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September 27, 1987

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Dear Jerry,

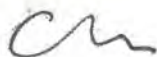
Sorry to be so long in writing, but life seems unusually busy these days. We had a wonderful reconnaissance trip to Colorado, South Dakota and Alaska. I have enclosed a copy of our in house planning report to give you a better idea of the projects we will be undertaking on the USX.

My Wiggy Super Light was everything you promised and more. The prototype sleep mat was equally good and the two make the best combination for outdoor sleeping I have used or seen. Mark Ely, my partner on the reconnaissance, hails from the Australian Outback and spent long months in the bush as an Outward Bound instructor. Between us we have participated in and observed just about every type of outdoor/adventurous situation there is. You might appreciate knowing we have coined a new term, synonymous with a good night's sleep - "Wiggy, Wiggy, Wiggy"

This trip lasted five weeks and ranged from Mammoth Cave in Kentucky to Denali Park and the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. We experienced temperatures from the low 30's through well over 100, environments from the dry of the Badlands to the damp and cold of Exit Glacier and the Harding Ice Field, and surfaces from high alpine tundra to a hasty bivy on loose rock. We didn't use tents, just the Wiggy bag and pad. I was never cold, stiff, uncomfortable or in want of a better place to sleep.

Of course the recce did not involve the duration, climate extremes or wear that the expedition itself will provide, but, if the performance to date is any indication, I'll never be concerned about outdoor sleeping conditions again. It's very hard these days to find a product that does what it promises and even more unusual to find it at a reasonable price. Wiggy's Bags do both. Thanks.

Sincerely,



Chris Robinson

Dear Jerry,

October 19, 1987

Sorry that it has taken so long to get this out and that it will take a bit longer, I am afraid, to get you some photos. But since you said the words were really most important, I will take you at your word for that and worry about them first. Between Jimm's schedule, my writing commitments and recent bout of illness, time has really been scarce. But here are Jimm's comments:

WIGGY'S SLEEPING BAGS

Our Wiggy's sleeping bags held up extremely well during our summer geological expedition to Seguam. The average temperatures at night in base camp was about 30 degrees while temperatures in the higher elevations -- where we spent about 4 out of 6 nights -- fluctuated a bit more and dropped to near zero several times but averaged around 15 to 20 degrees. These temperatures were slightly higher overall than anticipated but the real difference was that we only had one really severe storm all summer as opposed to the other summer I spent in the Aleutians when we had bad storms about once a week. And since you can't do anything during storms, your sleeping bag becomes very important. The bags were great during our one major storm because they didn't pick up all the clammy cold from the windy rains and mist.

Everyone found the sizing good, regardless of style, size or how much they chose to "mummy" themselves. The stuff sacks were a bit small and I admit that I even splurged and bought a larger one. I didn't have any particular desire to hassle with stuffing the bag down each morning and since bulk wasn't a great concern for us once we were on the island, the larger sack made sense to me -- especially for the luxury of having the pillow along. The pillows are a nice little touch.

I think that, especially at first, some of the guys would have preferred brighter, flashier colors. It didn't make much difference to me since I like the darker, more neutral tones. But then, as the summer went on and we and everything we touched began to pick up more and more unshakeable dirt, I think everyone was glad the bags were dark and didn't show all the stains. So for an expedition, the gray-black was good, but for the weekend camper, a more prominent ("Hey, notice me, I'm a human") color might be good.

The loft was very good. I didn't notice any loss anywhere along the way and when I got back and cleaned it up, the bag looked not at all as though it had been living with me out in the wilds for a bit over two months. I was also pleased with the loft because, when you are working with, collecting and carrying around a lot of rocks, sometimes bags (and packs!) can get really beat up from the weight and awkward sizes. We didn't suffer any tears in the material and when the bags did get pressed up against a rock, if we just shook them out, the "dent" vanished. So unlike other geological expeditions, I don't have a lot of permanently imprinted rock patterns to show for this trip.

And the zippers worked easily and well! That is one of those things you tend to assume will work until that one night when you

climb in and the zipper is suddenly jammed or material caught in it or whatever. It was nice to not have to be fussing with zippers when all I wanted to do was get some sleep.

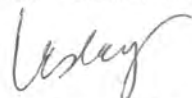
I found the Wiggy's bags very satisfying as did everyone else on the team. And while we didn't have to count on them to -20, I have no doubt but that they would have been comfortable at that temperature. As it was, we were comfortable and each night knew that we would have the comfort of a good bag to lie down in after a day of carrying 100+ pounds of rock around this deserted island. I'm looking forward to using the bag again next year and know I won't be disappointed with its performance.

That is what I got from Jimm -- we tried to think of the kinds of things that would be helpful to you in evaluating and to others in terms of a purchase. If we missed something, let me know. I will get some pictures out to you as soon as they get them organized and duplicated or whatever they need to do on that. Unfortunately, Jimm has a commitment to present papers at two conferences about a month apart but that in between month just happens to be the month that I have a commitment to cover a federal trial down in Denver so we will just have to see what happens. Next week, I am going to work with Rich (Jimm's assistant) and see how far Rich and I can get without Jimm's presence.

