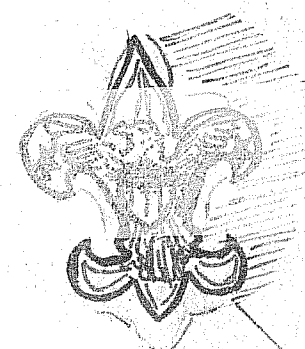


My Scout Life



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PHILADELPHIA
Troop 255



By
Alexander Matus AM

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"DO A GOOD TURN DAILY"

BE PREPARED

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CHARTERED BY CONGRESS

MY SCOUT HISTORY

Name ALEXANDER V. MATUS

Troop No. 255 City PHILA. State PA.

Pack No. _____ City _____ State _____

Tenderfoot Scout MARCH 5, 1942

Second Class Scout MAY 16, 1942

First Class Scout _____ 19____

Star Scout _____ 19____

Life Scout _____ 19____

Eagle Scout _____ 19____

Veteran Scout _____ 19____

Rank reached _____ 19____

Was Assistant Patrol Leader _____ 19____

Patrol Leader _____ 19____

Senior Patrol Leader _____ 19____

Cub Den Chief _____ 19____

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster _____ 19____

Assistant Scoutmaster _____ 19____

Became Scoutmaster _____

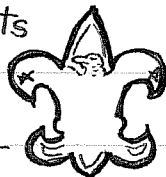
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MY TENDERFOOT SCOUT SCORE BOARD

Tenderfoot Requirements

To become a Scout

Alexander Matus
name



Score Board

FOR ME TO KNOW AND DO

1. a. The Scout Oath 1/29/42 E Gatter
- b. The Scout Law 1/29/42 E Gatter
- c. The Scout Motto 1/29/42 E Gatter
- d. The Scout Sign & Hand Clasp 1/29/42 E Gatter
- e. The Scout Salute 1/29/42 E Gatter
- f. The Scout Badge 2/12/42 E Gatter
- g. The Scout Uniform 2/26/42 E Gatter

TEST PASSED 2/26/42 signed E Gatter
DATE SCOUT MASTER

2. a. The History of the Flag of the U.S.A. 3/5/42
- b. Give proper respects to the Flag of the U.S.A. 3/5/42

TEST PASSED 3/5/42 signed E Gatter
DATE SCOUT MASTER

3. Tie the nine Useful Knots

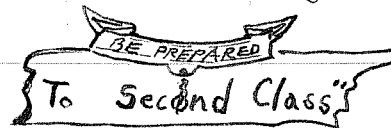
TEST PASSED 2/19/42 signed E Gatter
DATE SCOUT MASTER

Tenderfoot Test Completed

3/5/42

signed by Scoutmaster

E Gatter
DATE



MY SECOND CLASS SCOUT SCORE BOARD

Second Class Requirements

To become a Second Class Scout

Alexander V. Matus
Name

Score Board

FOR ME TO KNOW AND DO

1. Service

Test passed

5/16/42
Date

Uniform

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

2. First Aid (Second Class)

Test passed

3/19/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

3. Elementary Signaling

Test passed

5/16/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

Code

4. Tracking

Test passed

4/30/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

5. Scout's Pace

Test passed

3/19/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

or Lay Out Field

6. Use of Knife and Hatchet

Test passed

4/2/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

7. Fire Building

Test passed

4/30/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

8. Cooking

Test passed

4/30/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

9. Thrift Deposit

Test passed

3/19/42
Date

Signed

Elmer Gatter
Scoutmaster

or Raise Farm Animal

10. The Compass

Test passed

3/19/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

11. Practice of Rules of Safety

Test passed

3/26/42
Date

Signed

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

12. Living the Oath and Law

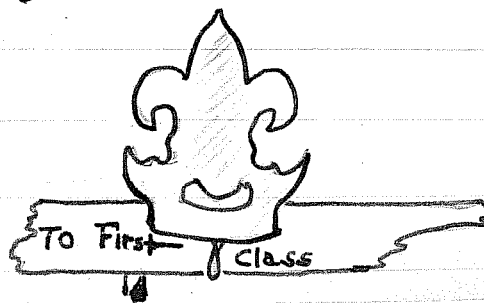
Test passed

5/7/42
Date

E. Gatter
Scoutmaster

Second Class Test completed May 16, 1942 Date

Signed by Scoutmaster E. Gatter



I joined the Boy Scouts in 1939 and then I quit ~~about~~ about one month after.

