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FORM "JP"

Hammond B.C.

FILE No. 8699

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

EXHIBIT No. 1109-6

JAPANESE SECTION

DATE OCT 8 1948

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: OMURA Makoto
HOME ADDRESS: Powerline Rd., R.R. #1., Hammond B.C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 14401 SEX: Male AGE: 24
OCCUPATION: Millhand

(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: Hammond Cedar Co. Hammond B.C.

MARRIED? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: none

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: none

AGE OF CHILDREN: none

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none

R. E. 1/4 Lot 1 GRP 1 DL 163

~~1/4~~

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2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: none

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) none

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) none

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: none

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: none

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Living with Mother at

Powerline Rd., R.R. #1., Hammond B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: none

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: none

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid): none

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: none

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: none

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS: none

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY: none

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: none

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
none

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
\$40.00 War Savings Certificates, In declarant's Possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life Assurance Co. \$1000.00. Policy No. unknown
Beneficiary Mother. Safety Box, Bank of Montreal, Haney B.C.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: Bank of Montreal, Haney ~~XXXX~~

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none

2. TRADE DEBTS: none

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

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 9th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

M. S. Omer

J. Williams
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

Jan 3/44

Full Name

OMURA, Makoto

also known as Shie Makoto OMURA

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

14401

Male - Female
(check)

Age

April 17/1918

Former Address

R.R.#1, Hammond, B.C.

Date Evacuated

27/5/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

c/o G.E. Truman
174 Spadina Ave.
Essex Camp, Toronto, Ont.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

SAKAI, Kiwa

Name of Father

OMURA, Chiyohiko
(Dead)

Names of Children under 16

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Registered with Custodian
(yes or no)

yes

Requested By

P. Hunter

Additional Information

Millband

Private in Canadian Army

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DATE OCT 8 1948

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

FILLED BY

A. G. Cramer
File No. 6499

JAPANESE NAME: Makoto OMURA Reg. No. 14401

CATALOGUE NO: Sold by Special Arrangement, The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.
BC/132-P First offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: R.R. No. 1, Hammond, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East half of Lot 2 of the South half of Lot 263, Group 1,
Map 1051, Municipality of Maple Ridge, D. N. W.

TITLE: Registered in the name of Shei OMURA.

Statutory Declaration on file dated January 18th, 1944, signed by
Shei OMURA stating that Makoto OMURA and Shei OMURA are one and the
same person.

ENCUMBRANCES: None registered. No indication of any unregistered charges.

Vesting Order filed No. 24670.

ASSESSED VALUES: Land \$400.00
Improvements \$500.00 - \$900.00. Taxes - \$14.00

CLASSIFICATION: This was a small fruit farm with an area of 5 acres all under
cultivation, planted to the following crops: Raspberries, fruit trees
and a poor asparagus bed. There was a garage combined with a wash-
room with a living room upstairs.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: From the date of evacuation 27th May, 1942, until this property was
sold to The Veterans' Land Act on January 1st, 1943, it appears to
have remained vacant so there was nothing to administer.

SOLD: To The Director, The Veterans' Land Act for \$589.00 as at January 1st,
1943.
Approval of Advisory Committee - June 1st, 1943.

Funds released to the credit of Makoto OMURA as at June 5th, 1944,
against which were the following charges: Registration Fees-\$3.00,
Legal Fees -\$15.00 = \$18.00, leaving a net credit of \$571.00 from
said transaction.

PROTEST: There is a letter on file dated July 17th, 1945, signed by "Pte OMURA
S.M." protesting the sale of his property.

Certificate of Title No. 171300-E in the name of The Director, The
Veterans' Land Act.

This summary is certified to be in accordance
with information on file.
December 4th, 1946.

D. A. Cramer
D. A. CRAMER.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 8699.


Makoto OMURA - Reg. No. 14401.

The above named Japanese declared on his JP Form signed 9th May, 1942, that he had no Personal or Trade Debts.

We can find no evidence of any claims having been filed against him.

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

December 4th, 1946.


D. A. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY


File No. 8699

Makoto OMURA - Reg. No. 14401.

The above named Japanese declared on his JP Form signed 9th May, 1942 that he carried no Fire Insurance and no insurance was placed on his property by the Custodian.

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

December 4th, 1946.


D. A. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

Extract from Lease.

Lease No. 541.

File No. 8699.

Lessor: The Secretary of State. (Makoto (Shei) OMURA)

Lessee: Mrs. Florence MILNE.

Date: 1st May, 1943.

Term: 1 year from 1st September, 1942 to 31st August, 1943.

Consideration: \$60.00 payable 1st August, 1943. No Taxes.

Property:

Land: E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2 of S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 263 Gp. 1, Map 1051, C. of T. 148802 E.
Municipality of Maple Ridge.

Buildings: Included. Space reserved for storing chattels.

Chattels: Not included.

Lease handed S.S.B. 11/8/43.