Anyway, hope this helps you and for whatever it's worth, even though I don't camp because my physical disabilities make it a not terribly enjoyable experience, if I were looking to buy a sleeping bag, knowing the price and the enthusiasm of the designer, I can't imagine that there is a better one than the Wiggy's on the market. (Although I agree with Jimm that some brighter colors might be a good idea.)

Thanks, take care and say hi to Mandy for me. She's such a nice lady and I love her accent!

For Jimm and the ALEUTIAN VOLCANIC EXPEDITION,



Lesley Wischmann
Expedition Coordinator

Leonard Adkins is an outdoor writer and product tester. He generally walks for months at a time. He is the author of the Habitual Hiker.

January 6, 1988

Dear Jerry,

We used the WIGGY'S BAGS Super Light sleeping bags on our 175 day, 2,700 mile traverse of the Continental Divide from Canada to Mexico. All three members of our expedition that used the Super Lights were well pleased with the design and performance.

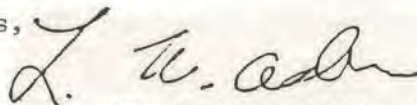
I must admit that I was sceptical about the temperature rating of the bags when we first received them. I mean, only 3½ pounds for a 0 degree rating? I was also apprehensive about how the bag would be cut--most bags at this rating have very slim lines making them uncomfortable and restrictive of movement. However, both of these fears were unfounded. The bag is cut more than large enough to allow for some tossing and turning during the night. While the temperature never did drop to zero on our trip, we experienced many, nights in the low teens and not once did any of us have a complaint about not staying warm enough. Often, while preparing dinner in the cold evening air, I had pleasant thoughts about soon being able to crawl into my comfortable and warm WIGGY'S BAG. Even Larry, who fond of sleeping out in the open (as you know, sleeping in a tent will add a few degrees of warmth) never complained of getting cold. In fact, around twenty degrees, he stated that the bag was too warm!

The bags held up well. All of the zippers worked as well at the end of the trip as they did at the beginning. Laurie's and Larry's bags went through the whole trip without developing any rips or tears in the nylon shell and all seams are still intact. When my bag developed two weak seam places, WIGGY'S BAGS was right there and corrected the problem in very little time. It's nice to know that in this day and age there is still a company willing to stand behind its product.

On an extended trip such as ours, ease in care of equipment is an important consideration. What could be easier than washing our bags in ANY type of washing machine we happened to come upon? Also, it took just one or two quaters to dry them. This ease of care is just not duplicated by any other bag I've used.

Of all its virtues, the ability of the Super Light to retain its loft is by far its most outstanding feature. In my previous 10,000 miles of hiking, I have gone through five other sleeping bags. Why were these bags retired? Loss of loft! Not one of them had developed any rips, tears, zipper problems or troubles of any kind; however, it didn't matter whether they were hollofil, down or polarguard; halfway through a trip they had lost 20% to 40% of their loft. Not the Super Lights. A little more than halfway through the trip, when I received my replacement Super Light bag, I immediately compared its loft to the bags we had been carrying for 100 days. Not one bit of difference in the amount of loft. In fact, if the older bags had been washed and cleaned, I don't think we could have told which was which!

Happy Trails,



Leonard M. Adkins (The Habitual Hiker)
ACROSS THE ROOF OF AMERICA EXPEDITION

AMERICAN
Kangchenjunga
EXPEDITION



Expedition Leader
Lou Whittaker

22 November, 1989
Jerry Wigutow
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Dear Jerry,

Hello. It was good to see you in Reno. The team and myself appreciate your support of successful 1989 American Kangchenjunga Expedition.

Your ground pad is the best I've ever used over the years. Your laminated synthetic bags held up extremely well through our 2 1/2 months of the expedition. Nawang Gombu and some of the sherpas are using the bags on their year around trekking programs in Nepal.

I will have Skip or one of the team members send you some slides shortly.

Thanks again for your contribution of products. It was greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Lou Whittaker

Lou Whittaker
Expedition Leader

DATE: November 2, 1991 TO: Jerry Wigutow
FROM: Reggie Garrett
SUBJECT: PRODUCT

I am an Outings Leader with the Sierra Club and recently returned from a trip to the Weminuche Wilderness of Colorado. We spent six days hiking around the Grenadier Range and the Needle Mountains.

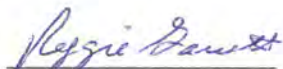
On the 3rd day we were hit with a cold front that dropped rain (and occasional sleet) on us for the rest of the trip. The temperature hovered in the low to mid 30s. With the driving wind that we had, the rain found it's way into most everyone's packs. As a result, even a few people's backup clothes were wet on the last two days of the trip.

On the 5th day, we hiked 13 miles and went from 9000 feet to over 13,000 feet before setting up camp at timberline. We were close to being hypothermic. Lucky for me I had a Wiggy's bag. I warmed up faster than anyone else. Also, since the Lamelite absorbs *VERY LITTLE* moisture (due to it's ability to wick moisture away from the body), I was able to dry out my tentmate's and my clothes inside my sleeping bag. Everyone else's sleeping bags were in various stages of dampness but mine is the only one that stayed dry the entire trip, even with me sticking wet clothes in it constantly to dry them out!

