THE
WAR RELOCATION
WORK CORPS

A Circular of Information for Enlistees
and Their Families

"This generation of Americans has come to realize, with a present
and personal realization, that there is something larger and more
important than the life of any individual or of any individual
group—something for which a man will sacrifice, and gladly
sacrifice, not only his pleasures, not only his goods, not only his
associations with those he loves, but his life itself. In time of
 crisis when the future is in the balance, we come to understand,
with full recognition and devotion, what this nation is, and what
we owe to it."

—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT,
in his Message to the American People.
on February 23, 1942.

The War Relocation Authority
Washington, D. C.
TO AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY:

The democracies of the world are joined in a fight that will be fought
until it is won. In this fight, all Americans are making difficult sacrifices.
Americans in every portion of the country, Americans of many ancestries,
are being put to the test. How each individual, how each group, meets a
particular trial will measure his devotion to his Nation.

Americans of Japanese ancestry are now making great sacrifices. You
are meeting a most difficult test. Wartime considerations make it necessary
for you to leave your homes, your property, and old associations on the
Pacific Coast military frontier, and to seek out a new, temporary way of
living for the duration of the war.

To help you as much as possible, to assist you in establishing new war-
time homes, and to make certain that you will have ample opportunity to
earn a living and to contribute the maximum to the Nation’s production,
the Federal Government has undertaken a planned, orderly relocation
program.

On March 18, 1942, the President of the United States established the
War Relocation Authority and directed it, a civilian agency, to cooperate
with the War Department in evacuating, relocating, and providing work
opportunities for all who must leave designated military areas in the interest
of national security. Within the Authority, the President established the
War Relocation Work Corps.

The War Relocation Authority is now establishing Federally-owned and
protected relocation projects. Within these areas you will have an opportu-
nity to build new communities where you may live, work, worship, and
educate your children. Life in these new communities will be as well-rounded
and normal as possible under wartime conditions.

Many of you have asked for an opportunity to undertake useful work
contributing to the war effort. That is why the President established a War
Relocation Work Corps in which all able-bodied workers over 16 years
of age may enlist for the duration of the war. Enlistment in the Corps is
wholly voluntary. Your enlistment will give you an opportunity to serve
your new community in many ways: To develop natural resources, to pro-
duce food, to manufacture essential articles, and to provide community
services.

My personal observations during the past month agree with the reports
I have received from numerous military and civilian officials: You are all
cooperating wholeheartedly and cheerfully in the evacuation and relocation
program. You are demonstrating to the American people as a whole that you will make your contribution, no matter how trying it may be.

For the War Relocation Authority I wish to say that we intend to demonstrate to the world—to our friends and our enemies alike—that this Nation, grim in the fight it is waging, can at the same time be tolerant, patient, and considerate in handling this human problem of wartime migration and resettlement.

M.S. Eisenhower

Director

War Relocation Authority