

1812



**BUREAU HASTINGS PARK**  
**OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN**

FILE NO. 1112

**JAPANESE SECTION**

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME: TSUJI, Akinobu.HOME ADDRESS: <sup>396</sup>~~111~~ Powell St, Vancouver, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 03787 SEX: Male AGE: 20.OCCUPATION: Fisherman.

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: Moresby Island Fisheries, (Jedway Ltd) Jedway, Q.C.I. B.C.MARRIED? No.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN:

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)



CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

1 Trunk personal effects. Left in his cabin at Jedway, B.C.

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES,  
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY:

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS:

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom):

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

1 \$5.00 War Savings Certificate. In owners possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS:

9. LIFE INSURANCE:

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS:

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS:

2. TRADE DEBTS:

**REMARKS:**

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1942.

(Signature)

*A. Tsuji*

*L. B. Borden*

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

*[Handwritten mark]*



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1812

June 5, 1946.

Re: Akinobu TSUJI, Reg. No. 03787

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 7, 1942. He was evacuated from the protected area on April 9, 1942.

In his declaration he reported a trunk of personal effects left at Jedway, B. C. In December 14, 1942, he asked that his trunk be shipped to him. The trunk was not found, TSUJI was so informed and nothing further has been done in regard to the trunk. Jedway is an isolated point on the southern end of the Queen Charlotte Islands, where the Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd. had a saltery. Jedway is not a port of call of coast vessels. The population was seasonal, in off seasons only a watchman was there. Following the evacuation of the Japanese employed by the saltery, there were, as far as this office is aware, no persons at Jedway until the appointment of a watchman by P. S. Ross & Sons to look after the property of Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd., in September or October, 1942. Because of the isolated position of Jedway, this office asked the naval patrol boat operating in that area to call at Jedway to look for this trunk, and on February 21, 1943, the naval boat called but although the buildings were searched by the officer-in-charge in company with the watchman, none of the chattels reported could be found. A report in regard to this is on File 11393, and in letter July 3, 1943 on this file.

TSUJI reported a \$5.00 War Savings Certificate in his own possession. This did not come under the control of this office.

The RCMP reported a camera that had been surrendered by this man. This camera was returned to TSUJI by the Custodian on June 1, 1946.

A Cohoe net, left by Akinobu TSUJI, was sold on his behalf by British Columbia Packers and the sum of \$22.50 was paid to this office by that company on November 23, 1942. This sum represented the sale price of \$25.00, less \$2.50 deducted to cover storage and handling. The funds were credited to the account of Akinobu TSUJI and were remitted to him on December 5, 1942.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

This summary is certified to be  
in accordance with information  
on file.

*J. Maclean*

June 5, 1946.

*/FM*



MEMORANDUM: File 1812

September 29, 1944

Re: Akinobu TSUJI, JR 03787

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Description</u>    |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Camera         | Six-20 Target Brownie |

Released to Custodian on August 16, 1944. *at 604 Cardona*  
*and March 15, 1946.*

*Imachison*  
*March 15, 1946*

This camera was mailed to Akinobu TSUJI, at Canal Flats, B. C. on  
June 1, 1946.

June 5/46



File No. 1812

August 26th, 1944

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Akinobu TSUJI - Reg. No. 93727

CREDITORS:-

NO CLAIMS ON FILE.

Certified to be in accordance with information  
on file.

*J. MacLison*  
*May 13, 1946*

/ND



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE May 12/43

Our File No. 1812

Full Name TSUJI, Akinobu  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03787

<sup>V</sup>  
Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Sept. 5/1921

Former Address 467-Powell St., City  
396 " " "

Date Evacuated April 9/42 <sup>V</sup>  
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Solsqua, B.C. <sup>14/5/46</sup>  
CANAL FLATS, B.C.

<sup>V</sup>  
Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother <sup>nee</sup> (OHTA) Kokan (Japan) Name of Father Taichi (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by E.C.T. Registered with Custodian yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



C O P Y

Nov. 15th 1942  
Unit #1  
SOLSQUA, B.C.

Mr. T. Wallace,  
Manager of B.C. Packing,  
Claxton Cannery,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Please let me ask you for my "coho net",  
which I have left at "Standard" with my name on.  
And kindly tell me just what became of it. Whether  
you'd sold to any fishermen or your company purchased  
it or might still be left alone.

Wishing to hear from you soon,

I am,

Yours very gratefully,

"A. TSUJI"



# British Columbia Packers Limited

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BRAND

CABLE ADDRESS: PACKERS  
ALL CODES USED  
P. O. BOX 939



OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION  
FINEST CANNED  
SALMON UNDER MANY  
WELL KNOWN BRANDS

RECEIVED  
NOV 24 1942

November 23rd, 1942.

