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**OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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 INFORMATIONNAME: Ekinosuke MUROTANIHOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3, Hope B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 15200 SEX: male AGE: 48OCCUPATION: Watchman at the Jedway cannery previous to evacuation
now domiciled at Camp 11 Hope B.C. as a cookee

(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: Dept. of Mines and Resources Ottawa OntarioMARRIED? 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)
On pages enclosed articles are listed

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: _____
these were left in this man's house at Jedway B.C.

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) _____

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST.

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS.

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE.

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

Clothing bedding and other personal effects listed on enclosed pages

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

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: _____

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)
none

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: none

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS.
none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

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 18th. day of July 1942.

(Signature) EMOROTANI

E. L. Wright

Witness Resident Engineer

室谷 昌之助

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S.S. MARINE ANGEL
31st MAY, 1946

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

11393
Date December 4th, 1942

Our File No. 11393

Full Name MUROTANI, Ekinosuke
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 15200

✓
Male - Female
(check)

Age Jan. 23, 1893

Former Address Jedway, B. C.

Date Evacuated March 19th, 1942

✓
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address 11 Mile Camp, Hope End, B. C.

✓
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife Kaku MUROTANI (Japan)

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother Natsu OTA (Japan)

Name of Father Kaichi OTA (Deceased)

Names of Children under 16 Yasuyo (F) 10 yrs.

Requested by Mrs. Farrant

Registered with Custodian YES
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Saltery Watchman

Born as OTA. Adopted into the MUROTANI family.

E.VACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JUL 14 1949

File No. 11293

Ans.

Referred

404 FEDERAL BLDG.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

711 ST. BLDG.
404 FEDERAL BLDG. Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

July 13th, 1949

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

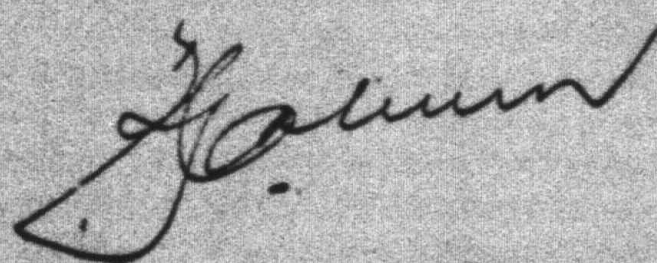
TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ *N/4*

Re: MUROTANI, Ekinosuke - Reg. # 15200

This will acknowledge the sum of \$ 439.30
received from you on account of the above mentioned which
has been accounted for by this office in the proper manner.

There has been no No. 2 Receipt issued in
this instance.

Yours truly,



F. G. COBURN,
Regional Administrator.

FGC/RM.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
October 31st, 1947.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ *NIL*

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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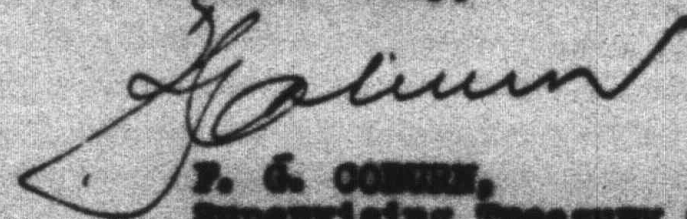
Dear Sir:

Re: MUROTANI, Ekinosuke #15200

This will acknowledge the sum of \$ 10.20
received from you on account of the above mentioned which
has been accounted for by this office in the proper manner.

There has been no No.2 Receipt issued in
this instance.

Yours truly,



F. G. O'BRIEN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FUG/EJ.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ *NIL*

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
Oct. 10/46

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ *NIL*

Dear Sir:

Re: MUROTANI, Ekinosuke ¹¹³⁹³
----- #15200

Please note that the above Japanese has
been repatriated to Japan. The following is the status
of his account with this Department, covering the
repatriation transactions:

Money turned in - - - - - \$ 1239.00

Draft Issued- - - - - \$ 1239.00

It will be noted, therefore, that this
party is not indebted to this Department in this connection.
However, should any further monies come into your hands on
this account it should be turned over to this office for
transmission to the Japanese in question.

Yours truly,

F. E. EOBURN
F. E. EOBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer,

FGC/EJ.

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May 11, 1946.

Mr. Brinsuke MUROTANI,
Reg. No. 15200,
TASHME, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your inquiry in regard to the chattels, which you state were left at Jedway Saltery, has been passed on to this office by Custodian representative at Tashme.

Your file shows that in July, 1942, you reported to this office that you had left a quantity of personal belongings at Jedway. These belongings you listed in detail. On March 12, 1943, this office informed you that a search had been made of the houses at Jedway and that none of the articles listed could be found.

Had you, at the time of your declaration to the Custodian, or in reply to our letter of March 12, 1943, informed us that your effects had been left with an Indian chief by the name of Peter, as you have now informed our representative at Tashme, we could have inquired of the Indians in the district with some chance of recovering your chattels. At this late date such an inquiry is much less likely to be successful.

However, if you will give us whatever information you have in regard to this Indian, we will do what we can for you. Give us his full name, if possible; his age, and the name of the place in which he resides. Let us know the occupation of the Indian and any information that may be helpful in tracing him. In view of the isolated position of Jedway, it is unlikely that any information can be obtained from that district for quite some time, but we will follow the matter up if you give us some details to work on.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

/FM

REG. NO. 15200

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EKINOSUKE MUROTANI
JEDWAY SALTERIES
JEDWAY B.C.

Dec. 14/41 to Prince Rupert

Jan. 19/42 to Vancouver.