My assistant leader was so impressed with the Wiggy's bag that he purchased one at the end of the trip.

Thanks for such a fine product!

Sincerely,



Reggie Garrett
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Hello! My name is Walter Holland. A friend, Larry Amkraut, and I are Walking from Mexico to the Bering Strait and beyond.

This is Walter's experience with a Wiggy Ultima Thule. *(date of NVA march 95)*

If you're in the market for a warm, durable, light-weight sleeping bag, let me tell you about the Ultima Thule. For the last 6,000 miles it has been stomped, dragged, and burned (I won't mention the dogs misbehavior). It's presently showing off its durability by keeping me warm through its' sixth winter as I walk across the heart of Alaska. In fact, its' most recent test was January 8th, 1995, on mile 1340 of the Alcan Hwy., when I awoke to -60 degrees. To further demonstrate its' toughness, let me tell you a bit of its' history.

Camping at tree line (11,000 feet) in the Colorado Rockies, my hiking partner, Larry Amkraut, and I were testing a prototype, light-weight tipi tent with woodstove. I was adjusting the Ultima Thule for comfort when the nylon shell brushed against the glowing stove. A fraction of a second melted pizza-size holes in the bags shell. The Ultima Thule won't win any beauty prizes, but functionally, its' as good as new. Imagine if the bag had been made of down.

In northwestern Montana, while hiking the Bob Marshall Wilderness, rains tortured me for days. Then, one evening, the clouds dispersed, revealing the stars. Not setting the tarp and crawling into the Ultima Thule, I drifted off to sleep watching the night sky. As usual, when I don't set the tarp, it rains. At one A.M. I awoke wet and miserable. I first set the tarp, stripped off all my clothing-where's a women when you need one-, and put on a dry Gore-Tex suit. Crawling back into the wet bag, I thought, "This is going to be one long cold night." At first light, I awoke to the continuous rains, and to my surprise, discovered that my body heat completely dried the Ultima Thule. The temptation was to bask in its' warmth, but nature called.

I could tell you more stories about the bag, but that's enough for now, except that I'm proud to own an Ultima Thule with holes.

13 January 1992

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Dear Jerry,

Congratulations, accolades, and appreciation for your product! You are preaching the right sermon: Dryness is warmth.

My long-time hiking partner and I were attempting to go ultra-lite and try waterproof/breathable bivvy sacks on a recent 3-day trip (you say a few things about these fabrics - read on). The first night dropped torrential rain and sleet on us for six hours. Between the leakage through the vent and condensation on the fabric of the bivvy, my Wiggy's Super Lite sleeping bag was soon soaked. Though the sleeping bag taffeta was wet, at no time did the insulation mat or loose loft. I actually was warm enough to get some sleep and be ready for the next day. Dawn came dry but cold. At the next camp the Super Light was pulled dripping from the stuff sack. While everyone else was hanging boots and sleeping bags close to the fire, I grit my teeth and jumped into my Super Lite. Within minutes the lining warmed; within 15 minutes the lining was bone dry from body heat and I was starting to relax. 20 minutes after that the cover fabric was dry, and I was dozing among smoke-covered damp miserable hikers. Your bag saved the trip, the bivvy was returned.

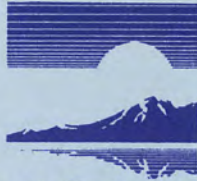
This past week-end I had 3 days in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Temperatures ranged from 25° to 0° during the days, who knows what it hit at night. This time I was equipped with a set of your net underwear as a first layer under my polypro. I have suffered for years from sweat and overheating (being such a vaporous individual attracted me to your sleeping bags). I was out this time in winter, dry and warm, in your nets, polypro layer, sweater, and shorts. SHORTS! I have never been so toasty warm and comfortably dry in all my years of hiking. No sweat pouring into my eyes and down my back, no steaming stops, my eyeglasses even had less fogging. Good stuff. It works.

My Super Lite and Desert Bag have not been stowed away this winter when not on the trail. We live in an old farm house, and my wife (confirmed certified all-around cold person) confiscates the Super Lite as a comforter on the bed. It gets brought into the living room for snuggling in front of the TV. I bring the Desert Bag on business trips, that light toasty feeling beats most hotel sheets and blankets. Our cat wanders from room to room when I have the bags out on the trail, searching for his favorite place to settle down after a hard day of mousing in the fields. He has even learned to pull a section of bag over himself on those nights up here it hits -10° or -20° . Machine washing the bags is great.

My hiking partner has been so impressed with your product that he ordered two bags. I will be placing another order to outfit my wife. I am looking forward to using the Desert Bag this summer, New England summers are notoriously damp and humid. Other hikers ask us about our big soft sleeping bags when we kick back warm and dry while they shiver in the damp. Your products have given me an increased sense of confidence and I believe a valuable and certain added margin of safety while on the trail. That's what your industry is all about.

