

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

NAME	Perkins, L. Q.
ADDRESS	Morris, Minnesota.
COUNCIL	Red River Valley
DATE OF TRIP	June 21-28, 1942
GUIDE	Hod Ludlow

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE
BRONZE 7/28/42 - Through Boardman
GOLD
SILVER

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For more than a year a number of scouts in the area had been planning to have a trip to the north woods of Minnesota and Canada. This is under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, and as we are members of that organization we were very much interested in finding out about it. Just what we were to do was not clear at first but we were just what we needed.

Our plans had to be remodeled several times but at last on June 20 we were on our way to the Canoe Trails Base. Twelve Scouts and three Scouters rode together on a bus. This was a good way to go as well as to the asking of many questions and much speculation as to how the trip would be made.

On reaching the Base Camp we were met by John Stupes one of the Guides. He helped us get tents set up for the night. After preparing our supper and getting settled we met the Director Mr. Hod Ludlow who had been absent on our arrival.

Bright and early Monday morning we got under way in spite of the unsettled weather. Our party had been divided as it was too large for the campsites. Some went on the shorter route in order to have more time to fish, while a number of us wanted to cover as much distance as possible. We thought we were tough and were anxious to prove that we could take a lot of paddling and roughing it. I took the longer trip, with Hod Ludlow as our Guide.

The first night we camped at the foot of Louisa Falls and the other group was near enough so that we got together to talk over the events of the day. But the next morning we were underway early and if you haven't tried the portage over the Falls all I can say is "You haven't seen anything yet." The events of the day included catching some fish and catching a deer swimming across Lake Louisa. I'm sending a picture that I took of the deer altho, of course, only the head shows. We stopped quite early that night and some of the boys had good luck fishing, so we had fish for supper. The next thing I remember was hearing Mr. Ludlow call "Daylight in the swamp" and then "Come and get it or I'll throw it out." This is the third day and did we cover the lakes today. Oh yes and the portages too. They are a good deal like hazards on a golf course. Just when you are going good you come to one of them. We went swimming tonight and some of the fellows declared that a thin film of ice formed all over their bodies as they went into the water.

The loons and beaver proved interesting. Some of the boys saw a moose. Bear tracks were observed and no one suggested taking a tracking test at that time.

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All good things must end and so too soon for us, we were returned to the canoe camp. We spent the last night on a night trip. The other group camped here. The next day we started for home. As we are members of that organization, we are very busy and lucky indeed. We are planning to go again, but first we must lick the Japs.

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