Mar. 19/42 to Hope

Mr. Bell

● Would you please
make a report to above.

Left with Indian chief called
"Peter"

Reported before to the custodian

Les Peters

1 Fountain Pen
1 Clipper
1 pr. Scissors
1 Razor
\$4.00 Cash
1 pr. Spectacles (Eye-glasses) value \$12.00
No. of general daily used articles.
1 Passport.
1 small Suit-case
1 Packing Basket (for)
2 Clothes Bags.
1/2 cases Canned goods
Carpenter Tools.
8 cans Tobacco - (British Consols).

New Stock-

- 1 Suit (Coat, Vest, 1 pr. pant)
- 1 Makinaw Coat
- 3 pr. Underwear
- 5 Overshirt
- 3 pr. Pants
- 7 pr. Socks
- 2 sweaters
- 3 Woollen Vest
- 2 Woollen Underpants
- 1 Raincoat
- 1 Scarf
- 5 Pillow Slips
- 1 pr. Leather G. loves.
- 4 Japanese Night Clothes
- 2 Bedspread
- 2 pr. Sheets
- 2 Pillow
- 3 Towels
- 1 pr. Rubber Boots
- 1 pr. Canvas Shoes

For use by individuals having NOT OVER \$3,000 income including NOT OVER \$1500 from investments except proprietors or partners in any manufacturing, trading or merchandising business and the Armed Forces who must use Form T-1-General 1945.

For Departmental Use
Key No. _____ Credited by _____

DOMINION OF CANADA
INCOME TAX

T-1-SPECIAL 1945
(\$3,000 or Under)

Return for the year ended 31st December, 1945
(Form prescribed and authorized by the Minister of National Revenue)

Date
rec'd
by
Insp.

Prepare in duplicate. ONE copy is to be retained by the taxpayer and ONE COPY must be delivered, or mailed, postpaid, on or before 30th April, 1946, to the Inspector of Income Tax,
WINCH BUILDING, 739 HASTINGS ST., W., VANCOUVER, B.C.

1. Name MURTANI Prinosuka Reg. No. 15200 (Mr.) 2. Occupation Labourer
(Family or surname) Name in Block Letters (Christian or given name in full) (Mr., Mrs. or Miss)
3. Present address Tashua, B. C.
(Give full address, including city, town, municipality, county and province)
4. Address 1944 11 Mile Camp 5. For what year did you last file a return? Where?
Married Single 7. State marital change, if any, during 1945 (Year) (Location of Tax Office)
6. Widow(er) Single 8. Unemployment Insurance No. _____
(As at 31st Dec., 1945)
9. Name and address of your wife or husband _____
(Use Christian or given name in full) (Maiden name of wife if married since filing last return)

10. STATEMENT OF WAGES OR SALARIES—If more than one employer, you must show separately name, period employed by, and amount received from each. If the space is insufficient attach statement. Wage or salary slips—"T4-1945"—received from employers should be attached.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (State branch or division, if any)	Period Employed in 1945	Gross Wages or Salary (Including bonus, value of board, etc.)	Tax Deducted at Source
<u>Dept. of Mines and Resources</u> <u>Hope, B. C.</u>	<u>8 Mos.</u>	<u>475.15</u>	<u>10.20</u>
(If space insufficient, attach supplementary statement)			
TOTALS		<u>A 475.15</u>	<u>B 10.20</u>

11. STATEMENT OF INTEREST, DIVIDENDS AND ROYALTIES—"T5-1945" and "609-1945" slips received from payers should be attached.

Nature of Income	From whom Received	Gross Income before Tax Deductions	DEPRECIATION Allowance (If any)	CARRYING CHARGES (If any)	Net Income before Tax Deductions	Tax Deducted at Source
(If space insufficient, attach supplementary statement)						
TOTALS					<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>

12. INCOME—

A. Gross Wages, Salaries, etc., from Item 10A. \$ 475.15
SUBTRACT Allowable Superannuation or Pension Fund Deduction \$ 475.15
(If not certain, ask your employer whether deduction is "allowable" type)
B. Net Income from Professional Fees or Commissions \$ _____
(Attach statement showing in detail Gross Income and Expenses)
C. Net Profit from Farm or Ranch \$ _____
(Attach "Farmers T-1 Supplemental" or statement showing Gross Income and Expenses)
D. Net Income from Rentals \$ _____
(Attach statement showing Gross Income and Expenses)
E. Income from Interest, Dividends and Royalties from Item 11A \$ _____
F. Annuity Income from Item 18(4) \$ _____
G. Other Income (Nature of Income) (From whom received) \$ _____
H. TOTAL INCOME \$ 475.15
J. SUBTRACT (1) Donations to Charitable Organizations paid in 1945 \$ _____
Limit is 10% of Total Income (Item 12H). Not allowed unless receipts attached.
(2) Medical Expenses—attach statement with receipts \$ _____
See NOTE below.
Subtract 4% of Item 12H from J(2) \$ _____
K. TAXABLE INCOME \$ 475.15

13. TAX—As determined by me having Single status per Item 13 and No dependents per Item 16.
(Married, Single) (Number)

A. Tax on Item 12K, found in the Tax Tables on pages 3 or 4. \$ NIL
B. Less 4% reduction of Item A as per the 1945 Statutes \$ _____
C. Tax after subtracting B from A \$ _____
D. Less applicable portion, if any, of British and Foreign Income Tax paid—attach receipts \$ _____
E. Tax after subtracting D from C \$ _____
F. Add Family Allowances Recovery as per Item 17E \$ _____
G. Total tax including Family Allowances Recovery \$ _____
H. Subtract: (1) Tax deducted at source (Total of Items 10B plus 11B) \$ 10.20
(2) Quarterly instalment (or other) payments, if any \$ _____
J. Tax after subtracting payments \$ _____
K. ADD Penalty when filed after 30th April, 1946, if there is a tax in Item 13G \$ _____
(5% of tax unpaid at 30th April, 1946—Minimum penalty \$5.00)
L. Refund Due \$ 10.20
(Over-payments will be refunded when return checked by Dept.)