You said it: Simply The Best! A Wiggy's bag is a guarantee of a good nights sleep.

*Steve
Ostrowski*



Quest Survival School/Adventures

Greg Wiggins, Director / 17815 Saddlewood Rd. / Monument, CO 80132 / (719) 481-2331

Feb. 2, 1992

Dear Jerry:

I have a lot to tell you. January was a productive month for me and Quest Survival School. I had a very worthwhile trip to San Diego. I gave two 2-day presentations to the folks at the Arctic Submarine Lab, Naval Ocean Systems Center, and a 1-day presentation to the Navy Underwater Construction Team (Seabees) at Port Hueneme. They all rated the training very highly, but the reason I am writing you is to let you know how much of an interest was shown in your products, and to share some personal thoughts and ideas with you. Thanks for loaning Wiggy's items again, and, by the way, did you receive those back okay? I appreciate the fishnet underwear, and so far I like it, but I still need to use it more. I have tried it two ways, against my skin, and over a thin liner such as silk. It works well both ways, especially as a means of trapping dead air, with the added benefit of allowing body moisture to pass through so quickly and easily.

Here is an idea on your bibs that would make them more sellable as a survival-type garment that I know the military would appreciate. Put the zippers on the inside of the legs so both legs could be zipped together and made into a half sleeping bag. Then put draw strings with cord locks in the bottom of the legs so they could be drawn up around the feet. On your parka, I would recommend putting reflective tape on the ones you sell to the military, since a lot of the work done in the Arctic is at night because of the long Arctic nights. The government would look at that as a real safety feature.

I believe NOSC made a recent purchase from you didn't they? I think they mentioned buying 12 parkas or bibs from you. I also had a guy by the name of Brad Doyle with NUSC come through my last course that was trying your fishnet underwear he had recently purchased. He also liked it, and after using the Ultima Thule on my course, he liked it very much.

- I would like to share an experience with you concerning the Ultima Thule. On my first course, Jan. 3-9, we were endowed with a full scale blizzard during the field session. There were nine people on this course, and after our first night out, in which we slept in tents, five people came down with various signs and symptoms of altitude illness, one seriously. This person began vomiting,

having chills, and became helpless. At some point during the morning hours this person switched sleeping bags with his partner in the tent. The sick person climbed out of the -40 degree F rated Gore-Tex down sleeping bag I had issued him, into his partner's Wiggy's bag, which proved to be more comfortable for him. The down bag had become damp on the inside. After it became apparent that he would need to be evacuated to a lower elevation, we evacuated him off the mountain in the Wiggy's bag and a space blanket. The bag never became a problem due to wetness.

I have enclosed some evaluations from my courses for your reference. Please note question number 7 pertaining to equipment. I have highlighted the comments about Wiggy's bags, or a competitor's bag, in this case, Slumberjack.

You will be interested to know that I have decided it is no longer necessary for me to compare sleeping bags, and that I will be selling all of my other bags and replacing them with the Wiggy's Ultima Thule. Your bags have obviously performed well and have received very good to excellent evaluations.

Did you hear about the Canadian C-130 crash that occurred at the end of October in the Arctic near Alert, Canada? There were 18 people on board. Five died, and thirteen were rescued two days later. A note of interest is that there were down sleeping bags on board the aircraft. Well, when the plane crashed, the down bags were ripped and all the down insulation was lost from the bags. This problem contributed to the fact that several people became hypothermic, were frostbitten, and a couple of people died from exposure. It is my belief that one solution to this problem would be to have Lamilite bags vacuum packed as part of a survival kit in a container that would be fire-proof and practically bomb-proof. A lot of their survival gear was also burned in that crash. I used this scenario in my lectures in San Diego. I am really urging the use of Lamilite sleeping bags in survival kits on aircraft. Let me know if you want a copy of the article on this accident.

I need a copy of all of the info. sheets you sent out to San Diego. The Navy kept it all and there was nothing left for me. I also need you to send a Wiggy's catalog and all other information, along with samples of Lamilite to the following:

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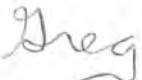
There is a chance I will be going to the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi in March to do another presentation for the Navy. I will let you know what develops with that.

In the meantime, if you wish to talk, you can call me in the mornings around 7:00 A.M. I am also back at Grand West, 719-596-3031.

By the way, the Lamelite mittens are great!. I had asked Chuck Nolan to send me a catalog, but he never did. Maybe you could talk to him. Thanks! I hope you can soak all of this up. I'm sure I will be talking to you soon. Since it is 1:00 in the morning I guess I better call it a day. One other thing. Word from the Navy, i.e. Commander Carl Wales, while I was in San Diego, was that your parka and bib received rave reviews from the VIP's (Senators, Admirals) who wore them while visiting the Navy ice camps in the Arctic last year. You may not know this, but that is one reason why NOSC is purchasing your products. Senators, Congressmen, and Admirals visit the ice camps every year and they are issued Wiggy's parkas and bibs while on the ice.

I'm sure I will be talking to you soon. Good Night!

