

KAWAWEOGAMA OUTPOST

1983

SECTION F

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VANESSA - SESEGANAGA - BASE

Maps Required:

1:250,000 Series: Sioux Lookout 52 J

1:50,000 Series: Seseganaga Lake 52 J/1

Trip Reports:

1979 Section E

1982 Section F

1982 Section E

Savant Lake to Vanessa --

Night spot (after train ride) in shed behind Savant Lake Hotel. Young man from Yeske's Grocery (Gulf Station) drove Henry to Rusty Myres for the car and trailer, and came on 2nd trip to return car and trailer to Rusty Myers.

Vanessa put-in  $50^{\circ} 8' 90^{\circ} 29\frac{1}{2}'$  is about 16 miles from 599, remaining on the main road all the way. The road to Rusty Myers goes to the right shortly after leaving 599, and several miles later a road marked "Rainbow Lake" goes left. After this, a few miles later, the road forks, and the right fork -- the better traveled one -- goes to the Vanessa put-in. After crossing a small, flat-water creek -- flowing into a large pond -- the put-in is on the left. A worn trail leads 5 yards through a line of trees to a swampy (especially in low water) put-in. A few steel boats for fishermen may be there.

From there paddled south through the narrows to the main body, and then four miles south to an oblong bay on the east shore connected by a short narrows to the main lake. A workable campsite is on the left (north) at the east end of the narrows.  $50^{\circ} 4' 90^{\circ} 24\frac{1}{2}'$  Room for 6 tents, though not great. Landing and swimming are poor.

Vanessa to Portage at North of Seseganaga --

Portage to Seseganaga is directly opposite the site, and the narrows; well-marked by a large blaze (1200 yards) Landing in a swampy area.

Same as 1982 Section E report. Camped at start of 1st Allanwater River portage, same as 1982  $50^{\circ} 9' 90^{\circ} 18'$  Riffles to be run upstream of 1st portage.

First Portage out of Seseganaga to Base --

Same as '82. After 1st Portage, 2nd portage around next marked rapids, short, 150 yards. Starts on small dock, ends on large dock.  $50^{\circ} 10' 90^{\circ} 18\frac{1}{2}'$

Horseraces to be run before Kawaeogama.



VANESSA -- SESEGANAGA -- KAWAWEOGAMA

Scale: 4 miles to 1 inch

ALLANWATER RIVER -- GRANITE -- VAN NESS --  
ONAMAKAWASH -- SHAWANABIS -- BOULDER -- KOPKA RIVER -- OBONGA

Maps Required:

1:250,000 Series:       Sioux Lookout 52J  
                          Armstrong 52I  
                          Nipigon 52H

1:50,000 Series:        Seseganaga 52 J/1  
                          Wilkie Lake 52 J/8  
                          Onamakawash Lake 52 I/5  
                          Armstrong 52 I/6  
                          Wigwasan 52 I/3  
                          52 H/13  
                          52 H/14

Trip Reports:   Various Allanwater River  
                  Nipigon Ministry Routes  
                  1982 Section E.

Base to Below 4th Portage on Allanwater --

Paddle to Allanwater Brige. Rapids before Bridge: negotiate rocks above rapid, which starts at obvious V by right shore. Current turns left and carries through to left side, easily run. Go through farthest right gate at footbridge -- avoiding rocks as you cross back to right side.

After Bridge 1st rapid - left of island 50° 15+ ' 90° 10' - Big rock divides current at bottom - large waves on left side, rocks to dodge after passing/right. We went right.

2nd rapids: 50° 16' 90° 10' Enter left-center, watching for rocks (lots sticking out of the water). Two rocks out of water then submerged ledge all in a line from left shore. Go between right rock and ledge. Then an easy V to run out.

3rd rapids: 50° 17' 90° 10- ' V on right at top, river bends left -- follow current and V.

Horserace just before river splits around huge island. 50° 17' 90° 9' Take west fork.

1st Portage on right, out at grassy landing. 50° 17' 90° 8- ' Rocky loading.

2nd Portage -- left shore, grassy unloading, through burn, 25 yards, rocky loading in a little current. 50° 17+ ' 90° 8- '

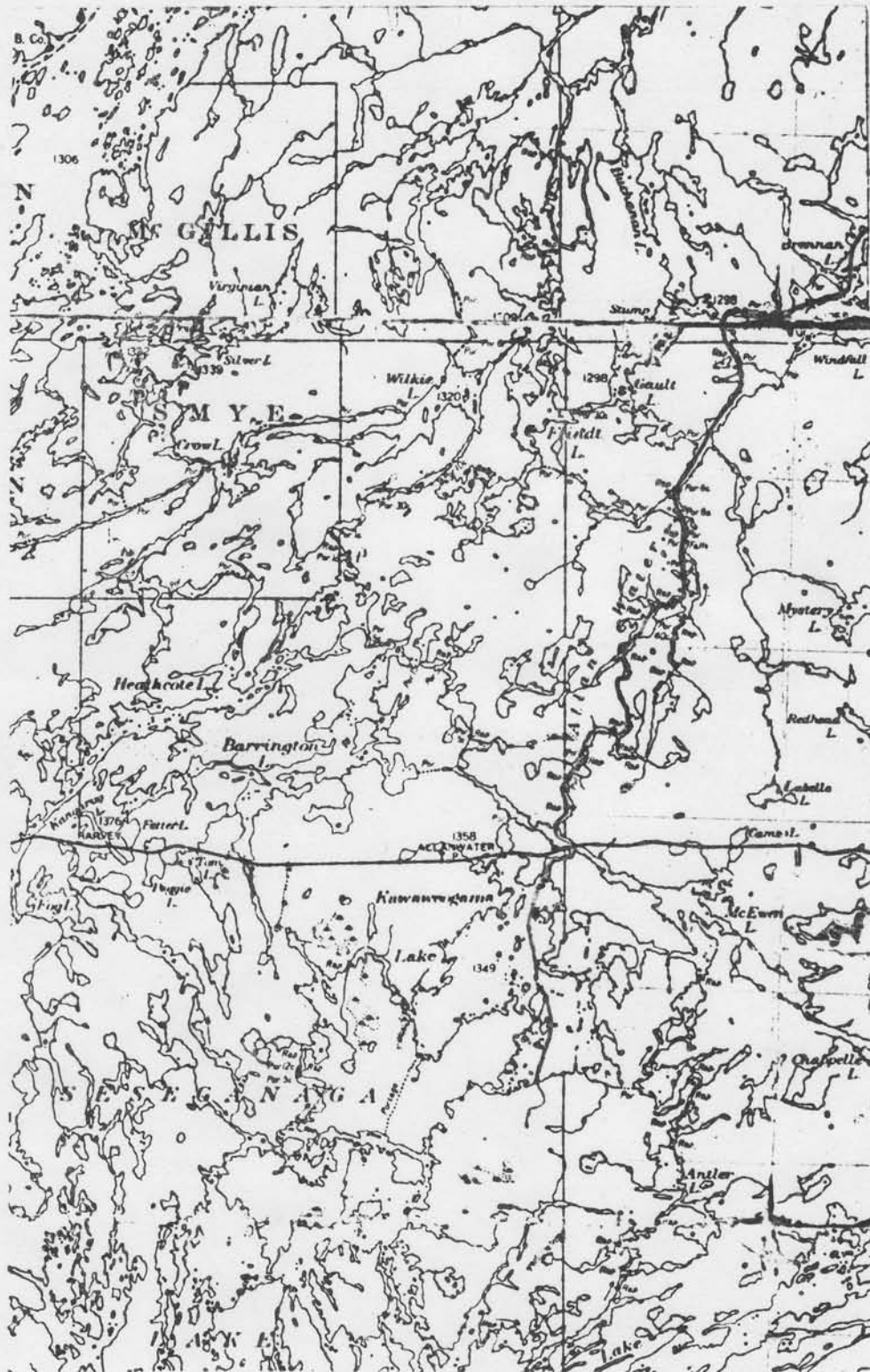
3rd Portage -- rock unloading on right, current. Go to 2nd loading spot (10 yards past 1st) to avoid lots of rocks. 50° 17+ ' 90° 8+ ' Horserace to run afterwards. Portage is 50 yards.