PAYMENT herewith by cheque, money order, etc., payable to Receiver General of Canada \$ _____
Add postage to communications and stamps to cheques.

14. I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information given in this Return and in any documents attached is true, correct and complete in every respect.
Phones: Bus. _____

Date April 8, 1946 1946 Res. SIGNATURE Murtani Prinosuka 15200

NOTE—Medical expenses incurred and paid by the taxpayer—(i) within the taxation period; (ii) within twelve months ending in the taxation period; or (iii) in the event of death, paid by his legal representative within a twelve month period commencing in the taxation period.—If paid to a medical practitioner, dentist, qualified nurse or a public or licensed private hospital for medical expenses incurred by the taxpayer for himself and his dependents, and not previously claimed.

1944 T-6-1 No. _____ 1945 T-6-1 No. _____ Date _____ 194 Assessor I.O. _____ H.O. _____ 1945

TAX TABLES

"Married" Status will not be allowed unless you have completed Item 15.
 "Dep(s)" Means "Dependents". Count as Dependents only those listed in Item 14.

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TAXABLE INCOME (From Item 12K on Page 1)		S I N G L E				M A R R I E D								
		No Deps.	1 Dep.	2 Deps.	3 Deps.	No Deps.	1 Dep.	2 Deps.	3 Deps.	4 Deps.	5 Deps.	6 Deps.	7 Deps.	8 Deps.
Over	But Not Over	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX
\$ 600	\$ 670	22	22	26	30	22	22	26	30	34	38	42	46	50
670	700	24	24	28	32	24	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52
700	730	26	26	30	34	26	26	30	34	38	42	46	50	54
730	760	28	28	32	36	28	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56
760	790	30	30	34	38	30	30	34	38	42	46	50	54	58
790	820	32	32	36	40	32	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60
820	850	34	34	38	42	34	34	38	42	46	50	54	58	62
850	880	36	36	40	44	36	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64
880	910	38	38	42	46	38	38	42	46	50	54	58	62	66
910	940	40	40	44	48	40	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68
940	970	42	42	46	50	42	42	46	50	54	58	62	66	70
970	1,000	44	44	48	52	44	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
1,000	1,030	46	46	50	54	46	46	50	54	58	62	66	70	74
1,030	1,060	48	48	52	56	48	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76
1,060	1,090	50	50	54	58	50	50	54	58	62	66	70	74	78
1,090	1,120	52	52	56	60	52	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80
1,120	1,150	54	54	58	62	54	54	58	62	66	70	74	78	82
1,150	1,180	56	56	60	64	56	56	60	64	68	72	76	80	84
1,180	1,210	58	58	62	66	58	58	62	66	70	74	78	82	86
1,210	1,240	60	60	64	68	60	60	64	68	72	76	80	84	88
1,240	1,270	62	62	66	70	62	62	66	70	74	78	82	86	90
1,270	1,300	64	64	68	72	64	64	68	72	76	80	84	88	92
1,300	1,330	66	66	70	74	66	66	70	74	78	82	86	90	94
1,330	1,360	68	68	72	76	68	68	72	76	80	84	88	92	96
1,360	1,390	70	70	74	78	70	70	74	78	82	86	90	94	98
1,390	1,420	72	72	76	80	72	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100
1,420	1,450	74	74	78	82	74	74	78	82	86	90	94	98	102
1,450	1,480	76	76	80	84	76	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104
1,480	1,510	78	78	82	86	78	78	82	86	90	94	98	102	106
1,510	1,540	80	80	84	88	80	80	84	88	92	96	100	104	108
1,540	1,570	82	82	86	90	82	82	86	90	94	98	102	106	110
1,570	1,600	84	84	88	92	84	84	88	92	96	100	104	108	112
1,600	1,630	86	86	90	94	86	86	90	94	98	102	106	110	114
1,630	1,660	88	88	92	96	88	88	92	96	100	104	108	112	116
1,660	1,690	90	90	94	98	90	90	94	98	102	106	110	114	118
1,690	1,720	92	92	96	100	92	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120
1,720	1,750	94	94	98	102	94	94	98	102	106	110	114	118	122
1,750	1,780	96	96	100	104	96	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	124
1,780	1,810	98	98	102	106	98	98	102	106	110	114	118	122	126
1,810	1,840	100	100	104	108	100	100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128
1,840	1,870	102	102	106	110	102	102	106	110	114	118	122	126	130
1,870	1,900	104	104	108	112	104	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132
1,900	1,930	106	106	110	114	106	106	110	114	118	122	126	130	134
1,930	1,960	108	108	112	116	108	108	112	116	120	124	128	132	136
1,960	1,990	110	110	114	118	110	110	114	118	122	126	130	134	138
1,990	2,020	112	112	116	120	112	112	116	120	124	128	132	136	140
2,020	2,050	114	114	118	122	114	114	118	122	126	130	134	138	142
2,050	2,080	116	116	120	124	116	116	120	124	128	132	136	140	144
2,080	2,110	118	118	122	126	118	118	122	126	130	134	138	142	146
2,110	2,140	120	120	124	128	120	120	124	128	132	136	140	144	148
2,140	2,170	122	122	126	130	122	122	126	130	134	138	142	146	150
2,170	2,200	124	124	128	132	124	124	128	132	136	140	144	148	152
2,200	2,230	126	126	130	134	126	126	130	134	138	142	146	150	154
2,230	2,260	128	128	132	136	128	128	132	136	140	144	148	152	156
2,260	2,290	130	130	134	138	130	130	134	138	142	146	150	154	158
2,290	2,320	132	132	136	140	132	132	136	140	144	148	152	156	160
2,320	2,350	134	134	138	142	134	134	138	142	146	150	154	158	162
2,350	2,380	136	136	140	144	136	136	140	144	148	152	156	160	164
2,380	2,410	138	138	142	146	138	138	142	146	150	154	158	162	166
2,410	2,440	140	140	144	148	140	140	144	148	152	156	160	164	168
2,440	2,470	142	142	146	150	142	142	146	150	154	158	162	166	170
2,470	2,500	144	144	148	152	144	144	148	152	156	160	164	168	172
2,500	2,530	146	146	150	154	146	146	150	154	158	162	166	170	174
2,530	2,560	148	148	152	156	148	148	152	156	160	164	168	172	176
2,560	2,590	150	150	154	158	150	150	154	158	162	166	170	174	178
2,590	2,620	152	152	156	160	152	152	156	160	164	168	172	176	180
2,620	2,650	154	154	158	162	154	154	158	162	166	170	174	178	182
2,650	2,680	156	156	160	164	156	156	160	164	168	172	176	180	184
2,680	2,710	158	158	162	166	158	158	162	166	170	174	178	182	186
2,710	2,740	160	160	164	168	160	160	164	168	172	176	180	184	188
2,740	2,770	162	162	166	170	162	162	166	170	174	178	182	186	190
2,770	2,800	164	164	168	172	164	164	168	172	176	180	184	188	192
2,800	2,830	166	166	170	174	166	166	170	174	178	182	186	190	194
2,830	2,860	168	168	172	176	168	168	172	176	180	184	188	192	196
2,860	2,890	170	170	174	178	170	170	174	178	182	186	190	194	198
2,890	2,920	172	172	176	180									

