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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. _____

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: **OTA Hayajiro**HOME ADDRESS: **Galiano, B.C.**REGISTRATION No. **10127**SEX: **Male**AGE: **54**MARRIED? **No**OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Wood Cutter, Self**NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **None**ADDRESS: **None**NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: **None**ADDRESS: **None**

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this **24th** day of **April**, 1942.

WITNESS: _____

(Signature) **H. C. O.**

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

NONE

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

NONE

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Sept. 30/43

Our File No. 5910

Full Name OTA, Hayajis
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10127

Male - Female
(check)

Age Dec. 8, 1887

Former Address Galians, B.C.

Date Evacuated 28/4/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Pyramid, B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

OTA, Fujis (Maid)

Name of Father

Giku (Maid)

Names of Children under 16

Requested by

J. M.

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Head Cutter

Galano Island
Mch 20 1942



B.C. Securities
Vancouver

Dear Sir

Enclosed find bill
against Mr David Galano Island
for cash and work done by
me I am sending same to
you for collection

Yours Truly
H Ota

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March



March 1941	To cash	60
April	" "	500
May	" "	2000
July	work 67 hrs @ 40 cents/hr	2680
Aug. 1942	" 35 " " 40 " "	1400
May 1941	" whiskey	660
"	" hauling wood	200
Nov	" cash	200
Jan 1942	Eggs	79
"	1 sack wheat	180
"	chay?	300
"	Eggs	70
		1689 7240
Balance due me		5551
		7240 7240

To Joe David
Galano Island
B.C.

From H. Ota
Galano Island
B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

1130 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Registered?
Not Reg.

April 7th, 1942.

W. G. MacPherson Esq.,
Custodian of Alien Property
506 Royal Bank Building
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. MacPherson:

I am instructed by the Commission
to enclose for your attention letter and account
received from Mr. H. Ota of Galiano Island.

Yours very truly,

C. MacNeil
C. MacNeil.
Assistant to Commission.



April 17, 1942.

Joe David, Esq.,
Galiano Island, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. H. Ota of Galiano informs us that you owe him a total of \$55.51 for cash and work done by him.

We would appreciate your confirming the correctness or otherwise of this amount and if you find it to be in order, we would appreciate your sending to us a cheque for \$55.51 made payable to the order of G. W. McPherson, Deputy Custodian.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

RPA:BM

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April 17, 1942.

H. Ota, Esq.,
GALIANO ISLAND, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 30th addressed to the B. C.
Security Commission, has been referred to us for our
attention.

We suggest that you endeavour to obtain collection,
if at all possible, from Joe David.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

RPA:BM

Letter please!

Refrat Cove

April 20th /42

Dear Sirs

I have received your letter and I wish to state that it is impossible for me to get any settlement from Mr. David. I have asked him for some four or five times and all he does is swear at me and says he will settle tomorrow it seems useless for me to try and get it that is the reason I have put it in your hands. I will call and see you in a few days as I am being sent to Vancouver on Tuesday. I shall not be here again.

Yours Truly

H. Ota

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Out to Alexander

Galano Ltd. Bldg.

May 20/42

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Custodian's Office
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Gran.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received your letters of May 12th & 2nd. I often do not get the mail here for from two to three weeks at a time, owing to that we are so far from the post office. But now hasten to answer them.

I note what you say, re. H. Ota. He owes me \$147.60 (one hundred, forty seven dollars, sixty cents.)

Will you please inform him that unless this bill is paid within a reasonable time I shall put it in a lawyer's hands.

Yours Truly,

J. H. David

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May 30, 1942

J. W. David Esq.,
Galiano Island, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Havairo Ota.

Thank you for your visit of this morning, during the course of which you provided us with the details of your claim of \$147.60 against Mr. Ota.

We understand that upon your return to Galiano you will send us detailed comments in connection with the claim against you of \$55.51 made by Mr. Ota and that you will also be providing us with particulars of the disposition Mr. Ota made of his assets, together with any other information which you think will be helpful to us in dealing with the two claims in question.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

RPA/PMH

Feb. 2, 1941 - Work on Wood (64 hrs.)	\$25.60
Apr. 14, 1941 - Smoked fish and sour crout	5.00
June , 1941- Two trips to Fernwood	5.00
From March 1940 to December 1941 watching and caring for wood on Wharf, 21 mon. @ \$3.00 per mon.	63.00
Nov. 1941 - piling wood on wharf	4.00
Sept. " - 16 full-grown cockerels	16.00
Nov. " - 12 laying Hens	15.00
Dec. 6-Jan. '42 - eggs	3.00
Jan. 10, 1942 - phone calls to police	1.00
Jan. 12, " - boat trip to Chemainus for registration	10.00
	<u>\$ 147.60</u>

May 30th, 1942.

