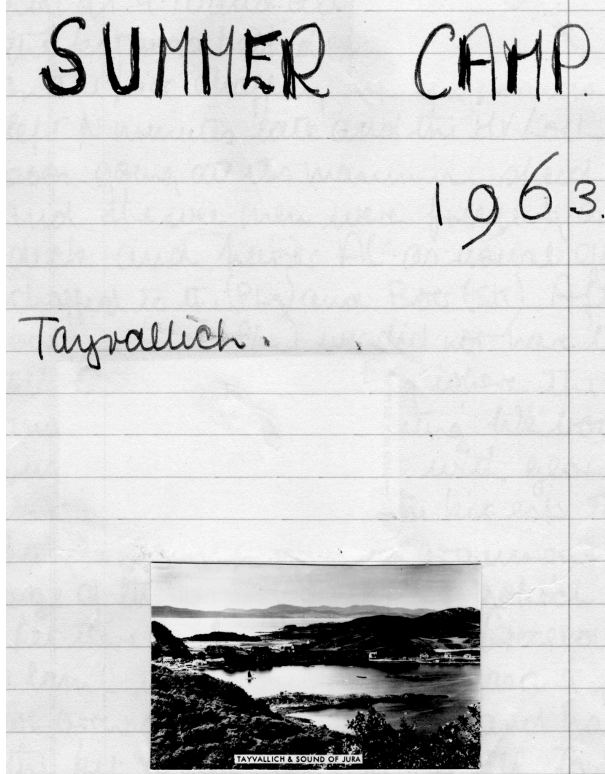


SUMMER CAMP 1963

Tayvallich 6th - 16th August 1963



70th RENFREWSHIRE BOY SCOUT TROOP
SUMMER CAMP 1963

Dear Parent,

The Troop Summer Camp is again being held at Tayvallich, by Lochgilphead, Argyll on the same site as last year's camp.

The duration of the camp is from Tuesday, 6th August to Friday, 16th August.

A camp meeting to which all parents are invited will be held in Monday, 24th June, at 7.30 pm in Finnart Church.

All intending campers should have their Tenderfoot Badge and have completed at least one night's camping with the Troop prior to the Summer Camp.

Please fill in the attached form and return it as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

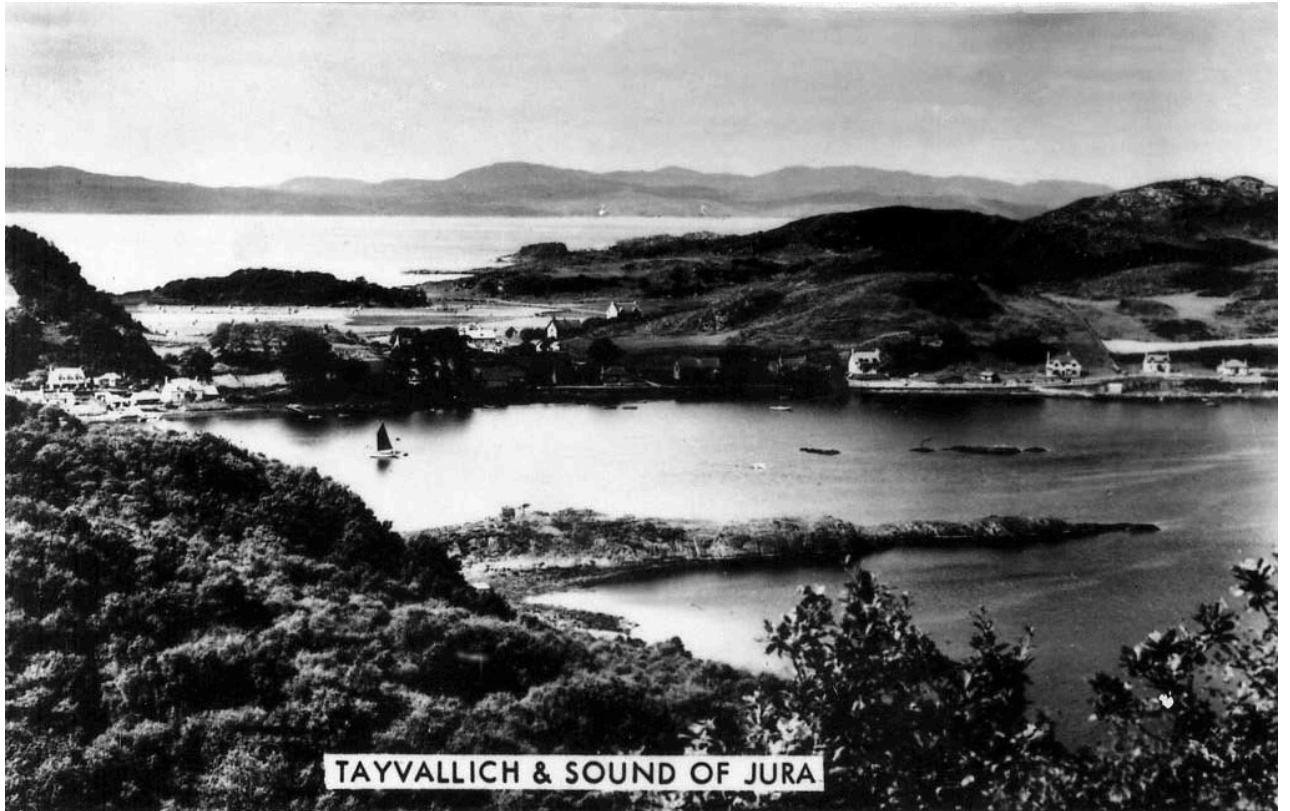
R K Miller
Scoutmaster

CAMP CONSENT FORM

I hereby give permission for to attend 70th Renfrewshire Boy Scout Summer Camp 1963 from ... August to ... August.

