry passengers to the area. I have done this when working the 5:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m. shift.

Possibly I have missed some small detail in my record hereby set up for the last five months and I would like to add a word or two to paragraph two of this writing. Condensing in my mind the foregoing statements, I cannot stress too highly my duty in crime prevention. The actual case (example mentioned in this article) through education (both police and public), through contact with police and advice to them, by advice given to people coming for same, by patrolling area at regular intervals, and last, by a courteous firm action taken when in actual pursuit of my duty.

January 27, 1944

G. Weldon Brown  
Associate Chief  
Internal Security



Internal Security Officer  
Internal Security

War Relocation Authority  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

July 15, 1943 to December 31, 1943

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On July 15, 1943, I arrived at Heart Mountain as Internal Security Officer and met Chief M. L. Campbell and Mr. Chapman, who at that time was Internal Security Officer, later becoming Associate Chief of Internal Security.

I spent the first few days in learning my duties and the locations of various buildings throughout the camp. At this particular time, the office was quite busy due to the fact that it was completing depositions taken regarding the strike that had been in progress shortly before this at the hospital.

About the last of July, a daily report system was put into effect. The purpose of this daily report is to have a complete record of cases or instances that might arise at a later date and the report could be referred to.

My chief assignment after acquainting myself with the camp was to investigate the matter of rattlesnakes which were being kept in and around the various barracks throughout the center. The raid netted nine snakes which were turned over to the Police Department and later returned to their rightful owners.

At this time there were a great many petty thefts going on in the warehouse area. This included workers eating oranges, small quantities of vegetables, meats, canned goods and jams and other fruit products that could be removed and eaten without leaving evidence. Made complete investigation of this situation which disclosed the fact that Mr. Saunders, along with others, were at fault.

About this time Associate Chief Chapman left the Project so Chief Campbell and I operated with the help of the evacuee police department which is under our supervision. This police department functions very well and helps suppress and prevent many crimes and most of the juvenile delinquency in the camp.

During this period we were having complaints that quantities of whisky were arriving at camp, making it necessary to search baggage of persons arriving at this camp on the bus or train.

During the extremely warm weather there was no swimming pool available for the children of the project so they started using the ditch as a swimming pool. Since the water is used for cooking, drinking, etc., the Project Director objected and this practice was eliminated.

After Mr. Chapman left, I took over the police school, along with my other duties, which at this time were mostly helping in making preparations for the segregation that was to take place not only in this camp, but in others throughout the United States. This segregation was for the purpose of separating the loyal and disloyal Japanese; the disloyal to be sent to one camp.

There was one case concerning fire arms. A report came in that several orders had been received by an eastern firm for firearms and that these parti-



cular firearms had been sent to this camp. We asked the cooperation of the express office and the Post Office in helping control this matter.

Several investigations were made and in some cases brought to us, it has not been necessary to make an issue of the matter. All these cases have a full detailed report on them available in our department.

One of the greatest violations of rules throughout the center was private enterprise. This consisted of people engaging in private purchase and sale of merchandise which, according to Washington Administrative rules, cannot be done. At various times the people engaged in private enterprise were called in and it was explained to them that they would have to refrain from this practice but evidence shows that they still continue to do this.

There was a great deal of investigating, including the investigation of a stolen government check issued to an evacuee, getting evidence and making complete plans for raids throughout the area. These raids included gambling, liquor and stolen merchandise. All raids were made upon the orders of Chief M. L. Campbell.

In one particular block in the Center, a great deal of commotion was caused by the writing of one or more letters by one or more persons to various people throughout the center. These letters were unsigned and were of a slanderous nature. They had to be fully investigated to find out who sent them. This was done and the writers were brought before the Preliminary Hearing Board on charges of writing slanderous material and sending it through the government mail.

It is also my duty to assist the evacuees in their troubles and also to assist the hospital in transporting insane persons from the center.

Along with the above outlined, there is a certain amount of general routine duty that goes on throughout each shift that I work.

R. B. Huff  
Internal Security Officer

January 31, 1944



Internal Security Officer  
Internal Security

War Relocation Authority  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

September 14, 1943 to December 31, 1943

*Miller*

The following report lists the duties I have been called upon to perform since reporting for duty as Internal Security Officer, War Relocation Authority, Heart Mountain, Wyoming, September 14, 1943.

At the time I arrived preparations were being made for segregation. The evacuees who had expressed their loyalty to Japan were sent to Tule Lake, California on two trains, the first leaving Heart Mountain September 21 and the second leaving September 27. During this time I assisted in making arrangements pertaining to segregation, arranged and organized the boy scouts to handle the luggage, etc., and also helped see that there were no unpleasant incidents.

