

MISSIP TRIP
Turkey Hunt

Friday: 8th.

TRUCK PACKED WAITING ON JO.

noon - Jo home

1. o'clock Left home and went to pick up Jo's brace.

2.00 on road.

Route is ²⁸¹ to Decatur, 380 to Greenville, 69 to Milledgeville, old 80 to Longview.

Spent nite at Longview. 400 motel. 28.00. Never again.

Sat. morn: Depart LA about 7.

Breakfast at Kelly TRUCK STOP at Exit 5 (I think) in LA. Very good service. Food is fair. Price a little high. Arrived in V. log. at noon.

Sat P.m. Went out to Ducks' for awhile.

Sunday. Cooked Breakfast for the Matthews family. Saw Omlets etc. Duck moving Mrs Logue into housing near Betty's. Jo + I went out to ducks Alt. 630 - 830. Good time

Monday: up early & under way
at 0815. Drove slow and
smelled the flowers along the
way. Beautiful drive.
In Bude about 1030. Breakfast
at Scott's Cafe. They don't know
what an over easy egg is either
will wait for the Bear Hunter
here. There's a fairly large
store here so I'll get some
things here. Still have ice
in chests.

¹⁵1130: Bear H. arrived. Went to
store and departed for camp
site about noon. Kerry picked
us up on CB. Several miles
away from camp. We have
a good site on a ridge top.
my stove hook-up is in need
of mod I think. Apparently
the grill regulator is too low
a press to operate the Coleman
except for about a quarter
level of fire. K's camper
has a good stove so will
use it til I ^{can} figure out the
problem.

I can't believe I got here
with out getting some beer at
the BX at V.B. Had 1 beer for
Biscuits. Am cooking chicken
& dumplings also. Think I'll make
some tea tomorrow when we
have more ice.

Ferry has seen several turkeys
so far. None in the bag yet?
The smell of the forest is so
good. Hope the rains hold
off for a few days.

Ferry's dad & another fellow are
due in later today. The camp site
is starting to come around. F+K
are in the woods.

menu for tonite

C + D (Chicken + Dumplings)

green Beans + Crowder peas.

Beer Bis.

5 Li. Peaches.

Coffee

Mr. McVable + friend ^(ED) came in about
45 min before dark + left to look
for a gobbler. They saw down
the road. I like these men
already.

Later: Every-one is in camp now
Supper eaten + Pots Clean.

The fireside session is going to
be short tonight. Everyone is
tired and they get up and leave
about 4:30 to be in position.

Tape at 9:30 or a little earlier.

Ever heard a screech owl? I'm
glad Floyd was around when I
heard this first one. I'd have
went and packed up and gone -
It sounds like a psycho maniac
in a shouting match with a howling
 banshee (I never heard one of those
either.) Hope he (the owl) moves
out of our area.

Tuesday morning

rather nature called at about
10 to 4. Its nice outside. Not too
cold. Just got back in sick when
Nahk called ~~repeatedly~~ repeatedly. Just
me left at 4:45.

Cleaned up around camp +
had Breakfast going when they

began to straggle in.

B/Biscuits

Sausage Patties

Eggs To order

Cottage fried pot with
onion. etc.

Good B.S. Session Then
Floyd & I went to town
(Natchez) for ice & other
supplies. I'm still lost for
getting out of these woods.
Floyd took me out another
way.

No turkeys as of hunter
coming in. We got Pinto
beans, ^{Hominy} Corn Bread, boiled
corn, Peach cobbles. Sliced
tomatoes.

Slope every one gets in
soon. Food is getting cold
all in, all ate, no turkey.

I asked them if the idea is
"to Turkey Hunt and see how many
you can see without killing any;
many have been seen; so they
say.

Fite gave me some O.J. Tea
making coffee in a drip pot. M.R.

you wouldn't believe the way I was going to use it. I didn't know it came apart & the coffee went inside. I had old grounds in the middle, new ones in the water area and was trying to figure out how the coffee ^{water} got from the bottom up to the top & then back to the bottom. When Pete stopped laughing he showed me the proper way. But then he probably couldn't change an engine on a T-37 unless someone showed him too.

