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Work report for
May 27, 1942

1. Took inventory of baggages and bags left in the storeroom by some unclaimed persons. The list has been handed to Mr. Davis thru Capt. Speares.

6 pieces for Sudo, Takuyo ID# 22611
 6 " " Yatsunami, Toemon ID# 22494
 1 piece " Gatow, Midori ID# 13401
 1 " paper carton; opened; no identification

2. Helped relieve Earl Yusa at the desk this a.m.
3. P.M. contacted Hi. Korematsu about complaints made about his inefficiency, etc.

Problem: Hi states that he has 63 family heads and 330 people in his block. He feels that he cannot handle the requests for supplies and petty complaints himself.

He requests an assistant house-manager to relieve him of few petty demands.

Since he has a larger number of people in his block, he should be entitled to a larger amount of supplies.

Recommendation made by assist. field foreman:

Have the housemgr in question air his side of his problem and help him solve it. The Housing Dept should know what is actually going on in the various blocks and the justification of complaints made, or investigate thoroughly before making any definite conclusions.

Mas Wakai

4. Mitoma Brothers delivered matts. and cots. and ticks.

Also delivered heater from Mr. Greene's office and taken to bldg. 4-5. (correction: should have gone to 4-6. They are relatives.

WORK REPORT

June 2, 1942

1. Tried to arrange the change of apartments for Kenzo George Kashiwagi, Janitor in the infield who is in charge of MSL and WSL #41 and 42, since he has a large supply of toilet articles in his room. Since there are four men in his apartment he felt the need of changing to another place where he could have a place to store ^{his} supplies. We tried to secure a place in Building 173 Apt 5 where there are two people residing at present, but further interviews suggested that the said occupants were not in favor of having Kashiwagi moving in. Mr. Livingston has no vacancies at present for this janitor. Therefore, he must remain where he is at Bldg. 161-6, at present.
2. Nobu Nishimoto and I helped to bridge an understanding between the two house managers at barrack 23. There were numerous complaints made against the woman house manager, but a personal interview brought to light that those complaints were unjustified and exaggerated. We counseled them to work together and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities and duties.
3. Made a field trip to all the latrines around the outfield and through interviews with house managers and women residents, we came to the conclusion that there was a definite need for partitions *for every seat* in the ~~the~~ women's latrines built before we came. Reason was that no women wanted to sit exposed to another while doing her personal toilet.
4. There was also a definite need for blinds at latrines #14, 15, 20, and 21 because the carpenters probably overlooked them during the construction. Since a number of people pass by these latrines, they caused an embarrassment to the occupants, especially to the women. A letter to rectify these two problems ~~have-been~~ sent to Mr. Estes. will be

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Housing.

FIELD WORK REPORT

June 8, 1942

Mon.

1. Sunday evening Yoshio Katayama called me to his apt. 27, bldg. 8 that a family wanted to move because they will have 8 people in their apt. soon, when one of the daughters will arrive on the 15th of June.
Family is that of Mari Shimanouch ID#14652 at Bldg 85-1. Another family of 3 lives there. Name is Yoshio Ishida, ID# 14653.

Problem: At the beginning the Shimanouchi family had contemplated upon a short time stay in camp and planned to stay with the Ishidas until they were relocated. They are very good friends. Since the time of relocation is still indefinite and that her sister is returning to join the family and that their father is an invalid, the Shimanouchi family requests a change by asking Mr. Livingston to find an apt. for the Ishidas because they have only 3 members, while the S. family will have five. They are all grown up people, and the apt. will be congested for 8 adults. Mr. Livingston is working on the case. When an apt. is found, the said families will be notified. (The Ishidas have a dog with them; permission has been granted for this family by a Colonel. Also, when friends visit the invalid man, the Ishidas leave the apt. to show consideration--but the tension is growing^W day to day.)

Monday, Mari S. interviewed Mr. Livingston about a change. Case is still open.

2. Made a field trip around the camp this P.M.
 - a. Noticed white paint on almost all windows in the showerrooms, from #1 on. No. 13 and 14, still lack paints and blinds.
 - b. Premise under the Grand Stand in front of the Women's toilet was strewn with trash. Needs to be cleaned soon.
 - c. Found out there are no vacancies in Bldg. 4, 5, 6, 8, 13 and 20. Did not have time to interview other hsemgrs.
 - d. Met Harry Yoshida, one of the local policeman and he wanted to know about recreation and organized play for boys from 7 to 13 because two of them got into trouble last Sat or Sun.
 - e. Found out from Tommy Hoshiyama, director at Recreation Hall #9 that there are organized activities for boys of these ages, but are just voluntary. A general invitation and solicitation can be done for those not in the recreation dept.

Field Work Report

June 8, '42

Mon.