Signed

Date



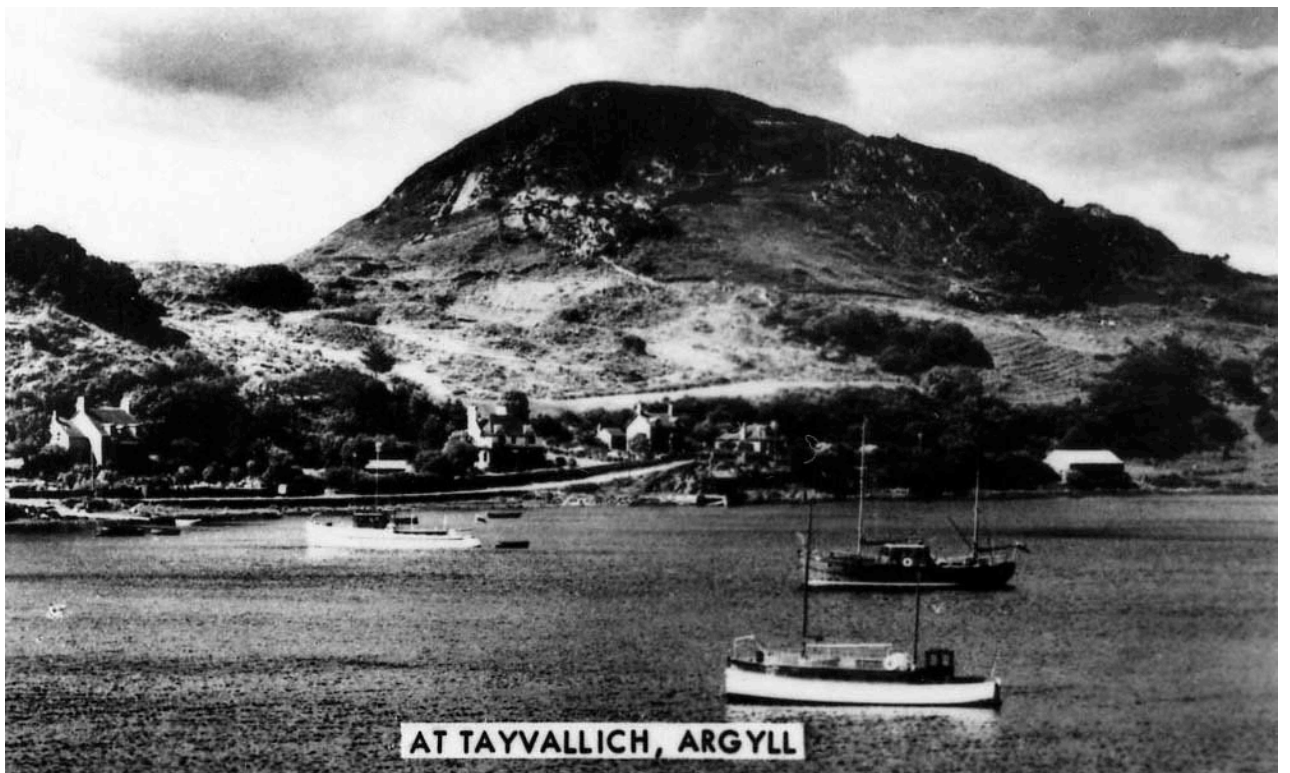
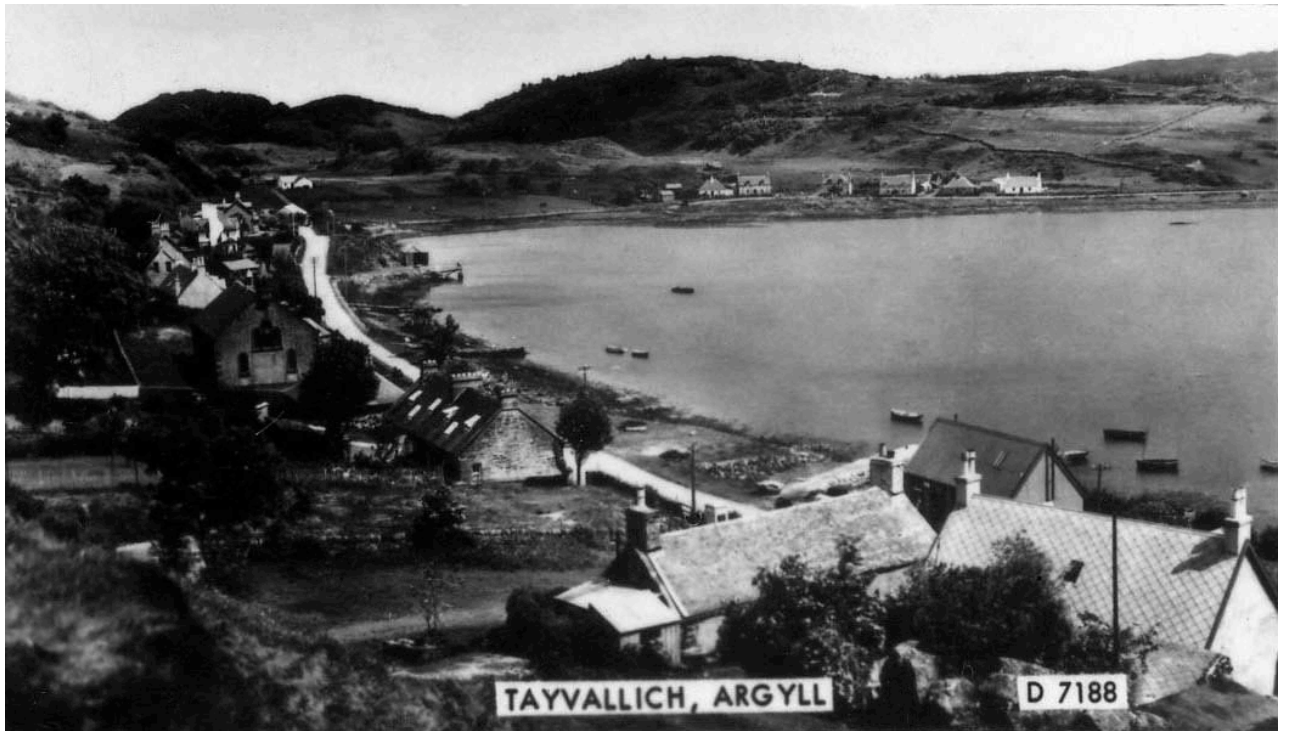
TAYVALLICH & SOUND OF JURA

Editorial note: *The campsite was south of Carsaig Bay, which is on the other side of the peninsula from Tayvallich.*



CARSAIG BAY AND
SOUND OF JURA

Editorial note: *The campsite (not visible here) was on a low ridge to the left of the hill on the skyline. The photograph is taken from the NE of Carsaig Bay, looking roughly SW.*



Editorial notes: Neither of these postcards include Carsaig Bay or the campsite. However, Tayvallich was within walking distance from the campsite (approx. 1 mile).

