

33 ISSUED PERMITS TO RE-ENTER PACIFIC COAST

The Western Defense Command Monday issued exemptions from proclamations prohibiting persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast states to 33 residents of this center. The issuing of permits to 33 persons to re-enter the restricted area is the largest number to be released at any one time.

The telegram states:

"This Telegram is to advise you that you are exempt from all of those provisions pertaining exclusively to persons of Japanese ancestry contained in the proclamations CMA exclusion order to civilian restriction orders heretofore issued by the Commanding General, CMA, Western Defense Command. ~~Certificates of exemption~~ follows by mail." The wire was signed by Maj. Gen. Robert H. Lewis, acting commander of the Western Defense Command.

For the first time the list of exempted persons included alien relatives of servicemen.

As nearly as can be ascertained most of the seven families issued permits have some member fighting in the armed forces.

Although statements could not be obtained from all persons granted permits, several have said that they were not planning to leave here until next year.