Your friendly sales rep,



Greg Wiggins

QUEST SURVIVAL SCHOOL

COURSE EVALUATION

NAME OF COURSE winter Survival

LOCATION Crested Butte, Co., High altitude

DATES 1-21/1-27, 92

1) Do you feel the course was a worthwhile learning experience? If no, please explain.

Yes

2) After completing the course, do you feel more confident that you could survive in a realistic survival situation? If no, please explain.

Yes

3) What did you like most about the course?

Hands-On Learning Experience

4) What did you like least about the course?

The course was physically tough, but I'm not sure that bad. I don't really have anything bad to say, except that the energy bars taste like horse treats.

5) In your opinion, the course should place more emphasis on: *I couldn't improve the mix.*

~~*Drift Location Techniques*~~

less emphasis on:

6) What other things would you like to see covered in the course that were not covered?

*Avalanche Prediction
Drift Location Techniques*

7) If you were issued equipment on this course, please evaluate the equipment used:

Gore-Tex Parka and Pants - My first experience with gore-tex. It was comfortable and dry and kept me warm. Not as waterproof as I thought gore-tex was supposed to be.

All of the equipment was good quality. I wish I had some very waterproof mittens for snow work.

The Wiggys sleeping bag was very warm. I really missed it on the solo.

8) Please give your overall opinion of the course, plus suggestions, if any, for the instructor on ways that you feel the course could be improved:

This was a great course. The solo was a real experience. The things I got out of this course were the psychological and physiological effects of a survival situation and what to do about them, snow cave techniques, compass techniques, and decision making priorities, and specifics about the arctic and the Arctic camps.

I am confident in myself during some survival situations. However, seeing how difficult it is to make it through 1 easy weather night in the snow with all the clothes I want, shovel, saw, pad, space blanket, and matches, makes me realize that a real survival situation could be very serious.

QUEST SURVIVAL SCHOOL

COURSE EVALUATION

NAME OF COURSE HIGH ALTITUDE

LOCATION SCARP RIDGE

DATES 3-9 JAN 92

1) Do you feel the course was a worthwhile learning experience? If no, please explain.

YES

2) After completing the course, do you feel more confident that you could survive in a realistic survival situation? If no, please explain.

ABSOLUTELY

3) What did you like most about the course?

INSTRUCTORS POSITIVE ATTITUDE

4) What did you like least about the course?

N/A

5) In your opinion, the course should place more emphasis on:

RESCUES

less emphasis on:

6) What other things would you like to see covered in the course that were not covered?

WILDERNES MEDICAL ATTENTION

7) If you were issued equipment on this course, please evaluate the equipment used:

DANA PACK - EXCELLENT

WIGGYS BAG - EXCELLENT

BOOTIES - EXCELLENT

8) Please give your overall opinion of the course, plus suggestions, if any, for the instructor on ways that you feel the course could be improved:

GREAT COURSE, GREAT INSTRUCTOR

NEED 2 OR 3 MORE DAYS TO ACCLIMATIZE

QUEST SURVIVAL SCHOOL

COURSE EVALUATION

NAME OF COURSE High Altitude

LOCATION Crested Butte

DATES 3-9 Jan 92

- 1) Do you feel the course was a worthwhile learning experience? If no, please explain.
Yes. You can always learn a great deal by experiencing the different situations that can arise.
- 2) After completing the course, do you feel more confident that you could survive in a realistic survival situation? If no, please explain.
Yes
- 3) What did you like most about the course?
Survival Situations
- 4) What did you like least about the course?
N/A
- 5) In your opinion, the course should place more emphasis on:
First Aid

less emphasis on:
N/A
- 6) What other things would you like to see covered in the course that were not covered?
Rescue Situations

7) If you were issued equipment on this course, please evaluate the equipment used:

PARKA - excellent.

Slumberjack sleeping bag - "fair" held water once wet

MITTENS - excellent.

Madden Pack - excellent.

8) Please give your overall opinion of the course, plus suggestions, if any, for the instructor on ways that you feel the course could be improved:

GET ACE accredited. Excellent course.

QUEST SURVIVAL SCHOOL

COURSE EVALUATION

NAME OF COURSE High Altitude

LOCATION Crested Butte

DATES 1/20/92 - 1/27/92

1) Do you feel the course was a worthwhile learning experience? If no, please explain.

Yes.

2) After completing the course, do you feel more confident that you could survive in a realistic survival situation? If no, please explain.

Yes

3) What did you like most about the course?

field sessions

4) What did you like least about the course?

first day - all classroom and no practical made me restless

5) In your opinion, the course should place more emphasis on:

less emphasis on:

6) What other things would you like to see covered in the course that were not covered?

Practical snares in the field.

7) If you were issued equipment on this course, please evaluate the equipment used:

all equipment was of high quality. Overmitts were not waterproof and should have been (used to be?). Pade was well constructed however I found that the shoulder straps did not conform to my body well and would have had a tendency to slip off if it were not for the sternum strap. Wiggys bag was very comfortable and roomy.