After school In 1941 on mischief night me, Antraneg, Ahar., William Barrow (Red Barrow), Bob Barrow (known as ^{Bill}), Charles Solis, Harvey, were at Mr. Gatter's neighborhood) next to the woods, called — (FISHER'S ESTATE). Charles, Antraneg and I helped hunt for fire wood and build the fire because we were there first. Later Harvey, — ^{Bill} Barrow, and Bob Barrow came with Mr. Gatter. Every-body brought their own food to eat, sandwiches, hot dogs for me and Antraneg and somebody else, a can of chicken soups for Harvey or should I say a half can because he spilled half trying to cook it in his Boy Scouts cooking kit. If it was'nt for Antraneg I guess we couldn't eat because he was the only one that brought an axe to chop the firewood. After the dinner we all went to the hills to play games. One ^{good} game we played was "captured the flag". After the fun we went back to the camp-site, where we had a good-de-halloween party with lots of apple-cider-ginger snaps, pretzels and cookies. We all enjoyed the party and we all sang songs afterwards beside

the fire.

GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH

COLUMBIA AVENUE AT EIGHTEENTH STREET



This is where Troop 255
holds its meetings —
Every Thursday night.

Around Christmas, 1941, when we had no school for about a week, we went to Penny Pack for a camping trip. The scouts that went were, "Antraneg" (Tony) Aharonian, "John Gravelly", and around five more including me. ^{on a Saturday -} We also went ^{saturday} the next week because we had some fun the first week. We brought a pup tent with us the second time. When we started to go home it started to snow, and boy! do I mean snow. — because when I got home I was soaked wet.

Fisher's Estate

Later on we went camping again at Fisher's Estate, which is near Mr. Gatter's home. When we got there it started to rain in the afternoon. We had some fun with bee-bee guns, shooting targets. Later we were playing with bow and arrows that we made) — We were playing in the rain. I found a rock that looked like a meteorite, which I took home. When I got home I changed my soaked wet clothes



into some fresh clothes including a pair of boy scout pants and stockings that I just got that day. And then Antraneg and me went to Imhoff post for duty. Imhoff post is located at Diamond st. near Broad. Two days later when I took the rock that I thought a meteorite to the museum at 17th & Montgomery Ave, Mr. Hope an air raid warden told me that it wasnt a meteorite that I found, but slag. Boy, was I disappointed.

A couple weeks later we went to Fisher's Estate again on a nice day. This time George Naylor went with us & John F. We really had fun this time, because we climbed a long rope to the top story of Fisher's big barn. We seen old things there that belong in a museum. While we were walking in the woods George Naylor found a 22 calibre pistol; it looked like mine 32^c pistol. John Bravely was anxious for him to throw it away - (I wonder why) We had lots of fun.

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CIVIL-DEFENSE MEETING

April 9, 1942

On the night of Thursday April 9th 1942 Mr. Gatter, Antraneg Aharonian, John Garrow, George Naylor, John Fitch, Paul B. Frank Whitros, Lamar Johnson and I were at "Turners Hall", located at Broad & Columbia. We expected to be in a parade, but it was cancelled on account of the rain. In the Auditorium was many seats and we sat at the zone 17 group where we belong. In the front of the auditorium was a large table with all material needed for air raid and blackout, which was borrowed from Gimble Brothers. Some of the speakers were, "Mr. Horton" (Miss Lou, a Chinese), Mr. Campbell, and others whom I didn't know. Mayor Bernard Samuel, Guy Parsons, and Mr. McFevitt was expected to come, but could't make it. We seen movies & demonstrations on how to put ~~out~~ out an incendiary and magnesium bomb. We also had First Aid Demonstrations. One of the important speakers showed us an American flag, made of Japanese silk, which we enjoyed seeing. I came home that night at 12.15 MIDNIGHT, but it was worth it.