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SOLDIER SETTLEMENT and VETERANS' LAND ACT

File No. BC/132-P
(JL-4)

Vancouver, B.C.

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,
Randall Building,
535 West Georgia St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

OMURA Shu or Makoto
(same person)

Dear Sir:-

Re: The E.½ of Lot 2, of the S.½
of Lot 263, Group 1, Map 1051,
MUNICIPALITY OF MAPLE RIDGE.

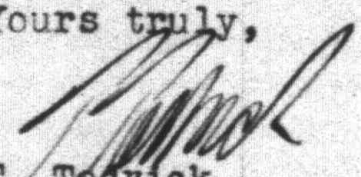
I beg to acknowledge receipt of Duplicate Certificate of Title No. 171300-E of the New Westminster Land Registry Office for the above parcel of land in the name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Included in the Veterans' Land Act cheque for \$ 18,496.47, in favour of The Secretary of State, forwarded to you and dated March 22, 1944 is the amount of the purchase price in full of the above land arrived at as follows:-

Purchase Price	- \$ 589.00 ✓
Loss arrears of taxes to January 1st, 1943,	- \$ Nil ✓
Amount paid to Secretary of State	- \$ 589.00 ✓

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the purchase price by signing the receipt on the duplicate hereof and return it to me.

Yours truly,


T. Todrick,
DISTRICT SOLICITOR

RECEIVED Cheque covering the purchase price in full of the land above described.

MAY 27 1944

Date

Solicitor for
The Secretary of State

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. J.L.4

Land Description $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2, G.L. D.L.263, Map 1051, Municipality of Maple Ridge

Containing 5 acres, more or less. Acres

Owner's Name Shoji OMURA

Post Office Address R. R. 1, HAMMOND, B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Hammond on C.P.R.

Distance 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ milesMarket Town " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, or New Westminster 16 miles.

Distance

Church (give denomination) All denominations

Distance 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles

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Nearest School Hammond 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Baney High School 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles

Distance 0.5/48

State how property was identified: Map location, road and corner posts.

FILED BY K.A. Christie

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

Has approximately 200' frontage on good gravel road at South and lies in about 200 yds. from Lougheed Highway.

Is this district a good one? Yes, closely settled area of small holdings.

Employment opportunity Fairly good

Predominating Nationality and religion: British & Protestant but largely Japanese in the immediate neighbourhood.

Describe Fencing and its condition: 4 wire at north, otherwise unfenced.

Value \$

Water supply: Adequate supply from a 15' well.

Value \$

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	X							
Garage and Workshop	22' x 26'	Lumber	14'	Shingles	5 yrs	Basement Floor	good	250.00
BARN	X							
Shed	12' x 14'	"	6'	"	10 "	Post	poor	-
BARN	X							
	X							
GRANARY	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							

Total present day value \$ 250.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm

\$ 190.00

Is dwelling habitable without repairs?

If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it

habitable? No dwelling and this 5 acres has been farmed in conjunction with that of

Shogo Amura adjoining on which there is a good modern house.

\$

Describe the basement and chimneys:

No. rooms downstairs? Upstairs? How finished

Are buildings painted? Condition of paint

Distance from nearest bush Unexposed

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
4	Level or slight slope west	Sandy or good play loam. 8" - 12"	Sandy or clay	2 acres strawberries (average) 1 acre rasps. (average)	\$100	\$ 400.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
					EXHIBIT No.	
					DATE	With 409-2
					FILED BY	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
1	Slight slope to S. & W.	Sandy or clay loam 8"-12"	Sandy or Clay	Clear stumps and scrub bush	\$150	\$10
Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.						
CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE		VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 410.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 180.00

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$

Total value of farm \$ 600.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

Farm in good state of cultivation and been occupied by the Omura family for 15 years
and developed by them from bush.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.
Poultry, small fruits and vegetables.

Noxious weeds: Land clean and fairly free from noxious weeds.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities: Municipality of Maple Ridge
\$60.13 on 2 Lots recently subdivided.
Approximately \$20.00.

Date: May 8th, 1942.
Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination
of the whole farm made on the 7th day of May 19 42.

Inspector's Signature "J. D. PATTERSON"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: This 5 acre parcel and that adjoining of Shogo Omura was evidently left these two brothers by their father when he died about 2 years ago. The latter with his family had developed it from bush in the last 15 years, as a one unit farm and had scarcely completed the fine house on the 2.5 acres before he died, and in which his widow and family are still living.

EXHIBIT No. _____

DATE With 1102-2

FILED BY _____

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.
Level land or sloping gently west from a sandy loam ridge, and is a good clay or chocolate loam on clay. 4 acres under cultivation is fairly well under-drained with cedar and tile.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.

(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

2 acres 1st and 2nd crop strawberries - good condition

\$

1 " raspberries

fairly " "

\$

(included in land value)

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

Total \$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property

EXHIBIT No. _____
DATE 10/11/49
FILED BY _____

Diagram insert
to be attached

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present

value is \$ 800.00

Date 10/11/49 1949

"I. C. BARNES"
District Superintendent.