A friend of Kerry's came in about after 9. His name is Terry so I'm in trouble. Kerry is still Terry to me. Terry is a Pharmacologist, Ed is a Deputy Sheriff. Kerry & Floyd are operators for the Chem. Generating Plant. Mr. Pete ~~has~~ ^{owns} Crawfish and sells them. A fine group of men.
Wed.

wake 2 AM for MNC. Still awake at 3 AM. Got up and made

Doughnuts + Coffee water. (they still don't trust my ability with the coffee chore. They left and I cleaned up the camp some and started Bkfst. Cut my finger on a knife in the sack. not deep ~~but~~ but its a bleeder. Pete had some methiolate + Band aids ~~and~~ and put them on real tight and it stopped. We experienced people can do anything.

All hunters in about 930 AM + ate. Pete + I ~~are~~ ^{went} going to Beside far milk + eggs. I noticed my left head ^{light} is broken + snap. Bought one in meadville at Ford place. \$3.10. Pete ^{has} lost his gas tank cap and is trying to find a replacement. no luck so far. we had a nice talk and a few laughs. Pete was in the army Air Forces in the early forties. He spent some time at Sheppard and has some fond memories of the bad water, dust and all the other goodies that make Shep. a serviceman's dream assignment. (nitemore)

when we returned we all had a session with the dart gun. These guys picked up on it right away. I can ~~shoot~~ it better with my plate removed. we found out that about a 5 in length dart is best.

The rains come this PM and we are in a watch til 1130 we are taking what precautions we can such as moving our vehicles ~~on~~ from under the trees into a more open area. we also are sleeping in our pickups. The shells offer more protection from falling limbs than the tent. I'm sure no one needs this water.

not in the rain { Pete & Kerry lost all their catfish
Craw fish to heavy rains. Pete says he's a retired doodle-bugger.

Its about midnight and the rains come & go. I find I have a small leak around the food window in my camper shell.

Its quit raining now so I think I'll try for a few more

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Thursday.

missed the hunters this A.M.
I guess I was more tired
than I thought. Didn't see any
damage around the Camp. I
woke once and heard some hail
in the rain.

Pete came in early and we
talked as I cleaned up the area
and got Breakfast started. He
said Terry + Ed left during the
night due to the weather. Hope
they made it in OK.

I made a pot. onion, egg
+ Sausage Casserole for the troops
and I want to tell you it is
good. We also polished off half a
quart of those good figs with
biscuits. I made a small loaf
of beer Bread in a pan. It
is really OK.

Floyd and I drove over
to Brookhaven and visited Lisa
for a while. Her boy is 19mo
and good looking. Strong as an
ox. we left about 3:15. Stopped
for gas, eggs etc. Saw a large
Turkey fly across in front
of us. They sure are pretty

went over to Clear springs for
water. Not a bad job.
Back home to camp and a
supper of left over spag. ~~Tom.~~

Tomato ~~Slices~~ ^{Slices}, boiled corn, biscuits
peaches + Pint butter.

Rode down road anyway to
find some deer. ~~no~~ no luck.
so to ~~sleep~~ sleep. (I went
to sleep trying to write "sleep".

Friday morning

Was a quiet morn. m.m. made
no demands until about 4 A.M.
Whipped out a few doughnuts and
Hunters left at first light.
Hope they do some good today
Kerry has to work tonight so
they will be leaving about noon
I imagine. I'll stay on with
Floyd till tomorrow and leave
about noon.

Pete saw a turkey from the
camp while I was gone yesterday.
I had told them I'd been hearing

what I thought was a turkey.
my hearing must be improving.
By the way, that ^{screech} owl must
have moved on 'cause I haven't
heard him again.

I just heard a shot west
of here. Hope they got one.
maybe I should start the
water for scalding the bird
for plucking. I guess that can
wait tho. Floyd is bow hunting
and all the others are carrying
shotguns. So far we are all
even and I don't even hunt.

It's very cool this morning
and the fire feels good. Sun is
going to show so I'll sun my
sleep bag today. Wish we had another
week here. I'm just getting into the
routine and it's time to go. Time
sure passes fast when you enjoy
yourself. Maybe that's why some
people make themselves miserable
so their days drag out longer.

Pete & Kerry left after
breakfast. They are good people.
Jim is due in about 3 PM,
for the week end. Will meet

him out on the road. Will
call home today if I can get a line.
Floyd + I have the camp
cleaned up and we got to
figure food for tonight.

In case anyone needs to know
Kerry's favorite drink is "Big
Red" + Tequila.

went to Bude and tried to
call home. no luck. I guess
the lines are down from the
tornado. Anyway I couldn't reach
anyone. Looks as if the tornado
was a tree topper. many houses
+ autos were damaged. One house
trailer flattened and many
trees uprooted or twisted off.