Mr. G.W. McPherson,  
The Custodian of Enemy Property,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

We attach a copy of a letter which we received from a Japanese named A. Tsuji. The net he refers to was left at our Claxton Cannery and last Spring we did not consider the web was of sufficient value to make an offer to purchase. It was therefore left with us to dispose of if an opportunity arose. We were successful in selling this net for the sum of \$25.00 which we consider a fair value. From this we have deducted \$2.50 to cover storage and handling and enclose our cheque for \$22.50.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED.

Secretary-Treasurer.

AH/C.  
Encl.

TSUJI Akinobu  
File # 1812  
Reg # 03787



Akinobu Tsuji,  
Reg. No. 03787,  
File No. 1812.  
Solisqua, B.C.  
Dec. 14, 1944.

H. G. Green Esq.,  
Protection Department,  
Vancouver B.C.

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| EX CITATION SECTION |              |
| Rec'd               | DEC 18 1942  |
| File No.            | 1812         |
| Ans.                |              |
| Referred            | Mr. McKelvie |

Dear Sir,

May I thank you for your kindness of forwarding me my cheque of \$22.00. I have surely received upon this date of Dec. 9, 1942.

And another matter I wish to refer your department concerning my trunk which I left at Morshy Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd., Jedway I. C. Island, B.C. As winter days growing nigh I need some of the articles in it. Therefore, please kindly forward me above said object as soon as possible.  
I am,

Yours truly  
A. Tsuji



11393 & 1812

*File this please  
H.M.*

December 30, 1942

The Officer Commanding  
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve  
Stanley Park  
Coal Harbour, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ekinosuke MUROTANI  
Registration No. 15200

The above-named was evacuated from Jedway, Q. C. I., B. C. on December 14, 1941, and finally arrived at Hope, B. C. on March 19, 1942. Since that time he has asked repeatedly to have his belongings sent to him from Jedway.

We wrote several times to the Manager of the Cannery at Jedway, where the Japanese was employed as a watchman, but all our letters have been returned. We next asked the Provincial Police to assist us, with no results. Then we turned to the R. C. M. P. We enclose a copy of their reply.

If the patrol boat should be calling at Jedway, could they assist us by bringing out with them the effects of this Japanese?

We enclose copy of a letter from the B. C. Security Commission, together with list of chattels, which might be of assistance to you, should you have a boat calling at this place.

Re: Akinobu TSUJI  
Registration No. 03787

Just to hand is a request from another Japanese, Akinobu TSUJI (Our File No. 1812), who wants a trunk which he left at Moresby Island Fishery (Jedway Limited), Jedway, Q. C. I., B. C.



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
(C. I. B.)  
"E" Division

42E.1190/2-7

Vancouver, B. C.  
December 22nd, 1942

Secret

G. W. McPherson, Esq.  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian  
Royal Bank Building  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Ekinosuke MUROTANI  
J.R. 615200

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant addressed to the H.C.O. In Charge, R.C.M. Police, Prince Rupert, concerning the above, please find attached hereto copy of a report from our Prince Rupert Detachment dated the 17th instant.

2. It will be noted that Jedway is in a very isolated spot and that it is quite improbable that we will have a patrol going into that area unless some urgent need should arise. It is suggested that you might request the co-operation of the Royal Canadian Navy in this respect.

Yours truly,

(C. H. Hill) Asst. Comm'r.  
Commanding "E" Division

DEM/JW  
Encl:



**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

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Detachment

Province  
B. C.

Prince Rupert

Date

December 17th, 1942

Re: Shinzuke HIRATANI, Jap. Reg. No. 15200  
Formerly of Jedway, B. C.

1. Attached hereto please find complete file received at this detachment from H. F. Green, Protection Dept., Japanese Evacuation Section, Dept. of the Secretary of State, Office of the Custodian.

2. I would suggest that representations be made to the Royal Canadian Navy to have this matter attended to during one of their routine patrols of the southern section of the Queen Charlotte Islands, on the following grounds: Jedway, B. C. is situated in Skimcuttle Inlet, Hecate Island. The closed port of call of the regular Union Steamship Co. is Race Harbour, B. C., approximately 30 miles south of Jedway. Neither of these places are of any importance, Race Harbour being a whaling station of the Consolidated Whaling Co., Victoria, B. C., and all that is located at Jedway is a small fish camp and saltery, the exceedingly small population of both places being seasonal, during the off-season period about the only inhabitant would be a single watchman, if any. To make a patrol to Jedway would necessitate travelling to Race Harbour via Union Steamship, hiring a boat there, if one is available, to proceed to Jedway. The complete trip would take at least 2 weeks. This information is based on personal knowledge gained whilst on a patrol to that area in 1939.