Editorial note

The following photographs are believed to have been taken from the campsite and its approaches when the Scouters carried out a pre-camp reconnaissance, possibly in 1962. The troop camped here two years running (1962 and 1963). The campsite was on the south side of Carsaig Bay and the evidence suggests that it was on a low ridge to the east of the track connecting Carsaig Bay and Barnashalg.



Editorial note Bob Miller on the right. View from the campsite location looking roughly north towards Carsaig Bay and Carsaig Island.



Editorial Note These views were probably taken from the fields close to the campsite looking north to Carsaig Bay. The first photo shows the cemetery the right. The second shows the approach road leading south from Carsaig Bay to Barnashalg. The second photograph was taken from the slope leading up to the low ridge on which the camp is believed to have been located.

Those at Camp

Eagle Patrol

PL *William¹ D Phillips (Wiffel¹)*
S *Gifford Lind*
1 *Gordon Paterson (Herring)*
2 *David Flockhart (Bouncer)*
3 *Douglas C. Clements*
4 *Robert Morrison*

Bear Patrol

PL *Ian Fraser (IF)*
S *William Gunn (Bang Bang)*
1 *Philip Dagleish*
2 *John Martin*
James Ramage (weekend only)
Alan Jeyes (weekend only)

Curlew Patrol

PL *Michael Nisbet*
S *Charles Davey*
1 *John Lyle*
2 *Roderick McCarthur*
3 *Jim Barr*

Tents

Eagle Patrol – *New Icelandic*
Bear Patrol – *Stormhaven*
Curlew Patrol – *Nijer*

Scouters

Robert K Miller (Bob)
Albert Runcie (Oz)
Alastair Cram (weekend only) (Al)

Three new shelters¹ were used for the patrols and the Scouter(s) got their usual one. The store tent was the old Icelandic.

Editorial notes

- 1. Christian names and nicknames have been added in italics.*
- 2. The kitchen shelters were probably tarpaulins purchased from Blacks.*

6th August 1963

This morning, those going to camp met on Gourrock pier at 9.10 and all, except Bob¹, got on after the kit was helped on by all the men. Bob stood on the pier chaffing² up the parents. The boat left N minutes late and the MV LochFyne was soon going at its maximum speed, 15 knots, and the wee men were freezing on the top deck and purser Al^{3,4} as usual off duty chaffed² to the (PLs) and Bob (SM). After eating our..... (PLs)⁵, we did not have long to wait to wait till we got to Ardrishaig where the bus driver and the bus⁶ were waiting. We boarded the bus after filling its boot with gear. We took bits of bus away with the kit especially the big hamper which had an argument about the size of the door and a table which said "Let there not be light" and proceeded to clobber a lamp in the bus. After a pleasant journey, we arrived at Carsaig Bay and had to carry the kit a quarter mile up the big hill to the campsite. After big puffings and pantings, we got to the top, picked the sites, put up the tent and shelter and got with it.⁷ We had a makeshift tea of beans, sausages, and jam chits, and then we started our altar fire.⁸

We had cocoa at the Curlew Patrol shelter and after a singsong we went to pit and all soon went to sleep.

Wiffel⁹ PL of Eagle (at camp)

Editorial notes for 6th August 1963

1. Scout Master Bob Miller.

2. 'Chatting and being chatted to'

3. A.S.M. Alastair Cram

4. By 1963, Alastair Cram was a University student and had successfully applied to be the purser on the MV Loch Fyne during the summer holidays. This limited his attendance at several summer camps, but it was quite a coup to be selected as a purser.

5. Packed Lunches. It's not clear why the dashes were added before this.

6. It is assumed that the bus and its driver were chartered specifically to carry the Scouts and their equipment from the pier to Carsaig Bay.

7. This description makes it clear that the campsite was uphill from the coast. It is believed that the campsite was at approximately Grid Ref. 733873 on a low ridge, situated to the east of the track running south from Carsaig Bay to Barnashalg. This would have involved carrying the gear about quarter of a mile in distance and 100 feet in height.

8. It is not known when altar fires were first used at summer camp, but this is certainly one of the earliest references to them. Altar fires allowed fires to be lit off the ground at about waist height, which was more convenient when cooking meals.

9. Billy Phillips PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp

7th August 1963

This morning we had slice and eggs for breakfast and also a packet of cornflakes.

Just outside our kitchen, we had a wasps' nest where I¹ was stung on the leg. At dinner time, we had Bob² and the (menu) soup, custard, potatoes and mince, jelly with prunes³. Bob's remarks were tiptop⁴.

Between dinner and tea we got all jobs done, like the noticeboard, Jaspar⁵, cleaning the store tent and putting up notice boards⁶.

Tea consisted of bread and spaghetti.

After that we went for a walk into town and back over the moors!⁷

After campfire, a dog rambled to our tent and Bob took it home.

Copied from a manuscript by DC Clements⁸

Editorial notes for 7th August 1963

1. Probably Douglas Clements

2. Scout Master Bob Miller.
3. Probably part of the menu to encourage Scouts to use the loo.
4. An in word during the 1960s for something fabulous or good.
5. Jasper (or Jaspar) referred to the toilet or latrines. The name was adopted from a previous camp when a dog called Jasper was the first client for the newly dug latrines.
6. The notice boards were probably the signs that would direct visitors from the coast road to the campsite.
7. The route was not specified unfortunately, but there is a path leading west from the south end of Tayvallich to Barnashaig, where the track heading north towards the campsite could be picked up.
8. Douglas Clements of the Eagle Patrol. The 'manuscript' was probably his entry in the Eagle Patrol Log, which is not amongst the surviving records

8th August 1963

Today we had bacon and eggs for breakfast. After inspection, for which we got eight, we went down to the field¹ for a game of football. The opposing side got 12 and us three and the ball hit a car (once or twice). Afterwards, we had baseball and Wiffle² scored 14 home runs. In the afternoon, we burnt out the waspies³, then Bob⁴ came to dinner for which we had stew and semolina. At campfire, we had dumpling which made Douglas Clements sick. PS At lunch we had macaroni and cheese.

