

PRE-LOG

Group

Group leader : David Goddard - 1st Maidstone
Second in Command : Stephen Fielder - 1st Maidstone
Cook : Michael Francis - 1st West Malling
Assistant Cook : Mark Brown - 1st West Malling
Peter Burbidge - 1st Maidstone
Mark Piper - 1st West Malling

Intention

To walk 15 miles (taking 11¼ hours) and to camp out for one night

Particulars

Name : David Goddard

Age : 15 years 6 months

Address : 20 Broadbale Ave
Maidstone
Kent

Telephone Number : 675555

Company : 1st Maidstone

Service : 3 years (L/C)

Church : Maidstone Baptist (Knightsbridge St.)

Equipment

Personal Clothing

Boots

2 prs of thick socks

Army trousers

2 Tee shirts

1 Cotton shirt

2 thin jumpers

1 string vest

Pyjama trousers

Cagoule

Anorak

Bobble hat

Gloves

Scarf

Waterproof trousers

Change of Clothing

1 pr of thick socks

Army trousers

Pyjama trousers

String vest

2 Tee shirts

2 jumpers

Plimssoles

Personal Equipment

- Rucksack
- Sleeping bag and liner
- towel
- toilet kit
- notebook and pencil
- torch
- whistle
- OS map 1:50,000
- Compass
- 3 x 2p coins
- First aid kit

Group Equipment

- Two tents with flysheets
- Spare pegs and guys
- Two stoves, fuel and piecers
- Billies
- Tin openers

Mixer Equipment

- Pen knife
- knife, fork, spoon
- Plates
- Plastic bags
- mug
- spare bag
- spare batteries
- Emergency rations

Date	Place	map Reference	Dist	Accum Dist	ETA	ETD	ATA	ATD
?/4/79	Trefriw	778632	/	/	/	12.30	/	12.30
	Gwynog Uchaf	789609	1.7	1.7	14.15	14.20	13.30	13.40
	Bekws-y-coed	786566	3.5	5.2	18.00	18.05	16.45	08.10
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?/4/79	Pont-y-fant	754539	4.5	9.7	12.30	12.35	12.55	13.10
	Penmachno	789506	5.2	14.9	18.00	18.05	17.45	/

Route

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
THURSDAY	Home	Parked lunch on coach	Fish Fingers Peas mash Angel delight
FRIDAY	Cornflakes Sausages Beans Bread (butter, jam) Tea/coffee milk - 5 pints	WALKING LUNCH Plain choc, nuts + raisins, glucose sweets, mars	Soup Chow mein Ravioli mix Angel delight oxo/coffee
SATURDAY	Vegetables Beefburgers Beans Bread + jam oxo/coffee	WALKING LUNCH Plain choc, nuts + raisins, glucose sweets, mars	Soup Pasta veg peas mash Rice oxo/coffee/tea
SUNDAY	Cornflakes Sausages Beans Bread (butter, jam) Tea/coffee	Ravioli, Eggs, Peas, Pineapple rings tinned milk	Transport cafe (sausages + chips)

ORIGINAL MENU

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
THURSDAY	Home	Roasted Lunch on Couch	Fish fingers
FRIDAY	Cornflakes Sausages Beans Milk-Spints	walking LUNCH Plain choc, nuts + raisins, glucose sweets, mas	Soup Risol mix Angel delight
SATURDAY	Coestabix Beefburgers Beans	walking LUNCH Plain choc, nuts + raisins glucose sweets, mas	Soup
SUNDAY	Cornflakes Beans	Rawidi Rau Pineapple nuts tinned milk plus cornflakes	TRANSPORT CAFE (sausages + chips + tea)