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May 10, 1946.

Mr. B. Good,
Office of the Custodian,
TASHME, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ekinosuke MUROTANI, Reg. No. 15200

With reference to the alleged credit balance of \$300.00 belonging to this man, this is to confirm that there are no funds to his credit in Custodian account. He has no liabilities as far as this office is aware.

The \$300.00 would appear to be the value placed by MUROTANI on clothing and other personal effects which he has stated were left at Jedway Cannery and which have not been returned to him, as correspondence on file shows that he wished to recover this sum from the Custodian for the loss of these chattels. It is noted that it was not until July 20, 1942, when the JP form, signed by MUROTANI on July 18, was received, that this office had any knowledge of this property.

MUROTANI was removed from Jedway on December 14, 1941 by Naval Service assisted by Sergeant Dunbar of the B. C. Police. On January 19, 1942 he came to Vancouver from Prince Rupert and was evacuated from here to Hope on March 19, 1942.

In May, 1942, a list of his effects was sent to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by the resident engineer at Hope, B. C. In July, 1942, when this office learned of his chattels, letters were sent to Jedway but no reply was received. Jedway is an isolated point at the southern end of the Queen Charlotte Islands. At this place was located the saltery of Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd., by whom MUROTANI had been employed. Naval Service has reported that at the time of the removal of the Japanese the buildings were left locked. Sergeant Dunbar has reported that no inventory of saltery property or personal property was given to him by the Japanese, and that he had no authority to remove anything from the buildings. On February 21, 1943, at the request of this office, a Naval patrol boat looked for MUROTANI's chattels, but although the buildings were searched in company with the watchman (appointed by P.S. Ross & Sons to look after the saltery) none of the articles reported by MUROTANI were found. The watchman stated that in cleaning out some of the buildings he had burned some old rags of clothing.

Before asking Naval Service to investigate this matter, we had written the B. C. Police, but found that they have no man there. We wrote the RCMP, Prince Rupert, who replied that due to the isolated position of Jedway it would take two weeks to make this trip and that the cost would be exorbitant.

It is evident from the records that this office was not aware of the existence of Ekinosuke MUROTANI or his property until eight months after his removal from Jedway, five months from the date of his evacuation from Vancouver. This office made all reasonable efforts to find his belongings after these were reported. Detailed reports of the result of our investigations have been given.

(Over

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 11393

May 10, 1946.

Re: Ekinosuke MUROTANI, Reg. No. 15200

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on July 18, 1942. In his declaration he reported only the property listed on the sheet filed immediately behind this summary. None of these goods were located by any of the Custodian's representatives or anyone acting for this office.

On April 5, 1942, Mr. E. C. Webster, Resident Engineer, at Hope, B. C. wrote the RCMP on behalf of MUROTANI inquiring about belongings left at Jedway. This inquiry states that MUROTANI was taken to Prince Rupert from Jedway on December 14th (1941) and from there to Vancouver on January 19, 1942, and to Hope, B. C. on March 19, 1942, and that he had not received any of his belongings.

Letter of July 10, 1942, to this office from RCMP stated that MUROTANI had not had sufficient time to collect his belongings, and asked that these be sent to him. Letter of July 29, 1942, from RCMP enclosed list (similar to list filed behind this) and states that the listed articles were left in Jedway at the time of MUROTANI's removal.