Shoe O Mura

E 1/2 of Lot 2 G-1. D.L. 263, Map 1051 Municipality of Highgate
 Containing 3 Acs. more or less.
 Scale 2" = 110' 1"

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This sheet to be
 inserted on BC/152-P
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Hunt. Rd. - Good Gravel Rd.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 506 Royal Bank
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Building,

21st July 1949.

Mr. J. B. Patterson,
Veterans' Land Act,
Department of Veterans' Affairs,
1231 Haro Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 1109 - Shoji H. Oaura
BC/132-7.

The above Japanese is apparently a veteran of the recent war. We have received an enquiry as to whether the following described property owned by the above is still available:

East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot of the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 263,
Map 1051, Maple Ridge, B.C.

We notice from our file that this is a property which you appraised personally.

We should be pleased to receive this information at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

This brother's property
alongside has been
sold to a veteran

Patterson to P.C.C.
28/7/49
It is available

Anderson,

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED

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August 11, 1942,
Hastings Park.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Anderson.

FROM: Mr. Spain.

The following information has been
obtained from Shogo Frank Omura regarding
his brother's property in Hammond:-

Mr. Shoi Omura (24 years old) *Makoto*
R. R. #1,
Essex, Ont.
owns east half of Lot No. 2 of
Lot 263 Map 1051 district of
New Westminster.

The R.C.M.P. have no record of this
man but I have given Corporal Davidson
particulars.

GBS/AW

Geo. B. Spain
Geo. B. Spain.

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P. S. -- Since writing the above the R.C.M.P.
have searched the property record
and inform me that Shoi Omura is
registered as:

Makoto Omura

No. 14401.

G. B. S.

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Makoto S. Omura

File No. 8699

Essex Camp, Ont.

Reg. No. 14401

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver Agency

Policy No. 2107609

Premium - \$ 40.35

Payable: ^X Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month March Day 28

REMARKS:

Letter sent 13/7/43

Rec'd JUN 15 1945
No. 8698/8699
Mr. McKeays

B. 105704 OMURA S. M.
17 P.L.T. 'B' Coy.
20 C.I.B.T.C.
Brantford, Ont.,

Dept of the Security of State
Office of the Custodian
Japanese Evacuation Section.

Dear Sir.

ATT. Mr. J. H. Shears.

Re Property in Hammond C.B.,
2341 Powerline Road, Maple Ridge,
West half of lot 2 of the South half of
lot 263, Group 1, Map 1051, C of E. 50708
File No 8698.

East half of lot 2 of the South half of lot
263, Group 1, Map 1051, District of
New Westminster C of E. 50113.

File No 8699. I have been advised
of these lands being transferred to the
Veteran's Land Act, without the owners
consent.

Due to the change of my status
I would like to have full details,
and full amount which has been
collected from the present tenant.
all these account be brought forward
and restored to its rightful owner.

The property to be made out to
the owner. B105704 Pte OMURA S.M.,
Canadian Active Service.

all Mail to be addressed and forwarded to.

B105704 OMURA. S.

34 CLASSIC AVE.

TORONTO. ONT.

Yours Truly
S Omura

8698, 8699, 8701

June 29th, 1945

B 105704, OMURA, S.,
34 Glasco Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:

We have your communication which is undated and note your desire to acquire certain property in the District of New Westminster.

The lands referred to have been sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, and your request will be a matter which the Director must determine when the time arrives for an allotment of properties to discharged soldiers. We understand, however, that this may not take place until after the conclusion of hostilities.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson
Farm Department



EVACUATION ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Rec'd JUL 18 1945

B105704 PTE. OMURA, S.

S-20 M.P.O. 1106.

File No. 8698, 8699, 8701 VANCOUVER B.C.,

Ans. 1. 6. 45

Dept. of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian.

July 17/45

Dear Sir.

Re your file No. 8698, 8699, 8701, I have your communication of June 29th, 1945, re. the property in the District of New Westminster.

It is reported to have been sold to the Director, Veterans Land Act. This has been done without my consent, as a owner of the said property I would like to have more confirmed statement made,

You have stated in your letter that when the time arrive for

for an allotment of property;
this must be determined by
the directors. In my case I
must ask you once again that
the said property is not for
sale in which case, the property
rightfully belongs to its owner.

This must not be taken into
consideration on the bases of allotment
to discharged soldiers.

This matter should be taken
into immediate action, and not
after the conclusion of the protest
as stated in your letter.

Sir, I would be glad to
hear from you immediately and
also whom, I should contact, in
the Dept. Director of Veterans' Affairs.

Yours Truly
P. E. O'Rourke

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July 26, 1945.

B 105704, Pte. GEORGE, S.,
B-20, R.P.O. 1106,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant in which you refer to our letter of June 29th written by our Mr. R.D. Richardson. Your letter has come to my desk for reply. Your previous letter, received on June 15th, mentioned a change in your status and I presume this refers to the fact that you are now a Private in the Canadian Army.

