

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

In reply please refer to:
Employment Division

July 15, 1942
No. PEFI-4

MEMORANDUM TO: Persons of Japanese ancestry who are released from Assembly or Relocation Centers, or from that portion of Military Area No. 2 in California for agricultural labor outside Military Area 1 and outside that portion of Military Area No. 2 in California. (This memorandum applies only to the Pacific Region which includes the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Montana and Utah.)

SUBJECT: General Instructions.

Numerous questions have arisen in the minds of the evacuees who have voluntarily enlisted for agricultural work in various counties throughout the West. This memorandum is written for the purpose of answering these questions and to make clearer to you your status while away from the Assembly or Relocation Centers.

1. While away from the Assembly or Relocation Center or from that portion of California lying within Military Area No. 2, you are under the jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority and are subject to recall to an Assembly or Relocation Center at any time the Director of the Authority deems it necessary. Such a recall would be made only in case the agreements signed by the employer were broken, in case your work or conduct were not in the public interest, or in case unusual circumstances arose in the state or community to which you went.
2. You have been assigned to a specific county or counties by the War Relocation Authority and by a special restrictive order of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. You must not under any circumstances leave the county or counties to which you are assigned. The county in which you are assigned to work is indicated on your travel permit and identification sheet. If there are any additional counties in which you are permitted to travel they are also indicated on this permit sheet.

3. If for any reason you wish to return to an Assembly or Relocation Center, discuss the situation with the local United States Employment Service official. Under no circumstances should you return without the specific permission of the War Relocation Authority. This permission will be sent to you through the local United States Employment Service office after the facts in the case have been submitted by that office.
4. The War Relocation Authority has placed no general restrictions on travel within the county to which you are assigned nor has it any curfew regulations. Such regulation, if any, has been left entirely in the hands of the local authorities who have guaranteed your protection. It is assumed that such regulation will be held to the minimum considered necessary for your and the community's well-being. Such regulations as are issued must be respected. Your local United States Employment Service official can advise you on any question that might arise in this connection.

In addition to any restrictions which might be imposed by local authorities, it should be pointed out that designated military zones exist throughout the country. Regulations governing these zones are posted at zone boundaries and must be observed. In the states of California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Utah Public Proclamation No. 3 prohibits the use or possession of firearms, weapons, implements of war or component parts thereof, ammunition, bombs, explosives or the component parts thereof; short-wave radio receiving sets having a frequency of 1750 kilocycles or greater or of 540 kilocycles or less; radio transmitting sets, signal devices, codes or ciphers, or cameras.

5. Your transportation to and from the Assembly or Relocation Center or from Military Area No. 2 in California is paid by an employer. You are assigned to that employer by the local office of the United States Employment Service and are not to change farms without the approval of that office. As long as there is satisfactory work available for the employer who paid your transportation, you will be assigned to work for him, but at any time that work runs out the Employment Service will find other work for you or you may return to a Center.

6. The length of time you will be allowed to stay will be dependent on whether conditions in the community are satisfactory, and whether you can be guaranteed sufficient employment to support you adequately. As your status in the community is a temporary one and there is no certainty that you will remain there, the Authority discourages the making of any contract which cannot be broken on moment's notice, or the purchasing or acquiring of anything which cannot be returned to an Assembly or Relocation Center with you.
7. You are permitted to go out on this type of work only after assurances have been received from the United States Employment Service and the employer that housing and working conditions are satisfactory. If you do not find them so, notify the local United States Employment Service office.
8. You have been guaranteed adequate protection by the Governor of the State, by the sheriff, and by other authorities of the county which you are assigned to. If you are molested in any way, immediately notify the sheriff or the local Employment office.

Attached is an identification and travel permit sheet which you should carry at all times. This will assist you in identifying yourself to any Federal, state, or local official who might question your right to be in the area. It will also indicate to you the counties in which you are permitted to travel.

9. The United States Employment Service is acting as representative of the War Relocation Authority in this work. If any question arises, do not hesitate to appeal to the local Employment office for help. The nearest office address is stamped on the back of this memorandum. If any special question arises which you would like to ask us about or if you have any comments to make on how you are getting along, feel free to write to the Employment Division, War Relocation Authority, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco.
10. At the end of the employment period, evacuees having families at the Assembly or Relocation Center from which they were recruited will be returned to that Center. Those evacuees having no family connections at the Center from which they were recruited will be given the choice of either returning

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to the Center from which they were recruited or of going to a Relocation Center designated by the Authority.

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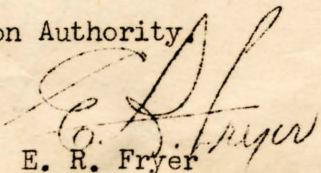
TEMPORARY TRAVEL PERMIT AND IDENTIFICATION

To Local Peace Officers and Others to
Whom It May Concern:

George Naohara, the bearer of
this pass is under the jurisdiction of the War Reloca-
tion Authority and has been authorized by the Authority
and by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command
and Fourth Army, to engage in agricultural labor in
Minidoka and Cassia County, State of Idaho.
The Governor of Idaho and the Sheriff,
County Attorney, and the Chairman of the Board of County
Commissioners, of Minidoka and Cassia County have
guaranteed his protection.

Counties in which the bearer is permitted to travel
are Minidoka and Cassia.

This permit may be revoked at the discretion of the
Regional Director, War Relocation Authority


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