

34-12-E  
Topaz, Utah  
February 21, 1944

Local Board 70  
Alameda County  
Room 306, 2168 Shattuck Ave.  
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Mr. Chairman and fellow members of Local Board 70:

In regard to the case of Clark Kohei Harada, Order No. 345, as per your instruction of February 11, 1944 I am appealing for your just consideration in classification.

I have a brother in the United States Armed Forces. I also have a brother-in-law in the United States Armed Forces. Since their induction, and after segregation of loyal and disloyal Japanese by the War Relocation Authority, I feel that there has been hardly any restoration of civil rights and material losses on the part of the United States Government in behalf of myself, my wife, brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers. Mother and father both ~~er~~ passed away here within one year behind barbed wire and armed military police.

Last year, 1943, the War Relocation Authority and the War Department held a registration in Topaz, Utah. I recall from my memory question No. 27, "Will you be willing to serve in a combat unit any place in the world?" My answer if I remember correctly, "No. If I were in California and I had my civil rights as any normal citizen, yes." Question No. 28 asked if I would uphold the United States Constitution and my answer was and is yes.

As a ward of the Department of Interior and formerly the War Relocation Authority, in reference to the evacuation of Japanese American citizens and of the contents of paragraph 2 in this appeal, I sincerely feel that a great injustice has been done and until these wrongs are rectified in deed and by law, my conscience does not allow me to qualify for a change in classification.

Yours sincerely,

34-11-F  
Topaz, Utah  
April 28, 1944

Local Board 70  
Alameda County  
Room 306, 2168 Shattuck Avenue  
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Mr. Chairman and Fellow Members of Local Board 70:

Kindly note that you have an error in my address which is 34-12-E and not 24-12-E, as there is no such address in Topaz.

I am appealing to you for justification. Since May 6, 1942, I have been through a horrible ordeal and I feel that Local Board 70, which has been doing the classification according to my notices of classification, has all the explanations to the following:

1. From a 3A status you changed my classification to IVC.
2. From a IVC status you changed my classification to 1A.

May I have your explanation in writing. Please attach my appeal of February 21, 1944, to this appeal also.

Kindly restore me to my former state as was prior to May 6, 1942, with all restitution. Protect my family and relatives. Give me my civil rights, equality, justice and freedom as any other citizen, and I shall only be too happy to serve.

Yours truly,

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Local Board No. 70 91  
Alameda County 001

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Room 306,  
2168 Shattuck Avenue,  
Berkeley, 4, California (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

Clark Kohei Harada  
34-12-E  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Sir: Order No. 345

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 28, 1944.

Under present regulations the Board is classifying all registrants of Japanese descent, who are found acceptable for military service in the same manner as all other registrants,

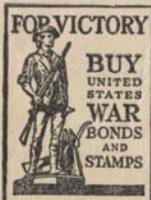
On the basis of the evidence in your file, the Board has classified you into I-A. There is no evidence which would warrant an occupational or dependency deferment in your file.

Your mother and father have both passed away, according to your letter of February 21, 1944 and there is no indication of your present occupation. If there is further evidence, which you think the Board should consider in classifying you properly, please submit it immediately.

Very truly yours  
G. VANDER ENDE, CHAIRMAN

By *James [Signature]*  
Acting Clerk

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34-12-E  
Topaz, Utah  
May 13, 1944

Local Board 70  
Alameda County  
Room 306, 2168 Shattuck Avenue  
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Mr. Chairman and Fellow Members of Local Board 70:

Kindly include the appeal of February 21, April 28,  
and this appeal.

I was driven in the WRA area by the U. S. armed  
forces. This is denying and ignoring my citizen  
(or civil) rights. None other than the slave will  
be imposed involuntary servitude without civil  
rights.

The U. S. Constitution, Amendment XIII states,  
"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall  
exist within the U.S." Therefore, I shall not  
serve in the U. S. Army, Navy, Marine or Air Corps.  
And also the U. S. Government cannot impose me  
involuntary service, because my citizenship has been  
reduced to the nil. It is prohibited, clearly, by  
the United States Constitution.

Yours truly,

Clark Kohei Harada

34 - 12 - E  
Topaz, Utah  
August 14, 1944

Local Board 70  
Alameda County  
Room 306, 2168 Shattuck Ave.  
Berkeley, 4, California

Gentlemen:

Having received your certificate of fitness and receiving no answer to my appeals of February 21, 1944, and May 13, 1944, I am returning you my IA card. I am appealing to you again.

Last year, 1943, the War Relocation Authority and the War Department held a registration in Topaz, Utah. I recall from my memory question No. 27, "Will you be willing to serve in a combat unit any place in the world?" My answer, if I remember correctly, "No. If I were in California and I had my civil rights as any normal citizen, yes". Question no. 28 asked if I would uphold the United States Constitution and my answer was and is yes.

I was driven involuntarily into the W.R.A. area by the U.S. armed forces. This is denying and ignoring my citizen (or civil) rights. None other than the slave will be imposed involuntary servitude without civil rights while in a concentration camp.

The U. S. Constitution, Amendment XIII, states,  
"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist within the U. S."

Therefore, I shall not serve in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine, or Air Corps. And also the U.S. Government cannot impose me involuntary service because my citizenship has been reduced to the nil. It is prohibited, clearly, by the United States Constitution.

Do not ask me to serve for the U. S. Army until the damages done to me and loved ones are thoroughly rectified in deed and by law; until the principles of

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a true Demoratic Constitution can be applied to me without discrimination; until I have a right to defend my rightful home, liberty, and pursuit of happiness as any other Causasian Americans.

Kindly consider this appeal with my other two appeals.

Yours very truly,

Clarke Kohei Harada  
Order No. 345

My address has changed from National, Utah, to  
34 - 12 - E, Topaz, Utah.