

## THINGS TO DO AND REMEMBER IN PREPARING

### FOR YOUR TRAIN TRIP

In getting ready for your train trip, there are a number of things that need to be done in preparation for that trip that you, and only you, can do. In general, you will be expected to arrange for and pack all items of personal belongings and household goods that belong to you or your family. You have been informed as to the train trip, number, time, and the car that you and members of your family will expect to take to the Tule Lake center. It is important that you have all the necessary packing done, and all arrangements completed before you depart on your trip. Listed below are some suggestions that you might keep in mind, and possibly check frequently to see that the major items are taken care of:

The items of personal goods that you have at this relocation center will be transported, under certain conditions, to the other relocation center at government expense. According to the manner in which those items are packed, they will come under one of the three following groups: 1. Hand luggage; 2. Checkable baggage; and 3. Freight. Hand luggage consists of those items such as suitcases, coats, pillows, and other things which you carry on the train with you. Checkable baggage consists of those items which are normally shipped in a trunk, a box with handles, a luggage carrier, or a dunnage bag. Checkable baggage is that baggage which is limited to 150 pounds per full fare ticket, is checked on the railroad ticket and goes in the baggage car of the train on which you travel. All checkable baggage must be securely fastened or tied, the name of the owner and the destination clearly marked on tags or labels securely fastened to the baggage. Checkable baggage does not include household goods or items classified as freight.

The items of personal goods which come under the heading of freight are household goods such as beds, chairs, chests -- those things which you have been using in the barracks apartments, and those things which were shipped to the center from a former place of residence and are now in storage in the warehouses at this center. You will be permitted to take with you those items of furniture that you have fabricated at this center and are now using in your barrack apartment. All other items such as shelves and other fixtures that you have made will remain at this center. Objects of personal work and knick-knacks of bulk and weight that you have made will be shipped to the other center only at your expense.

Shipments of freight to the other centers from this center will not be made immediately. You should make arrangements to see that between your hand luggage and the checkable baggage, you have sufficient clothing and personal necessities for you and your family for the next sixty days.

All freight shipments must be specifically requested. This is done on Form WRA 156. You should arrange to see your block manager about filling out the necessary forms requesting the transportation of your freight. If necessary, you may also inquire of your block councilman or at the office of the Welfare Section concerning this matter. All, or almost all, freight must be crated.

All crating of freight should be completed, on those items in your present barrack apartment and of the goods belonging to you that are in the warehouses, not later than forty-eight hours before you are scheduled to depart. All freight must be delivered to the warehouses forty-eight hours before your departure. All freight must be clearly marked in two places as to the owner or person to whom it is going, by whom sent, and the place to which it is going. These identifications and directions should be clearly marked on plain shipping tags securely tacked or fastened to the crate, or should be neatly painted on the sides of the crate. Notify your block manager when your freight is ready to be picked up and delivered to the warehouse. He will see that trucks come and get it.

Checkable baggage must be ready 24 hours before your departure. When the baggage is ready, notify your block manager and he will see that the baggage is picked up. Checkable baggage will be picked up 24 hours before train departure.

You have obtained, or should obtain, from your block manager enough baggage checks for each piece of checkable baggage that you will have. Fasten the strings securely in the tags, and put one tag on each piece of checkable baggage that you have. Detach the stub from each baggage tag at the perforated line. Keep these baggage checks until you get to the Tule Lake center. You will need the stubs to identify your baggage. You will not be able to get to the checkable baggage enroute.

In moving to the Tule Lake center you will be entering the area under the Western Defense Command, you will not be permitted to possess certain items which have been listed as contraband in that area. These items are: firearms, ammunition, bombs, explosives, cameras, codes or ciphers, signal devices, radio transmitting sets, and short wave receiving sets. Your baggage will be searched for these items when you arrive at Tule Lake center. If you have any of these items you may either turn them in at the Project Director's office to be retained for you until after the war, or you may make arrangements to leave them in the custodianship of some person who is going to remain at this center.

You have or will be advised of the train trip number, the date, and the time that your train will depart. It is expected that you and all members of your family will be ready. Your block manager will inform you of the approximate time that the trucks or other conveyances will come to get you and your family and your hand luggage to go to the train.

When you arrive at the train, you will find some signs with letters on them that represent the letters of the cars in the train. Find the sign with the letter on it that is the same as the letter of the car that you are going to be in. Please line up behind the standard and wait until your Monitor gives you the word to board the train in the car that has the same letter on it as is on the sign behind which you were standing.

You will be on the train for several days, and should plan to have in your hand luggage such items as you will need during that time. Take as little hand luggage as you can, but take sufficient personal supplies and clothing for you and your family for the time enroute. You will probably want some outside wraps, or maybe a pillow. If you have children, prepare for their needs.

Do not take beds or blankets or other government property from this center. Such items will be available for you at the Tule Lake center.

Food will be served in the coaches in which you ride; there will be no diner. The utensils needed at meal time will be provided on the train. A small piece of cardboard may come in handy as a lap table.

There will be a doctor and nurse on the train who will be available for assistance if needed. They are equipped with simple drugs, laxatives, and first aid equipment.

During the trip you may be asked to assist in the train operations. If so, it is requested that you cooperate and make the trip as pleasant as possible. Women without children may be asked to assist with children and babies in their car. Some men will be needed to assist the Army personnel in food preparation and distribution.

There will be a representative of the War Relocation Authority on the train. If you have questions or any problems, these should be made known to him or the Train Commander. Insofar as possible, he will assist you in making the trip a pleasant one.

Officers and men of the Army of the United States will be in complete charge of the train while in route. They will announce to you the regulations regarding the trip movement. These will be reasonable. Generally speaking, it will not be possible for you to leave the train after departure until you have reached your destination.