Paddle down pond. Teant platform (trapper?) on right 3/4 way down. Portage at 1st rapids after pond. 50° 18' 90° 8- ' Rocky unloading on right, 150 yards, rocky unloading. Campsite directly opposite on smooth rock. Tentsites above.

After 4th Portage to North of Mondale --

Portage on right before numerous islands 50° 19' 90° 7' Shoot first stretch, to pool where river bends left. Stay to right shore in pool, unloading on rocks on right. 1 boat at a time. 100 yards.

Go to left of island after river fork rejoins. Portage around marked rapids. 50° 20' 90° 6' grass and bush



KAWAWEOGAMA to BRENNAN

Scale: 4 miles to 1 inch

unloading, 100 yards, rocky loading. Current and rocks to negotiate afterwards.

Portage around next two marked rapids, 300 yards each, both on left. 1st 50° 21' 90° 7' unloads on grass and sand, loads on sandy beach. Trail forks, left fork goes around whole rapid, right fork about 1/2 way, rest might be runnable. 2nd 50° 21+ ' 90° 7' unloads similarly, loads on rocks. Current to negotiate.

Possible campsite on rock on left 1/2 way round the bend. 50° 21+ ' 90° 7+ '

Portage across island between next marked rapids (after pond elev. 391+'). 50° 22' 90° 7' Unloading on sand and grass, 300 yards, loading on rocky beach. Beautiful west side, spectacular falls on East.

Paddle down long, thin lake (Mondale though unnamed on map). Several possible campsites on both shores. Camped on a small, flat rock in a little bay a little beyond "R" in ALIAN WATER. 50° 24' 90° 5' 1/2 day's travel from last night. Campsite adequate -- reasonable kitchen, tentsites and swimming. Sandy beach 20 yards on trail across point, more sites, fishing skiffs.

#### Mondale to Brennan --

Portage around marked rapids out of Mondale 50° 24' 90° 5', on right in small bay just above rapids. 50 yards, grassy unloading, rocky loading. Current and tailrace to run, and current in next narrows.

A little current then 1st marked rapid 50° 25+ ' 90° 4' run on right, bending left of large rock, almost submerged avoiding other submerged rocks.

2nd marked rapid 50° 25+ ' 90° 3' could be waded 1/2 way and run from there, we portaged, on left, grassy unloading, rocky loading.

Beautiful-looking campsites in unnamed lake, elev. 383 m.

Large outpost (Jeno's) down bay to right just after entering Brennan w/ radio phone 50° 27½' 89° 59' (Missed Indian rock paintings on northeast side of large island past Jeno's village)

Brennan's beautiful, shores lined w/ potential sites - rocky, smooth. 2nd outpost on north of 2 islands just after bay extending north after open stretch of Brennan 50° 28+ ' 89° 55'

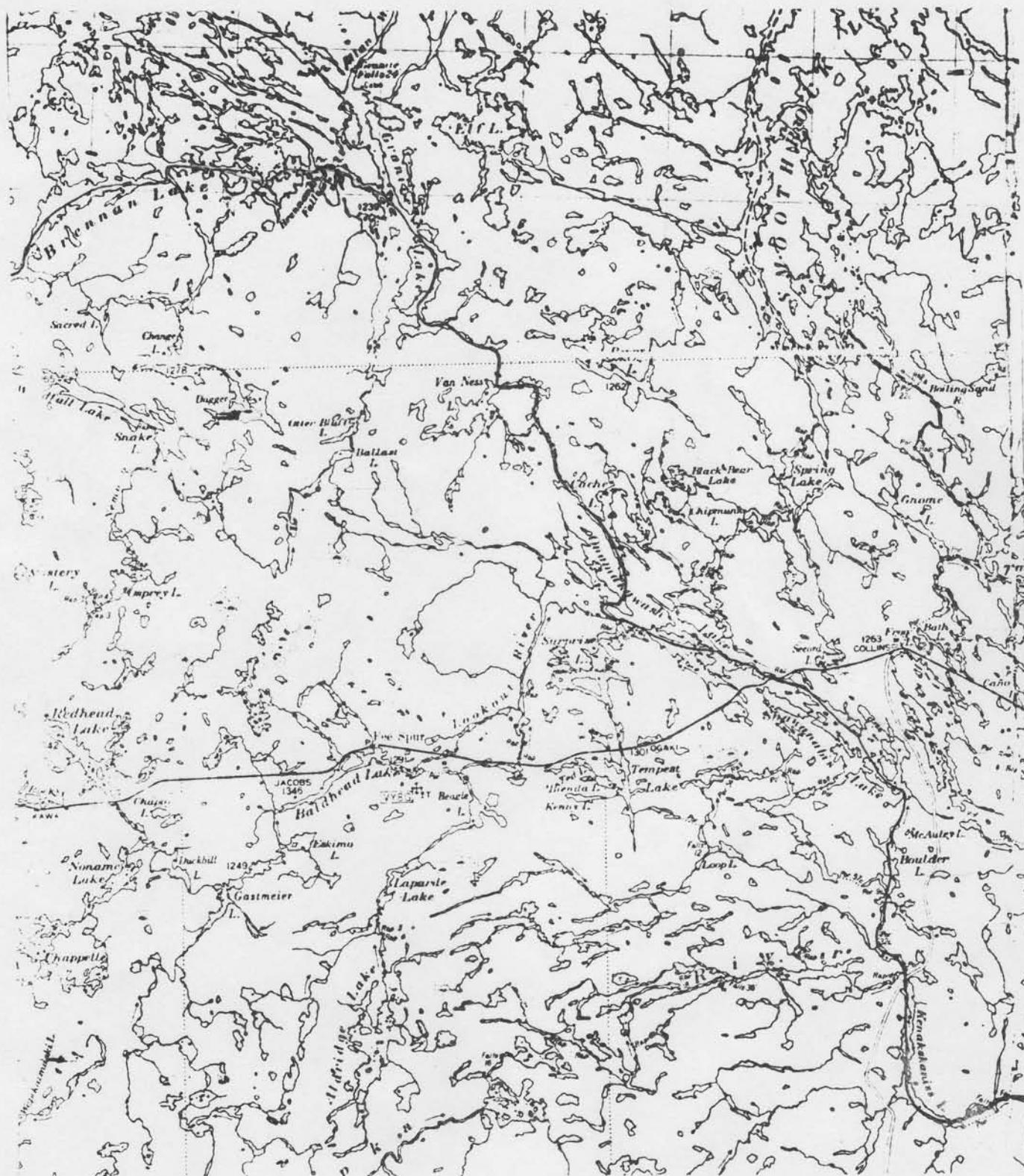
Go south of large, wedge-shaped island, north channel too rocky and shallow 50° 28' 89° 54'