Copied from a first folio edition by D. Flockhart⁵

Editorial notes for 8th August 1963

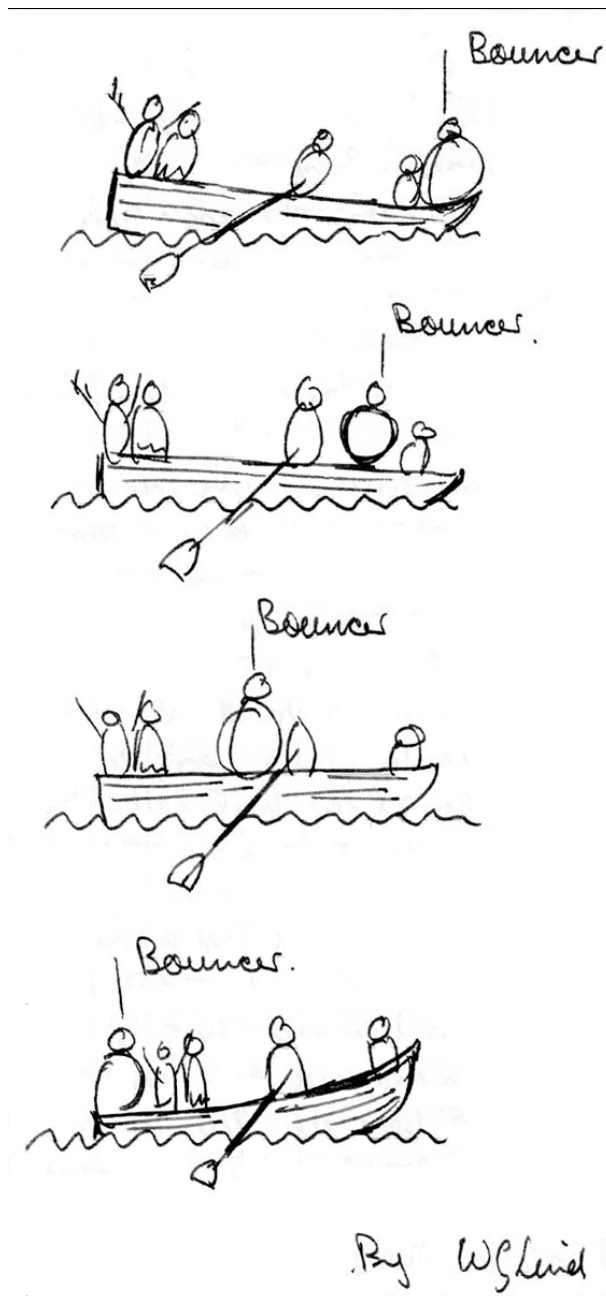
1. Location of the field still to be determined, but was clearly downhill of the campsite. It is likely to have been close to the shoreline of Carsaig Bay.
2. Billy Phillips PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp
3. There was a wasps' nest next to the Eagle Patrol kitchen shelter.
4. Scout Master Bob Miller.
5. David Flockhart, 2nd Scout of the Eagle Patrol – This suggests that this account was copied from the entry written in the Eagle Patrol log. This log is no longer in the Troop's possession.

9th August 1963

Today, we had a patrol day when we did some patrol activities. For breakfast, we had eggs and black pudding followed by chits¹. After breakfast and washings of dixies, dishes and cutlery, and swatting tons of wasps and getting stung left, right and centre, we had inspection where we did badly. Then we got our dinner ready and took it away to see Bob² to get money out of the bank³ and get permission to get out in a boat.⁴

After the long and tiresome wander into Tavyallich⁵, we went into the shop only to find that the wee manny was at his dinner and would not serve us. We all wandered along and watched some 'Old Salts' take their boat out. After watching someone taking in their rubber dinghy, we asked the crew where we could hire a boat. We were told to ask an old boy at the next jetty. We asked him if he had any boats for hire. This old boy was extra generous and gave us his boat till 6 PM for 9 shillings. Then we all piled aboard and Wiffel⁶ and I (G. Lind⁷) took the oars, but Wiffel decided that he would row himself, but in the process of changing over, we dropped one oar overboard and I managed to belt up the boat at extra high velocity and grabbed the oar just in time.

While we were passing in between the islands, we saw a whole colony of birds, two in particular which dived down on us like thunderbolts and cleared our heads by inches. After getting through in between the islands, we started a series of manoeuvres, namely:- shifting Bouncer⁸ from one end of the boat to the other. This is no easy matter whatsoever because Bouncer is so heavy that wherever he goes the boat leans that way. Eventually, we went up the nearest loch and ate our dinner after which we visited a few islands. During the trials for oarsmanship, we found that Herring⁹ was the favourite¹⁰.



On the way back, we made up a song and it goes to the tune of 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore' and it goes like this.

V1. Wiffil rowed the boat away
Hallelujah (Chorus)
Wiffil rowed the boat away
Hallelujah

V2 Herring rowed it up the loch (Chorus)
It was like passing past the Cloch
(Chorus)

V3 Herring rowed it down the loch
Herring rowed it down the loch

V3 Wiffil rowed it back again
Wiffil rowed it back again
Repeat first verse and finish

When we got back, we mucked around the Bay and watched the water skiing and got soaked by the water skier.

We were soon merrily walking home after a fine day's sailing.

When we got home, we got our tea which was mince and beans.

After that, we did certain things until campfire and then to pit.

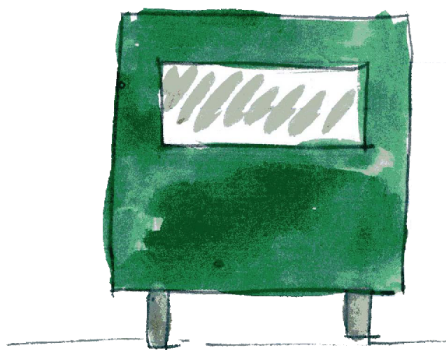
By the second of
the Eagle WG Lind

Editorial notes for 9th August 1963

1. Chits are generally sandwiches or pieces of bread with jam.
2. Scout Master Bob Miller.
3. This is the first mention of a camp bank in any of the records. Scouts lodged their spending money with a Scouter and were allowed to withdraw money when required. Any Scout wanting to withdraw all their money in one go was generally dissuaded.
4. The patrol was hoping to hire a boat at Tayvallich.
5. This presumably involved hiking the mile or two into Tayvallich along the main road.
6. Billy Phillips PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp
7. Gifford Lind, Second of the Eagle Patrol in camp
8. David Flockhart, 2nd Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp.
9. Gordon Paterson, 1st Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp
10. An in word during the 1960s for something fabulous or good.