Floyd bought me a Camouflage
T-Shirt. I sure appreciate
that. now I feel like an
honorary member of the club.

met Jim at Clear Springs
park. He looks great. They
ate a Corned Beef onion + Dill
pickle Sandwich and are in

the woods. Maybe they will
get a Turkey. He's got a gun.
I'm serving Chicken - fried
tender- loin of venison,
Green Lima beans, boiled onions
white gravy, Boiled Potatoes +
B/B. (1 small loaf left.) + Hot
Coffee.

~~The Food~~

Floyd + Jim came in early. I
think they have a turkey stalked out
for tomorrow. The food was
accepted and demolished in a
manner to do the Oakes' name
proud.

9.30 P.M. Sack time. I'm very
sleepy + tired tonight. Felt a
little unstable twice today - Late.
4 o'clock is early.

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TS. Sat. AM 4:00

Beat Floyd + Jim up and got
a fire going. It's 34 degrees. Can you
believe it. must have froze in W.F.
when this front came thru there.

Fixed some doughnuts + Coffee
and the mighty hunters sallied
forth to stalk the wily Turkey.
(Its about 8:30 now and I have
heard four shots from the east.
Hope one of them was Jim, However
its been over an hour and they have
not returned to camp, so I guess
my hopes are for naught.

Have the Sausage casserole on for
breakfast. Its a good one dish meal.
mighty tasty + Pretty to look at.
I also used up the hamburger
meat + made Floyd a few Burritos
since they are staying til tomorrow.
I've started gathering my stuff together
for loading. Its sure is hard to leave
a place when you are really not tired
of it yet. Duty is duty I guess. Seems
like thats all thats left after 34 1/2
years of marriage. Too bad. I plan
to be in Vbg about 3 P.M. I havent
been able to find a souvenir for
Leslie. Its hard to realize that this
area is a lot different from other
places I have been. There is no
tourist attraction in the area, so no
gimmicks.

Looks as if this hunt will end in a tie for all. Everyone including me has seen + heard turkeys and I think there were a couple of fleeting shots at out of range birds by a couple of the troops. To me being here is reward enough.

Later: Those shots weren't him. The old turkey is wiley. They are going to go back and sit on the blind this P.M. I think they may get him then. F + J helped me pack the truck and I departed at about 11:30 or so. Found my way out OK. but I'm not sure I could go back. Had to stop a few times on the way back due to getting drowsy. Got to V.Bug. about 2:20.

~~Ben~~ George + I went out to the antique engine show at Bovina. met some good people and saw a lot of old engines. One that used to belong to Dad. a 4 cyl. miller marine. Stopped back by Ducks and Tom was there. Had a nice long Bull Session.

Jo + I left about 6 Sunday morning. By 7:15 we were about 5 miles past Tallulah. Had to come back as Jo had an attack of diarrhea. Will try again tomorrow.

went out to see the muesueta and the Cairo restoration. Its really 1st class. I'm anxious to see it a few years from now.

Stopped at the Corner Drug Store + saw Joe Gerack. He used to hunt with Dad, Belly King + Fred Harris years ago.

Monday: We left at 5:00 + got to WF. about 2:30. Stopped for gas, ~~at Tallah~~ for Lunch, and one ~~stop~~ stop at Shuckys.

Another adventure ended.

Friday: Talked to Floyd this P.M. The turkey eluded them again. I think old Ben Franklin was right in wanting the Turkey for the National bird. They are not having any problems.

surviving.

Floyd & Co.
Styro. Coffee Cups

Beers.

~~Styrofoam~~ Ice

Froz. Corn.

Hamburger meat.

water

Big Star. Nat

28.50

5.19

Floyd & Co.

Bude.

milk

~~water~~

Pate & Co

eggs

etc

green Beans or Snaps.

Bude. 7.42

Peach Cobbler

$1\frac{1}{4}$ C. Sugar

$1\frac{1}{2}$ Full TBL.S. FLOUR

Mix Thoroughly.

Add. Large Can Sliced Peaches

$\frac{1}{2}$ Stick Butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoon Nutmeg.

1 cup water

Mix til sugar is dissolved

Pastry: $\frac{1}{4}$ cup ChRISO.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup FLOUR

$\frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoon Salt.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ TBL.S. Ice water

Mix By Hand.

make small balls of dough

Roll out on floured board

& cut in strips.

form lattice

~~Cook~~

Cook at 320 til Juice is thick
about 1 hr.

mustard

Hot Sauce

JAL. Cheez whiz