Our campsite is at west end of bay to north after passing wedge-shaped island 50° 29+ ' 89° 53' -- bay sort of hammer-head shaped ('79 site). Excellent site, w/ flat, rock tentsites, great kitchen -- lacking only in good swimming, though swimming is possible in shallow waters.

#### Brennan to South End of Granite --

Paddle down Brennan. Outpost in bay at East end, North shore. 50° 30- ' 89° 50'

Go north of island marked "W" w/ rapids marked on both sides. 50° 29' 89° 48' Unmarked riffle to ru at beginning of narrows. Guide followed small flow continuing East where main flow turned south to lift-over (Section F



BRENNAN to KENAKSKANISS

Scale: 4 miles to 1 inch

1982). One shallow riffle to run, a few more but waded down, sticking to main channel. At chute that canoe obviously can't go through, Portage is on right from small bay, 75 yards to rocks for loading at end of current, rejoined by other channels. This is a little bay below Brennan Falls. Guide's route cut 1/2 to 3/4 hour off time. Campsite at end of Brennan Falls Portage (in small bay like a "V" next to slash on map). Stream for Guide's route not shown on 1:50,000 Onamakawash map. Good shortcut w/ high water, especially good for upstream. Staff reported Section F '82 lift-over and nice rapids before 100 yard portage around Brennan Falls.

Paddle to riffle north of island in narrows before entering Granite Lake proper  $50^{\circ} 29' 89^{\circ} 46'$  Campsite possibilities in this area.

South on Granite, paddle to SE bay "376", a few possible campsites here -- Outpost at base of Y shaped peninsula from east shore 1 mile north of south end of Granite Lake  $50^{\circ} 25' 89^{\circ} 46+$  -- Camped on bald rock South just before turning East into Southeast bay.  $50^{\circ} 24' 89^{\circ} 46+$  Excellent site.

Granite to Pond East of Van Ness --  $59^{\circ} 24' 89^{\circ} 46'$

Portage to "392" moose pond before Van Ness starts from slippery 4 ft. rock south of cliffs on Southeast side of southeast bay. 1600 yards, starting through shallow streams running back and forth through trees, up onto rock, through wet beaver meadow 100 yards, then 1000 yards on flat rock, before emerging in swamp - hopeless walking. Must be better in low water. Loaded at start of marshy stuff and dragged boats along trail to water - exhausting work.

Paddle to outflowing stream.  $59^{\circ} 23' 89^{\circ} 45\frac{1}{2}'$   
Portage on right -- 100 yards started on floating bog -- well-worn. Campsite could be found on pond in a pinch.

In Van Ness, we attempted Ministry route from south bay at East end, down narrow skinny lake and along line of stream to moose pond  $59^{\circ} 23' 89^{\circ} 42'$  A new beaver dam at the outflow can be pulled apart and let down. Ancient dams along the water to the south blocked the way and no sign of man could be found. We tried the water flowing into the pond (not connected on map) but extending east 2/3 of the way down the narrow skinny lake under the "400" in the contour. A dam at the outlet and steep rapids dropping into a small gorge. Abandoned this route.

Headed to outlet at east end of Van Ness.  $50^{\circ} 23\frac{1}{2}' 89^{\circ} 41'$  An old portage trail led to next pond (elev. 388m) Adequate site on the tip of the peninsula curving to west from the south shore  $50^{\circ} 23' 89^{\circ} 40'$  Better could be found 1/2 way down Van Ness.

Pond East of Van Ness to Onamakawash --

Lift-drag from 388 into next small pond  $50^{\circ} 23' 89^{\circ} 40'$

Paddle to stream flowing out.  $50^{\circ} 23' 89^{\circ} 40'$  Guide found portage on left, unloading at top of impossible stream, old, but walkable and short. Staff found portage on right -- more freshly used. Both about 50-60 yards.

Portage into next pond  $50^{\circ} 22' 89^{\circ} 40'$  also on left,

also old - steep, rocky descent to poor loading. Most traffic must drag the stream, but that is impossible with wood-canvas canoes.

From her one must fight beaver dams -- lift-overs and short portages (probably changeable yearly) until beaver dam at start of long cascade of rapids. We bushed 300 yard portage on left along rocky ridges, but crossing short wet spots. 300 yards, ends in pond one horserace above Cache Lake.  $50^{\circ} 22' 89^{\circ} 39\frac{1}{2}'$

Many potential sites on Cache --  $3/4$  day 388 to Cache.

Portage on right 100 yards up hill and down steeply to dark cramped loading in narrow bay of Onamakawash  $50^{\circ} 19' 89^{\circ} 37'$

Good site at northwest tip (south point) of peninsula extending  $3/4$  mile northwest directly opposite stream to Cache.  $50^{\circ} 18' 89^{\circ} 38'$

#### Onamakawash to Shawanabis --

Paddled Onamakawash, following Ministry route northeast of all islands. Past Schultz's Trail (Outpost here)  $50^{\circ} 17' 89^{\circ} 31'$  and up small stream flowing in from right as you approach rail line. This can be lined, poled, or paddled. It leads to a low tunnel cut through the rock. This can be paddled and the current to Shawanabis can be lined.