10th August 1963

Bus ~~at~~ before



Bus after



dirty, mice ran under the seats, and wee plebs bellowed out loud at every turn⁹. Nevertheless, the films were the favourite enjoyed by all and extra amusing¹⁰. After the flicks, we went buswards and then homewards with a singsong with "It's a long way to Tayvallich" by courtesy of yours truly. The driver took us to Carsaig Bay and then we went home to pit.

Signed Wiffel¹¹ PL of Eagle Patrol

Editorial notes for 10th August 1963

1. An in word during the 1960s for something fabulous or good.
2. 'Chatting and being chatted to'.
3. Scout Master Bob Miller.
4. A.S.M. Alastair Cram.
5. Albert Runcie was Troop Leader until June 1963, but it is thought that he may have resigned as T.L. by summer camp to join the ranks of the Scouters, presumably as a Junior A.S.M.
6. Presumably the Scouters were giving instructions to the PLs while the rest of the Scouts walked into Tayvallich. As a result, the PLs were cutting it fine to catch the bus.
7. Presumably a service bus.
8. Lochgilphead.
9. This may well have been the Empire Cinema in Union Street, which had 356 seats. In 1990, it briefly became a snooker hall, then a Travel Lodge. In 1960, the cinema was hired out for 6 weeks to the film company that was shooting several scenes in the Lochgilphead area for the James Bond movie "From Russia with Love". The cinema was used to show the cast what had been shot each day. Those attending the 'fleapit' in 1963 might have been surprised to learn that the building was originally built as part of the 1938 Empire Exhibition held in Bellahouston Park in Glasgow. Once the exhibition was over the building was dismantled and rebuilt in Lochgilphead.
10. Two films were watched. The first was called 'The Traitors', which released in 1962. It was an espionage story telling how British and American security agents outwitted ruthless and cunning traitors trying to steal secret project plans. Stars included Patrick Allen, Jacqueline Ellis and James Maxwell. The second film was 'If a man Answers', which was released in 1962 as a romantic comedy and starred Bobby Darin and Sandra Dee.
11. Billy Phillips PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp.

11th August 1963

This morning (as usual), it was wet. Two thirds of the troop were expecting their parents¹. We started the day with breakfast which consisted of bacon and eggs. Then the usual hurry before inspection, which we got very poor marks for everything. After that, we had to get our neckerchiefs ironed with our stone iron. The parents started to come now and all of them saw round our kitchen. Others, whose parents had not arrived, were playing football and baseball. After that, we came back for lunch and *for* the number that remained, lunch was not ready till 4 PM. By this time, most people were now returning after having lunch with their parents in some hotel or a picnic.

Then we had tea of spaghetti and sausages.

After that, our iron came into operation for smoothing neckerchiefs because we were going to church. *For* 10 minutes, we were ment to be marching along to Tayallich (as pronounced by Farmer "Giles")² Church. *We* soon got there and the drone³ started but we got through quite quickly. *The* flags marched out and we were ready for the long trek back.

When we got back, we built the bivvy and finished. *Most* of the patrol helped to make it. Just before campfire, Bob⁴ came and inspected it and gave us a '1st class opinion' on it, then we went to campfire. Campfire tonight was the first to be in nobody's kitchen. We had 2 cakes and doughnuts (which are thought to have made Charles⁵ sick). After that, we departed and went to pit⁶. Wiffil⁷ and Gifford⁸ slept in our newly made bivvy.

R. Morrison (Eagle) is the author⁹.



Editorial notes for 11th August 1963

1. The 11th August was a Sunday, which was the day when parents could turn up at the camp to have a look round and take their son out for a meal.
2. It is not known what the reference to 'Farmer Giles' signified.
3. Writing is indistinct here,
4. Scout Master Bob Miller.
5. Charles Davey of the Curlew Patrol at camp,
6. Bed, sleeping bag, sleep etc etc,
7. Billy Phillips, PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp,
8. Gifford Lind, Second of the Eagle Patrol in camp,
9. For the troop log, Billy Phillips must have copied the entry written in the Eagle Patrol log by Robert Morrison (Last Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp). It is not known whether the Eagle Patrol Log of summer camp has survived.

12th August 1963

Today, Robert¹ was sick at breakfast time. Robert and I (Herring²) stayed in pit³ for the morning and had no breakfast, which was cornflakes, ham and eggs. Al^{4,5} and J. Ramage⁶ went home. The others went to play football and baseball after inspection. The marks were 8 uniforms, 9 tent, 9 kitchen.

At dinner, Robert and I got up while the rest were eating macaroni and cheese along with IF⁷ and J Martin⁸. Robert just had toast and tea along with me.

This afternoon, we made a porch to the bivvy. Then four of us went to sit tests. Bouncer⁹ and Douglas¹⁰ practiced throwing a rope within 4 feet of a staff 50 feet away¹¹. I went looking for a dead tree to chop down for my felling axe¹², but I did not find one, only four toadstools which I gave to Bob¹³ to add to his collection¹⁴. While coming back from the toadstool hunt, Bob find some wandered¹⁵ rubbish – that was 20 points off and no more wandering.

We had spaghetti for tea.

After that, the DC¹⁶ came and said our bivvy was the favourite. We made an oven¹⁷ afterwards. Afterwards was campfire, taps's¹⁸ and pit³.