You have been advised that under a policy of liquidation authorized by the Canadian Government, your property was included in a sale of a group of properties to the Director, The Veteran's Land Act and that this sale was effective as at January 1, 1943. These properties are now registered in the name of the Director and the Veteran's Land Department is therefore the only department which can now deal with the property which you formerly owned.

I notice that Mr. Richardson stated that it was his understanding that the Director is not allotting properties to discharged soldiers until after the conclusion of hostilities. This is a matter however, which is entirely outside of the jurisdiction of this office. You asked when you should contact in that Department and I would suggest that you address any communication you may wish to make to Mr. I. T. Barnett, District Superintendent, Soldier's Settlement and Veteran's Land Act, 513 Rogers Building, Vancouver.

As far as this Department is concerned, we note the protest which you have made in regard to the sale of your property, and your letter will remain on our files as an indication of your opinion, and, in the event of this matter being reopened at a later date and claims are being considered, our records will then be available.

Yours truly,

F. C. Shears,
Director.

FC:AS

DEC - 2 1947

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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BC 132 P.
S.M. 15

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME OMURA SAEI MAKOTO (RCMP) Reg. No. 14401 B 105704 C Army
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address Hammond BC

(3) Present Address 859 Shaw St. Toronto Ontario

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) Powerline Road Maple Ridge B.C.
City or Municipality Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)

E 1/2 of Lot 2 of the S 1/2 of Lot 263
Group 1 map 1051 District of New Westminster (M.E. 50113)

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

(i) ~~Farm~~
(ii) ~~Residence~~ Type of business Fruit Farm
(iii) ~~Business~~
(iv) Any other type of property (describe)

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) Sole owner

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

(i) Land - - - - - \$ 1500.00

(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ 500.00

(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ 1000.00

(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 3000.00

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ 589.97

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ 2410.03

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation

(over)

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1.	Estimated Value \$
2.	Estimated Value \$
3.	Estimated Value \$
4.	Estimated Value \$
5.	Estimated Value \$
6.	Estimated Value \$
7.	Estimated Value \$
8.	Estimated Value \$
9.	Estimated Value \$
10.	Estimated Value \$
TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$	

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e)) \$ 2410.03

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA
of
TO WIT:

1. S. M. Brown
of the city of
in the county of York

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the city of

of York
in the county of York
this 24th day of November

A.D. 1947.

A Commissioner &c.

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

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2 IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT",
3 PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99

4 JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

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8 HIS HONOUR, JUDGE J. A. McRIBBON, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

9
10 Toronto, Ontario,

11 October 8, 1948.

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14 IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

15 SHIRI MAKOTO OMURA

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17 PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

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19 APPEARANCES:

20 K. A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C. appearing for the
Dominion Government.

21 R. A. BEST, ESQ. appearing for the
claimant.

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24 A. SMITH, ESQ. Secretary

25 G. H. R. UPTON, ESQ. Official Interpreter.

26 J. B. McCREGOR, ESQ. Official Reporter.

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S. W. Omura,
in chf.

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3 SHIRI MAKOTO OMURA, the claimant herein, being first
4 duly sworn, testified as
5 follows;

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7 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

8 Q. Is that your signature? A. Yes.

9 Q. Was that form prepared upon your instructions?

10 A. Yes.

11 (REAL ESTATE FARM LAND CLAIM FORM, MARKED
12 EXHIBIT NO. 1)

13 Q. You were formerly a resident at Hammond,
14 B.C. before you were evacuated? A. Yes.

15 Q. I see you have a service button on; were you
16 in the Army? A. I was in the Canadian Intelligence
17 Corps.

18 Q. You got in when? A. 1945.

19 Q. Did you serve overseas at all? A. Yes,
20 I was in Singapore, in the Middle East Area.

21 Q. How long were you in the Army? A. I was
22 discharged in 1947.

23 Q. You were in two years? A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, when were you evacuated from your home?

25 A. 1942.

26 Q. Do you remember the month? A. I am not so
27 sure, I think it was in March.

28 Q. And you had a small farm of 5 acres, a fruit
29 and vegetable farm there? A. Yes.

30 Q. Perhaps my friend can put in the Appraisal
Form at this time.

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the Farm
Appraisal Report.

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In chf.

(FARM APPRAISAL REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT 2).

MR. BEST: Now I notice that on your claim it is a 5 acre piece of property, in which one acre is uncleared, one acre is in raspberries, and two acres in strawberries and a half acre in asparagus and half an acre occupied by the buildings, or the immediate land around the buildings? A. Right.

Q. Now, that was the situation, was it, when you left in 1942; that is you had an acre in raspberries and two in strawberries and half an acre in asparagus? A. Yes.

Q. Now, I notice that according to your claim, in 1927, this property was purchased from J. Hill for \$2600. and I think I had better make it clear that \$2600. was for 10 acres? A. Yes.