Camped on southeast tip of island by northeast shore  $1/2$  way down Shawanabis. Easy half day. Better would be to continue to Boulder Lake.  $50^{\circ} 16' 89^{\circ} 28' ?$

#### Shawanabis to Lake on Kopka River --

Paddle to Southeast tip of Shawanabis to creek from Boulder Lake. Beaver dam to be lifted-over or dragged up. Then short paddle. Portage on left in grassy bay, 700 yards. Loads on grass and rock.

Shawanabis to Kenakskaniss exactly as Ministry Section map shows.

Outpost on Boulder on east side of narrows separating north and south halves of lake.

2 beaver dams to be pulled over to next pond.

800 yard portage out of south tip of pond  $50^{\circ} 11' 89^{\circ} 28'$  2 terrible stretches of muskeg. Loads on grass and rock, unloads on rock.

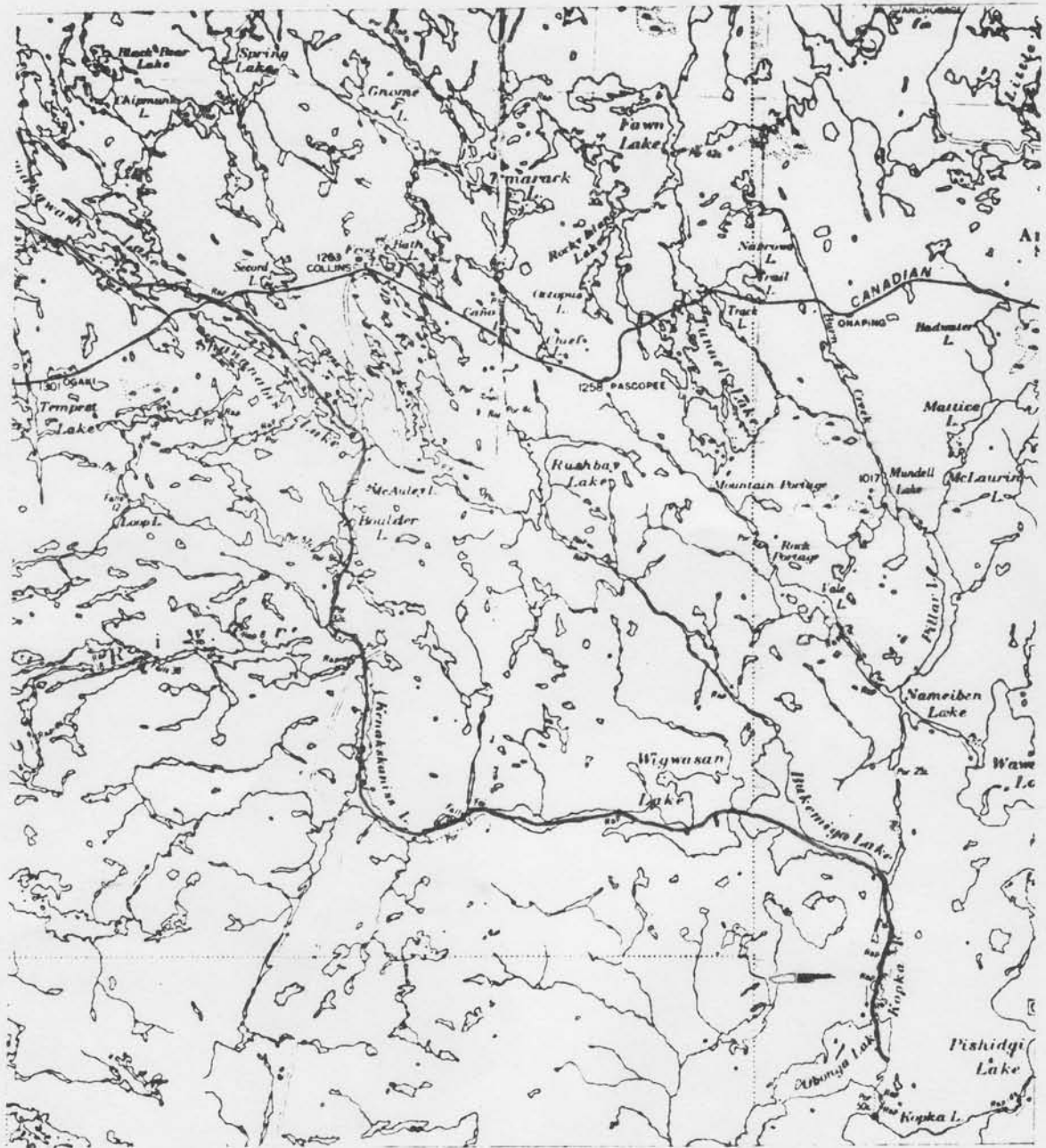
1 beaver dam to be paddled over and portage on right at end of small pond, 300 yards to Kenaksaniss  $50^{\circ} 10' 89^{\circ} 27'$  Boggy unloading, rock loading.

Swift to run to Kenaksaniss, left of island has most water.

Portage around 1st rapid on Kopka -- old one on south shore, 250 yards from poor unloading (hard to find) to rock and log loading. New trail on north shore not examined. Unloads at rock landing among cedars. Both unload before entering current.  $50^{\circ} 6\frac{1}{2}' 89^{\circ} 24\frac{1}{2}'$

Portage on south side unloads by flat current -- 200 yards downstream to rocky portage on north shore, 120 yards, rock loading and unloading. Tricky getting into eddy -- some boats must wait at eddies ten yards upstream. This is first small lake on Kopka.

Portage around marked rapids (actually a cascade



ONAMAKAWAS to OBONGA

Scale: 4 miles to 1 inch

to a falls) 50° 7' 89° 24' crossing 2 contours is on south side. 150 yards, steep drop at end. Campsite at upstream end. Portage ends in bay south of stream.

Lake on Kopka to Portage out of Wigwasan --

Short portage or long lift-over on South shore, South channel (only channel from bay where previous portage ends. 25 yards. Current to ride out. 50° 7' 89° 23+')

Next portage on south shore, 100 yards, at end loads (especially canoes) must be handed over 10' cliff to loadings on rocks. 50° 7' 89° 23' Flat current to (4th) unnamed lake.

Portage on south shore. 150 yards. down steep boulder slope. 50° 7' 89° 23-' Portage on north shore involves use of rope to lower loads over cliff (Section F '82). Staff says south shore portage preferable.

Paddle next unnamed lake (elev. 1030'). Portage on north shore around marked rapids. 50° 7' 89° 18' Rapids possibly shootable, but not without experience due to sweepers, etc. 150 yards. Dirt unloading, rock loading.