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CAMP HARDT
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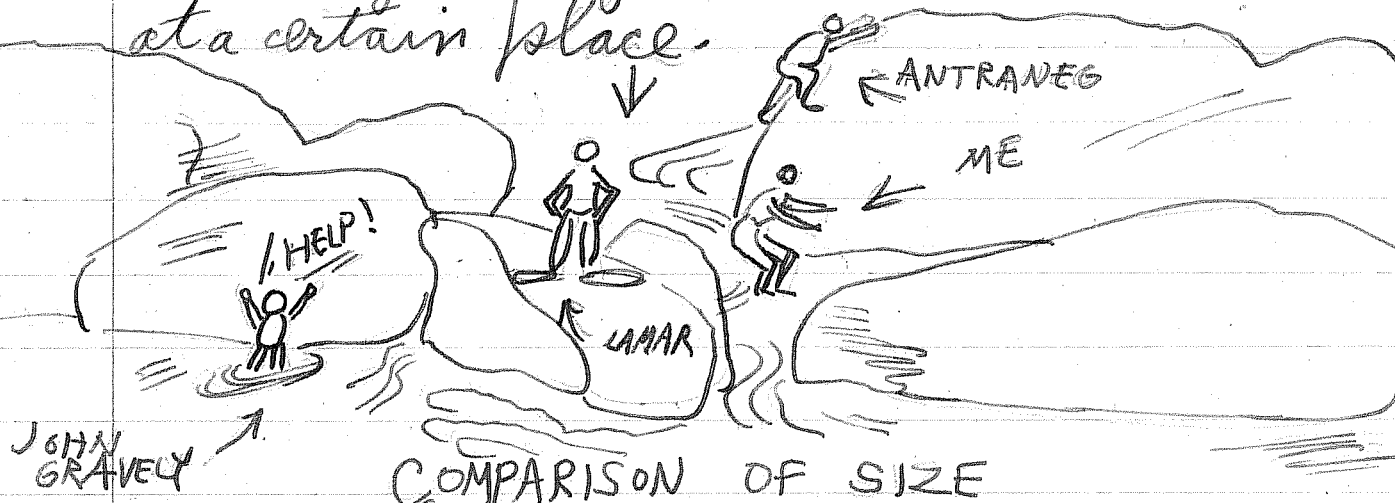
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On the morning of Tuesday March 31st, 1942 at 7 o'clock, we (Troop 255) were on our way to Camp Hardt. It is located about 46 miles from Philadelphia, and the nearest town is called Sumnerstown. Three cars took us there, two cars were filled with the scouts and the ~~the~~ third, was filled with our food supply, plus a fat 225 lb. boy, named John Gill. ^{TROOP #2} Mr. Gatter's buggy, which belongs in the Franklin Institute was ahead of ~~the~~ all. At Camp Hardt there are many cabins, and lodges, but the one that we bunked in, was called, "Maple Lodge". Camp Hardt is surrounded by woods, and in the woods, is a river called Unami River. The first day there, it was raining, but soon it stopped, and the weather became warm and pleasant. Troop #2 was also there with us. The boys in our troop were: Antraneg Aharonian, Lamar Johnson, Charles Solis, John Gravely, Harvey Worel, Frank Mirtos, George Naylor, and I. Our leaders were Mr. Gatter and Mr. John George. Our visitors were "Doug" (a scout master), and Mr. and Mrs. Naylor. The food tasted swell,



CAMP
HARDT

except the food cooked by John Gravelly. Lamar Johnson showed the whole camp an amazing thing - His big feet, size 11 triple E. We always have fun at the river because there are great big rocks on the river at a certain place.