This file shows that letters were written to Jedway in July, 1942, and again in September. No reply was received although the letters were not returned. We then wrote the B. C. Police at Jedway, but this letter was returned. We got in touch with the RCMP, Prince Rupert, but were informed that it would take about two weeks to go to Jedway to check up and that the cost would be considerable. The RCMP suggested asking the Naval patrol to investigate. Naval Service reported, following the investigation, that on arrival at Jedway, February 21, 1943, the watchman was contacted and he stated that none of the articles listed were there. The Naval Office in Charge of the patrol boat went through the buildings with the watchman and none of the listed articles were found. The watchman stated that sometime after taking over the job he had cleaned up some of the cabins and that some of the listed articles especially clothing had been burned by him as these were nothing but rags. The watchman also stated that he doubted if some of the articles had been there since the Japanese left.

A report of Naval Service relative to the removal of MUROTANI from Jedway, on December 14, 1941, stated that MUROTANI had been given over two hours time to pack his personal belongings, that his baggage consisted of 2 large suitcases, one large clothes bag and a roll of blankets, that it was believed that a trunk and a tool-box had been left behind. This report stated that the buildings at Jedway had been locked and a watchman left in charge by Naval Service and Sgt. Dunbar of the B. C. Police, who had assisted in the evacuation.

Sergeant Dunbar reported on April 30, 1943, that one of the Japanese had spoken to him about looking after his property. This may have been the person mentioned in letter of April 2, 1943, from MUROTANI, "A. Tsuji, my former partner at Jedway Cannery", who according to this letter had gathered the belongings of MUROTANI and left them in MUROTANI's room, and had asked Sgt. Dunbar to look after the belongings. This "A. Tsuji" appears to be Akinobu TSUJI, File 1812, who declared a trunk of personal effects left at Jedway. This trunk has not been found.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 11393

May 10, 1946.

Re: Ekinosuke MUROTANI, Reg.No. 15200

It appears from letter April 3, 1943, to the Spanish Consul that TSUJI had packed the belongings of MUROTANI in one large suitcase, one small suitcase, one clothes bag large, a large wicker basket and a large wooden box. This is not quite the same as the list supplied by the MUROTANI to the Dept. of Mines and Resources in April, 1942.

Enemy File No. 173A, Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd. shows that some time prior to October 15, 1942, a watchman was placed at Jedway by P. S. Ross & Sons. This man asked to be relieved of his duties in August, 1943, and he left the property unattended in August, 1943. The premises were subsequently looted. Three Indians were caught looting this place in October, 1943, and found guilty in Queen Charlotte Police Court. It would seem, from Enemy File 173A that there had been reports of previous thefts had been received from Naval Service by the B. C. Police. On October 13, 1943, when the B. C. Police investigated all doors were open in all buildings. It would appear that there had been thefts from these premises while the watchman was there also.

Ekinosuke MUROTANI, as shown, did not report to the Custodian at the time of his evacuation from the protected area in March, 1942. He was informed on March 12, 1943, that none of his effects could be found. The Spanish Consul, who took this matter up on behalf of MUROTANI was informed and given copies of the reports received from Naval Service on April 19, 1943. On May 5, 1943, MUROTANI was given a copy of the report from Sergeant Dunbar of the B. C. Police. On April 27, 1946, the Department of Labour was given the information contained in the various reports received in regard to the chattels of MUROTANI.

MUROTANI has claimed that the chattels were worth \$300.00 and he asked Mr. R. Lowe, of the Dept. of Mines and Resources to demand this sum from the Custodian, as shown by enclosure to letter of December 23, 1942.

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

J. Macdonald

May 11, 1946.

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LIST OF EFFECTS SUPPLIED April 6, 1942

File 11393

Re: Einosuke HURUTANI, Reg. No. 15200

May 10, 1946

List of Parcels:

- 1 Leather suit case
- 1 Clothes Bag
- 1 Wooden Box
- 1 Can Basket
- 2 Cases Canned Goods

Contents of above:

- 1 Suit (Coat, Vest, 1 Pr. Pants)
- 1 Makinaw Coat
- 3 Suits underwear
- 5 Overshirts
- 3 Pr. Pants
- 7 Pr. Socks
- 2 Sweaters
- 3 Woolen Vests
- 2 " Underpants
- 1 Rain Coat
- 1 Scarf
- 5 Pillow Slips
- 1 Pr. Leather Gloves
- 4 Pr. Japanese Night Clothes
- 2 Bed Spreads
- 2 Pr. Sheets
- 2 Pillows
- 5 Towels
- 1 Pr. Rubber Boots
- 1 Pr. Canvas Shoes
- (All above are new)

- 3 Overshirts
- 4 Pr. Pants
- 2 Pr. Underwear
- 1 Jacket
- 5 Pr. Socks
- 1 Pr. Boots
- 1 Pr. Working Boots
- 3 Pr. Blankets
- 3 Pr. Sheets
- 1 Pillow
- 1 Rain Coat
- 4 Pillow Slips
- 1 Comforter
- 1 Bath-robe
- 2 Alarm Clocks
- 1 Fountain Pen
- 1 Pr. Clippers
- 1 Pr. Scissors
- 1 Razor
- (All above had been used)

- \$4.00 in Cash
- 1 Pr. Eye-glasses (\$12.00)
- 1 Passport
- 1 Small Suitcase
- 1 Packing basket (Kori)
- 2 Clothes-bags
- 1 Half Case Canned Goods
- Carpenter Tools

For Mr. Reed

May 10, 1946.

