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Sign Cutting Leads to Lost Boy

The age-old skill of sign cutting practiced by the American Indian and later, by frontiersmen, and currently by U.S. Border Patrol Agents, was brought to the fore when three Border Patrol Agents of the El Cajon Border Patrol Station were called in to help search for a young boy lost in the woods near Ramona, Calif. BPA's James BURNS and Joel HARDIN, together with Patrol Agent in Charge Albert TAYLOR, are credited with the rescue of an 11-year-old mentally retarded boy who wandered from camp and became lost.

On March 20, at approximately 8:00 p.m., BPA Taylor received a request from the San Diego Sheriff's Reserve to assist his organization in searching for the child. Locating the boy was a matter of extreme urgency since he was subject to seizures if he did not receive medicine at regular intervals, and he was already two hours overdue.

The three Patrol Agents arrived in Ramona at 10:00 p.m. that evening. A search had been conducted by the camp counselors and six or eight regular Sheriff's Deputies. They had covered the camp grounds and buildings and had exhausted all possibilities within a half-mile radius. Blood hounds had been brought in, but were unable to pick-up the boy's scent.

At this point, our BPA's were given free rein. Everyone was removed and kept out of the area where the boy was last seen, while the three attempted to find a starting place to cut sign.

Within two hours, they had a small track leading away from the heavily trafficked area of the camp. From that

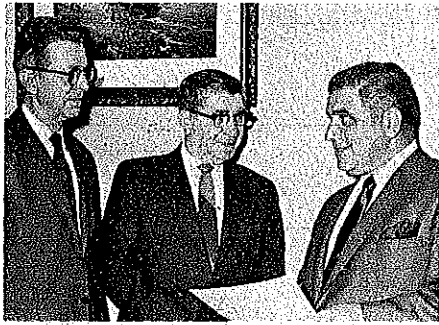
point on, it was a matter of slow, tedious tracking by flashlight, over boulders, dead grass, leaves, and very little dirt. The area is cut by deep canyons, covered by large boulders and Manzanita shrubbery six to eight feet high. The search was so slow that BPA Taylor returned to the camp base for additional flashlight batteries on three separate occasions during the night. Finally, after eight straight hours of tedious sign cutting, at dawn our Agents located the child and in a conscious state. He was carried out of the woods and on his way to the hospital by 7:00 a.m.

BPA Taylor, who is considered one of the best trackers in the Service said, "Agents Burns and Hardin cannot be commended too highly for their patience and determination in the roughest tracking that I have yet witnessed. Two hours of this type of tracking will exhaust a man mentally and physically, without a break, and yet they were able to continue for eight straight hours."

In a letter from Inspector W. E. Machintosh of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, BPA's Taylor, Hardin and Burns were commended for their assist in locating the boy. Inspector Machintosh wrote, "Had it not been for the skill and dedication of these men, it is possible that the lost boy might not have been found at all* * *"

Likewise, a note of appreciation was also received from the camp counselors who stated, "The response from the Sheriff, Navy and others was something, but the real marvel to us was your

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At Portland, Me., special ceremonies were held in April when NE Reg. Commr. Socrates Zolotas (r.) presented Length-of-Service awards to Dep. DD Warren E. RIEDEL (l.) and Inv. Clifford HOBBS for 40 yrs. service. In addition, Inv. Hobbins was the recipient of an Outstanding Performance award.



At Mexico City, OIC Donald G. BROWN (l.) was the recent recipient of a Sustained Superior Performance Award in recognition of his performance of duty for the period June 1, 1970 through May 30, 1971. Dist. Dir. Charles J. Beechie is seen presenting the award to OIC Brown.



At Newark, Corres. Cl. Earline BOYER received recognition for adoption of her suggestion. Dist. Dir. Dominick Rinaldi (r.) is seen presenting Mrs. Boyer with a Certificate of Merit, as Dep. DD William J. Wyrsh and Alma Bostic (Chief, RAIS) look on.



At Del Rio, four BPA's recognized for their Outstanding performances, were awarded Quality Increases. Chief PA William S. Eatmon (right) presented the awards to (l.

to r.): BPA's Emmitt R. BROTHERTON; Omer S. DANIELS, Jr.; Gerald KOSECKI; and Supv. BPA Donald W. ALBERT.



At Twin Cities, NW Reg. Commr. N. Ewing presented Certificates of Merit and cash awards to Cl. Lorraine M. LANGIE (center) and Acct. Asst. Janice M. LINDEMAN, for their adopted suggestions.

John A. Murphy Succumbs

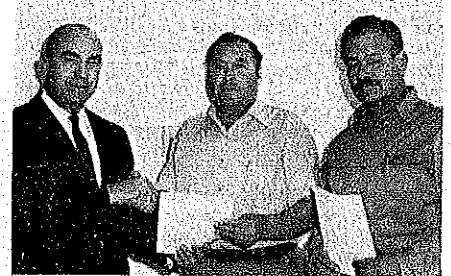
John A. MURPHY, Deputy Dist. Dir., Phoenix, passed away on Feb. 25, 1972 after a lengthy illness. A graduate of Georgetown Univ., he received his law degree from Seton Hall Univ. in S. Orange, N.J. He joined INS as Intell. Officer in 1959, serving in the C.O. and later, in San Pedro. He returned to the C.O. as Intell. Officer in 1960 where he remained until appointed Deputy DD at Phoenix in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and six children, of 338 E. Mariposa, Phoenix 85012.

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people's ability to track even in the darkness and in heavy undergrowth. If ever I'm lost I hope your people get the call."

Thus, the age-old art of locating, interpreting, and following marks left on the ground by passersby has proved to be an invaluable method in searching not only for the illegal alien, but also for the child lost in the woods.



At the El Paso Deten. Facility, two recent recipients of Certificates of Merit for adopted suggestions are seen receiving congratulations from Supv. D&D Off. James E. Bunner. Pictured are (l. to r.): Mr. Bunner, Chief Cook R. ALVAREZ and Gen. Mech. Edmundo LOPEZ.

An armored knight rode up to the castle riding a huge, but mangy, St. Bernard and asked for lodging.

The King, somewhat put out, nonetheless replied, "I suppose I'll have to give you a room. I wouldn't put a knight out on a dog like this."