At various times since the first of October, I have assisted in conducting the school for the evacuee police.

I have also aided the two gatemen in issuing passes. Quite often it has been necessary for them to have help from our department.

I have assisted from time to time in small disturbances that have occurred among the evacuees within the camp. For example, on October 7, 1943, I escorted a Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto to her home at 24-22-A since she had been locked out by her husband. She was leaving for Ann Arbor, Michigan for Army Intelligence work and her husband disapproved. I helped straighten out their differences and saw that he did not molest her.

While on duty it is also my job to answer any calls from the Military Police at the main gate concerning any visitors or former residents who wish to enter but have no passes. When this occurs, I am required to go to the gate and question those concerned. If I am satisfied that their visit is justified, they are allowed to enter.

While on duty I patrol the area frequently. This, in my opinion, is a very important part of our assignment. If the evacuees see us around frequently, it has a favorable effect. It also helps safeguard government property. For instance, at 1:40 a. m. on October 27, 1943, I happened to be passing 15-30 messhall and noticed a fire in the kitchen. The fire department was called and although the building was damaged badly, they were able to put the fire out before it spread to other barracks. At this time I posted a police guard to prevent looting.

I have made several trips during the time I have been here, taking patients to various hospitals. On October 28, 1943, I took five insane patients to Salt Lake City, Utah, by automobile. From there they were transported to California by train.



On November 3, 1943, I took a plane to Tule Lake, California where I spent two weeks. This was during the riots and trouble at the Relocation Center there. While there I questioned several prisoners thereby obtaining some very valuable information. I returned to Heart Mountain November 22, 1943.

From time to time I have turned in suggestions that have been incorporated into our system. For example, we are grounding cars of all evacuees and visitors and collecting their keys so the vehicles are not operated within the area. I suggested that numbered tags with correspondingly numbered stubs be issued and kept on file until the keys are returned to the car owners. This has saved us considerable embarrassment since some keys had previously been returned to the wrong parties.

I have also assisted in conducting several gambling raids on various apartments in the Center and have attended hearings involving these cases. It is my responsibility to investigate any accidents that occur on my shift, to cover any disturbances caused by fire or disorder, and to make a complete report on these.

From time to time I have worked with FBI representatives such as Mr. Johnstone. He was here the second week in December and I brought evacuees in to him for questioning.

I conducted an exhaustive investigation of thefts occurring in the Personnel messhall.

It is also my duty to keep more or less of a check on the evacuee police force. At times they have shown that they need caucasian supervision as their officers are sometimes hesitant in giving orders.

I feel that the best example of results obtained by being on the job twenty-four hours a day is the decrease in crime during the past two months. In my opinion, the best crime control is crime prevention which we of the Internal Security section are trying to further in this Center.

Karl W. Miller  
Internal Security Officer

January 27, 1944



Internal Security Officer  
Internal Security

War Relocation Authority  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

October 16, 1943 to December 31, 1943

GORMAN

I began with the department on October 16, 1943. Many of the tasks have been of a nature that does not require a formal report and none having been made, it follows that details will be omitted. Such duties thus classified among other things was making tours of the area, discussing law enforcement with evacuees, cautioned minor violators where case was not serious, cautioned children about throwing stones, drivers about failing to make stops at stop signs and other traffic matters, investigated persons carrying suspicious burdens or loitering in vicinity of warehouses at night. Answering inquiries by phone and in the office regarding business of the project and whereabouts of its section heads, etc.

Supervised police and advised same regarding minor matters, called to main gate many times on disputes and to advise with Military Police.

Called to main gate three times to pass laden trucks through into the area, arranged transportation for passengers from depot to area, called to main gate three times on special transportation matters, and seven times on special gate problems, once to take section head down to ascertain nature of cargo, attended two fires, one preliminary hearing, attended police school once.

Secured the sheltering of half carload of baggage laying in rain, exposed to theft on unloading platform. Grounded many cars as per rules one of a hostile visitor that defied police and internal security, secured protection for truck load of merchandise left in area few hours by outside trucker, called unloading crew several times at night, settled trailerhouse parking matter, made investigations regarding two WRA trucks that failed to appear at the Motor Pool as required.

Investigated the loss of billfold by evacuee contained \$175.00 in indorsed checks; phoned officers at Worland to investigate bus to see what may have happened to the billfold when evacuee passenger left same at Deaver, called station agent at Deaver to look for same upon ground where passenger left, he located same. Secured protection to warehouse #10 when day crew left door open upon leaving, wired door shut on warehouse #10. Stopped two ambulances for lighting defects, stopped electrician's truck because of no head lights, one WRA truck for speeding, cleared driveway of outside car at behest of fire department as a fire hazard, required several car operators to park away from buildings, obtained list of special meetings during Christmas holidays for protection against riots, made special tours of area during Christmas, New Year and December 7, to prevent crime.