Paddle Wigwasan Lake. Portage around marked rapids (400 yards) on north shore. Campsites at both ends; we took west end.

Portage to Bukemiga to Landing on Bukemiga --

Paddle Bukemiga to landing opposite exit of Kopka. Camped at landing 50° 5' 89° 10' ?

Hitch-hike into town on 527. Ray Laird has store (Shorty's) on back street (of 2 streets) in Armstrong. Not the Shorty's on the way in, but behind Wilderness Restaurant. Train tickets to be purchased night of ride (advance purchase not necessary). Ray Laird agreed to truck us from Public Landing on Obonga (picnic spot on map). This arrangement made 4 days in advance. Bukemiga landing seems ideal place to make arrangements from, since it is 1/2 mile from 527.

Bukemiga to Obonga --

Run 1st rapid in "V" by left shore and to left of island around bend, avoiding sweeper from left shore. 50° 4' 89° 10' This brings you to skinny north-south lake north of road. From here shoot everything in mid-to-high water. Low water might be questionable. Follow main current, and take center fork (straight ahead) downstream of bridge. Old portage on right shore if desired, might need rerouting. Next rapid (marked on map) can be run also. Stay to right at top, current will keep you away from deep ledge and ensuing big wave by right shore. Big waves, but straight run. Horseraces in narrows brings you to Obonga. Public landing is obvious 2 1/2 miles along north shore. 50° 2' 89° 13' ?

Sidetrip to Ottertooth Creek --

Headed upstream. Portages on left, right, left to Ottertooth Lake. Very scenic, but impossible to get past Ottertooth Lake due to trees backed up at rapids from fire 5 to 6 years ago. Not worth the trip down Obonga and the tough portages up the creek.

Campsite on Obonga in bay on north shore to east of mouth of northwest Bay or at 1st narrows from Kopka River (past public landing and lumber camp).

Armstrong to Base --

Ray Laird trucking works perfectly -- train, however, can be a pain. Best to buy tickets as far in advance as possible (i.e. when in town to arrange trucking).

Campsite at Allanwater Station have train stop at 1st shack on north side of tracks -- flat space on south has path to water and 1 tent site. More tent sites down tracks 60 yards on north side, in grassy area around foundation of old building.

BASE - SESEGANAGA - VANESSA

Reverse of Trip in -- see Page 1

Base to Seseganaga --

Up Allanwater River to Seseganaga. Same two portages as going down, rest can be paddled or lined.

Campsite on tip of wedge-shaped island toward south end of "back" channel on Seseganaga. (Used by Section F '82). 50° 4' 90° 23'

Seseganaga to Island opposite Vanessa landing --

Long portage from Seseganaga to Vanessa starts in marshy bay on right paddling in through the marsh. 50° 3' 90° 29' Path leads back and starts bending left, easy to follow.

Camped on Vanessa opposite landing on dumb-bell island -- north end. Adequate 50° 8' 90° 29½'

OSNABURGH LAKE - ALBANY RIVER to MISEHKOW RIVER -  
RETURN - PASHKOKOGAN RIVER - PASHKOKOGAN - HAMILTON

Maps Required:

1:250,000 Series: Lake St. Joseph 52 O  
Miminiska 52 P  
Sioux Lookout 52 J

1:50,000 Series: Osnaburgh House 52 O/1  
Coles Lake 52 P/4  
Seach Lake 52 P/5  
Pruner Lake 52 P/6  
McCrea Lake 52 J/16

Trip Reports: 1963 and 1965 Section A Albany River

Trailer -- Vanessa to Osnaburgh --

Met at Vanessa by Yeske, arranged by telephone from  
base. Pick-up worked fine, but cost to bring car back from  
Osnaburgh was \$30 (footed by staff and guide)

Camped at landing on Osnaburgh, south side of in  
Albany River, access road leads 30 yards on right, doubling  
back south. Reasonable site. Road is shortly before  
"Entering Kenora" sign (just before 2nd bridge over Albany).  
51° 8' 90° 11'

599 Landing to 1st Portage on Albany --

Paddle across Osnaburgh Lake, on northwest side of  
large island in mouth of river, dodging rocks. More rock  
dodging where river bends south. Shortcut between large  
islands on north shore looked too shallow. 51° 8' 90° 1'

Rock dodging as river turns north and one rapid just  
before turning east again. Rapid can be run from right side,  
taking smooth chute left of darker brown, pockmarked rock --  
avoiding being swept into rock -- and going down "V" on  
right at bottom.

Smooth paddling to fork at large island above Atikokiwan  
Lake. We took north channel -- easy current, with rocks,  
at start, and more just before small water comes in from  
north from long, narrow lake. Must go north of small islands  
at entrance to Atikokiwan, dodging rocks at top.

