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H. You were completely by yourself.

B. Yes

H. What sort of camp did you have.

B. I had a little pup tent.

H. We still do that occasionally but nowadays, we have coleman stoves and things like that. It makes it a lot easier.

B. The biggest mistake I made - from my experiences up in Quebec and Ontario too, I had good hob nails in my boots and of course, as soon as I stepped out of the plane, I was flat on my back. You can't stand up in those. I had a hell of a time getting down there - getting the nails out before I could move.

H. Certain things in some parts of the country work well and other parts of the country, it's a disaster.

B. Anyway, I was there for two or three weeks, whatever it was scheduled and nothing

happened. No plane - no nothing. So time went on for quite a long time and I began to make plans for trying to go cross country. You know what Great Bear Lake. You know how those .... run in like that and God knows how far they go back inland and there's no way to get across them - you have to go up and around and so it was a doubtful proposition that I would be able to make it but anyway, it was the only possibility and so anyway, nothing happened for quite a long time and just the day before, I had decided that this is the end of sitting here - I've got to go and try and make it the other way - in came a plane and it was <sup>Wop</sup> ~~Was~~ May and I was pretty mad by that time and I said, you're late as hell, you know, so he didn't say anything. He just helped me take my tent and stuff and put it on the plane. He had a bit of a time getting in to where he could leave the plane because it was rolling in a bit - Great Bear Lake and so he was mad as hell too and I was mad. Anyway, what had happened was that the other plane that had taken me in that only knew where I was by having looked at the ground, had made a bum landing somewhere up in the arctic and finished up in the bushes with no communication so nobody knew where I was and then I had arranged with <sup>Bernhard</sup> ~~Barney~~ Day, the Geologist, to meet him at Cameron Bay, Yellowknife at Great Bear Lake where there were having a gathering of the clan. I think it was July of 1932 where they were, all the people up in that area were getting together and having a big binge and so I was supposed to be there and meet <sup>Bernhard</sup> ~~Barney~~ Day there and then go with him together over to Contact Lake to the Bear property. Well, he got up there to the binge and then - so he said, where - asked people, you know, Gerry Murphy was there then, ever hear of Gerry Murphy (yes).

A very good guy. So he said to Gerry Murphy and the others, where the hell is Johnny Baker and they of course said, who the hell is Johnny Baker. So ..... had just come back down from the arctic. He'd been chasing that crazy trapper you know (the mad trapper). I don't think that was exactly at that same time but not long ago and so he heard this going on so he said, well what's the story about this Johnny Baker so <sup>Bernhard</sup> ~~Barney~~ Day told him what he knew about it and he said, approximately down somewhere in the southwest corner of Great Bear Lake, you know Great Bear Lake is like and so, <sup>Wop</sup> ~~Walt~~ went right away with his plane and went further down there and I had taken a big red silk square like you did in those days and I had put it out on the point into the lake and put rocks on it to keep it down and he flew around and saw that and came in and it was <sup>Wop</sup> ~~Walt~~ May who came and got me and we were both so mad with each other and he really rescued me. That's the day before I was going to take off.

- H. How long do you think you'd been there. You were planning to stay there for two weeks.
- B. I think it was about three weeks. So that was my first meeting with Walt May and subsequently we became the greatest of friends. He was a great guy.
- H. Did you ever meet Ted Naigle.