From F. Matheson

Re: Minosuke MOTOYUKI, Rec. No. 15200, File 11393

This man was moved from Jedway on December 14, 1943. He was given two hours notice, and was brought out by Naval patrol. He brought out 2 large suitcases, a large clothes bag and a roll of blankets. He claimed to have left a leather suitcase, a clothes bag, a wooden box, a basket and 2 cases of canned goods behind. He had been employed at Jedway Saltary. Jedway was too far off the beaten trail for investigation by Custodian, RCMP or S.S. Police, but Naval Service checked for this office in February, 1943 and could find nothing belonging to this man. The articles left were clothing, bedding, tools, eye-glasses, \$4.00 in cash and his passport. The reported \$300.00 looks like the value he has placed on the items he is supposed to have left behind.

Naval Service report of this man's departure from Jedway stated that they believed he had left behind a trunk and a tool-box.

Report from Royal Canadian Mounted Police - December 17, 1942

"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 Skincuttle Inlet, Moresby Island. The closed port of call of the regular Union Steamship Co. is Rose 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 Rose Harbour via Union Steamship, hiring a boat there, if one is available, to proceed to Jedway. The complete trip would take at least two weeks. This information is based on personal knowledge gained whilst on a patrol to that area in 1939. 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." Signed J.V. Piper, I/C Prince Rupert.

Report from Naval Service - February 26, 1943

"We arrived at Jedway 21st February, 1943, and contacted the watchman stationed there. 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 burned up as they were nothing but rags. He also doubted very much if some of the articles were there after the Japanese were taken away."

Report from Naval Service, April 10, 1943

"The above named Japanese was removed from Jedway by Sergeant Dunbar of the B. C. Provincial Police and myself, Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. "Cougar" on 14th December, 1941. This man was given over two hours' time to pack his personal effects and his baggage consisted of 2 large suitcases, one large clothes bag and roll of blankets. I believe there was a small trunk and tool-box left behind, but the contents of these would be of very little value."

Report from Sergeant Dunbar, B. C. Police, April 30, 1943

"I remember one of the Japanese speaking to me about looking after his

Report of Sergeant Dunbar - continued

property which he said was left at Jedway Saltery, but none of it was removed, as you will understand I had no authority to do that. There was quite a lapse of time between the date that the Japanese were evacuated from Jedway Saltery and the time that a watchman was appointed in 1942. No inventory was given by the Japanese at the time of their evacuation, either of the Saltery property or any of their personal effects that were left behind."

Your File No.



In reply quote File No.

SUBJECT:

Box 119
Revelstoke. B. C.
April 30th, 1943.

Mr. H. F. Green.
Protection Department.
Japanese Evacuation Section.
Vancouver. B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 3 1943
File No.	11393
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Dear Sir:-

Re- Ekinosuke MUROTANI

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst, which was forwarded to me from Queen Charlotte City, with reference to the property of the above mentioned Japanese.

I remember one of the Japanese speaking to me about looking after his property which he said was left at Jedway Slatary, but none of it was removed, as you will understand, I had no authority to do that.

There was quite a lapse of time between the date that the Japanese were evacuated from Jedway Slatary and the time that a watchman was appointed in 1942.

No Inventory was given by the Japanese at the time of their evacuation, either of the Slatary property or any of their personal effects that were left behind.

I will be pleased to give you whatever assistance I can in this matter, although I am unable to throw any light on the particular articles in question.

Yours truly,

A. Dunbar
A. Dunbar. Sergt B.C. Police.
i/c N.E. Kootenay District.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
NAVAL SERVICE

Vancouver, B.C.
12 April 1943.

Mr. C.W. Fisher,
B.C. Security Commission,
355 Burrard Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Dear Sir:

with reference to your letter of
9th March, 1942, addressed to Officer Commanding,
R.M.C.M., Esquimalt, B.C., regarding the effects
of E. Murotani, attached herewith is a report
made by the Commanding Officer of the Naval vessel
on which Murotani was removed from Jedway.

Yours Truly,

(Sgt) G. Borrie
Commander, R.C.M.R. (Temp.)
Naval Officer-in-Charge

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Payal Samu Medley*

HFB

Vancouver Apr 17/43

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.C.S. "LEOLA VIVIER"
DATE: 10th April, 1943 FILE:
TO: NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, VANCOUVER, B.C.

RECEIVED
APR 14 1943
Ans.
Referred

EFFECTS OF E. MIROTANI, #15200

The above named Japanese was removed from Jedway by Sergeant Dunbar of the B. C. Provincial Police and myself, Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. "COUGAR" on 14th December, 1941.

2. This man was given over two hours' time to pack his personal effects and his baggage consisted of 2 large suitcases, one large clothes bag and roll of blankets. I believe there was a small trunk and tool-box left behind, but the contents of these would be of very little value.

3. Before leaving Jedway every building was locked and a watchman left in charge by Sergeant Dunbar and myself. On arrival at Prince Rupert the keys were turned into the Naval Officer-in-Charge, and a full report rendered.

4. The Japanese were turned over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who investigated and, I believe, released them from custody. I do not know if they were allowed to return to Jedway or not. That was the last patrol I made in that vicinity.

(Signed) Geo J. Cassidy
Skipper Lieut., R.C.N.R.

GJC:jp

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April 6th, 1943

Sgt. Dunber,
Chief of Police,
Queen Charlotte City,
Queen Charlotte Islands, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Ekinosuke MUROTANI

We wonder if you would be so kind as to give us any information you can about the following case.