Q. It was purchased by your father, who subsequently gave you five acres and your brother Frank, five acres? A. Yes.

Q. Now, can you tell us what was on the 10 acres at the time your father purchased it in 1927?

A. To the best of my knowledge I can say that on the 5 acres I have been given there was just about half an acre cleared and nothing on it.

Q. 4 1/2 acres of the 5 acres was bush at that time? A. Yes.

Q. No buildings? A. No buildings at all.

Q. Now, this 700 feet of roadway which apparently was a continuous job, according to your claim, from the date of purchase, 1927, until 1940, and for which \$250. was expended. Was that roadway right on your land or abutting it? A. Half on my land and

S. M. Omura,
In chf.

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1 half on my brother's land.

2 Q. Perhaps we should clear that up. You have
3 said there was 750 feet; do you mean that there was a
4 total of 350 feet on your land, and 350 feet on your
5 brother's land, or would there be a total of 700 feet
6 on yours and 700 on your brother's? A. This roadway
7 goes in the centre of the property.

8 Q. Referring to the sketch on the appraisal;
9 this is the roadway here, and as I take it you have a
10 long narrow lot here and your brother's is next door?

11 A. Yes, the roadway goes right here.

12 Q. Right along the lot line? A. Yes.

13 Q. And the ditching, was it running parallel
14 with the road? A. There will be one main ditch,
15 and arteries all over the field, and in an acre of
16 property there would be one main and a few arteries going
17 into this main.

18 Q. Did you personally have much to do with the
19 clearing of the five acres that are now owned by you?

20 A. I had my labour put into it, but the actual
21 work was done by the contractor.

22 Q. I notice again it was a continuous job from
23 the time of your father's purchase of the property
24 until the time of the evacuation, and the estimate is
25 that \$1800. was put into material and labour for that
26 work. When you say a contractor did the work do you
27 mean on one specific occasion? A. Clearing so many
28 acres, and I would hire him and the bull-dozer and the
29 tractor. We had to put in the material for blasting
30 stumps, the powders and so forth.

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In chf.

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1 Q. Now this garage, 22 x 26 was apparently built
2 about five years before you were evacuated?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What was this shed used for? A. That was
5 used as a workshop and garage and part of it as living
6 quarters.

7 Q. Let us understand one another; the garage
8 as I understand it was a double garage, part of which
9 was used as a work shop and a shed? A. Just for
10 a wood shed.

11 Q. I am submitting a photograph here. Unfor-
12 tunately it is a family photograph, which we are not
13 concerned with, but it does show this garage. Is that
14 the garage on your portion of the land? A. Yes.

15 (PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING GARAGE MARKED EXHIBIT 3)

16 Q. While we are submitting these here, I am
17 showing you a photograph of what looks like a
18 tremendous field of strawberries; is that your property?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. When was that picture taken? A. In 1939.

21 (PHOTOGRAPH OF CLAIMANT'S LAND SHOWING
22 STRAWBERRY PATCH, MARKED EXHIBIT 4.)

23 Q. How long had strawberries been grown on your
24 property? A. Well, ever since we bought it we had
25 been growing strawberries in rotation to the raspberries.

26 Q. And you would have one acre of strawberries
27 one year and two the next? A. Yes, in rotation.

28 Q. How long would you leave the raspberry canes
29 in? A. The raspberries were a permanent fixture, but
30 we had to remove a portion.

Q. Perhaps I can ask my friend at this time to put

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2 in the assessment notice.

3 MR. CHRISTIE: I am submitting the Notice of
4 Assessment.

5 (NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT MARKED EXHIBIT 5).

6 MR. CHRISTIE: I was telling my friend, your honour,
7 I recognized this house in one of the other cases, and
8 I was wondering if we were putting it in in two cases, but
9 he tells me it is just the shed.

10 MR. BREWIN: Now, according to the appraiser
11 your property has a frontage of about 200 feet, with
12 a good gravel road at the south, and it lies about 200
13 yards in from the Lougheed Highway. Is that a through
14 highway? A. Yes, a highway between Chilliwack and
15 Vancouver.

16 Q. And your property I understand is about 16
17 miles from New Westminster? A. About 16 miles.

18 Q. So you are not very far out of Vancouver?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Your land in the appraisal is described as
21 "Level or slight slope west, sandy or good clay loam,
22 8 to 12 inches, sub soil sandy or clay".

23 A. Yes, that is true.

24 Q. Then with reference to the one acre which is
25 not yet cleared, the remark is made again that it is sandy
26 or clay loam 8 to 12 inches deep; that it is necessary
27 to clear stumps and scrub bush," and the estimate is
28 made that that reclamation can be done at a cost of
29 \$150. per acre? A. If anyone could clear that acre

30 for \$100. --

Q. \$150. What do you think it would take to

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2 clear it? A. I think the cost of putting in the
3 powder would cost \$50. an acre, the powder alone would
4 come to more than \$50. an acre; and the labour expended
5 digging holes for blasting powder would cost another
6 \$50. I think the material would cost you \$50. to
7 remove the stumps and to remove the stumps by bull dozer
8 would cost you \$175. and then you have to plow and replot
9 before you put it into cultivated land.

