

SEPTEMBER 27, 1991

"FORTY - NINE YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS AGO, MAY 27, 1942, THE FIRST "COLONISTS" ARRIVED AT THE TULE LAKE WAR RELOCATION CAMP. THEY WERE RELOCATED WITHOUT CAUSE, CONFINED WITHOUT DUE PROCESS, THEIR RIGHTS AS AMERICAN DENIED, AND THEIR DIGNITY AS HUMAN VIOLATED. ALL THIS TOOK PLACE HERE AT TULE LAKE FROM MAY 1942 TO MARCH 1946, IN THE NAME OF THOSE WHO SWORE TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES."

PROJECT NAME: **TULE LAKE WAR RELOCATION CENTER***

LOCATION : NEWELL, CALIFORNIA TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH RANGE 5 EAST
MODOC COUNTY MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN

CONSTRUCTION STARTED: APRIL 20, 1942

CONSTRUCTED BY: FORD J. TWAITS CO. AND MORRISON - KNUDSEN CO.

OPENED: MAY 27, 1942

DESIGNATED AS SEGREGATION CAMP : JULY 1943

CLOSED: MARCH 20, 1946 (ON MARCH 19, 1946, THE REMAINING 552 INTERNEES WERE SENT TO CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS AND LATER, SHIPPED TO JAPAN. A TOTAL OF 3,186 WERE SENT TO JAPAN AFTER THE END OF WWII.)**

CAMP LIQUIDATED: MAY 4, 1946.

POPULATION (PEAK):

BEFORE SEGREGATION: 15, 279 SEPTEMBER 4, 1942

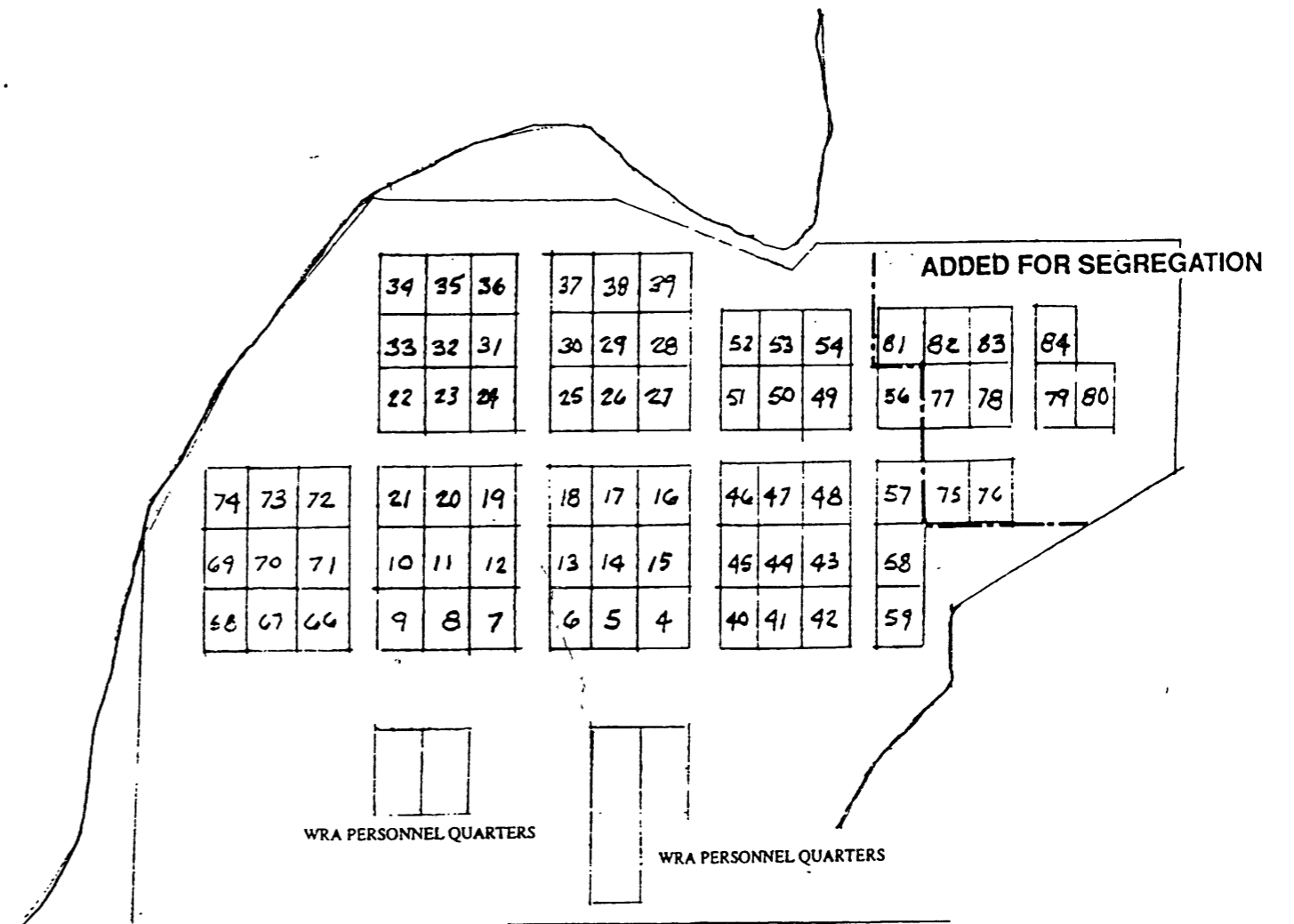
AFTER SEGREGATION: 18,789 DECEMBER 1944

DIED IN CAMP: 169

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** THE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS INCIDENT WAS A TRAGEDY FAR BEYOND WHAT HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED BY OTHER CAMP EVACUEES. THE EXPATRIATES WHO WERE SENT TO DEFEATED AND WAR TORN JAPAN EXPERIENCED EXTREME HARDSHIPS . EVENTUALLY DURING 1948 - 1953, THEY PETITIONED TO REGAIN THEIR CITIZENSHIP AND MANY RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES AND MISSED OPPORTUNITIES, NEARLY ALL DID NOT RECEIVE THE EDUCATION WHICH THE NISEI'S WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN.



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