

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

NAME	Bliss, Ted
ADDRESS	Minot, North Dakota
COUNCIL	Great Plains
DATE OF TRIP	August 10-15, 1942
GUIDE	Jack Stoops

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	9/10/42 - Through Kendall
GOLD	
SILVER	

September 24th,
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Scout Ted Bliss,
Minot, North Dakota.

Ken Kenda

Dear Scout Bliss:-

I have been pleased to review your application for the Bronze Paddle Award. I find everything in order and am pleased to enclose the award herewith.

I am sure you have enjoyed the Canoe Trips and received a lot of benefit from wading through the various requirements. You have our congratulations.

Sincerely,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

KENNETH G. BENTZ,
Regional Executive.

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REPORT ON REGION TEN CANOE TRIP, AUGUST 10-15, FOR PADDLE AWARD

On Monday, August tenth, our party of thirteen left the Charles L. Sommer Canoe Base for what was to be one of the experiences of a lifetime. As we paddled out on Moose Lake I think each person was a bit afraid that his canoe would not be able to keep up with that of our guide, Johnny Stoops. This was due to the fact that none of us had ever spent more than a few hours in a canoe for North Dakota does not offer much in the way of canoeing experience. After crossing Prairie Portage, our first, into Basswood Lake, our five canoes did become strung out but we were soon reunited when it became necessary to stop at a Canadian Customs Station.

At the end of the portage into Burke Lake we ate our lunch quickly and proceeded up that lake where we sighted the only bear seen during the trip although several visited our camps at night. From Burke Lake we portaged back into Basswood Lake but this time into its North Bay and from there into Isabella Lake. We pitched our tents for that evening on a small lake just north of Isabella.

The next morning, feeling a trifle weary, we traveled until noon, only when we made camp on the shores of Lake Kashipiwi. The distance we made was not great but it included the longest portage of the trip, about a mile. Our first occupation of the afternoon was the picking of enough blueberries to form two pies which the guide baked for supper. The swimming there was wonderful and we caught enough fish during the afternoon and evening to supply us with a fish breakfast the next morning.

Wednesday, marking the middle of our trip, made it necessary for us to reach the farthest point from the base, so we made it our longest day by going up Kashipiwi and then alternately paddling and portaging across a chain of lakes. The largest of these were Trant, Hurlburt, and Williams Lakes. About six o'clock that evening we arrived on Lake Agnes where we made camp on an island.

Thursday was unique in that we traveled the whole day without a portage. However, we were actually wishing there were a few because it became pretty monotonous just paddling and with a head wind to boot. We camped that night at the foot of Louisa Falls which presented one of the prettiest scenes of the trip as it tumbled over fifty feet of rock to reach Lake Agnes. We swam that night in the Bathtub as the trough at the foot of the falls is called.

REPORT ON REGION TEN CANOE TRIP(Cont'd)

The next day, Friday, we portaged into Sunday Lake and from there into Basswood Lake. We had previously planned to go down Basswood Lake to Wind Bay to visit Campbell's Trading Post located there and then portage to Moose Lake by way of Wind Lake. Due to a high wind from the west we were forced to return over the route by which we came. Therefore Friday night was spent on an island in Newfound Lake.

The next morning after a huge breakfast we paddled the remaining couple of miles to the canoe base where we arrived about ten-thirty. Thus our trip of approximately seventy miles through some of the earliest explored and yet wildest country of this continent came to an end.