10 Q. What you are saying is that it is more
11 expensive to clear this land than this appraiser seems
12 to think. He thinks this land as it stands now without any
13 work done on it is only \$10. an acre. What do you say
14 about that? A. To my knowledge he is being stupid
15 when a person claims the land is worth \$10. an acre.

16 Q. He is obviously taking into account the
17 fact that it is going to be an expensive proposition to
18 clear it. Can you give us some reasonable idea of what
19 you might sell that one acre for at the time you were
20 evacuated, as it stood, uncleared, if a person was
21 prepared to buy one acre of land only?

22 A. The portion you refer to is the portion not
23 cleared?

24 Q. That is right.

25 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: How much? A. I wouldn't
26 actually say the price of it. I couldn't very well
27 figure it because there is no roadway for just one acre
28 there.

29 MR. BEST:

30 Q. Is this uncleared land at the rear of your
premises? A. Yes.

Q. To get into it they would have to use your

S. M. Omura,
In chf.

read? A. Yes.

Q. Can you give us any idea at all, it doesn't have to be accurate? A. At the time that my father bought it it would be around about \$150, an acre, so the price wouldn't differ.

Q. You don't think it would differ between 1927 and 1942 or thereabouts? You think it would be \$150? A. Yes.

Q. Perhaps I might read into the record the remarks of the appraiser:

" This 5 acre parcel and that adjoining of
" Shogo Omura was evidently left these two
" brothers by their father when he died
" about two years ago. The latter with
" his family had developed it from bush in
" the last 15 years, as a one unit farm and
" had scarcely completed the fine house on
" the 2.5 acres before he died, and in which
" his widow and family are still living."

He further says:

" Level land or sloping gently west from
" a sandy loam ridge, and is a good clay
" or chocolate loam on clay. 4 acres under
" cultivation is fairly well underdrained
" with cedar and tile."

Q. This ditching then was a wooden ditch?

A. It was tile with wood.

Q. It wasn't just an open ditch? A. No.

Q. I suppose that is the reason that it was as expensive as it was? A. Yes.

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2 Q. Now, to conclude your claim that the
3 land is worth \$2500. and the buildings, garage and
4 woodshed combined, and this other shed are worth \$500.
5 your total claim is \$3000. is that correct? A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you have any other employment apart
7 from working this farm? A. Yes.

8 Q. What did you do for a living?

9 A. I was a mill hand.

10 Q. And you worked this farm part time?

11 A. Well, I worked it part time and had a person
12 looking after it also.

13 Q. It was a member of the family?

14 A. It was a friend of ours.

15 Q. Was he employed full time? A. He was
16 employed full time in the summer.

17 Q. On yours and your brothers farm?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Would it be fair to say he gave half his
20 time to cultivating your farm? A. I think he gave
21 more than half his time.

22 Q. Now, you said you were a millhand -- where
23 did you work? A. The Hammond Cedar Company in
24 Hammond.

25 Q. How far was that away from your home?

26 A. A mile away.

27 Q. So anyone who lived in this vicinity had a
28 fairly good possibility of employment in the immediate
29 neighbourhood? A. Yes, very good employment.
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CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

Q. I produce the J. P. Form, which is dated 9th May, 1942; is that your signature? A. Yes.

Q. I am filing the J. P. Form as Exhibit 6.
(J. P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT 6).

Q. I am tendering as exhibit 7 the Certificate of Encumbrance.

(CERTIFICATE OF ENCUMBRANCE MARKED EXHIBIT 6)

Q. Now, on this certificate I notice your name is Shai; is that another name of yours?

A. It is registered, yes. It is pronounced S-h-a-i-y.

Q. Is that your name? A. Yes.

Q. Are you one and the same person as Makoto Omuwa? A. Yes, in the birth certificate it definitely says "She Makoto Omuwa".

Q. You have two names? A. Yes.

Q. There is a statutory declaration; that drew my attention to it. I think I should attach that to the certificate of encumbrance.

Q. Now, did you work the whole year as a mill hand? A. Yes, I did.

Q. Now, is an acre of strawberries more valuable than an acre of raspberries? A. From the point of cultivation and labour an acre of raspberries would be valued more.

Q. At what would you value an acre of strawberries and an acre of raspberries -- how would you compare them? A. It is very hard for me to state.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Just give an estimate.

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et. al.

Q. I would say an acre of raspberries would cost about \$500. an acre with wires and posts and everything.

MR. CHRISTIE: And what would an acre of strawberries would cost? A. I would say with fertilizer and planting -- about \$500 would be expended.

Q. What would you say an acre of asparagus would cost? A. I would say it would amount to about the same as strawberries, about \$500.