8) Please give your overall opinion of the course, plus suggestions, if any, for the instructor on ways that you feel the course could be improved:

Overall the course was excellent. The field sessions & solo were invaluable in reinforcing classroom concepts and should be required for anyone who plans on taking survival training seriously. (3 days in VA, who thought of that?). I'd like to see some type of outdoor activity on day one to get the blood flowing. I also like the idea of a single overnight nearby before heading to higher elevations. maybe the second night would be good to give people a chance to 'recap' by extra long johns or whatever. Other than that keep up the good work and Thanks.

xxx Jack Bradford

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Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Jerry:

Last September, I spoke with you on the phone about purchasing a sleeping bag, pad, and other clothing for my sled dog mushing. Since that time, I have only had the cash to purchase the parka. I am now ordering the bibs. The price quoted to me was \$125.00. I figure the shipping should be about \$10.00. I have enclosed \$135.00 for the bibs. The size I think I need is medium. I am 5'8" tall and about 178 pounds. The parka is blue so if possible the bibs should be the same color. Please send the bibs to the address at the end of this letter.

I had the chance to use the parka while on leave in Michigan last December. I have to tell you it is rare when a product actually does everything it is advertized to do. The Wiggy's Parka is the best product I have purchased in years.

I must admit, I was somewhat skeptical about the parka at first. The reason is because it was the most inexpensive parka I could find. You know how some people think "If it costs a lot it must be good." But with your parka I have been completely happy. While on leave, I had about every kind of weather mother nature could dish out; rain, sleet, snow, ice, temperatures below 15 degrees below zero. In addition, I had my dogs jumping on me with muddy paws and have been physically dragged down the trail by them. Guess what? No tears or abrasions to the parka. On one occasion, a friend and I were mushing our dogs for a 40 mile run. There was a sharp turn in the trail which was hiding some overflow from a creek. My friend, his dogs, myself and my dogs went in. Within one minute after we finally got the dogs out of the water, our clothes had frozen stiff and I mean stiff. My pants were frozen, my mittens were stiff. The **ONLY** clothing that was still warm and not stiff were your parka and my GI bunny boots. Also, when I got home, I simply put the parka in the washer and it came out clean as new with no apparent damage.

So, I can say from these and other experiences that your parka works and works better than advertised. The only thing I would change is putting some type of wire or something like wire in the ruff on the hood. I used to be a cold weather instructor at Camp Ripley in Minnesota. The hoods we used on our GI parkas had this wire in the ruff. What made it nice was you could form the shape

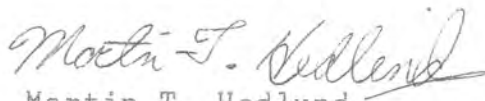
of the front part of the hood (the part with the ruff on it). So you could adjust the amount of air coming in and form the hood to the shape you desired. I put wire in my new parka and it works like a champ.

Also, some type of large buttons on the front would be nice. The reason is to help ventilate. What I mean is, if it is cold and you have your parka on you are warm. Simple enough. However, if you are engaged in an activity like dog mushing, snow shoeing or cross-country skiing you sometimes generate your own heat. This is where the problem comes in. If you take the parka off, you will probably get a chill or worse a cold. But if you could pull the zipper down some and still button up, you could cool off a little at a time. Kind of acts like a thermostat. Just something to think about.

I hope to be ordering the sleeping bag and pad soon. I also hope I can still get that 20% discount.

Well, thanks for the time and thanks for the products. I have been telling everyone about them.

Semper Fi,


Martin T. Hedlund

ADDRESS TO SEND BIBS

D. A. Hedlund
Route 1 685 Carmody Rd
Munising, Mich. 49862

P.S. I thought you might like this picture. It was taken last December in Michigan. Notice the parka?



February 27, 1992

Wiggy's Inc.
2482 Industrial Blvd.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, Do. 81502

Attn: Mr. Jerry Wigutow

Dear Jerry:

I live and work in Barrow, Alaska, and I've been in Alaska since 1969. I have been active in outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, snow machining etc., year round, since I arrived.

Until about a year ago I used down parka's during the winter, although during spring and fall I used synthetic filled jackets because I couldn't find a good quality synthetic parka. The main problem I had with the down parka's was that they would mat and loose warmth with age, if torn the "feathers would fly", if wet they were useless and dry cleaning has always been a problem.

I first became involved with your parkas at my work place when I evaluated them for our employees use. I was immediately impressed with the warmth your garment offered.

I approached you about a personal parka designed to meet my individual needs, unlike any supplier I have ever worked with, you were agreeable to making a special order garment in a quantity of one!!

When my parka arrived, it was "exactly" what I had ordered. It fit me, the pockets were made as I had requested and their placement was perfect.

Only one question remained, how well would it work. I found that it worked well around town in below zero temperatures with only a cotton shirt beneath.

A couple of months later I got to put it to the test, by accident. Without being prepared for an overnight trip, I went about 15 miles out of Barrow to retrieve a stuck vehicle and ended up sleeping on the tundra without a sleeping bag etc. I was wearing a light snowsuit and pac type boots. My partner was wearing a heavy insulated coverall and a large down parka. We ended up sleeping on the ground with a -10 degree temperature.