ACTUAL MENU

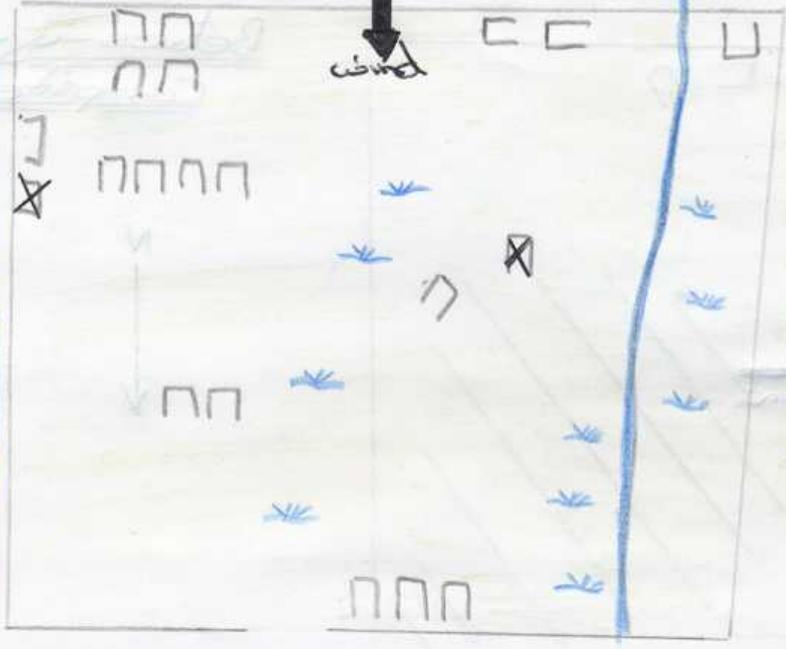
Before Rain

Sheep



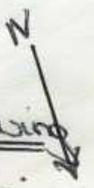
Toilets

Barn



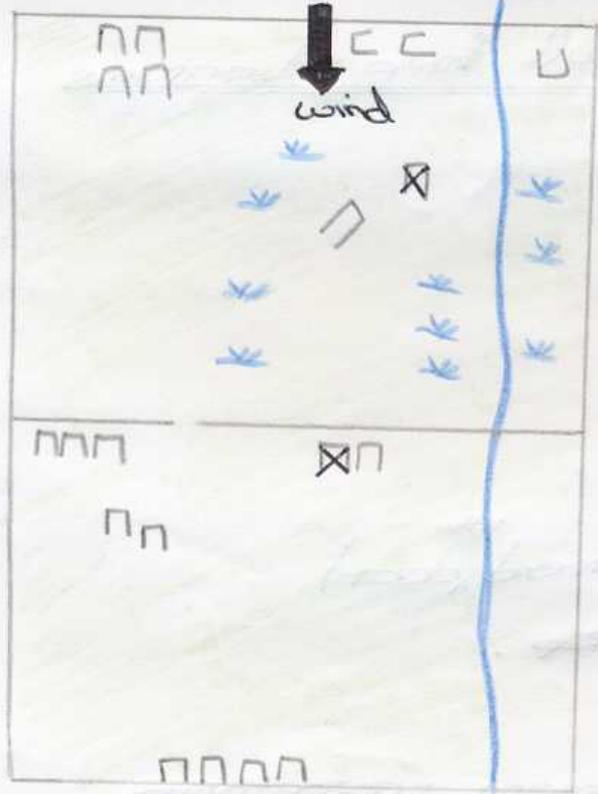
Sheep

After moving about

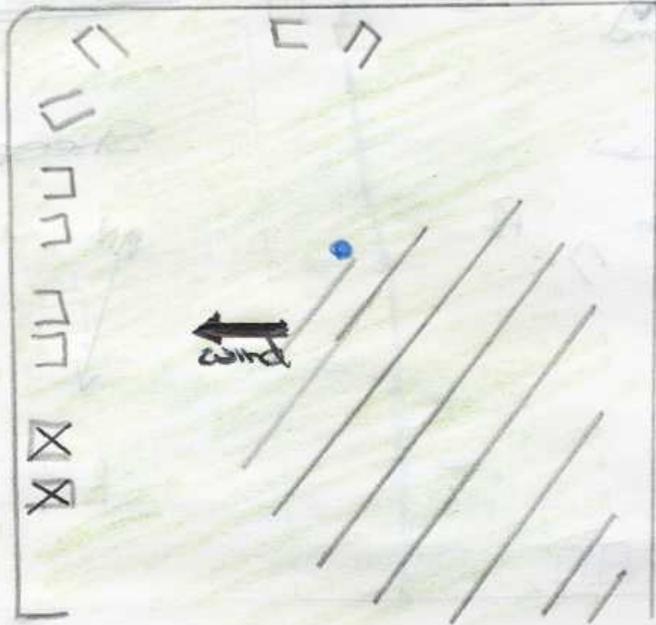


Toilets

Barn



Betwos-y-Cood
Compsite



toilets

Key to all three diagrams

-  Grass
-  air tents
-  stream
-  marsh
-  tent (open end ^{15th} door)
-  water tap
-  wall
-  public camping + caravanning

H O U R Y

L O C

Friday 13th April

MR: 788609

Time: 1:30

CC: 7/8

Weather: Bit of wind, fairly bright, nimbo stratus clouds

Morale: high, because of nice weather.

Terrain: path-boggy in places

Incidents: a flooded stream caused us to cross further up the hill and in doing so three people got their feet wet. We also met another bronze group

MR: 795587

Time: 2:30

CC: 7/8

weather: warm, still blackish clouds
(nimbo stratus)

Morale: even higher because of nice
weather and of beautiful views

Terrain: fairly difficult path to
follow, Compasses needed. Hard ground.

Incidents: -

MR: 795579

Time: 3:29

CC: 6/8

weather: seems to be better, dark patches
of cloud are gone and only white
stratus clouds remain.

Morale: Getting a bit hot and sweaty
so morale dropped slightly.

Terrain: rough downhill path, steep
sided hill. Pathway narrow.

Incidents: Took photos at top of cliff,
while doing so met bronze group

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M.R.: 786566 (Betwas-y-coed camp)

Time: 16:45

CC: 6/8

weather: just beginning to spit with rain, hardly any wind so no need to pitch tent a certain way round.