By the fair hand of Herring¹⁹

Editorial notes for 12th August 1963

1. Robert Morrison (*Last Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp*).
2. Gordon Paterson, *1st Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp*.
3. *Bed, sleeping bag, sleep etc etc*.
4. A.S.M. Alastair Cram.
5. *Alastair was limited to the weekend in camp as he had gained the purser's job on the 'Loch Fyne' over the summer months*.
6. *James Ramage of the Bear Patrol in camp*.
7. *Ian Fraser (IF), PL of the Bear Patrol in camp*.
8. *John Martin, 2nd Scout of the Bear Patrol in camp*.
9. *David Flockhart, 2nd Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp*.
10. *Douglas Clements of the Eagle Patrol. The 'manuscript' was probably his entry in the Eagle Patrol Log, which is not amongst the surviving records*.
11. *Emergencies was part of the 1st Class Badge. The test included coiling up a rope, then throwing it a certain distance such that it landed close to a 'drowning person'*.
12. *The felling axe was a test for the 1st Class Badge*.
13. *Scout Master Bob Miller*.
14. *Bob was well known for collecting various mushrooms and toadstools at camp*.
15. *The term 'wandered' in camp referred to any rubbish or food scraps that had been thrown into the bushes instead of being burnt or buried. This was strictly forbidden*.
16. *The local District Commissioner usually visited Scout troops that were camping in his district to assess camping standards. Troops wishing to camp in another district were required to send a camp form to the relevant DC in advance and the DC would write his comments on that*.
17. *A camp oven usually involved digging a hole into a suitable slope and inserting an old biscuit tin into the hole. The tin was then covered with a good layer of mud and soil and a space was left underneath it for the fire. A chimney made of old tins served to take away the smoke and to provide an air flow to keep the fire alight*.
18. *Taps*.
19. *The entry was copied from a patrol log entry written by Gordon Paterson. The original Eagle Patrol log from which it came has not been found*.

13th August 1963

Today, we got up at 7:30 AM and had breakfast of cornflakes and eggs. After cleaning up everything, we made steps up from the kitchen¹. This Bob² thought to be the favourite³. At inspection, we scraped up 9 for uniform, 9 for tent, 8 for kitchen. At inspection, our spiv bivvs were inspected and Bob could not decide which was the favouritest, i.e. whether a leaky bivv without twine, or a spiv biv with twine which is waterproof. Still, it has not been

decided. Our oven⁴ was inspected, but Bob said we would have to cook something in it before we got points.

Next, the store was open for lem and crisps. We then all went down to the game after putting on our stew. First of all was baseball in which they were no interesting occurrences, but at football Bob took lots of photos.⁵

When we got back from the game, we had our dinner of stew, potatoes, custard, prunes⁶. Then we decided to make the oven go and baked scones.

Some men stayed behind to do the oven while Wiffil⁷, Herring⁸ and I (G. Lind⁹) went fungus collecting. We found tons of fungi but, unfortunately, the I Spy book did not have half of them in it. Undecided about at least half of them, we called Bob and Oz¹⁰ to inspect them. They were amazed at how many we had.

After Bob and Oz had gone, we decided to have tea of salmon, lettuce, tomatoes and chits¹¹. Wiffil then decided to make an extra large economy size mihonky¹² bridge. Just then, our scone was ready and we took a bit over to Bob for him to taste it and he thought it extra favourite³.

After the excitement of the scone, we all decided to get on with the mihonky¹² bridge. This site was chosen and prepared. Then we measured out the rope, cut it to size, and got with it. We tied all the strainers¹³ on and started to tighten up the main rope. Once it was fairly tight, we started on the sidewalks¹⁴ until it was finished and pronounced passible over by Herring who was first to get across. Soon Bob came along to test it but fell off twice.

All too soon it was time for campfire and we sang our song - and so to pit¹⁵.

By Gifford Lind Second of Eagle.

Eagle Patrol Camp Song – only one produced.

To the Happy Wanderer

1

We started to go a camping
Near the favourite Carsaig Bay
Then soon we had our site ready
And had some time to play

Chorus

Tayvallich, Tayvallich, Tayvallich, Tayv-a ha ha ha, Tayvallich,
And have some time to play

2

Next day we had some work to do
And we got up early
To make sure our breakfast ham and eggs
And get with it merrily

3

Nizzie¹⁶ made a fab rasher
And we get some odd jobs
While Ian Fraser¹⁷ searched for wood
A flagpole to bring the jobs

4

Ian¹⁷ brought a Yogi Bear¹⁸
From Blackpool by the sea
And Wiffil⁷ took it by the neck
Down the hill to free

5
Jeyesi¹⁹, Al²⁰ and Oz¹⁰ came down
Upon the first dry day
Bringing with them lots of grub
To keep them extra gay

6
We are often sent to the farm
To purchase lots of milk
And we are always sure to get
The best from farmer McGilp²¹

7
Douglas Clements²² honked one night
Upon the ground sheet clean
And at precisely 3am
Lots of stew was seen

8
We loved to go a wandering²³
Of all our useless junk
Till Bob found loads around the hill
And nearly did a bunk

9
We made a favourite bivouac
Piled high with ferns green
The DC²⁴ thought it extra good
Waterproof it would seem

10
We made ourselves a large oven
Out of a biscuit tin
To make us goodies by the score
And keep food hot within

11
We went in to see the flicks
The fleapit Loch G²⁵
We have an extra favourite time
Watching Sandra D²⁶

12
On Sunday we went on parade

To Tayvallich Kirk
The Mini²⁷ he was extra nice
And didn't mind a smirk

13
We made some scones in our oven
The bottoms they were burnt
The next we tried was extra good
Save for a great big dunt