The results of this trip have really impressed me. I, with the exception of my feet, remained comfortable and able to sleep. My partner, who appeared better prepared, could not.

By the time we returned to Barrow, my parka looked like a large grease rag. Following your instructions, I soaked the parka in my bath tub in warm water with dish washing liquid for about 20 minutes. Then threw it in the washer, warm cycle, and drier, delicate cycle.

The parka came out of the drier clean, dry, did not shrink, or loose any of its warmth. I was so impressed by this parka that I ordered a second one, with your heavier lamilite insulation, for extended outings.

Jerry, you build one hell of a parka..



Dave Ilmar
Barrow, Alaska

(907-852-6111)

BAG BUT I WAS WARM, WHILE
I HEARD TEETH CATTER IN OTHER
BAGS, EVEN WHEN KEPT IN A STUFF
SACK FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME THE
BAGS LOFT & WARMTH IS NOT AFFECTED.

I USE THE BAG FOR 3 WKS STRAIGHT, THEN
ON ^{ONE} W.K. END A MONTH, PLUS MY OWN
CAMPING, THE BAG IS HOLDING UP
GREAT. I'M TELLING EVERYONE ABOUT
YOUR BAG PLUS A WARRANTY THAT
NO OTHER BAG HAS. THANKS FOR
A GREAT BAG.

Sincerely
Darryl R. Graham

3-22-91

154 LAKESIDE DR.

LOLO, MT. 59847

JERRY

I THOUGHT I'D WRITE
YOU A NOTE TO TELL YOU HOW
WELL YOUR SLEEPING BAG REAL ARE.
ABOUT 1985 FROM TRAIL HEAD
I BOOTH YOUR ULTIMA THULE -20°F
BAG TO REPLACE AN VERY OLD SEARS ROEB.
I NEEDED A GOOD BAG AS I WAS AND
STILL AM USING IT IN PLACE OF ~~OF~~ ^{THE}
ISSUE ONE FROM USAR SFGA THATS
RATED FOR -50°F + FILL'S A BACKPACK, WELL
IN 89 AT FAIRBANKS, ALK. FOR 3 WKS WE
PULLED A.T. WITH 65° BELOW FOR A WARM
DAY AND SOME AREA DOWN TO -86°.-
OUR TEAM SPENT THE NITS IN A
12 MAN TENT WITH NO HEAT. AT -65°
WITH JUST LONG JOHNS ON I WAS WARM
AS TOAST AT 65° BELOW, THE INSIDE
OF THE TENT ICE OVER DO TO OUR BREATHING
AND BODY MOISTURE FROZ ON THE

Peter Saint James
1416 SE 35th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97214, (503) 236-5090
7 April 1992

Jerry Wigutow
Wiggy's Inc
P O Box 2124
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

Dear Jerry,

I have a problem, and I want to see what we can do about it.

Nearly a year ago I bought a sleeping bag from you. I've only been able to use it a couple of times. I received a model that according to your Order Form does not exist and which I think probably should not exist.

I received an Integrated Ultra Light, extra long. The Order Form says these come in wide body sizes only, so I did not bother to indicate I wanted a wide body size. I didn't get one. I got a regular width one. I'm not a wide person, but the bag is just too narrow for a person my size. For example, there is not enough room to bend my knees when I sleep on my side. My shoulders barely squeeze in. My arms don't have enough room to move around. It's kind of uncomfortable.

Other than the size problem, the bag works great. One of the few times I did get to use it, a bunch of us were sleeping under the stars. During the night the weather changed, and we got drizzled on. It woke everybody else up and forced them to move inside somewhere. I didn't even know about the drizzle until I woke up in the morning. I was perfectly dry and warm inside my bag.

I'm planning some extended traveling during which I'll use the bag a lot. I would like to solve the size problem. Since the bag has only been used a couple of times, would it be possible to get some trade-in credit for a wider bag or could some other arrangement be made?

Thank you for your help.



16 APRIL 1992

JERRY WIGETOW
2482 Industrial Blvd.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, Co. 81502

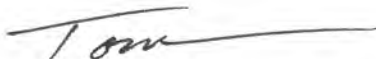
DEAR "WIGGY",

I have returned from a most successful expedition thanks again to your support. I am happy to let you know that in two expeditions to the Andes, I've climbed six mountains and toured for two months without a poor night's sleep- thanks to Wiggy Bags. On the last expedition we were camping at up to 19,000 feet in extreme conditions. On that trip I used the Ultima Thule and the overbag which you built for me. I was warm and toasty while the wind howled outside. Ecuador presents a different challenge to the traveller. While the mountains are high, we were in and out of huts and from jungle to highland. What a challenge for a sleeping system. I used a super light bag and again carried my overbag for extra warmth. On hot jungle nights, the overbag was just right to keep the early morning chill out without reducing me to a ball of sweat. In the mountains, when sheltered with a hut, the superlight was fine alone but the overbag helped keep it clean and allowed for temperature adjustment (unzipping the bag) without a cold draft from an open zipper running down my spine.