Morale: very high. Just finished first days walking, who'ds been fire. On arriving at camp site found we were $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours early.

Terrain: flat rocky ground, difficult to put pegs into.

Incidents: couldn't find entrance to camp site to begin with. When we did we were shown our camping by a lady who owns it. Assessors turned up half an hour later.

Saturday 11th April

M.R.: 786566

Time: 08:10

CC: 2/3

weather: clear blue sky with a few cumulus clouds.

Morale: high, confident in a good days

walk

Incidents: Antony Morse embarrassed us by taking our photos. We got up at 06:30 and left at 08:10.

M.R.: 793559

Time: 09:10

CC: 4/8

weather: no wind, cumulus clouds.

morale: low after going up steep hill.

Terrain: just past along main road, then up steep rough path.

Incidents: Couldn't find path heading away from main road. We stopped at a small stream and took extra clothing off because it is too hot.

M.R.: 788543

Time: 10:10

CC: 3/8

weather: too hot for walking, clear sky, a few cumulus clouds.

morale: high, enjoying downhill route through the forest.

Terrain: hard paths covered in pine

needles.

Incidents: none

M.R. : between 77543 and 78543

Time: 11-10

CC: 4/8

weather: no wind and few cumulus clouds.

Morale: still high

Terrain: same as before

Incidents: came across massive ants nest with thousands of ants crawling all over it. A bit further on we found a tree fallen across our path which we went round.

M.R.: About 76545.

Time: 12-10

CC: 2/8

weather: really hot, sweating like mad.

