

REGION TEN  
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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ADDRESS	834 Albion Ave., Fairmont, Minnesota
COUNCIL	Cedar Valley
DATE OF TRIP	Aug. 9 - 15, 1942.
GUIDE	Al Viste

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	8/15/42
GOLD	
SILVER	

LOG

Sommers Canoe Base

Date

Boat; 16 ft. canoe (#25)

Aug. 9, 42

Guides in charge

Al Viste

Jerry Paterson

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- 1:30 Arrived at the base camp and was issued our packs, panchos, and ground canvas.
- 2:20 Showed how to put up tents. Pitched camp near the base camp.
- 3:00 Went swimming in Moose Lake.
- 5:00 Brief lesson on handling a canoe.
- 6:00 Ate supper and got acquainted with the other boys.
- 8:45 Had a meeting of all the boys. The guides gave talks on the trips and safety rules, and also about how the fur traders used these routes hundreds of years ago. We were divided into groups according to the type of trip we wanted and the guides helped us find the trip we wanted.
- 10:00 Hit the hay.

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- 6:30 Bugle was sounded. Put our clothes on and took our packs down to the lodge.
- 7:00 Ate breakfast and then received our paddles and tent pack.
- 8:30 Started out on our week adventure. On portages we either had to take the canoe and one pack or two packs weighing about 38 lbs. each.
- 12:55 Passed the group that started about an hour before we did. Stopped on shore and ate lunch.
- 1:30 Paddled up to the Lousia Falls and made camp. Went swimming and played around by the falls. We missed one of our packs so the guide and the swamper had to go back and get it.
- 6:00 Ate supper and then washed dishes.
- 6:45 Put up tent and finished getting my log up to date
- 7:00 Went fishing but didn't get one strick
- 7:55 Just fooled around until 9:45 and then went to bed.

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- II:00 We slept till then and then got up and had pancakes for breakfast. I flipped a few that turned out pretty good. Also had apple stew that was very good.
- II:50 Packed our personal pack and took down the tent and packed those. Saw two men that had been camping and they didn't even know what day it was. They said that they had had pretty good fishing.
- 12:30 Started out again and we had to make a hard portage the very frist thing. We had a lot of fun paddling througha sort of creek. Cook and I went with both the guides. Merle with Pat and myself with Al. We ~~were~~ always in the front on account of this. We went through one creek that had logs and rocks so that you had to really keep on the alert. The portages were really tough. One place we had to go beside a creek with hardly any trial, stepping on one side and then on the other. One canoe was swamped on one of our portages. We made 10 portages from 12:30 to 7:45.
- 3:00 We stopped at a spot to eat our lunch. Al had his swimming suit on, so he took a dive in the water, Huss, Cook and I took off our clothes and dove in. Had a lot of fun diving off a high rock. We would take a long run and short way out and down for a dive. Sandwiches of cheese really tasted super. Also had Zowie(that's what the guides called nector)
- 3:30 Started out again, and right away I had a cramp but got over it in a few minutes. And went on. We made good time but had to wait for the others. Went through more creeks again. Found a lake that hadn't been put on the map but got through O.K. Came on a very pretty lake

called Glacier Lake, and camped on it. High hills all around it. There were about four islands on the lake, one island was perfectly round, Sure was pretty. Had a time finding our camp but finally got to it. A pretty good camp site. Cook and I went over to the island right away and found a mess of claims. Then we worked around camp.

6:00 Had Hunter stew and rice with raisens in it. Went to bed right away because every body was awfully tired. I've never seen so many mosquitos in all my life. Started to sleep out but had to go into the tent. because of them, talk<sup>d</sup> a little while in the tent.

Log

Date

Aug. 12, 42.

