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Core 9

EXPERIENCE IN A CAMP

The situation of the war brought forth the evacuation in which we were put into a camp in Puyallup, Washington in June 1, 1942. Assigned to a room we brought our baggages to it and found a small room in which a partition of about 10 or 12 foot high and an opening in the top which separated us from our neighbors who felt bad about it just as we did since it was a war we didn't say nothing and started to unpack and get settled to our new home. As days went swiftly by I made a lot of friends and enjoyed playing with them. One of the ways we past our time away were baseball, pinochle, and monopoly. As 4 month past by quickly and news of moving to another camp came into our ears. So on Aug. 15, 1942, our Area D started to evacuate and on Aug 16 our block were up at 6 o'clock and ready to move to Idaho our new relocation center. Having a grand time and delicious meals aboard the train for 1½ days we reached our destination which was this camp. Entering this camp we found it dusty and unprepared to live but as days went by the ground were stamped downso that not much sand were aroused with the wind. Before we had only cold rooms and cold shower but now we have hot water running in the shower and laundry so that we will not freeze when we take a shower. Rec. hall started to open so we could play ping pong in the rec. or check out football or baseball or other things to play outside. Soon after school started and many more friends were made. Since all this had hapnened in this camp many ideas have been changed and I think it will be a pretty good camp after all