

MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION PROJECT*

HUNT, IDAHO JEROME COUNTY IDAHO

CAMP OPENED AUGUST 16, 1942
CAMP CLOSED OCTOBER 26, 1945

POPULATION (PEAK): 9,669 (DECEMBER 1943)
ACTUALLY SOME 12,800 HAVE LIVED THERE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER

SIZE OF PROJECT AREA
9 MILES X 7 MILES
68,000 ACRES

CAMP HOUSING AREA 3 1/2 MILES X 1 MILE

CONSTRUCTION:
NORSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY MAY 1942
"3,000 WHITE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE BUILDING MINIDOKA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF U. S. ARMY ENGINEERS."

UTILITIES:
WATER - 4 DEEP WELL 400-500 FEET DEEP
ELECTRICITY - IDAHO LIGHT AND POWER FROM JEROME OFFICE

POPULATION OF NEARBY TOWNS 1940
JEROME 3,357
EDEN 413
HAZELTON 417
KIMBERLY 968
TWIN FALLS 10,000

FIRST TO ARRIVE WERE FROM PUYALLUP AND PORTLAND ASSEMBLY CENTERS

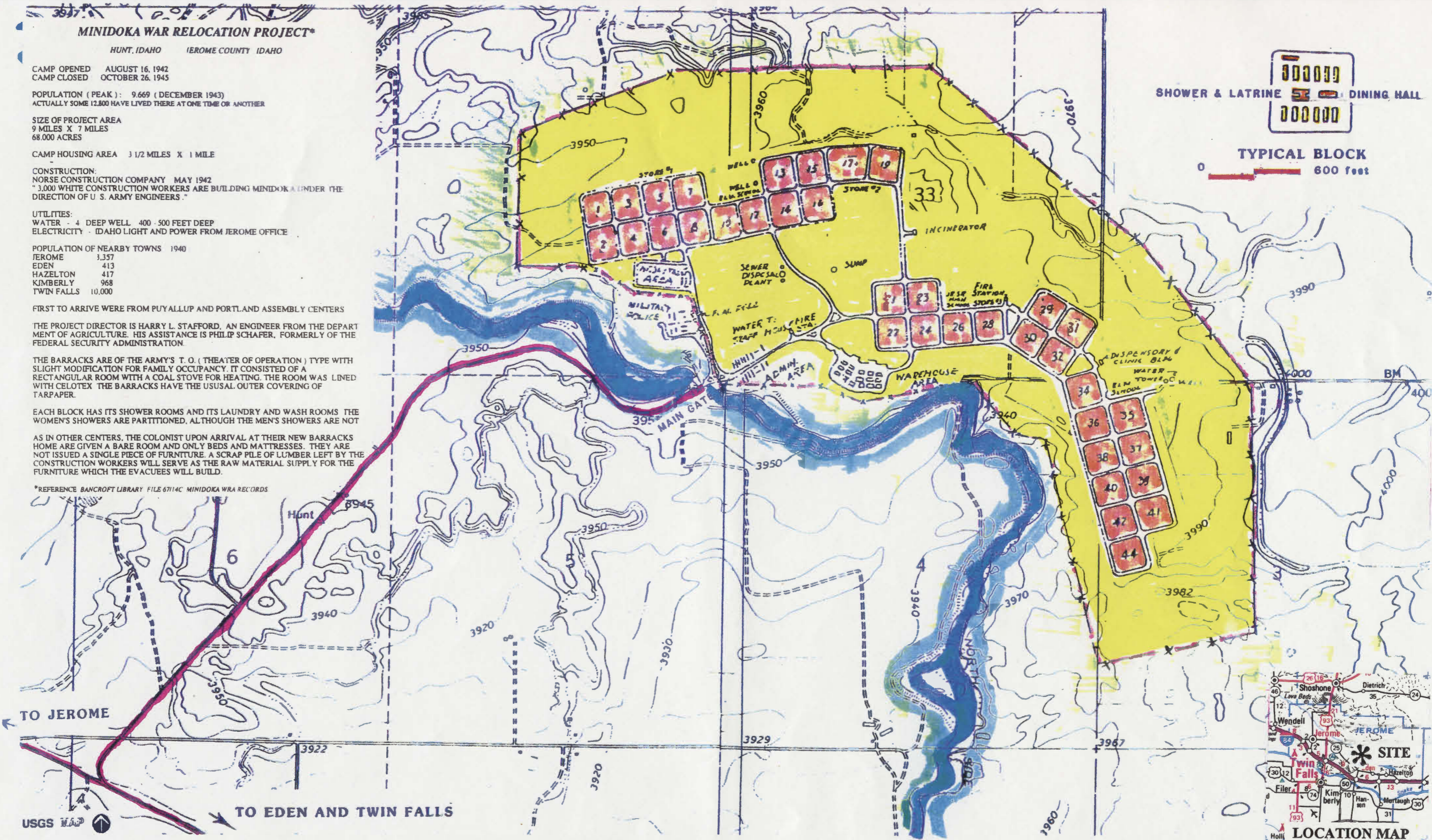
THE PROJECT DIRECTOR IS HARRY L. STAFFORD, AN ENGINEER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. HIS ASSISTANCE IS PHILIP SCHAFER, FORMERLY OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

THE BARRACKS ARE OF THE ARMY'S T. O. (THEATER OF OPERATION) TYPE WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATION FOR FAMILY OCCUPANCY. IT CONSISTED OF A RECTANGULAR ROOM WITH A COAL STOVE FOR HEATING. THE ROOM WAS LINED WITH CELOTEX. THE BARRACKS HAVE THE USUAL OUTER COVERING OF TARPAPER.

EACH BLOCK HAS ITS SHOWER ROOMS AND ITS LAUNDRY AND WASH ROOMS. THE WOMEN'S SHOWERS ARE PARTITIONED, ALTHOUGH THE MEN'S SHOWERS ARE NOT

AS IN OTHER CENTERS, THE COLONIST UPON ARRIVAL AT THEIR NEW BARRACKS HOME ARE GIVEN A BARE ROOM AND ONLY BEDS AND MATTRESSES. THEY ARE NOT ISSUED A SINGLE PIECE OF FURNITURE. A SCRAP PILE OF LUMBER LEFT BY THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WILL SERVE AS THE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY FOR THE FURNITURE WHICH THE EVACUEES WILL BUILD.

*REFERENCE BANCROFT LIBRARY FILE 67114C MINIDOKA WRA RECORDS



CAMP LAYOUT

SCALE 0 1/4 1/2 1 MILE

MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER

JEROME COUNTY HUNT, IDAHO