14
We gathered fungi by the score
And made a fair collection
Orange, Boeetus, Field and Emetii
All ready for inspection

15
There isn't much more to be said
About this favourite camp
And we've enjoyed it extra much
Although it has been damp

Signed Wiffil⁷ PL

Editorial notes for 13th August 1963

1. This refers to the Eagle Patrol's kitchen. At this stage, the Eagle Patrol was making a determined effort to catch up with the Curlew Patrol who were in the lead for the Camp competition.
2. Scout Master Bob Miller.
3. An in word during the 1960s for something fabulous or good.
4. See entry 17 in the notes for the 12th August.
5. Unfortunately, those photos have not been unearthed.
6. Probably included in the menu to keep Scouts 'regular' at the loo.
7. Billy Phillips PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp.
8. Gordon Paterson, 1st Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp.
9. Gifford Lind, Second of the Eagle Patrol in camp.
10. Albert Runcie was Troop Leader until June 1963, but it is thought that he may have resigned as T.L. by summer camp to join the ranks of the Scouters, presumably as a Junior A.S.M.
11. Chits were generally sandwiches or pieces of bread with jam.
12. Popular term used for 'monkey'
13. Presumably the bits of rope between the main rope and the two hand rails.
14. Not clear what these were.
15. Pit referred to bed, sleeping bag, sleep etc etc.
16. Michael Nisbet, PL of the Curlew Patrol in camp.
17. Ian Fraser (IF), PL of the Bear Patrol in camp.
18. Presumably a cuddly toy.
19. Alan Jeyes, Second of the Fox Patrol, soon to be PL.
20. A.S.M. Alastair Cram
21. It is assumed that this was the farmer on whose land the troop was camped.
22. Douglas Clements of the Eagle Patrol. The 'manuscript' was probably his entry in the Eagle Patrol Log, which is not amongst the surviving records.
23. 'Wandering' is used here in the sense of throwing rubbish into the bushes.
24. District Commissioner.
25. The 'fleapit' would have been the Empire Cinema in Lochgilphead, which was originally built in Bellahouston Park for the Empire Exhibition of 1938.
26. Sandra Dee was the main actress in the romantic comedy, 'If a Man Answers'.
27. Minister.

14th August 1963

This morning, we got up late at approx. 8.45 am. This was not the favourite¹ and we had to rush our breakfast, which was cornflakes, ham and eggs. We just managed to get finished for inspection and, to our delight, we discovered that we had closed the gap between us and the Curlew by 41 points to 9 points. This was the favourite and was caused by our brillo¹ steps, log, oven and other brillos. For the tent, we got nine, for uniform 8, and 8 for kitchen. I have drawn and painted our kitchen on the opposite page.

After inspection, we got ready for a game and beat a hasty advance to Carsaig Bay where we played football- after we got a man to move his car. We were constantly chased by a sausage called Henny², and I was constantly clobbered in the second half by a belligerent Bob³, who helped score N goals, but eventually Bang Bang⁴, with a brilliant pass from me, split the defence wide-open with a sizzling shot which richoted off a defender through the keeper's grasping hands (and feet) into the net - in short a goal and the winner.



Eagle Patrol Camp kitchen -

We belted off home after a rest and soon had tea type lunch ready - sausage and favourite¹. In the afternoon, the Troop wished to go hiking, but we intended to go mapping, but it seemed as if it would domp⁵, so we painted pictures and made things in our oven. It was soon tea time and, for dinner, we had mince, tatties and chits⁶. At night, we made more cake for campfire, which followed after a brillo¹ attempt at firelighting which used N matches and went out. Nizz⁷ brought kindling and it went with a blaze. We had our camp baked cake at the campfire circle. There was no singsong tonight. After a ramble from Bob, we all went to pit.

Signed
Wiffil⁸ PL of Eagle

Below is illustrated a fungus which is unidentified and identifiable.

(Orange boletus – boletus oranginus if you want to be technical)⁹



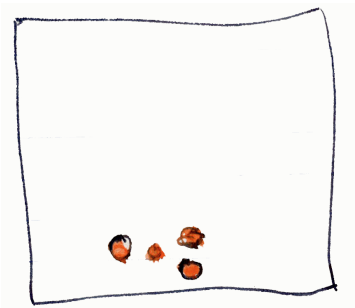
Editorial notes for 14th August 1963

1. An in word during the 1960s for something fabulous, brilliant or good.
2. It is not known what or who this was. One possibility is that it was a sausage dog or dachshund.
3. Scout Master Bob Miller.
4. Billy Gunn, Second of the Bear Patrol in camp.
5. Possibly this means to dump down with rain.
6. Chits were generally sandwiches or pieces of bread with jam.
7. Michael Nisbet, PL of the Curlew Patrol in camp.
8. Billy Phillips PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp.
9. Additional comment probably made by S.M. Bob Miller.

15th August 1963

After waking up at 8:30 AM, we got down to the kitchen about 8:50 AM, *and* started to make breakfast of prudge¹. Then we got ready for the inspection after flagpole falling down *at* which we got a good mark. We went down to chase the cars away² for a game of baseball and football, then we came up for lunch of mince and chits^{3,4} about 3:30 PM, with gnumps⁵ from a caravan down the road. In a short while they went away⁶.

Then we started to demolish the stairs, the tables, the altar fire, the oven and other gadgets. The place was an utter mess until we cleared up then we washed all dixies. It was pouring when we did our demolishing, so much so, that the path was slimey mud and you just slid down the path. A few people sat in the store tent doing tests, then campfire was put on in the circle and Bob⁷ produced one of his famous camp dumplings which was delicious. After taps, we went to pit⁸ - our last for Summer Camp 1963.



What was left of Bob's famous dump.⁹

By R. Morrison^{10,11}

Editorial notes for 15th August 1963

1. Porridge

2. Games were played at what was identified as the 'car park'. It is unlikely that this was an actual car park. Instead, it was probably a flat piece of ground where people occasionally parked. The location of the 'car park' has not yet been determined, but was probably close to the shore of Carsaig Bay. It is not known how the Scouts managed to 'chase the cars away'.