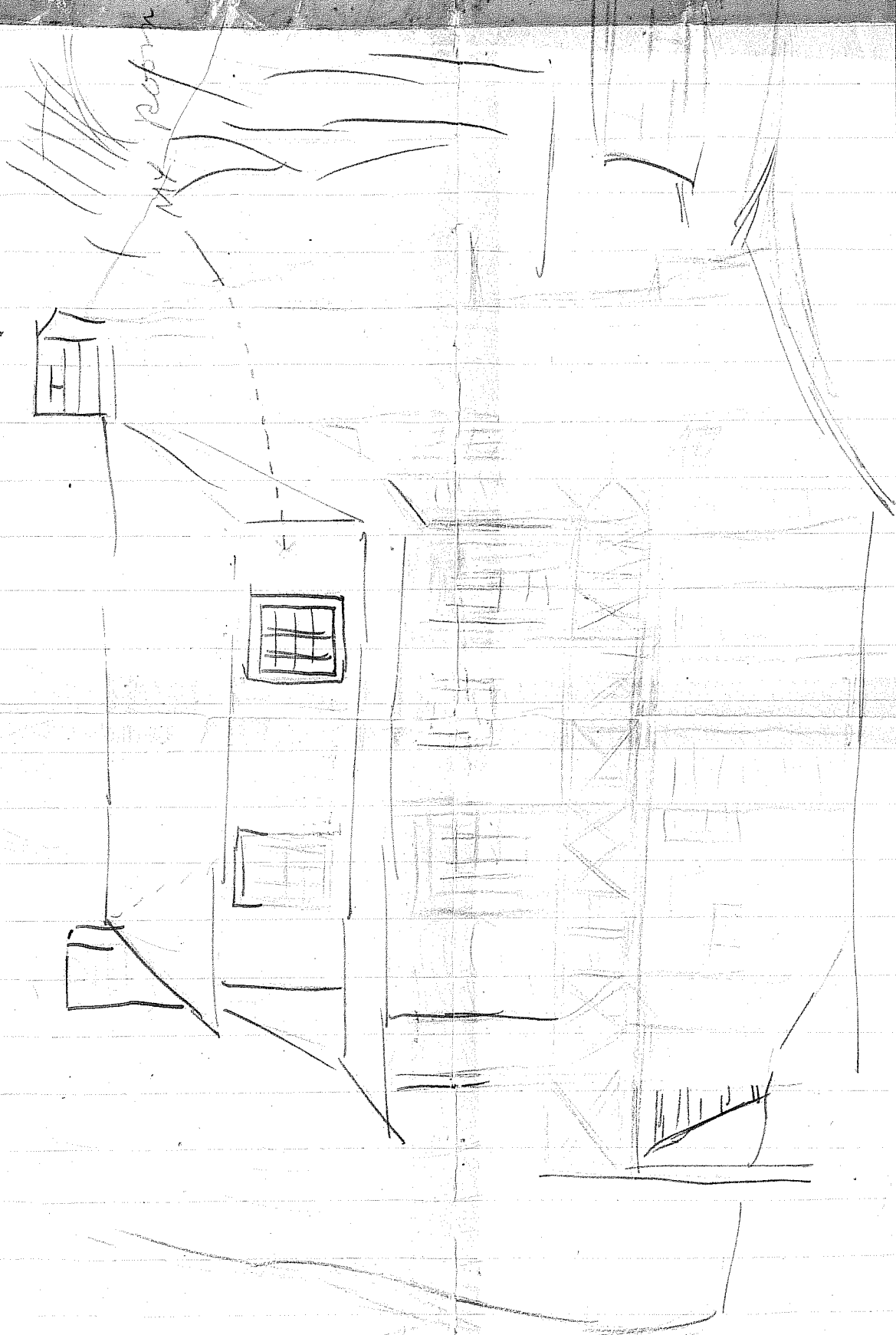


We also had lots of fun walking all around the river and woods and going on hikes. The last day at Camp Hardt, air pictures were taken by Mr. Gatter and other boys. And at the river where we were playing, John Gravelly pushed Charles Solis into the water, and when Charles came out, he made John jump in or else. John jumped in but when he came out he lost his censored. They said that the water was deep, and boy! was it cold. That night we had a treasure hunt which was very exciting. When we had to leave we were sorry, because we would miss the woods, our bunks, and the

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fire-place, where we sang and told jokes. Before we left camp, I received a medal given to me by Mr. Gatter. After that we all had to walk up a hilly road to the main road, where we would meet the cars to take us home. We were surprised to see Mr. Mortenson's car with a flat tire which is very bad. He is the Scout master of troop #2. After the tire was replaced, we started off again with Antwan, Frank, George, and his dog ^{Harvey} and me in George's father's car which left me off in front of my house (1818 N. 17th St.).



MAPLE LODGE

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We went camping a few ^{more} times at Fisher's Estate. Once we (Mr. Gatter, Frankie, Gravelly, Lamon Kennard Jones who is an old member of our troop, and me) slept out all night in our pup tents beside the creek at Fisher's Estate.

And on Friday June 13, 1942 we (Billy Patton, Harvey Howell, Bill Rookie (a sea scout), Antraney and me) slept overnight at a Burholme Park where our church was to have a picnic the next day. We slept awful that night on those wooden tables, without pillows.

Later I made a large tent in my own back yard which I slept in for a few nights. I slept so good at nights on my mattress.

(Sep 745) I went to Treasure Island for 1 week in the middle of July, 1942. I had a swell time there. The weather was good to us. We went swimming, boating,

hiking (I climbed the "Devil's Tree Tower")
we had plenty to eat.

Our campsite was on the New
Jersey side. I took a bath in
the river every morning first thing.
I had a most enjoyable experience of crossing
the Delaware with a pack in my
hands. I enjoyed my life
at T.I. very much.

I went to several other scout
meetings, but on account of my
recently moving to Mt Airy, I
ceased going to other meetings.

The troop soon broke up gradually
and in 1944 it was broken for good!

The main cause of it all was
because of the neighborhood &
not many boys attended.

Though my scout life be short, I
say farewell and goodbye to my
friends and scoutmaster, Mr. Gatter.