Morale still high

Terrain: come out of pine forests
incidents: get a bit lost and had to climb down a small cliff.

m.R. : 754539

Time : 12:55

cc : 1/8

weather : a few wispy clouds, still hot.

morale : lowered slightly after being 25 mins late.

Incidents : wrote out bags at check point and got out our walking lunches. left at 13:10.

m.R. : 771539

Time : 14:10

cc : 1/8

weather : cool breezes, wispy clouds
morale : even lower as we got lost straight away.

Terrain : Along side of river. After Thursday night's rain we can't see the path but go on compass bearings.

Incidents : Besides getting lost the tent fell out of Mark Piper's ruck sac three times and so we are now taking it in turns to carry it in our hands.

M.R.: 779536

Time: 15.10

CC: 1/8

weather: same as before

Morale: a bit lower

Terrain: pathway wet, came ~~off~~ over bridge and onto a rubble path

Incidents: Peter's barbridge fell over and hurt his shoulder. He changed rucksacks with Mark Piper who had a lighter one and a large wad of cotton wool was put under one strap to protect his shoulder. Along the way we saw another group in the distance.

M.R.: 771525

Time: 16.10

CC: 4/8

weather: same as before

Morale: low, we seem to be getting onto each other and none of us feel very well after seeing the hill we have to climb.

Terrain: long uphill climb. hard to march

Incidents: none.

MR : 775515

Time : 17:09

CC : 6/8

weather : a bit cooler, with cirrus and cumulus clouds.

Morale : high (on down hill stretch) looking forward to getting back.

Terrain : Pine forest paths.

Incidents : We sat down and made sure our bags were up to date.

MR : 789506

Time : 17:45 (15 mins early)

CC : 6/8

weather : cooler

Morale : high, pleased with ourselves.

Terrain : pine forest paths and an ordinary road.

Incidents : Assessor not arrived, we waited for 1/2 hours till he came. He had been at the wrong check point.

MAIN

LOG

It was at 6:00 am on Thursday morning that we all started off for work from Grovesend. We were some of the last to arrive being that we had to come from Maidstone, and so sat at the front of the coach. Our rucksacks couldn't fit in the coach so were put in a van with "Metal Box Company" along the side. The driver started the engine and we were away.

The journey was rather boring with only Spagetti junction, Aston Villa's ground and two transport cafes being of any interest. It was fairly

sunny with a few showers until we arrived at Base Camp. Here it was raining hard. We got our rucksacks and made our way to the site where we put up our tent and got in it to keep out of the rain. But by that time we were already wet.

Later on, a small voice from outside the tent said "Quick, move all your stuff down into the barn," which we did. Then we had our meal - mashed fish fingers. Then the tents were blowing in large floods of water so it was the leaders who came to the rescue and moved them elsewhere. That night I didn't sleep well. The tent was wet inside, my sleeping bag was wet, and I was wet.

We got up at 07:30 am and proceeded to get breakfast. It was a warm morning and soon the tent and flysheet dried. By 11:00 all our gear was packed.

and at 12:00 made our way by mini-bus to Trefnaw where we started our expedition. We started at 12:30 and made our way down a road and onto a footpath. An easy walk we thought until we came to a flooded stream which we crossed and getting so wet it would have been easier to swim. From here we moved on towards our checkpoint which we thought was the bridge at Gwydyr Uchaf. We waited for minutes but no answer, so we left a card and moved on down the wrong path, but after looking at the map again and taking bearings we were soon on the right path.

The other path would have been easier seeing as we were going up a steep hill. It was about half way up the hill that we met an oldish man who said,

"Are you with the scouts?"

With the sudden thought of being associated with scouts we quickly

answered

No! we're with the Woolwich
After a ^{while} ~~which~~ the slope went
down and took us past a lake
and down into Betus-y-roed. Just
before the lake we met Bronze
group "F". We went round the back
of the farm to the camp site
and proceeded to put up our tents
and cook a meal. It started to
spit with rain. After talking to
other groups arriving late we went
to bed.