Advised police regarding photographers request to take picture of patient at hospital. Twice drove government agent down in the area to question evacuees, hauling three such to the office for the same purposes, advised police of necessity to protect crowd at high school gathering, answered call at high school on tip that fight was brewing in rear of same, no riot resulted, aided investigation of breakage of insulators on highline out of area, investigated and recovered desk missing from warehouse area, same having been taken through space



left by removing panel, investigated case of Harry Terada (assault), and into the facilities of night transportation of passengers.

Investigated broken windows in Block 7, made report to office regarding fire hazard in those buildings, and that a door was open. Transported police on shift change when their car was down. Made three calls to hospital to aid police in controlling insane patient who was tearing his cell apart. Escorted patient to Evanston, Wyoming. Made certain arrangements to bring a policeman and other escort together to take insane patient to hospital near Denver, Colorado. Issued gasoline to ambulance drivers several times during nights or holidays.

January 27, 1944

Ealen C. Gorman  
Internal Security Officer



HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

(A report of Police Department activities covering the past six months, July to December 1943, inclusive.)

DEPARTMENT

*MATSUI*

In spite of laboring under the manpower shortage caused by the WRA ruling prohibiting men who replied negatively, repatriated, or qualified their answers to the allegiance question of the February, 1943, registration, from being a Police members, the Department carried on their continuous work covering 24 hours of each day to patrol this Center.

In lieu of the demands of their duties and emergencies arising in the line of patrolling, the Police acutely felt the manpower shortage, but continued in their shorthanded capacity for this period.

During the month of July, Rodger B. Huff was added to the administrative staff as assistant Internal Security Officer. The administrative staff plan to have five member as Internal Security officers in the positions as chief, two associates, and the remaining two as assistants.

As of the month of August, this division was operating with 53 members working. This included the office staff and the four platoons patrolling on 4 rotating shifts.

Additional duties for the patrolmen were incurred with the opening of the Center's newly constructed swimming pool. The area for the motor patrol division was widened when the livestock section was also covered by them.



When a break occurred in the highway skirting the Center, the patrolmen were on special guard to warn passing motorists. By August, the compulsory Police School sessions requiring the attendance of all members were in full swing.

The months of September and October saw the entire Police assisting in the incoming and outgoing movements from and to Tule Lake in the segregation program. The Police officers were on special guard and patrol duty during the induction and entraining of people entering and leaving this Center. Also, the Police were in charge of traffic control operations at this time to aid in efficient handling of the arrivals and departures.

The whole Police force worked overtime hours during the segregation program movements.

On or off duty, the policemen are ever on the alert for fire breaking out, assisting in placing fire alarms, controlling crowds, and guarding against vandalism--in some cases post-fire guard duty were continued to protect property(i.e. messhall, apartments.) Especially with the onset of winter, when all residents begin to use their stoves, all patrolmen were placed on special lookout for fire.

As usual, there was an ever-increasing demand for extra and special guards by various departments. Among the many requests for guard detail was included the patrolling needed at lumber piles located near areas where new buildings were being constructed. At onetime, the patrolmen were on guard duty at the freight landing.



The Police assisted in destroying ill animals referred to the M. P. authorities for disposal.

Looking back over the past six months, it can be said that the patrolmen, few in numbers as they were, kept well in hand the peace and order of the Community.

#### SPECIAL DETAIL

The special detail division, as always, working continuously, assisted in findings of the many cases. These under-cover men continued the investigation where the patrolmen left off when the former was a more efficient agent to do so.

One of the thankless tasks was the assignment to investigate reports of merchandise and supplies disappearing from the Warehouses area. As the missing items were either perishable food-stuffs or articles with <sup>no/</sup> identifications, the job was an unwelcome one.

The work of these men is very tedious and endless, often their work is carried over all hours of the day, covering all parts of the Center. As the nature of their work is very confidential, they work in complete secrecy and their diligence is well worth the praise the successful work of a Police Department calls for.

#### PROBLEMS

With the advent of the cold weather, the danger from carelessly disposed ashes by residents were cited and stressed. Several cases of residents suffering burns from hot ashes were reported from the Center Hospital.



The rock-throwing sport proved a dangerous and damaging nuisance to people and property. However, it is noted that this sort of indulgence subsided since the advent of the cold season. Many youths, some of them high school students, were apprehended against further continuance of this activity when caught "red-handed" by patrolmen and watchmen.