The above Japanese was evacuated at short notice from Jedway Cannery in the Queen Charlotte Islands on December 14th, 1941. It was not until July 1942 that he advised us that certain personal belongings had been left behind. We wrote a number of letters to the cannery and to others to try and trace these effects but it was not until a special naval patrol was made on February 26th to the cannery that the watchman there reported that none of these things could be found. The Japanese claimed that they consisted of the following.

- 1 Leather suitcase
- 1 Clothes bag
- 1 Wooden box
- 1 Cane basket
- 2 Cases canned goods

We have now heard from this Japanese as follows:

"I am in receipt of a letter from A. Tsuji, my former partner at Jedway Cannery. He states that he positively gathered all my belongings and left them in my room. On his return trip he had the fortune of meeting Sergeant Dunber, Chief of Police for Queen Charlotte City, and asked him to look after the belongings which he consented to do. Thus there might be a chance that Sergeant Dunber had my goods moved to Queen Charlotte so that he could keep an eye on them.

"Would you kindly ask Sergeant Dunber regarding my belongings?

"Furthermore, I have reported this matter to the Spanish Consul and also to Hon. Ernest Maag of the International

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11 Mile Camp
P.O. Box 3,
Hope, B.C.
April 3, 1943

Hon. F. de Kobbe,
Spanish Consul,
Vancouver, B.C.

Honourable Sir:

Regarding my effects left at Jedway Cannery, I have just received a letter from A. Tsuji, my former partner at Jedway which reads in part:

"Regarding your belongings left at Jedway, I have also written to the Custodian but as yet there has been no reply. When I returned to Jedway from Prince Rupert after we had been ordered to evacuate, I gathered all your belongings into your room and put tags with your name on, on each article. I had the chance of meeting the Chief of Police of Queen Charlotte City and asked him to look after the belongings. Thus there might be a chance that he had the effects transferred to Queen Charlotte so that he could keep a constant eye on them. You might write to the Spanish Consul who might be able to have the goods sent to you. Your goods were packed as follows:

Suitcase, large	1
Suitcase, small	1
Cloth bag, large	1
Wicker basket, large	1
Wooden box, large	1

Quite a number of things were missing. If possible it might be advisable to ask Sergeant Dunbar of Queen Charlotte too."

Will you kindly see if I can regain my effects.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours

E. Murotani.

See April 7th

11 Mile Camp,
Hope, B. C.,
April 2, 1943.

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By	6/4/43
Signature	Green

H. F. Green, Esq.,
Protection Department,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from A. Tsuji, my former partner at Jedway Cannery. He states that he positively gathered all my belongings and left them in my room. On his return trip he had the fortune of meeting Sergeant Dunber, Chief of Police for Queen Charlotte City, and asked him to look after the belongings which he consented to do. Thus there might be a chance that Sergeant Dunber had my goods moved to Queen Charlotte so that he could keep an eye on them.

Would you kindly ask Sergeant Dunber regarding my belongings?

Furthermore, I have reported this matter to the Spanish Consul and also to Hon. Ernest Maag of the International Red Cross.

Very truly yours,

E. Murotani

Ekinesuke Murotani,
Registration #15200

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March 12, 1943.

Mr. Ekinosuke MUROTANI, #15200,
11 Mile Camp,
Hope, B. C.

Dear Sir:

As you are aware, despite the very numerous correspondence we have conducted on your behalf, you have as you know, not yet received your belongings left behind at Jedway. The delay has not been due to lack of effort on our part but to the difficulties of communication with that part of the world.

We have finally prevailed on the Navy to call at Jedway and they have now reported to us as follows:

"We arrived at Jedway 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 burned up as they were nothing but rags. He also doubted very much if some of the articles were over there after the Japanese were taken away.

We returned to Prince Rupert without any of the listed articles."

We are very sorry that this has happened but we draw your attention to the following:

1. Your list of effects is not so numerous that it could not have been bundled into some sort of receptacle however great the hurry and however short the notice at which you were evacuated. be are mostly such as common prudence would suggest, be taken with the owner during even a short absence from his home. Added to this you must have known the

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
NAVAL SERVICE

CH: 1-18-9
CHP 01-6-1

26th February, 1943.

From: The Naval Officer-in-Charge
Prince Rupert, B.C.

To: The Naval Officer-in-Charge
Vancouver, B.C.

Subject: Effects and Trunk belonging to E. Murotani
and A. Tsuji.

With reference to your B. 15-37 of 6th January 1943, and Signal 1731/24th February 1943.

It has now 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 burned up as they were nothing but rags. He also doubted very much if some of the articles were over there after the Japanese were taken away.

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February 23rd, 1943

TRANSPORTATION

The B. C. Security Commission,
The Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. M. L. Brown

Dear Sir:-

Re: MIKOTANI, Ekinosuke--Reg. #15200

Following the writer's conversation with your Mr. Fisher yesterday afternoon, we have the following information to give you about this case.

We were not aware of this man's existence until July 13th when we received Constable Davidson's letter of July 10th advising that this man had been evacuated by the Naval Control Authorities at short notice from Jedway in the Queen Charlotte Islands. We understand from later correspondence that the date was December 14th, 1941. Constable Davidson advised that he was sent to 11 Mile Camp on March 19th, 1942 and wished to know if his effects could be sent to him at Hope.

We repeat that we did not receive this advice until July 13th by which time this man had been separated from his larder and penates for no less than seven months without, as far as this office knows, making any attempt to secure possession of them.

On July 14th we wrote direct to Mr. Mikotani asking him to register with the Custodian and state clearly what he wished shipped and where it was.