- 7:30 Got up and packed my personal and then wrote awhile on my log, built a fire and helped with breakfast, and then ate. We had Apricots and cream of wheat.
- 9:30 Started out from Glacier at last and at the second portage Al and I passed up everybody and was first out. Didn't have very many portages and made better time Wed. morning than we made all Tuesday. Traveled over lakes that were connected with water ways about 30 ft. at the widest point and about 6 ft. at the narrowest.
- 11:45 Stopped to eat. Had balony (I had only one piece) rye krisp (till they ran out) and then ate hard tack.
- 12:05 Started out again and felt a little better, my knees hurt quite a bit in the morning. In the afternoon we hit a current that was against us all the way, and on top of that the wind was blowing in the wrong direction. Had a water fight, canoe with two people each in. Got our packs and our clothes all wet, and all that started it was a paddle hit the water when I was paddling and a few drops got on Johnny Huss. It was a lot of fun though. Came on to three water falls, that were awfully pretty. Got a picture of one. Passed a party that was camped by one. The current was strong at these points and there were quite a few portages. Chocolate bars were handed out that peped us up a awful lot. Had to wait about 20 min. for one canoe that dropped behind. We hit a big lake that was awfully windy and had to paddle against the wind. My arm felt like lead, but we made it.
- 7:30 Finally pulled into camp on a small island and put up our tents and bedding. Cook and I took a canoe and paddled around on the big waves

and had a lot of fun.

9:30 Was going to sleep out but it started to rain. So we got in the Wall tent and talked for a long time finally went to sleep.

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Aug. 13, 42.

7:30 Out of bed and ready for a good meal before we start on another long day of paddling.

7:45 Had Cream of Wheat and rice for Breakfast. Broke Camp and had every thing to go so that we could make an early start.

8:45 Started out with a very strong head wind. Had to back it all the way Hit quite a few portages. Got awfully hungry around noon, so we stopped along shore and had our lunch. There was a mad scramble for the jam and hardtack.

12:45 Started out again after the lemon drops had been handed out and made good time although we were still bucking wind.

8:00 Finally hit Kekekabic and saw the lookout tower up on the top of a high hill. Stopped in at the Ranger station and saw Ed and Conk.

8:50 Paddled till we found camp. It was a swell place with a bench and everything. Had very good dinner and went to bed right away. It rained all nite.



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Date

Aug. 14, 42.

- 7:00 The ground was still wet but we got everything together and started out after breakfast. Al and I were the last to leave and had a time of it trying to catch up because the others had gone about 20 minutes before we had.
- 12:00 We caught up to Pat and Cook who were a big lade ahead of the rest. After some tall paddling we stopped to eat. At the end of a portage. We had seen two other parties a while back. Had the last of the jam and peanut butter and also finished the hardtack.
- 12:30 Started out first this time but we hardly moved going across those big lakes because the wind was so bad. My back and arms felt like they were really going to break but we got a rest running across portages with our packs and canoes.
- 4:05 After one of the toughest fights that we had we finally pulled into Moose Lake with the wind blowing its hardest. Made camp after going to about three and finding them all occupied. Built a fireplace, put up tent, and carved a pot holder fire-my bronze paddle award.
- 6:00 Ate supper that really filled up. Figured that during the trip we had made 77 portages.
- 9:35 Went to bed. John and I started to sleep out but it started raining. Had lots of fun talking then singing songs.
- 1:00 I couldn't sleep so I went out again. It rained lightly twice while I was out. The other tent full was still singing when I went to sleep.

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Date

August 15, 1942

- 6:00 John came out of the tent and we talked awhile and then fell asleep
- 8:00 Woke up again and had fun fooling around camp. I wrestled the guide, but he made me give up. He must get pretty strong paddling all summer.
- 8:45 Ate a breakfast of pancakes and rice. There was quite a bit because about 5 of the boys left to start home.
- 10:00 Al asked us question for the Bronze paddle and about all of us passed them.
- 12:00 Had dinner. The menue was : meat and potatoes. After dinner we cleaned pots and pans till they were shining.
- 1:45 Started back to the base camp. About a 20 minute paddle. After putting our canoes in the rack we went up and had jam and bread and Cookie found a big piece of cheese, so we had cheese sandwiches (till the guide found out). Bought a candy bar that really tasted good. The guide gave us our map and badge after we turned in our knapsack, ground cloth, and panchò. We packed our belongings into our bags and got a ride to Ely so this is the end of the trip.

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Dear Sir;

Inclosed is a self addressed envelope.  
Would you please return the pictures and  
the log because I can use them to help  
pass my long cruise badge for sea scouts?  
Thank you.

Yours truly,  
Edward Protzeller

Sorry but we have to  
retain both log & pictures  
for the paddle award.  
Don't you have a copy?  
Cordially  
KJB



