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# 452 Japs Entrain for West Coast; Land, Leased to WRA, Now for Sale

## 11-Car Train For Evacuees Leaves Today

Plans for depopulating the Rohwer Relocation Center continued this week as 425 Japanese-Americans expected to leave today in a 11-car train enroute to the West.

The largest exodus at one time, the group will travel in seven coaches and a tourist pullman, will have a diner and two baggage cars. About 125 families will be aboard the special train and included in the number will be approximately 100 children under 15 years of age. The tourist pullman will be reserved for the sick, mothers with babies and others who are unable to stand the 5-day trip by coach, Ray D. Johnston, project director, said yesterday.

Already about 850 Japanese evacuees have left the center through means of the single chair cars arranged by WRA officials and the Missouri-Pacific railroad. When the group leaves today, about 4,000 persons will remain in the center. Project Director Johnston estimated.

The train will have as its destination, California, but some of the Japanese plan to resettle in the mountain states and will leave the train at Denver, Colo. and Odgen and Salt Lake City, Ut. Since more than 50 per cent of the group were farmers and engaged in related agricultural business, most of the group will go to small towns or rural areas. Also making the trip are two lawyers, and several doctors, nurses and technicians, Mr. Johnston said.

The project director said that some Japanese-Americans were making tentative plans to settle in Desha County, but that, thus far, none had terminated residence at the center with the purpose of residing in this locality.

Further movement of the evacuees to the coast will be determined by arrangements with the Office of Defense Transportation.

Mr. Johnston said that one of three Japanese-Americans have returned to the West Coast and the remaining ratio have settled throughout the United States.



## PURPLE HEART AWARDED TO LOCAL SAILOR

**R. D. Montgomery Gets  
Medal for Wounds  
Suffered April 11**

Now back on sea duty, Robert D. Montgomery, R. M. 3-c, has sent his Purple Heart medal to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Montgomery of McGehee. He was awarded the medal for shrapnel wounds, in the feet and thigh, received April 11 while in action in the Asiatic area, presumably at Okinawa.

He is currently serving aboard an L. S. T. and is news editor of "The Sextant," reportedly the first newspaper to be published aboard an L. S. T. in the Pacific. A '43 graduate of McGehee high school, he has been in service since July, 1943 and trained at San Diego, Texas A. & M. and Norfolk, Va. In August, he will have been overseas a year.

## Interested Veterans Will Meet Friday To Form VFW Post

Honorably discharged veterans of overseas service are invited to attend a meeting to organize a local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 8 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) in the City Hall. Robert Vardaman and Eugene V. Brinkley said this week. Brinkley and Vardaman are both attorneys with

## FSA Will Sell 7626 Acres Next to Rohwer Center

The U. S. Government will offer for sale 7626 acres of farm land adjoining the Rohwer Relocation Center on the west and bids will be received until August 10, it was announced by Guy R. Ford, Sr., FSA supervisor.

This tract of land does not include the Center, a mile square tract owned by the War Relocation Authority. When the center is closed on or before December 15, the land and buildings will be turned over to Surplus Property Division, who will dispose of it.

The land has been under lease to the WRA. Bidders may offer bids on units of 40 acres or fractional parts thereof, or on the tract as a whole, Mr. Ford said.

## Child Escapes Injury When Struck by Car

Louise Stone, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stone of McGehee, was struck by an automobile reportedly driven by Mrs. Renfro of Dermott, last Friday afternoon, but escaped serious injury. The child walked from behind a truck parked in front of Gill-Haisty Supply Co. into the path of the oncoming automobile. She was taken to Dr. S. B. Moss for medical examination which revealed no broken bones.

## War Casualty Had Relative Residing Here

**Lt. James Fulks Killed  
Dec. 15, 1944, While  
Captive Aboard Jap Ship**

Mrs. E. S. Farrell of McGehee has received word that her brother, Lt. James Fulks was killed in action in the Pacific Dec. 15, 1944 while being transported aboard a Japanese vessel. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fulks of Burbank, Calif.

Lieutenant Fulks was a junior at the University of Arkansas when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940. He trained at Sikeston, Mo., Randolph Field