On July 20th we received a letter from Mr. Webster, the then resident engineer, returning the forms duly filled and a list of the articles to be sent.

On July 21st we wrote to the Jedway Cannery requesting their good offices in making shipment and on August 31st we wrote to Mr. Mikotani asking him to confirm that he had received his goods. We assumed that he had done so since our letter to the Jedway Cannery had not been returned and we

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December 31, 1942

Mr. R. Lowe
Resident Engineer
P. O. Box No. 3
Hope, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ekinosuke MUROTANI
Registration No. 15200

Your letter of December 23rd to hand.

After considerable correspondence, we today received a letter from the R. C. M. P., copy of which we enclose herewith.

We do not see what more we can do at present. If the above-mentioned Japanese would let us know about the date the Cannery re-opens in the spring and the name of the watchman left in charge of the Jedway Cannery, we will take the matter up again at that time and try to have the effects shipped out.

In the meantime we will communicate with the Naval Authorities and try to find out from them when they expect a patrol boat will be calling at Jedway - in which event it may be possible that they will assist us by bringing out the wanted goods.

Will you kindly let the above mentioned Japanese have this information so that he will know that we are trying our best to get his goods to him.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

RM
REM: NDE
Enc.

11393 & 1812

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.

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Mr. Lowe,

I am sorry to bother you from time to time but would you mind writing again to the Custodian re my stored goods.

I was taken out on a Navy Boat on the 14th of December, 1941. A whole year has passed without my receiving my goods. I have all my heavier clothing stored and consequently the cold here is getting me down. If, by any chance, the R. C. Navy has lost my goods I wish you to demand of the Custodian the sum of \$300.00, the amount of the goods, to recompensate me.

If, however, I do not receive an answer by the 30th, December 1942 I will, through the Spanish Consul, appeal directly to the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

Thank you,

E. Murotani.

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

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE No. 42E.1190/2-7Vancouver, B.C.
December 22nd, 1942.H. Q. FILE No. Secret

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

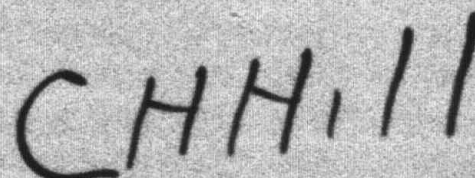
Dear Sir:

RE: Ekinosuke MUROTANI,
JRM15200.

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant addressed to the N.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:

11393

December 7, 1942.

N.C.O. in charge,
R.C.M.P. Detachment,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Ekinosuke MUROTANI
Reg. No. 15200

We enclose herewith, a letter we addressed to the Provincial Police at Jedway, Queen Charlotte Islands, B. C., and since returned to us.

As the letter is self-explanatory, there is no need for further explanation as to why we are writing to you.

Should any of your detachment be in Jedway in the near future, we would appreciate your assistance in getting the chattels of the above named Japanese shipped to him at Hope, B. C.

Thanking you in anticipation for your reply.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Department.

ABM
RBM:JLH

11393

November 11, 1942.

Provincial Police,
Jedway,
Queen Charlotte Is., B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Mr. Ekinosuke MUROTANI
Reg. No. 15200

The above named Japanese was evacuated December 14th, 1941 from Jedway, Queen Charlotte Islands, where he had been watchman at the Jedway Cannery. Ever since that time he has been trying to have his clothes and personal effects shipped to him at Hope, B. C. These chattels, a list of which we enclose herewith, were left in his house at Jedway. We have written to the manager of the Jedway Cannery several times. The B. C. Security Commission have also written to the Jedway Cannery. Almost four months have elapsed since the first letter. As our letters have not been returned we assume they have been delivered.

As the matter is now becoming urgent we ask for your good offices in having the effects shipped out to Hope as soon as possible. As the Custodian will not be responsible for any charges in connection with storage and shipping, we would ask you to send the shipment, collect, to the above named Japanese, care of Mr. R. Lowe, Resident Engineer, P. O. Box 3, Hope, B. C.

Thanking you in anticipation for your assistance in getting this man's goods forwarded to him, we are,

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Department.

HFW
RBM:JLR
Enclosure

November 11, 1942.

LIST OF ARTICLES LEFT AT JEDWAY, QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS,
BY EKINOSUKE MUROTANI, DECEMBER 14th, 1941.

1 Leather suitcase
1 Clothes bag
1 Wooden box
1 Gane basket
2 Cases canned goods

NEW GOODS

1 Suit, coat vest, 1 pr. pants
Mackinaw coat
3 prs. underwear
5 Overshirts
3 Prs. Pants
7 Pr. sox
2 Sweaters
3 Woollen vests
2 Woollen underpants
1 Raincoat
1 Scarf
5 Pillow slips
1 Pr. leather gloves
4 Japanese nightclothes
2 Bedspreads
2 Prs. sheets
2 Pillows
5 Towels
1 Pr. rubber boots
1 Pr. canvas shoes

USED GOODS

5 Overshirts
4 Prs. pants
2 pr. underwear
1 Jacket
5 Pr. sox
1 Pr. boots
1 Pr. working boots
3 Prs. blankets
3 Prs. sheets
1 Pillow
1 Raincoat
4 Pillow slips
1 Comforter
1 Bath robe
2 Alarm clocks
1 Fountain pen
1 Clipper
1 Pr. scissors
1 Razor
Cash - \$4.00
1 Pr. spectacles (eyeglasses)
No. of general daily articles
1 Passport
1 Small suit case
1 Packing basket (kori)
2 Clothes bags
1½ Cases canned goods
Carpenters tools