

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	8/16/42 - Through Paulsen
GOLD	
SILVER	

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The Eighth Region ten canoe trip 1942

as written by Edwin Johnson

for Bronze Paddle Award

There were fourteen in our camp, with food for ten, in six canoes that started out from the base camp in good weather. Our guides were, I should say co-guides, Alvin Viste and Jerry Patterson, two good fellows and good cooks. The first day ~~was~~ were really going but in getting to Lousia Falls portage we found one pack missing, a food pack at that! ~~but~~ they camped at Lousia Falls that night at 5:30 o'clock. After eating some cooked rice al-jerry & myself started back to look for the missing pack traced it as far as Basswood - Burke portage, took a chance, & followed up God's group soon to discover them on Sunday with the missing pack. We were sat of hungry so we finished up God's stew and left about 8:30 o'clock arriving at Lousia Falls about 10:00. We really travelled & believe we have the record for the Sunday to Meadow portage making it in 9 minutes ^(time) working in shifts & running all the way, 1 pack with bed rolls in case we had to go back to the base for a new pack. 3 Paddles, and a seventeen (17) foot silver canoe. The next day we went down Lousia lake

against a stiff wind and as for up an Glacier lake.
We had a good supper + lots of clams but no body would
fry them. Forgot to say we ate lunch at
Burke - Sunday portage Friday + at Fauquier -
Rod portage the second. The third day we were
against a good wind but had fun coming up the
water at the falls and made it to Cache Bay.
There were five (5) other porters or cache bay the
night also high water + a strong wind raised some
in the night. We slept on a island hardly more
than a rock but were getting up pretty good at it.
The next day was pretty good except in the
after noon a wind came up on Knife + Jasper +
Ogishkemuncie. Saw some Kis-craft route
on Sogaroga by ranger's cabin + lot portage
from Jasper to Ogishkemuncie finally to
arrive at Hekekekie see ed + move down to
camp spot about 9:00 o'clock. Came in to point
just north of base camp on mainland the next
day about 5:00 o'clock against the waves
foiling west wind on Moose + Newfoundland.

Went in to camp about 11:00 o'clock after rubbing
our hands through clearing gate having no
scrapers left. Some got sick from candy the night
before. But most the fellows left in good
humor + agreeing on having a small time.

II

A few supplements

Bayley was calm for once I am told & we had a easy time of it to the ranger station to register. So sad but ~~truly~~ we didn't catch a single fish what a sorrow, I guess we were too busy travelling. Slept late first morning fried pancakes & didn't leave until 11:30 o'clock. No accidents this trip thank heaven other wise if slowed up couldn't have made it. I think the trip got a little dreary - some for a few as it was their first trip and a long one with heavy wind all the way just about. Had a good bath in 'fousia falls' private bathtub first night. It turned out to be one of the best canoe trips ever taken & I think I'll be back next time.

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