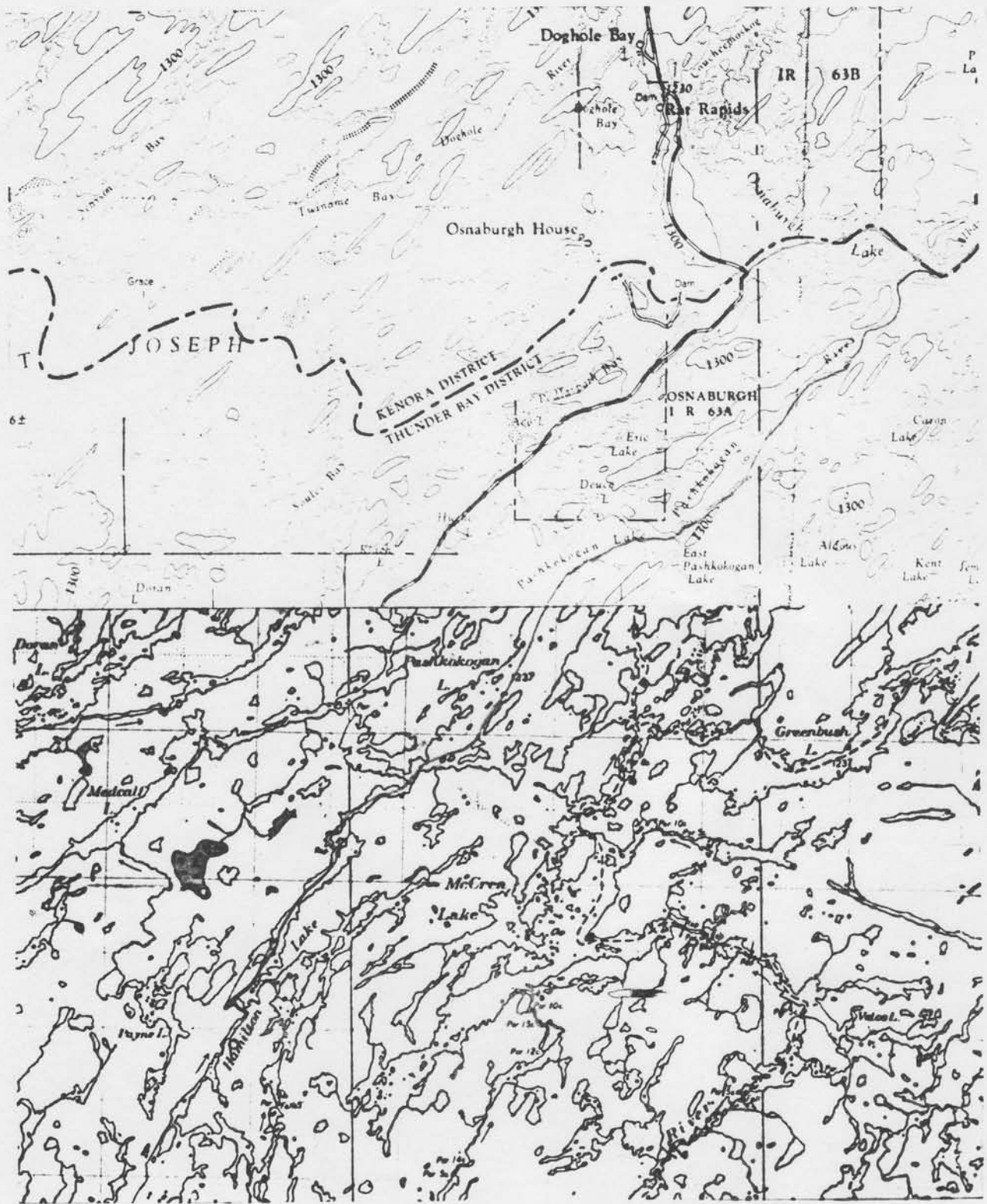
Straight paddle after Atikokiwan, current and some  
rocks. Went north of two large islands just after Atikokiwan,  
south of next large island, going south of small islands  
here. Picked way through rocks to bay on north above marked  
rapids 51° 13' 89° 47' (a marked portage is shown on map).  
Portage starts on right-hand rock, going 500 yards to foot  
of rapid (not bay as marked on map - perhaps there are two  
portages?).

Good campsite on shore upstream 20 yards (Section B's  
'82 fireplace) worked beautifully.

1st Portage on Albany to Mile past DePalma Lake Inlet --

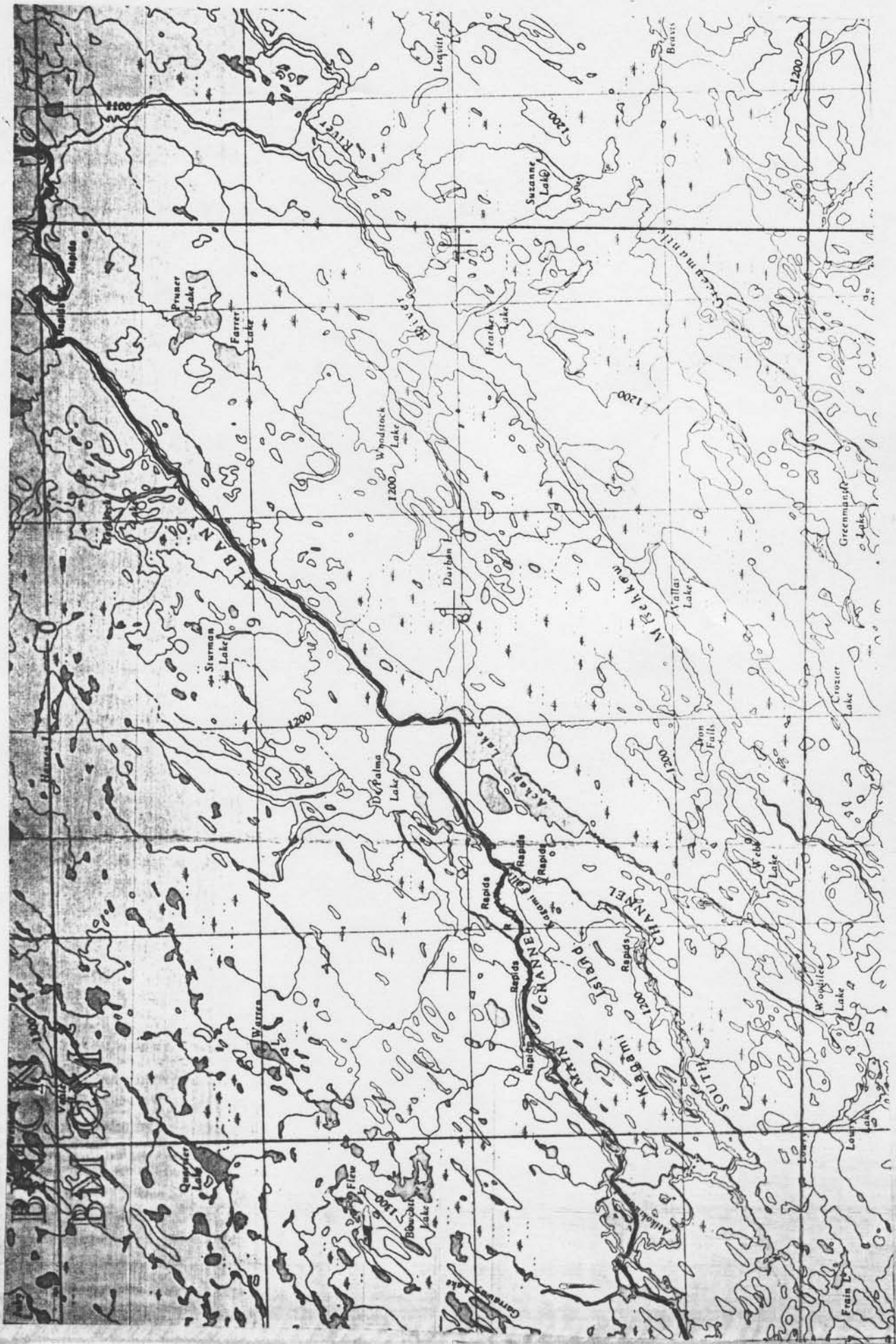
Ran foot of rapid, starting 20-30 yards upstream of  
end of portage. Ferry across smooth water and down "V" by  
cliff. Either the center or the right branch of current can  
be taken at bottom. A few rocks to look out for.

Search for marked portage to bay extending west below



599 to ALBANY RIVER

RETURN -- ALBANY RIVER -- PASKOKOGAN RIVER -- HAMILTON



ALBANY RIVER to MISCHKOW RIVER (RETURN)

Scale: 4 miles to 1 inch

rapid. Located a possible old portage on south shore at end of bay. Area appears to have burned 15-20 years ago - maybe we took a new portage?