HENRY CASTILLOU, K.C.
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC

TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 6884
REG. 1 DAYVIEW 5480

218-217 METROPOLITAN BUILDING
887 HASTINGS STREET WEST
VANCOUVER, B. C.

June 1st, 1942.

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Mr. C.L. Drewry
Manager, Japanese Evacuation Section
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Building
675 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mr. J.W. David.

Mr. David has consulted us with regard to a claim of Ota Hayajiro, who claims a sum of \$55.51. Mr. David has furnished us with a copy of his claim against Ota which comes to \$147.60, and informs us that he has today given you a copy of the said claim.

When you have taken this matter up with Mr. Ota we wish you would direct your correspondence to this office in connection with this matter as much delay is entailed in sending letters to Galiano Island.

Yours truly,

HENRY CASTILLOU

Per *J.W. North*
J.W. North

JWN:BW

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June 3, 1942

Henry Castillou Esq., K. C.,
216-217 Metropolitan Building,
837 Hastings Street West,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hayajiro Ota.

Thank you very much for your letter dated June 1st concerning claim made by your client, Mr. J. W. David of Galiano Island for \$147.60.

As reported to you by Mr. David, Mr. Ota has filed with us a claim against Mr. David amounting to \$55.51 and for the completion of your records we attach a copy of the same.

To date we have been unable to obtain the present address of Mr. Ota and we are endeavouring to secure this information.

When registering his property with us on April 24th Mr. Ota stated that he had no assets whatsoever.

We have been unable to secure any comments whatsoever from your client regarding the correctness, or otherwise of the items claimed by Mr. Ota, nor have we received a clear explanation of any of the items claimed by Mr. David. For example, Mr. Ota claims that he is due to receive 40 cents per hour for working 67 hours and 35 hours respectively for Mr. David. Mr. David in turn claims from Mr. Ota the sum of \$25.60 for "Work on wood - \$64."

When we have been able to get in touch with Mr. Ota, from whom we shall demand an explanation, we will in turn be glad of your obtaining for us from your client some information of a helpful nature in this connection.

Yours truly,

Encl.
RPA/PMH

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

Original letter was returned from Grant Brook
with the notation "not at Grant Brook".

This letter has now been sent to Fitzwilliam, B. C.
under cover of our letter dated June 20, 1942.

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June 5, 1942

Mr. Hayajiro Ota,
Grant Brook, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we have
been pressing Mr. J. W. David of Galiano Island
for settlement of the amount you claimed he owes
you of \$55.51.

We now have to inform you that Mr. J. W.
David has filed a claim with us against you for
a total of \$147.60 consisting of the items detailed
below :-

Feb. 2 1941	- Work on Wood (64 hrs.)	\$25.60
Apr. 14 1941	- Smoked fish and sour crout	5.00
June 1941	- Two trips to Fernwood	5.00
From March 1940 to Dec. 1941	watching and caring for wood on wharf, 21 mon. @ \$3. per mon.	63.00
Nov. 1941	- piling wood on wharf	4.00
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Jan. 10 1942	- Phone calls to police	1.00
Jan. 12 1942	- Boat trip to Chemainus for registration	10.00
		\$ 147.60

We shall greatly appreciate your being good
enough to send us your comments in connection with the
claim made by Mr. David so that we may consider the
matter further.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

RPA/PMH

✓ Hajiro Ota
Reg. no 10127 A
Fitzwilliam, B.C.
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Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Office of the Custodian.

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Dear Sir:

- I thank so much for your
- kind letter of June 20th informing me of my
 - claim against Jpc David of Galiano Island.
- His claim of \$14760 against me is false and I can produce two reliable citizens on Galiano who will vouch for me. All he claims is not right, and I have paid him in full everything coming to him.