Q. What is your estimate of the net revenue from this fruit farm? A. From the operation we used to figure it out as the gross revenue for the whole farm.

Q. And did you keep any records of your income and expenses?

A. Oh yes, as compared to my brother's, because it was kept as a whole unit.

Q. Can you tell this Commission what your net income from your share was after paying all expenses for the whole year? A. I think from there in a year the net income for a year, after expenditure would give me about \$2500.

Q. About \$2500? A. Yes.

Q. And you worked all the time; you wouldn't have much time to put on that yourself if you were working all the time as a mill hand? A. There was certain years I spent in the mill, I never spent all my life in the mill.

Q. The year prior to your evacuation did you work

S. M. O'HARA,
CP. EX.

1 Full time as a mill hand?

2 A. Yes, just prior to the evacuation.

3 Q. Now, are these valuations your own valuations
4 or were they arrived at by the assistance of anyone
5 else? A. I took it as my own valuation.

6 Q. What kind of lumber was in this building?

7 A. It was frame, shipyard finishing, and a
8 concrete floor. The whole area of the garage was
9 concrete.

10 Q. Was it on posts? A. It was not on posts
11 at all.

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13 RE EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

14 Q. When did your father actually hand over
15 your half -- you say it was just before you were
16 evacuated? A. The title was made out in 1942.

17 Q. And you have told us you were evacuated about
18 March 1942? A. Yes.

19 Q. So it would be about when? A. About
20 February.

21 Q. Up until that time the whole ten acres
22 as you have told us was cultivated as one farm?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. CHRISTIE: There is one further exhibit,
25 the Real Property Summary, as Exhibit 6.

26 (REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT 6)

27 MR. CHRISTIE: It is submitted your honour, the
28 real property was sold at its fair market value.

29 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE DUE)
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be
a true and accurate transcript of the
proceedings herein.

J. B. McGregor
J. B. McGregor,
Official Reporter.

I, John A. McGibbon, Deputy Commissioner,
appointed to investigate claims of
Japanese-Canadians for property loss, do
certify the foregoing is a true copy of
the evidence heard on the within claim.

J. A. McGibbon
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Deputy Commissioner.

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Defence Brief

Shei Makoto OMURA

File No. 8699

Case No. 1109 ✓

TORONTO
8 Oct. 49
V.L.A. Deal

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

1. Real Property Claim

Appraised at

Sold for

3000.00

600.00

589.00

Witness: J. D. Patterson, Appraiser.

Submission: Sold for fair market
value.

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Name of Claimant **OMURA, Shoji Yokote**
 Custodian File **8699**

Case **1109**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)		V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices:		
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices	Sale Price		Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices:	
						% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	
					589.00		736.10			736.10
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles			Boats and Boat Gear							
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing		45% of amount in next preceding column		
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing		Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										736.10



SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

YOUR FILE NO.

PLEASE QUOTE BC/132-P.

P.O. Box No. 1059,
Vancouver, B.C.
27th July, 1949.

Attention of Mr. J. C. Campbell

Messrs. Sutton, Braidwood & Morris,
Barristers & Solicitors,
506, Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: E₂ of Lot 2 of S₂ of Lot 265,
Map 1051, Maple Ridge, N.W.D.

Dear Sirs:

Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 1109 - Shei M. Omura
BC/132-P.

In reply to your enquiry of the 21st instant in regard to the above case, I would state that the property referred to is still available.

I believe you have already been advised that we may not dispose of such property owned previously by Japanese who subsequently enlisted and served in the recent war, until the work of the Japanese enquiry Commission is finalized and the Government's policy as affecting such cases has been clarified.

For your further information I might state that the 5-acre property adjoining of Shogo F. Omura (Case No. 1110 - our file BC/133-P), brother of the above-noted and who is not a veteran, was disposed of some time ago to a qualified veteran, Mr. Malcolm L. Brown; also that the driveway, water and electric-light system are still serving both these properties conjointly. As your files will show, both parcels were operated as a single farm unit by Omura Bros. prior to their evacuation in 1942. Mr. Brown has indicated that he would like to acquire the 5 acres of Shei M. Omura, but as already stated, we are not authorized to dispose of property in such cases until the Government's policy in this regard is clarified.

JDP.A

Yours truly,
H. Allan
A/DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Per *[Signature]*

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October 13th, 1950.

Mr. Shei Makoto OMURA,
28 Galbraith Ave.,
Daves Road P. O.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. **1109**

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee
on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been
executed by yourself covering the award recommended under
the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... **\$736.10.**

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for **\$693.41**
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. **\$ 42.69**
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

FGS/js
1 encl.