The continued disappearance of merchandise and supplies from the Warehouses area reported to the Police for investigation prove to be a headache as the missing items either are perishable or without identification and therefore, untraceable. The Department has made a suggestion to fence in the Warehouse area, install two entrances with guard posts at each entrance if the "spiriting" away of items from the Warehouses are not curbed in some other manner, or they cease to be causes for investigation.

The recurrent breaking-down of the patrol cars with motor patrol a necessity create quite a problem for the Department. Particularly with no reserve available, motor patrolling is caused to be suspended when complete breakdown of the present cars occur.

Another "peeve" is when the need is felt as much as ever for uniforms to be provided for the Police officers, as yet, unfulfilled.

#### CRIME RATE

"Major" crimes, to speak of, were a numbered one or two committed during this period. What occurred was a miscellany



of minor assault and battery incidents punctuated with a work order "forgery" case; one case of an infraction of WRA regulations; an anonymous letter-writing activity that was proving to be a nuisance within one block. A rapid-fire raid on gambling operations garnering 17 men was recorded for July. Also in July, an elderly bachelor was charged with attacking a youngster who resided in the same block. Suspected of suffering a mental disorder, the bachelor was referred to the Social Welfare board.

In the forgery case, a Center resident obtained two positions under his own and another friend's names. This case was referred to the Internal Security chief. The defendant stated "to relieve manpower shortage" as his intention.

One segregee reported missing at the time of train departure (Tule Lake bound) entailed Police to go on a searching party assisted by special detail men. When apprehended, the segregee gave "sudden illness" as his reasons for his failure to leave as scheduled.

The defendant, given medical check-up, had his hearing set before the Project Director. Charged with infraction of WRA regulations, the segregee was detained as prisoner until such time that he could be sent to the Tule Lake Segregation Center where he was originally destined for.

An assault case arising from personal differences involving a messhall manager and a block resident occurred at the 22-30 messhall during the month of October. The case, referred to the Preliminary Hearing Board, was ordered for Court trial.



In the line of duty, two WRA employees, a lumber yard keeper and an underground cellar employee were involved in an assault and battery case at the former's place of work. As the principals of the case did not press charges or present complaints, this case was disposed with proper explanations to the involved parties.

A minor verbal fracas ensued when 3 youths reportedly "ridiculed" officers at a messhall gathering. This incident was referred to the Preliminary Hearing Board.

A case investigated in exhaustive detail, with much tedious checking and re-checking of evidences and statements by both Internal Security and the Police occurred when anonymous letter-writing activities in Block 2 came to light. Upon completion of the investigation, this case was referred to the Court for trial and the guilty party sentenced.

#### ARRESTS

As a whole, the Center remained at peace and order during the past months. The serious offenses recorded were a gambling establishment raided when 17 persons were upbraided and referred to Court; one segregee detained as a WRA prisoner when he failed to make a scheduled departure for Tule Lake; one resident of a block charged with anonymous letter-writing.

A drunkenness case was also recorded when one resident was detained at the Police Station to "sober up."

In passing the holiday season covered by this period, records show that this Center was quiet and well-behaved, a credit to a city of this size.



The continuance of this commendable record is hoped to keep on with the full cooperation from the old and young alike residing in this Center.

### ACCIDENTS

Keeping a close check on accidents occurring during the past six months, the Department noticed that infants and youngsters were prominent as victims.

Danger spots noticed in the Center were pointed out to the Safety officer of the Internal Security. The following places were listed as possible sources of accidents:

Unfinished concrete foundation located near the Block 26 playground area;

Ash disposal pits, particularly those not marked;

Scrap coal piles possible of spontaneous combustion.

A youth in possession of a blank cap suffered injuries from an accidental explosion which occurred in a laundry room when he was assertedly playing with the blank cap. Careful investigation was made by Police officers and under-cover men to discover the possible sources where the blank caps were obtained.

Careless disposal of hot ashes by a boiler-room worker caused an infant child to suffer second degree burns. This case was referred to the Preliminary Hearing Board.

By request of the parents, the case was closed when a year-old infant was injured by a thrown hardball.

Another infant injury was suffered by a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  year-old.



The infant sustained his injuries at the hands of a six-year-old youngster, a reported mental case. As no complaints were registered, parents of the offender were given the responsibility to keep close watch on their child.

Several cases of burns suffered by residents from carelessly disposed ashes were noted.

#### DELINQUENCY

Although no marked juvenile delinquency were recorded, youngsters figured in many of the accidents, as mentioned previously, and incidents.