- My claim of \$5551 was brought to you on the advice of the constable of Gauges whom we have both known for a long time. Since the money involved is not big, I am inclined to think it is too much trouble and not worth while. So I am willing to drop the whole matter if it is difficult to collect. I want to leave it to you and will do as you advise.

Very Truly Yours
Hajiro Ota

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R M I.

Wang

July 5th

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[initials]

Dear Sir

On Behalf of Nagayiro Ota.

I wish to state
that I W David of Galician Island
has no claim against Ota. We have
known Ota for a number of years and I
can for could not find any one
more honest in all his dealings than
Ota. In an way he is having all this
money. Ota tried to see David several
times before he left Galician to ask
him to settle up ^{his} account. At that
time no mention was made of a Counter
Claim. This was concocted after Ota
had left Galician. I am sorry for the

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6th July, 1942.

Mr. Henry Castillou, K.C.,
837 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hayajiro Ota

We now have to report that we have received a letter from Mr. Hayajiro Ota in connection with his claim against your client, Mr. J. W. David and with regard to Mr. David's claim against Mr. Ota. Mr. Ota's letter, which is undated, reached us on July 3rd and reads as follows:

" Thanks so much for your kind letter of June 20th informing me of my claim against Joe David of Galiano Island. His claim of \$147.60 against me is false and I can produce two reliable citizens on Galiano who will vouch for me. All he claims is not right, and I have paid him in full everything coming to him.

My claim of \$55.51 was brought to you on the advice of the constable of Ganges whom we have both known for a long time. Since the money involved is not big, I am inclined to think it is too much trouble and not worth while, so I am willing to drop the whole matter if it is difficult to collect. I want to leave it to you and will do as you advise."

We would appreciate receiving your comments in this connection after you have had an opportunity of consulting with Mr. J. W. David.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

HENRY CASTILLOU, K.C.
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC

216-217 METROPOLITAN BUILDING
227 HASTINGS STREET WEST
VANCOUVER, B. C.

July 14th 1942.

R.P. Alexander, Esq.,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville St.,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir,-

re Hayajiro Ota. Your file 5910.

We have taken up the matters referred to in yours
of the 6th inst with Mr. David.

Mr. David insists that his claim as submitted to
you is correct and should be paid by Mr Ota.

Mr David has asked us to take the necessary
steps to collect and I presume we have the same right to sue
as we would against any other debtor, at least as to obtaining
judgment. We should be pleased to hear further from in this
matter.

Yours truly,

H. Castillon,

Per. *mm*

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Note:-

I discussed this file with Mr.
Castillon by phone this morning.
He advised me he was advising
his client not to proceed. I told
him I would look into the
Japs claim & if we decided
it was correct would sue
his client who would no doubt
counter claim. I also advised if client
was lying would chg him under 47(5)
— G. J.

do not
answer
this letter
G. J.

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Mr. R. P. Alexander,

A
Fitzwilliam, B. C.
July 25/41

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Dear Sir:-

Thanks so much for your kind letter asking me the name of the constable at Ganges. I am sorry I can't spell his name, so I wrote to Mrs. Katharine Simpson to send you his name and a couple of other people who will vouch for me.

This camp is going to close down in the near future, and I may be moved to Ontario. I will send you the address as soon as I get settled again. Even if you addressed the mail here it will no doubt be forwarded to me.

Thank you again for all you have done for me.

Very Truly Yours
Hajiro Ota.

Your File No. 5910

In reply quote File No. _____



SUBJECT:

On _____ Ganges, B.C.
July 27th, 1942.

To/

R.P. Alexander (Manager)
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Hajiro Ota, (Japanese) And Mr. J.W. David.

With reference to your letter of the 21st, inst. re the above mentioned persons.

During the evacuation of Japanese from the Gulf Islands Hajiro Ota, came to me stating that Joe David owed him some money for wages, I explained to Ota that he had better take this matter up with the Custodian on his arrival at Vancouver, B.C., at this time Ota did not state the amount owing him.

Regarding this matter I have no information to offer except Ota seemed to be around the David residence and no doubt had worked for David.

Regarding J.W. David, this man is known to the Police at this district and is known to make false statements, with reference to these depts I am unable to get any information for you.

Any further information you require kindly send all correspondence through the Commissioner B.C. Police, Victoria, B.C.

Yours Truly,

E. W. Lockwood
(E. W. Lockwood)
Skipper Reg't. #492,
i/c. Ganges Detachment.

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July 31, 1942.