Marked rapids on map (before small channel exits north)  $51^{\circ} 13' 89^{\circ} 45+$  can be run fairly easily, although we lifted over the largest on right side on smooth rock without unloading.

Marked rapid just after channel exits north can also be easily run.  $51^{\circ} 13' 89^{\circ} 44'$  Many smaller rapids exist which are a matter of rocks and a little current, and are fairly easy to pick through.

Large rapid  $51^{\circ} 14' 89^{\circ} 42\frac{1}{2}'$  by two small islands where river curves from northeast to east, 1/2 mile above Kagami Falls and just after larger island, can be lined down on north shore, north of both islands, lowering over a chute and a ledge, and running lower part on right dodging rocks. Getting trough rocky area to this route is tricky, especially in low water. A short portage goes around both the chute and the ledge, beginning on a sloping rock.

Pick your way through rocks to next islands, where main current goes right. Portage takes out in bay on right (south), next to large, dark-brown rock on shore, just after running first part of rapid.  $51^{\circ} 14' 89^{\circ} 42'$  Very shallow in bay, but dredged channel can be walked through to landing. 500 yards. Take right fork at end to loading spot, left fork to scenic campsite overlooking falls.

Rocks and current to next marked rapids (the two before South channel rejoins main channel)  $51^{\circ} 14' 89^{\circ} 41'$  Portage on north shore, going up bank. Take left fork for 300 yard portage to bay north of confluence of main and south channels. Right fork puts in below immediate rapid, but no obvious portage leads out of flat section, and lower rapids is unrunnable.

Current and rocks to wide stretch, follow southeast shore through marshy section, continuing across to follow east shore when river turns down to Achapi Lake. Several possible sand beach campsites on Achapi and arm extending north to river.

Once on river, no sites look promising until gravel bank on north shore about a mile past DePalma Lake  $51^{\circ} 17' 89^{\circ} 34'$

Mile past DePalma to Island, 5 miles before Mischkow --

Smooth current with occasional riffle from DePalma to marked rapids where river turns north after wide stretch.  $51^{\circ} 26' 89^{\circ} 19'$  Rapid easily run at top, but bottom -- around bend from top -- is trickier. We took small current flowing left of out-of-water rocks by left shore, after two short, rocky points. Main current has many rocks and ledges, but an experienced whitewater group could run it. After small channel, take "V" in left center and ride out current. Had lunch here.

Riffles till river turns south. We looked for, but didn't spot, the portage going due east to small bay, 1 1/4 miles, cutting off south bend.  $51^{\circ} 27' 89^{\circ} 17'$

Riffles to run, then rapid to run on left, dodging rocks.

Next rapid sweeps far right, going around rock garden

with numerous trickles flowing through. We portaged 20 yards over rocks in middle right to line of water running left to left shore without rejoining main current until after the rapids, though many trickles do lead to main current here, Main current looked runnable, again, with an experienced whitewater group.

Around the corner is another large rapid. We portaged 30 yards over rock bed on right to small bay extending back upstream.

Next rapid is 200 yards downstream. Running cautiously or lining down right shore into bay above small island (though little water goes down rockfield on right). Portage leads over island, 50 yards, unloading and loading on rocks.  $51^{\circ} 26' 89^{\circ} 16'$  Start is marked by pie plate tacked 15 feet up in large poplar. Good campsite  $1/2$  way across trail.

#### Island to Mischkow and back --

Foot of rapid to run after campsite -- starting in eddy below eddy at end of portage. Shoot diagonally across to left, above rocks extending out.

Current to portage on left (north) shore, starting from grassy landing up steep embankment. Easily mistaken for a well-used beaver trail. Lining down looks tempting, but is very tricky and extremely difficult in places -- guide's boat submerged, and loads were bushed up to portage.

After portage, many rocky, wide rapids to shoot all the way to the Mischkow.  $51^{\circ} 26' 89^{\circ} 13'$

Bottom of Mischkow has very strong current, steep rapids -- futile paddling or lining and difficult walking. Got about  $1/4$  mile up and turned around.

Had lunch above 1st swift going back up Albany. Hard work getting up. Though many side channels through shallows can be paddled, lined or walked, avoiding the main current shot going downstream. Sticking to insides of corners seemed to work best.

Searched for  $1 1/4$  mile portage cutting off south bend, but trail discovered was old and not well-marked after 100 yards.

Walked to and paddled to portage on north shore -- staff portaged across rocks on right, but that proved far slower than walking. Portage starts in small side channel between mainland and grassy island, on rock and grass landing by alders. 200 yards (see 2nd paragraph above)

Paddled upstream -- up left shore -- to rocks on left at foot of rapid by campsite. Portaged over the rocks 100 yards, connecting with campsite portage. Same campsite as previous night.

#### Island up to Mile before DePalma --

Lined small rapid just above campsite, paddled to small bay on left for portage over rock-bed -- same as downstream.

Paddled up to next rapid -- one with wide swing to south side -- and took 50 yard portage over rocks to right of large, egg-shaped boulder with small bush beside it. Portage ended in a calm bay.

Paddled up next set of rapids until just below wide stretch, where river turns north and then bends back east.

Took 150 yard portage along left bank around rapid, then paddled.

Paddled up rapid in pincer-like narrows in middle of wide stretch, and had lunch on rock and grass bank below rapid between Rorabeck Lake inflow and wide stretch. 51° 22' 89° 26' Paddled up rapid as far as possible and then lined 100 yards up right shore.

Paddled from here to grassy bank campsite, mile east of DePalma 51° 17' 89° 34', encountering only current and small riffles.

Mile below DePalma to Kagami Falls --

Paddled from site through Achapi Lake to west end of wide stretch, 1/2 mile below confluence of Main and South channels. Rapid here is paddle-able, sticking to left until around the bend, then heading over to right to enter bay on right. Portage starts on large rock bank. 300 yards. 51° 14-' 89° 41'

Orange flag at foot of Kagami Falls portage is visible upstream on left. and can be paddled to, weaving among small channels on right, before cutting to center to avoid larger rock bed coming out from right. 51° 14' 89° 42' Campsite is to right of portage, away from water about 30 yards. Drinking water obtained from small bay above site. which has view of Kagami Falls. Portage is 500 yards.

Kagami Falls to 1st Portage on Albany (below Atikokiwan) --

From upper landing at Kagami Falls portage, line up left shore or paddle up right.

At foot of next rapid, 51° 14' 89° 42½' paddle straight ahead (perpendicular to flow of rapid from left) into small channel to right of two small islands. Line up small chute on left, 30 yard portage is straight ahead on rocks.

