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- AT: 00:14:44 '32. Um, do you remember like the day that Pearl Harbor was attacked?
- JT: 00:14:54 Not really. I had, there was a lot of commotion. I remember that because in the cannery and there were two barracks and in between the two barracks where we lived, there was kind of like a deck. We lived on one side, we had, I guess half a barrack. And then, yeah, two rooms, two Issei fishermen used to live there too. We used to share the bathroom. And then the neighbor across the way, was a well known captain of a fishing boat called called West Gate that was the West Gate Cannery. It was one of the better captains for fishing tuna. And so we, they had most of one barrack and on the end they had a one room we had, we had a Japanese ofuro that's where we took our bath, I guess redwood and how you heat up the water by the tank underneath and you put water in it. It was big enough that we used to kind of play in it. And so that's, so the commotion was a lot, when that happened, they first came to their house and ransacked it, the way I understand.
- AT: 00:16:21 The FBI?
- JT: 00:16:21 Well, I guess, yeah. Yeah. Because they were at that time in the war, broke out. My oldest brother was fishing. He was on a tuna boat down toward the Gulf of Mexico, I guess. That's when the war broke out. And uh, of course those days, those boats don't move that fast. So it took a while for them to get back to port in San Diego, I guess. My brother was taken in and uh, I guess they're interrogated. I mean they feed them or anything. So I guess it came home the next morning and the way he tells me he came home barefooted. And so that's the way they treated him. So he's, he's an American citizen. The War I think affected my older siblings, because they were just out of high school and stuff. They knew what, you know, that their rights were taken away. So at that age I was smaller and I didn't know, but I

remember in the school we went to school, there was a teacher, Mr. Brown, I remember that he treated us very good. And so when that, because we lived across the bay and the cannery was close, you know, the Navy shipyard with all the boats were and, and so we had to move inland. So I can't remember why, but right away we had to move in-land and then we moved to a town called Sunnyside, I guess the next to Chula Vista and we stayed there for some while until the Evacuation when we had to leave and that

AT: 00:18:19 So was that, um, I imagine that wasn't just your family then of folks

JT: 00:18:29 So that's why we left. That's the date.

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