Commissioner of B. C. Police,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Hajiro OTA, Police Reg. No. 10127, who was a woodcutter on Galiano Island, informs us that he has a claim of \$55.51 against a Mr. J. W. David of Galiano and that he placed his claim with us upon the advice of Skipper E. W. Lockwood of Ganges.

Skipper Lockwood has kindly provided us with some information in connection with both Mr. J. W. David and Mr. Hajiro Ota, and informed us in letter to us dated July 27 that we should correspond with you if further information was required.

Mr. David denies the claim of \$55.51 made by Mr. Ota and has filed with us a counterclaim against Mr. Ota to the extent of \$147.60.

It would be of assistance to this office if you would kindly provide us with any information you may have on file regarding either of the two individuals involved, for which please accept our thanks in advance.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

Address all communications to:
THE COMMISSIONER
British Columbia Provincial Police
(C.I.D.)
Victoria, B.C.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT
VICTORIA

Your File No. 5910

In reply quote File No. *Ev.* "A" 1942.

SUBJECT:

Hajiro Ota - Police
Reg. No. 10127.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

August 14th,
1942.

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R. P. Alexander, Esq.,
Manager,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Buildings,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo regarding
the above named Japanese.

Enquiries into this matter have been made at
Ganges, and I enclose for your information, copy of a report
submitted by Skipper Lockwood.

Yours truly,

T.W.S. Parsons
Inspector

T.W.S. Parsons,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

CD/PW
Encl.

DIVISION: "A"

DISTRICT: Victoria

DETACHMENT: Ganges



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Hajiro OTA - Police Reg. No. 10127.

1. With reference to the above headed and Memo from Inspector R. Peachey i/c. C.I.B. under date of August 3rd. 1942.

2. During the evacuation of the Japanese from the Gulf Islands, Ota informed the undersigned that Joe David owed him money for wages and had refused to pay him. Ota was informed to take this matter up with the Custodians Office upon his arrival in Vancouver.

3. During the month of July 1942 a personal letter was received by the undersigned from R.P. Alexander, manager of the Japanese Evacuation Section to the effect that Ota had taken this matter with him upon my suggestion, and wished to know if I could supply him with any information in this regard. In reply to this letter I stated that Ota was informed by me to take this matter up with the Custodians Office and further that both Ota and David were known to the Police at Ganges, that should any further information be wanted to correspond through the usual channels.

4. The undersigned has interviewed Joe David regarding this debt and was informed that this matter has been turned over to Mr. Henry Castillon Barrister 837 West Hastings Street Vancouver B.C.

5. With reference to Hajiro OTA, & Joseph David, we have no record at this office of anything in this connection.

CONCLUDED.

Extra copy for the information of R.P. Alexander, Manager, Japanese Evacuation Section.

WORS. REF.

DIVL. REF.

DIST. REF.

DET. REF.

To The/
H.C.O. In Charge, AUG 11 1942
Victoria District,
Victoria, B.C.
FORWARDED: 10-8-42, VICTORIA, B.C.
TO: The Officer Commanding
"A" Division, Victoria, B. C.

In view of paragraph four of the above report, perhaps Mr. Alexander should contact Mr. Castillon direct, as the matter now appears to be one of civil settlement.



E. V. Lockwood.
(E. V. Lockwood),
Skipper Reg't. 402,
i/c Ganges Detachment.

C. Murray
(Mr. C. Murray) Const.,
For Sergeant i/c
Victoria District. (A.O.L.)

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28th August, 1942.

Mr. Hajiro OFA,
Work Camp B-4,
Fitzwilliam, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We now have to report to you that it seems apparent that Mr. Joe David of Galiano Island will not press for payment of his declared claim against you for \$147.60.

In connection with your claim for \$55.51 against Mr. David the probability of securing payment seems somewhat remote. You will understand, of course, that if you desire to sue for payment you are entirely free to do so.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

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Alexander

Fitzwilliam B 4
Sept. 8/42.

Dear Mr. Alexander,

Thanks very much for
your letter of Aug. 28th. I have decided
to drop the whole matter regarding my
claim of \$55.51 against Jrl David. I think
it is too much trouble to collect just \$55.
You have been very kind and I wish to
thank you again for all you have done
for me.

Very Truly Yours

N. Ota.

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AME