3. At the present time there are no patrols to the southern portion of the Queen Charlotte Islands and it is quite easy to see that the expenses of carrying out this request would be exorbitant.

Encl.

SOD  
(J.F. Piper) Reg. No. 11929  
I/c Prince Rupert Det. A/Cpl.



MEMORANDUM

April 12, 1943.

TO: File

FROM: R. B. Mackenzie.

Re: TSUJI, Akinobu

A report from Commander Wallace at Prince Rupert on a trip made to Jedway Cannery on February 24th to try and locate a trunk belonging to the above, will be found on File #11393, also other correspondence relative to this matter.

RBM/MFP

*R. B. Mackenzie*



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July 3rd, 1943

Mr. Akinobu TSUJI,  
Registration No. 03787,  
Unit No. 1,  
Soleaqua, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of June 28th. We are very sorry to say that due to the extremely isolated position of Jedway and the fact that no boats call there in the usual course of trade, it was not until February this year that we were able to have the B.C.W.R. report on this matter. A copy of our letter herewith to the B. C. Security Commission will advise you of all we know.

We regret that this should have happened but we feel that as a resident of this isolated place, you must have known the difficulties of communication and the predatory habits of the Indians and other residents and should have taken greater precautions for the safety of your belongings.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

Enc.  
HFG:IF



1812

July 3rd, 1943

TRANSPORTATION

The B. C. Security Commission,  
The Dick Building,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. E. L. Brown

Dear Sir:-

Re: Akinobu TSUJI--Reg. No. 03787

Thank you for your letter and enclosure of June 29th. This Japanese did, in fact, declare his trunk left in the cabin at Jedway, but we are afraid the same fate has overtaken this as did the belongings of Ekinosuke Kurotani. For your easy convenience, we quote a letter from Commander D. Wallace of the B.C.M.R. written on February 26th to the Naval Officer in Charge, Vancouver, and referring to the effects both of Ekinosuke Kurotani and Akinobu Tsuji.

"It has not been possible for one of our patrol vessels to call at Jedway regarding the above and following is the report rendered:

"We arrived at Jedway 2240Z/21st February, 1943 and contacted the watchman stationed there. I plainly explained the purpose of our trip there and he said he would do all he could for us.

"I read off the list of belongings we were to pick up and to every article I mentioned he replied "not here". I wasn't satisfied with this, so I asked him if I could look around. I went through all the houses together with the watchman and could not see anything of the listed articles.

"The watchman said sometime after he was put on the job, he was cleaning up some of the cabins, and some of the listed belongings especially clothing, he turned up as they were nothing but rags. He also doubted very much if some



U. S. Security Commission

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July 3rd, 1963

of the articles were over those after the Japanese were taken away.

The returned to Prince Ruess without any of the listed articles.

The Japanese has also written to us direct and we are sending him a copy of this letter.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

Info:IP  
c/o sent to Ambassador Tami



# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Form 246A

## EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 781

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No.

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. CIB

J.R. 03787

DATE Aug. 18/44.

Re: TSUJI Akinobu Solasqua Camp, Solasqua, B.C.

On Mar 23/43 F.R. Jefferson (Hague)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by S. G. M. (State authority from whom received goods)

| No. OF EXHIBIT | No. OF PACKAGES | CAPACITY OR SIZE | DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS      |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|                | 1               |                  | Six-20 Target Brownie Camera |
|                |                 |                  | File 1812                    |

REMARKS: Handed to Custodian Alien Property

(State briefly disposition)

DATE Aug. 18/44

Signature of Recipient or Witness

CERTIFIED CORRECT  
F.R. Jefferson  
Signature of Member



No. *S. No. 1.*

P. 112

# Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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*Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>*

*1942*

Received from *A KINOBU TSUJI NO.* *C.S.*

*1 Target Browning Six - 70 Camera*

*Salween Japanese Work Camps*

Dollars,

Signature *G. C. Cunningham Esq.*  
*R.C.M.P. Vernon Blachford*



May 30, 1946.

To: Mr. Willis

From: F. Matheson

Please arrange to have camera, 6-20 Target Brownie, listed under RCMP 781,  
shipped to

Mr. Minocha 78031,  
Reg. No. 03787,  
Canal Flats, B. C.

*Insurance \$10.00*

*Handed to Joyce*

*Postage 14¢  
Packaging 3  
19*

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