We woke up the next morning
to our alarm at 06:30 ~~and~~ which
only gave us ~~us~~ 1 1/2 hours to have
breakfast and get packed, and
conveniently we were only ten minutes
late.

We started off going down the
main road, but we went too far
and had to double back on
ourselves. There was then a steep
uphill bit which leveled off and
we had a lovely walk through
the forest. Most the way was

winding track covered in pine needles. We had to keep checking our maps as we came to different paths, but soon came to the house at 768545. We were well up with time even after having long stops but then we went wrong, and found ourselves climbing down rocks to get to another path. We soon arrived at the ^{bridge} path at 756538 which we thought was the check point, then we realised it was a hundred yards up the road at a small track. Here we met Felicity Seal who told us we were twenty five minutes late. Here we started our lunch and finished our logs and set off at ten past one. We had to go back up the road to the bridge, across it up a footpath and along the river. It was around here that Mark Piper's truck saw broke and several things fell out. But with a bit of skill it was mended and we carried on past an old wooden bridge till we

met the railway. This we crossed
and finally met a few houses,
one of which we could not find
but was on the map. Here we had
two choices up hill or downhill. we
crossed our fingers but after
looking at the map we went
uphill. We kept going uphill
till we came to T72525. we were
warm out even after the stops we
had. After a brief stop we carried
on down hill all the way into
Penmarchno where we waited
at a church ~~through~~ really tired
as shown. We had to wait for



fig 1

an hour ~~and~~
a half for
our officer
who had been
given the wrong
grid reference.
After being
driven back to
base camp at
Tomh we
found other

groups clearing up their billies
and going to bed, And after looking
at the sky ^(Fig 2) we quickly put up
our tent had some soup and
went to bed.

We woke the next



morning at
9.00am to
find a lovely
sunny morning.
We quickly
got up, had
some cornflakes
and then, David
ledge (doing sibes)
myself and
some girls
all walked

up to the lake shown over the
page. This took all morning and
after having dinner we took down
the tent, packed our rucksacks and
then waited till 8.00pm ~~at~~ when we
boarded the coach. we set off
at ten past and for about an hour
and a half everyone was singing. The

note
(colour of
the sky)

noise died down a bit until we



came to a transport cafe. We didn't stay long but when we came to the next cafe most people had a meal. Then back on the coach and then to

Grawersend. And so ended a tiring but exciting weekend.

One of the funniest things we saw was what looked like a nudist with legs as shown opposite. Mark Brown was so small only his legs showed.



Group Report

Stephen Fiedler (second in command)

Stephen is a good walker and helps with map and compass work. He keeps the group together and I think he contributed a lot to the expedition.

Michael Francis (cook)

Michael is another good walker and knows how to use a map and compass. He also keeps the group in good humour. However he rushes on a bit while walking and messes about while cooking usually ending in half as much food as needed.

Mark Brown (assistant cook)

Not a very good walker. He tends to lag behind on hills or hard routes but there again sets the pace on downhill stretches. I reckon if he lost weight and got fitter he would do better. He never

grumbles and also seems happy even though he is "shaged out" as he puts it.

Peter Burbridge

Peter doesn't help much with map and compass work but always helps with the tent or food. Peter is a fairly good walker but finds some parts difficult.

Mark Piper

Mark never seems to be enjoying himself. He helps slightly with map work but when asked to do something else starts complaining and getting cross with people. He's small and has problems with tough routes.

The Group

I think this is a good group that works together and gets on well. It can be seen ~~that~~ from our expedition we did well and hopefully we will be in the same groups for silver.

Just a few of the Fantastic Sites
in Wales



Looking down
from cliff
and in valley
is Betws-y-
Coed

Lake Ogwen



~~the intention of the tent~~
camping in

Looking down
at Base Camp
shown near
middle of
picture



lake area