Paddle up next rapids, south of large island.

Marked rapid just below channel diverging north can be lined on either side. 51° 13-' 89° 43½'

Paddle up narrows and lift over rock on left (without unloading the first marked rapid. 51° 12½' 89° 45+')

Paddle 75 yards to next rapid, going to small current on right. This can be lined.

Paddle to uppermost marked rapid, and a 150 yard portage can be made easily across rocks on right to smooth water.

Paddle up a wide, rocky stretch with current to wide stretch below campsite rapid. This rapid can be paddled, poled or lined on right to portage landing 51° 13' 89° 47' 100 yards from foot on high, square rock, across from 20' cliff. Portage is 500 yards. Excellent campsite on shore just above portage landing. A long day could be made from the grassy bank below DePalma to here. Better might be to camp at 3 marked rapids between here and channel going north and then go to Osnaburgh from there.

1st Portage below Atikokiwan to 2nd Portage on Pashkokogan River --

Several swifts to paddle from portage to Atikokiwan, staying south of island just above portage.

Take north channel around large island just above Atikokiwan. 51° 10½' 89° 58'

Follow right shore, staying right of wooded islands, at wide, rocky rapid flowing into Atikokiwam. Once through narrows here, follow main current through rocks above. Man-made channel is obvious a little left, and can be easily lined. From here, two paddleable rapids bring you to the upstream end of the island.

Easy paddling until wide bend south, at edge of 1:50,000 Osnaburgh House map. Follow main current south, and paddle 1/2 way up right shore at rapid. The rest can be lined, though a short lift-over might be preferable at top.

Pick your way through rocks as river bends north and right side of rocky swift can be paddled up. Easy paddling to Osnaburgh, north of island at outlet.

Paddle across to Pashkokogan River mouth. On east shore, 1/2 mile up marshy area at mouth, 51° 7' 90° 5+' an Indian burial site atop a clay bluff. It is well-blazed and easily spotted. Scramble up bluff or take path from lowland on right.

Paddle up several swifts, to 1st marked rapid. 51° 7'-90° 7' Portage on left, in bay above last swift of rapid 75 yards.

From upper landing, paddle straight ahead, between two islands, and portage is on right shore facing rapids. Adequate campsite here, with senic kitchen on rock point. Portage is 50 yards.

2nd Portage on Pashkokogan River to Island in south Pashkokogan L --  
Swifts to paddle up from portage.

Then portage across point, cutting off two marked rapids 1 mile above campsite portage. 51° 6' 90° 7½' Portage is on left, has grass and mud unloading and grassy bank loading.

Paddle wide stretch and take portage on left at rapid 51° 2½' 90° 11' into wide stretch. Lining up possible, but only with skilled section.

Swifts to paddle, and rapid to line at narrows where river turns north, 3/4 mile below Pashkokogan Lake.

Sand beaches at top of Pashkokogan could serve as campsites, though most of shoreline is low, bush-choked stone.

Campsite is on east end of the narrow, east-west, mile-long island at the south end of Pashkokogan Lake 50° 56' 90° 20+' It is on the rock on the north nub, not the one on the nub connected by a low spit of land. Good site, plenty of tentsites, and swimming.

Pashkokogan Island to Hamilton Lake --

Paddle to rapids below Hamilton, 150 yard portage on left, grassy lower landing in alder thicket, dirt and rock upper landing. 50° 53' 89° 26'

Paddle to site, 1/2 mile northeast of road, 50° 51' 89° 29', on peninsula, site on right-hand rocks - below saddle of hills visible to southwest from lake.

Landing is obvious -- low bushes, road just to right can't quite be seen, but clearing can, and all cars can be heard. For hitch-hiking, walk up embankment to road, but this is impossible by car. From Savant Lake, follow sign to Hamilton Lake, down dirt road to right, past Indian houses, about a mile.

FLINDT RIVER - HEATHCOTE - KAWAWEOGAMA

Maps Required:

1:250,000 Series: Sioux Lookout 52 J  
1:50,000 Series: Savant Lake 52 J/2  
Seseganaga Lake 52 J/1  
Wilkie Lake 52 J/8

Trip Reports: 1981 Section E  
1965 Section A Albany River  
1979 Section E  
1982 Section E

Car to Flindt River to Start of Heathcote --

Drove to Savant and to Flindt River, down same road as Vanessa (past Rusty Meyers), second bridge from 599 (signs before say "Narrow Bridge"), lake on right, small riffle coming from bridge, small pond below riffle, put in on east side of bridge on left, across grass.  $50^{\circ} 11\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 30+$   
Paddle to end of pond (only 75 yards), Portage on left, at top of riffle (unlineable) 25 yards.

Paddle unnamed lake to Flindt River. Easy paddle for 1/2 mile, then chute to line down  $50^{\circ} 12\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 28'$  (tricky because of deadfalls).

More paddling to where river bends a little to northwest (1/2 mile above Heathcote).  $50^{\circ} 13' 90^{\circ} 28'$   
Small riffle to run slowly and cautiously.

Then around bend is riffle that can be lined down in center chute, over log.  $50^{\circ} 12\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 28'$  Best done with 3 people.

Paddled down Heathcote to small cramped site on small island within sight of rail line, though not in sight of embankment across Heathcote.  $50^{\circ} 14' 90^{\circ} 27\frac{1}{2}'$

Heathcote to Foam Lake --

Paddle to embankment and portage on right (East side)  $50^{\circ} 14\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 27'$ , starting up trail to left of small shack, up over tracks, loading on small sand beach on right.

Paddle down Heathcote 4 miles to bay extending southeast with big island in it. Portage from here, on right shore near foot of bay, to lake due south (414 elev.)  $50^{\circ} 16\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 21'$  connected to Barrington Lake by mile-long skinny creek. Portage is 500 yards through old burn - lots of blueberries in August.

Paddle to north end of Barrington. Portage into lake above Foam Lake on Foam Creek  $50^{\circ} 18+' 90^{\circ} 15-'$  200 yard portage with muskeg.

Campsite just after narrows on right  $50^{\circ} 18' 90^{\circ} 14'$  after paddling 2/3 way down lake (in low water, unload on rocks just before narrows, 25 yards to campsite, but boats can be paddled through narrows unloaded).

Foam Lake to Base --

Beaver dam in creek above Foam Lake.

Portage on right through burn -- 100 yards, at creek out of Foam.  $50^{\circ} 17' 90^{\circ} 13'$

Rock-dodge down creek and paddle to Allanwater Bridge.

Paddle up past foot-bridge  $50^{\circ} 14' 90^{\circ} 11'$  and line up right shore. Paddle down Kawaweogama to outpost.