- f. Visited Mr. Inouye, one of the Hsemgrs at B.8 and inquired about vacancies and changes. The Kojimoto family of four lived in apt. 63 and two of the sons moved in apt. 64. Change has been notified to Mr. Livingston. Mr. Inouye reported that his tenants are satisfied with the stalls and does not want any more changes in his bldg.
- g. Visited bldg. 14 and interviewed Harry Mayeda. He reported that there are gamblings going on, esp. among the bachelors who moved from the G.S. Some come from bldg. 13. One of the white plainclothes police reported to Mayeda that some of the people are breaking the law and will be arrested if they fail to heed the warnings. Most of the bachelors are aged and do not have any regular work to do at camp. In a general way, they are far more content with the stable than they were with the Grand Stand.
- h. Visited George Kondo, hsemgr of westside, bldg. 13, and he reported that only two apts. are occupied with bachelors who moved in recently. There aren't many complaints in his section.
- i. Interviewed Henry Kawahara, hsemgr on the east-side of bldg. 13 and he has very little trouble with fuses, except a woman in apt. 62, who seems to lack a sense of right and wrong, and conscience. Heard that she and a friend use an electric stove to make coffee and burn the fuse at times. Kawahara seems to be exasperated with the actions and personality of this woman.
- j. K. Fujii, hsemgr for the bachelors in Bldg 14, also reported that his tenants prefer the stables to the grand stand quarters. Many of them are anxious to move to the relocation center because of rumors in regard to invasion of the West Coast by the Japanese. I told him to quiet and assure the men that all be all right after a while, and it won't be long before we are moved to the relocation center.
- k. Interviewed T. Ichiyasu about his bldg. 16. Trouble they are having is with the Mess Hall and the chief cook. Complaint is that the cook mentioned does not have the necessary experience to do the work well. Others complain that they do not have enough to eat and second helpings, too. They plan to have a meeting to discuss this problem. Marie A. might resign soon as m.h.mgr
- l. met May Shidawara and helped her secure her meals at mess hall #18 because they weren't issued tickets. T. Sakai knows about it, but Mr. Cooper was not too willing to issue more, he said.

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FIELD WORK REPORT

JUNE 9, 1942

Tue.

I. Typed all morning my previous field work.

II. In in the afternoon I found out about the vacancies left in the following bldgs. and apts. for Mr. Henry M. Livingston: 145-1,2,3; 167-1 & 2; 75-4 & 5; and 8-64.

1. Alice and Warren Watanabe are occupying 167-1 & 2 with 2 other girl friends. The parents of these two children left camp for Japan, leaving apt. 1 vacant. ~~Koany~~ will be ready for occupancy tomorrow morning at 10.

ID#26945

Alice wish to have a family move into apt. 1 because she is alone during the day and does not want bachelors as neighbors.

Vacancy 167-1

2. Visited the Alfonso Cruz family in 145-1,2,3. Father has left camp to work in the ship-yards. There are 7 little children and 1 mother left. Mrs. Cruz wish to retain apts. 1 and 2.

ID#33224

Vacancy is in 145-3.

3. Went to Fusao Hayashi family in 75-4 & 5. Was informed by Kaoru Yamaguchi that his relatives the Hayashis, 6 of them left for Japan.

ID#19060

This leaves three people in apt. 5: Mrs. Yamaguchi and son, and family friend Mrs. Y.

ID#21816

Nishiyama.

Kaoru Yamaguchi is the head of the family now.

He and his mother came under the Hayashi's ID. 19060.

Apt. 4 in bldg 75 is being occupied by a bachelor friend of the Hayashis, who was properly assigned to that apt. by the office before Mr. Livingston's time.

ID#678

Mr. M. Kurokawa is the bachelor staying in apt. 4 now.

Mrs. Yamaguchi wishes to stay in her present apt. because she has come to like it and her neighbors, and furthermore, she has many baggages left by her relative in her room.

Vacancy 75-4

III. All these apts. have an openings in the walls because the families occupied the adjoining apts. Recommend the closing of said openings before families are moved in. Plywood walls are still left intact in those apts. Occupants moving in can close the openings.

IV. Noticed on my field trip that 144-10 was still vacant. Was informed by Y. Abiko, Hsemgr that the Tyler Nakayama family of two was moving in, from Tom Suzuki's block. The Mitoma boys have sent a truck to help the couple move.

V. To move family in 13-62 to 5-32, ^{Mas Wakai} Wed. at 10 A.M.
Tak. Mitoma will handle it.

Field Work
June 6, 1942
Sat.

Furnished truck to move baggages belonging to J. Tomizawa from 27-1 to 14-98, together with the blindman's baggages from that same apt. This individual's name is Kaichi Sasahara and ID# is 24933. Tomizawa, the attendant is a bachelor but came with the Sakamoto family-ID#13067, at 27-1.

*now staying
14-4*

Lily and Ichiro Fukutome wanted to move into 18-10 because Mrs. F's mother lives there. Since 18-10 is vacant, Mr. Livingston oked the change from 8-42. A truck was secured thru Mike Milder and the couple were duly moved.

Interviewed the following ^wmen in regard to changing of apts.

1. Miss(?) Ai Mitono from 13-62, who complained that neighbors behind her apt. stay up all night and play cards or gamble. She wants to move to some other place with her two women roommates. Discovered from Mrs. T. Takagi that the said party was assigned an apt. in one of the new barracks, but it did not suit her because of the cold north wind. Mr. Livingston was consulted, but we couldn't help her because she couldn't be satisfied or adjust herself. (She is a problem case as discovered with further interviews with her hsemgr.) Has defect with one eye. Cannot use it. Desires a place near a latrine and shower. Case--shelved indefinitely. ID# not furnished. Couldn't remember.

2. Another woman, a married woman from bldg. 9 apt. 27 & 28 complained that her neighbor has a young baby that cries all day and night and wants to change. Other people think it is her own family that has this baby. Name is S. Ihara; ID# 14845; 8 in the family; resided in said apt. for over a month. All are grown up children. Youngest is 4 years old. (from hsemgr Fred Yamashiro, I found out that the husband of this woman worked as a caterer at the Cliff House, SF., and they were used to American people rather than with the Japanese. Mr. Livingston was consulted but since there are no vacant apts., we had to leave the problem as it is.

Received note from Mr. John E. Estes, director of Works and Maintenance that partitions between the waterclosets in the women's latrines cannot be done because of lack of space, but blinds will be set up in Latrines no. 14, 15, 20, 21 as soon as possible. See June 5, 1942; maintenance folder.

Max Wakai