F.G. Shears
Director

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SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

Department of
Veterans Affairs
Canada

Please Quote BC/132-P

No. 8 Temporary Building,
Ottawa, Ontario

January 5, 1951

Mr. E. Arpin,
Comptroller of Finance and Accounts,
Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property,
Secretary of State Department,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Re: OMURA, Shei
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2 of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 263,
Gp. 1, Map 1051, Maple Ridge

As a result of purchase from the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property, the Director of the Veterans' Land Act holds title to the above-described property formerly owned by Shei Omura, a veteran of World War 2. Consideration is being given to a procedure whereby Japanese veterans of World War 1 or 2 may again obtain title to their former lands upon payment of the outstanding cost of the lands to the Director. Before application for the return of the lands concerned may be considered, we must determine if the former Japanese owner has accepted any cash settlement based on the findings of the Royal Commission headed by Mr. Justice H. I. Bird.

It would be sincerely appreciated if you would advise if settlement payments have been made to Veteran Shei Omura.

Yours very truly,

F. D. Millar
General Superintendent
Small Holdings Division

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January 17, 1951.

Your File BC/132-P

Mr. F. D. Millar,
General Superintendent,
Small Holdings Division,
Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act,
No. 6, Temporary Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Re: Veterans' Application for return of
Property sold to The Director, Veter-
ans' Land Act, and the question as to
whether award under Justice Bird's
Commission has been paid.

OMURA, Shai. E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2 of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of
Lot 263, Gp. 1, Map 1051, Maple Ridge.
Case 1109

We have received from Mr. K.W. Wright, Counsel to
the Custodian, Ottawa, copy of your letter of January 5th,
addressed to Mr. Arpin, re the above.

The answer to the question in this case is as follows:

The award on this real property is \$736.10 and settle-
ment in this case has been made.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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January 23, 1951.

Mr. G. E. Durrell,
A/District Superintendent,
Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act,
P.O. Box 1099,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Former Japanese Lands in B.C.
Your File V-8-10

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 22nd, we give you below the information in regard to the Japanese veterans about whom you enquired -

Your File No.	Case No.	Name	Last Known Address	Amount	
BC/42-P	76	IMADA, Toshio, Katsumi & Tamotsu	16 Marcell Ave., Kamloops, B.C.	\$ 630.91	PAID
BC/129-P	1180	OKI, Etsuo and Toshio (Etsuo, the mother, died in 1943)	29 Spring Grove Ave., Toronto, Ont.	1938.43	
BC/132-P	1109	OHURA, Shoi Nakoto	28 Galbraith Ave., Dundas Road P.O., Toronto, Ont.	736.10	PAID
BC/157-P	1204	SHIJI, George Yasuo	34 1/2 Lansdowne Ave., Chatham, Ont.	1996.61	PAID
BC/331-P	924	KINOSHITA, Seichi	Tuber, Alberta.	1061.69	PAID
BC/459-P	1390	SUZUKI, Goro	Box 1007 River Road, Sudbury, New Westminster, B.C.	117.93	

You will note that the awards on four of these cases have been paid to the Japanese claimants. However, Toshio OKI and Goro SUZUKI have not yet returned their completed Release forms to this office, consequently the two claims - #1180 and #1390 are still unpaid.

We hope that this information will be helpful to you.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

Please Quote
V-8-10

P.O. Box 1099,
Vancouver, B.C.
Jan. 22, 1951.

Mr. F.G. Shears,
Custodian of Enemy Property,
675 W - Hastings Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Former Japanese Lands in B.C.

This Department has been holding off the market certain lands purchased from the Custodian formerly owned by Japanese veterans or Soldier Settlers. Our Head Office has been discussing the disposal of these lands with Mr. K.W. Wright, Chief Counsel, Custodian's Office, Department of the Secretary of State, and before selling the lands in question it will be necessary to get a clearance from the respective Japanese involved.

This Department has no addresses of the Japanese veterans and Soldier Settlers, but it is understood that you have the information on your files. May we, therefore, have the addresses applicable to the following:

<u>OUR FILE NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF LAND</u>
BC/42-P	MIADA, T. & K. & T.	Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, Twp. 12, N.W.D.
BC/129-P	OKI, H. & T.	Lot 23 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16, Twp. 12, Map 1676.
BC/132-P	OMURA, Shai	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2 of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 263, Grp. 1, Map 1051, Maple Ridge.
BC/157-P	SHOJI, G.Y.	Pt. of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5, Twp. 15, Map 3192, N.W.D.
BC/331-P	KINOSHITA, Seachi	Lot 1 of S/D of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 35, Twp. 10, Map 3130.
BC/455-P	SUKUNI, Goro or Goro	Lot 8 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36, Twp. 4, Map 1186, N.W.D.

Following receipt of the mailing addresses, we intend to write the Japanese advising them of the possibility of having their lands returned. If they are no longer interested, we might proceed to dispose of the properties to other veterans. However, in case the Japanese wish to return to their properties, we should like to have a statement from you of the cash awards made regarding these properties so that suitable adjustments may be made in each case.

May we have your advice in due course, please.

Yours truly,

JAG/VHN

Per: "J.A. CASE"

G. E. Burrell, A/District Superintendent.