Youngsters trespassing on forbidden premises, in this instance, the high school during the hour not open to the public, were apprehended.

Juveniles involved in a petty theft case, a Reverend's home and a classroom, was closed when the victims, the Reverend and the school teacher refrained from pressing charges. The young culprits were released to the responsibilities of their parents with proper admonishment.

Again, youths wandering into the out-of-bounds area were apprehended. Groups of youngsters were discovered in the livestock area(hog-chicken ranch section). One youth suffered injuries when a group attempted to drive a tractor, and the machine overturned.

Reported through the Hospital, an assault and battery incident involving two youths were investigated. Seemingly arising from a personal grudge, the defendant issued a statement of confession



extended his apologies to the victim which were accepted, thereby closing this case.

#### TRAFFIC DIVISION

In the Traffic Division, the regular routine work continued of testing and issuing driver's license to new applicants who were assigned to divisions as operators of motor vehicles. As always, the patrol officers were on the lookout for any traffic violations or accidents. Of the major traffic accidents that occurred, two were injuries suffered by passengers who at both times were riding on WRA vehicles.

Other traffic mishaps are recorded as follows:

The speed violation by a WRA dump truck caused the driver's license of this particular vehicle to be suspended. A very minor traffic accident involving two vehicles and a pedestrian were recorded, stating no injuries sustained, damages negligible.

In August, an elderly employee riding on a WRA transportation truck accidentally fell off from the back-end of the vehicle. The 60-year-old victim sustained a basal skull fracture that proved fatal. This particular case was turned over to the Project Attorney.

A dump truck operated by a non-licensed youth (under age) but with permission by his division foreman, ran into the gas fuel pump at the Motor Pool area.

Again at the motor pool area, the Center Hospital milk wagon, being taken to the Motor Pool for servicing, ran into a standing pedestrian.



Included among the unavoidable accidents was a WRA truck going off the road near the Main Post Office building, caused by slippery roads. Damages were negligible, no injuries were sustained by the driver.

In November, a minor collision occurred involving a WRA dump truck and a Build-8 sedan. Damages were slight.

Another basal skull fracture was suffered by a worker riding on a WRA rubbish truck when he accidentally fell off the vehicle. The victim is at present, hospitalized. The driver was not held.

To promote safety for all, patrolmen are always on guard to watch out for speeding vehicles. The Traffic Division is continuously cautioning driver to obey traffic rules and regulations to protect life and limb of Center residents.

#### TRUANCY

As this period already sees the close of school, the children --the youth of the Center are absorbed in various summer activities. The truant officers continued diligent check-up on the students who chose to attend the summer sessions.

With the start of the fall-winter term, the list of students to be checked by the truant division had enlarged. However, this term sees fewer absent pupils since the appointment of the truant officers to keep an eye on tardy pupils. Together with the willing cooperation given by parents of youngsters, the truant officers have only a very occasional absentee student to check-up.



In cases where it was noted that a student made a habit of being absent, "lecture-talks" are given by the Chief of Police to encourage the youngsters to attend school.

#### GENERAL

During the summer months, the keeping of dangerous reptiles obtained on hikes, etc, as pets and the noticeably increased number of stray dogs wandering into the Center proved to be quite a nuisance.

A few dogbite cases were reported in, not serious, which sent the patrolmen on a special lookout for the offending animals.

As it has been customary, the Police Station handled many of the Center's lost and found cases. The total number of lost articles reported to the desk sergeant who is in charge of this department was 127 for this six-months' period. The number of found articles turned in at the Police Station totalled 107. Several notices were sent out through the Police Department to locate WRA checks reported lost by residents.

These notices are sent to the Community Enterprises stores, the Main Post Office, the check cashing counter, and all other points where exchange of cash is made.

Children found wandering around lost in the area were returned to their homes through the efforts of Patrolmen.

One case of an old man reported lost when he left for a hike to Heart Mountain was discounted when he later returned home, delayed by supposing the other party who went with him was lost.



Countless aids were rendered to sick and emergency cases during this period by the patrolmen on their rounds. The Police Department, operating on an all day, all night bases, ceaselessly render public service whenever possible and when emergencies arise, aside from pursuing their regular Police work.

In continuing this work, it is the Department's hope to obtain an easily identified uniform, maintain a ready reserve of vehicles for emergencies and motor patrol, and be housed in sufficient quarters that can be called roomy and adequate to carry on the diversified tasks of a Police Station.

At present, Police officers wear only a badge while performing their many duties.

Meanwhile, with hopes of securing the needed supplies and equipment necessary for this type of work, the patrolmen serve on the force to continue preserving peacefulness and orderliness within the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.