3. The word is indistinct and could be 'chits' or 'chips'.

4. Chits were generally sandwiches or pieces of bread with jam.

5. It's not clear what this means.

6. Presumably the caravan or the people in the caravan.

7. Scout Master Bob Miller.

8. Pit referred to bed, sleeping bag, sleep etc etc.

9. Dumpling.

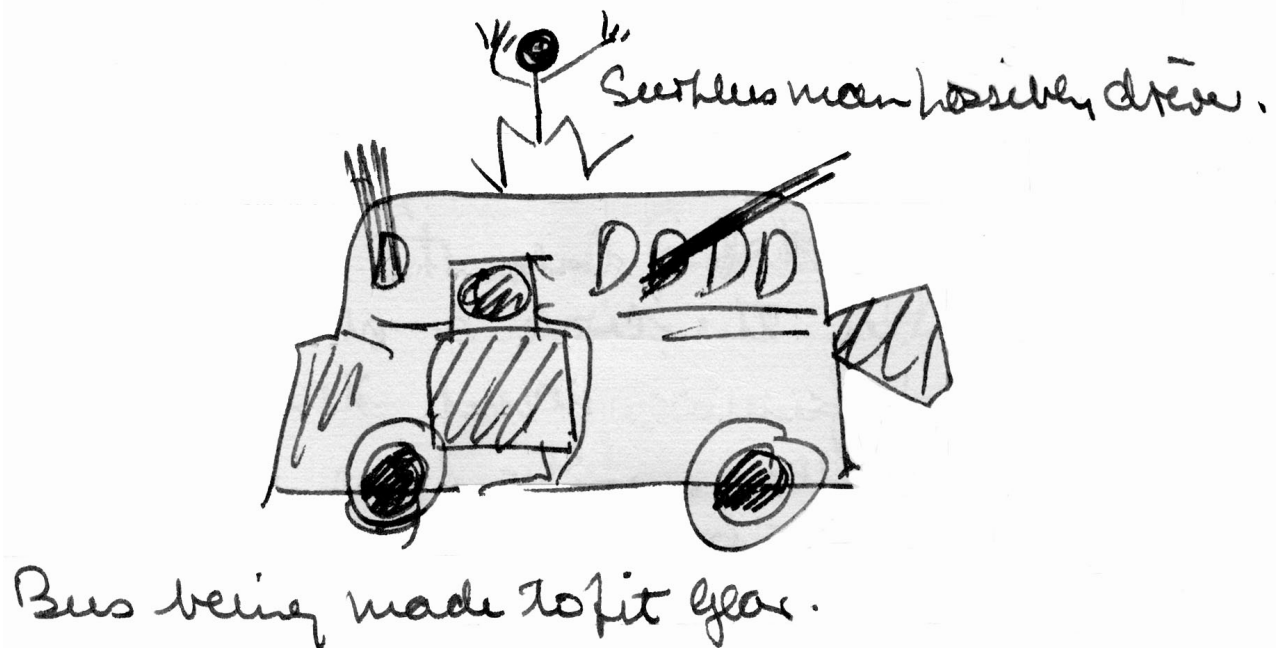
10. Robert Morrison (Last Scout of the Eagle Patrol in camp).

11. It is reasonable to assume that this account was originally entered into the Eagle Patrol Log and that Billy Phillips copied it into the troop log. The Eagle Patrol Log is no longer in the troop's possession.

16th August 1963

Today, we were aroused extra early by S.M. Miller - Bob - and we immediately? got up to make our breakfast (of) ham, eggs and chits¹ and tea and cornflakes. This was the favourite², but lots of time was wasted.

We borrowed the big red barra³ from farmer McGilp's⁴ pal and proceeded to transport the WET shelters, WET tents, WET stores, WET jasper, WET kits, WET men down to the car park⁵. After several grueling runs, the worst was over. We only had to make the gear fit the bus or the bus fit the gear.⁶



Then, with a song a swing and a bump, we were on our way home with maximum bus velocity. After being unable to see in the QMs store⁷ and being unfit to get to heaven⁸, we went on the road to Ardrishaig, which we arrived at some? time? later!

We got onto the pier - nearly off the pier on the principle of take a long bus ride off a short pier. MS or MV Loch Fyne soon arrived?

After we had eaten our lunch of chits¹ and hecers⁹, letti', tomati' and dubiously fungi, we had five minutes in Ardrishaig, which was enough to pronounce it a dump. We soon saw purser Al¹⁰ and after loading the gear and nearly leaving me, the steamer left the pier.

Down below, Bob did big reckonings about the winners¹¹ and to our delight, we discovered that the winners were us¹². This was a brillo² end to a brillo camp as far as we were concerned, and we all went home to bath, pit¹³, tea and Mums and Dads in that order.

Wiffel¹⁴ PL of Eagle Patrol

The Score

- 1) Eagle 561
- 2) Curlew 505
- 3) Bear 334

The G.S.M.'s cup was awarded to Messrs MacArthur and Clements on Ardrishaig Pier. Both Roderick and Douglas were extra amazed and delighted. The Cup was awarded jointly because the PLs and Bob could not decide which one was better.

The brilloest² camp ever!

Signed

Wiffil

PL of Eagle

Editorial notes for 16th August 1963

- 1. Chits were generally sandwiches or pieces of bread with jam.*
- 2. An in word during the 1960s for something fabulous, brilliant or good.*
- 3. Wheelbarrow.*
- 4. It is assumed that Farmer McGilp was the farmer who provided permission to camp on his land.*
- 5. Games were played at what was identified as the 'car park'. It is probable that this was not an actual car park but a piece of flat ground where people occasionally parked. The location of the 'car park' has not yet been determined.*
- 6. Presumably, a bus was hired to carry Scouts and equipment from Carsaig Bay to Ardrishaig.*
- 7. A reference to the quartermaster song sung at campfire and in the bus.*
- 8. A reference to 'Oh, ye canna go tae Heaven' song sung at campfire and in the bus. The song had various verses where one Scout would sing a line and the rest of the Scouts would repeat it; for example
Solo 'Oh, ye canna go tae heaven' Repeated by the Scouts.
Solo 'in Skipper's car' Repeated by the Scouts.
Solo 'Cos Skipper's car' Repeated by the Scouts.
Solo 'won't go that far' Repeated by the Scouts.
The chorus then followed sung by all 'Oh, ye canna go to heaven in Skipper's car, cos Skipper's car won't go that far. I ain't gonna grieve my life no more. "I ain't gonna gree aye ee aye eee my life no more. I ain't gonna gree aye ee aye eee my life no more."*
- 9. It's not clear what this word is.*
- 10. Alastair Cram was successful in winning the much sought-after purser's job on the 'Loch Fyne' over the summer months when he was a University Student.*
- 11. Winners of the Patrol Championship in camp. This was a close fought battle between the Curlew and the Eagle, with Curlew taking a substantial early lead only to be 'hunted down' by the Eagle who won at the end.*
- 12. The Eagle patrol won the patrol championship for summer camp 1963, and was made up of Billy Phillips (Wiffel), Gifford Lind, Gordon Paterson (Herring), David Flockhart (Bouncer), Douglas Clements, and Robert Morrison.*
- 13. Pit referred to bed, sleeping bag, sleep etc etc.*
- 14. Billy Phillips PL of the Eagle Patrol at camp.*