Your products are not fancy but they sure do the job of allowing me a good nights sleep wherever I go. And I've never had to worry about quality. I'll take quality and function any day over the expensive designer version that lets you down when you need it.

The next trip is a new challenge. We're going to Alaska, north of the arctic circle to climb some virgin rock. I'm sure that your "Wiggy Bags" will be in our inventory.

Thanks again,



Thomas E. West, Leader
Mazama Ecuador Expedition

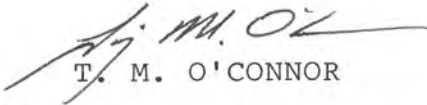
Tim O'Connor
PSC Box 9155 H&HS
MCAS Yuma, Az.
85369-5010

28 May 92

To whom it may concern,

Having previously owned one of your sleeping bags, I would like to begin by saying that your company makes excellent equipment. I would like to obtain another of your products, a "Desert Bag". As far as I can determine, the cost will be about \$110.00. I can't find anyone in my area that carries it. I would greatly appreciate any assistance from you.

Thank You,


T. M. O'CONNOR

JUNE 9TH 1992

DEAR WIGGYS.

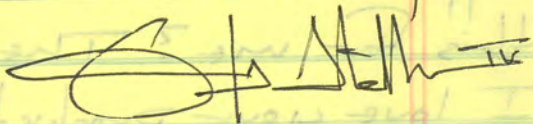
I LOVE your products!

Enclosed is a sleeping bag that has ripped at the seam. Can you fix this for me? The reason why I love your products is that they have endured many adventures. From CATALINA ISLANDS (TWO WHOLE SUMMERS) to living in the jungles of Central America for 6 Months to living in the Pacific Northwest for one month on a N.O.L.S. course.

I am currently on my way to PENNSYLVANIA to begin a career in outdoor education and I am taking one of your sleeping

bags with me. However, This sleeping bag is sick and needs some T.L.C. what can you do? Does your guarantee still stand? IF not please send me a bill.

Sincerely



G. JAMES STADLER^{IV}

505 ARBOR STREET.

PASADENA, CA.

91105

818-577-1888

P.S. you may quote me to endorse your products!



WANDERING STAR

Mountaineering Enterprises

June 15, 1992

Wiggy's Inc.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, Co. 81502

Dear Sirs,

I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your fine products. I am a mountain guide and about one and one-half year ago I ordered sleeping bags from you. Never having used your bags before I was understandably concerned as to how they would hold up the day-to-day rigors of mountain life. Well, I can now let you know that after all this time I am still more than pleased with the continued service that I receive from them. I have had no problem with the comfort or workmanship of my sleeping bags. I have both the Ultima Thule and the Super Light and am pleased with both models. I recommend your products to anyone desiring a quality made synthetic sleeping bag. As a professional mountain guide and the owner of a guiding company I take pleasure in thanking you for an excellent well crafted product.

I would ask that you continue to let me know of your current product line and current price listing. I am especially interested in obtaining compression stuff sacks for my sleeping bags and hearing of any new innovations you may have.

Again, thank you for your fine products and especially a large thanks for your continued support of American guiding and the Support you give to the American Mountain Guides Association to which I have the continuing pleasure of being a part of.

Good Climbing,

Tom Vrooman

P.O. Box 447

Imperial Beach, Calif. U.S.A. 91933

(619) 423-5978

ASCENTS OF ADVENTURE, INC.

PO Box 6568
Albany, New York 12206
(518) 459-4966

June 15, 1992

Wiggy's Inc.
2482 Industrial Blvd.
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Dear Jerry,

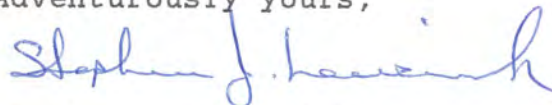
Two years ago I purchased one of your Super Light sleeping bags with the bag liner. My bag happened to be one from the batch which shed "loose fibers" all over the body in the morning. Attempts to resolve the problem were unsuccessful. Sound like a complaint letter? Read on!

I so liked your bag, I long ago decided to tolerate this "flaw" and keep the bag. It lives up to it's promises of durability, warmth, and ease of care. I continued to recommend Wiggy's bags to my clients interested in purchasing quality outdoor gear. Other than the nuisance of the fibers, I found the Super Light to be the overall best bag I have owned.

Lo and behold, two years later the zipper malfunctioned on the bag. One phone call later, I find your company sending me a new bag, with apologies. It is refreshing to find a company still willing to stand behind it's product. More so, it is pleasing to have it done with a positive, friendly attitude.

Thank you for your time, (and product). My number is RA1427.
I remain

Adventurously yours,



Stephen J. Lewanick
President

Member:

American Mountain Guides Association (Certified)
American Sport Climbers Federation (Certified)
New York State Guides Association
National Speleological Society
Outdoor Coalition of America

Mark F Taylor
Box 786
Mission, SD 57555
Aug 7, 1992

Dear Wiggys Inc,

Hello. I have been out of the camping scene for about five years. While starting my research on bags, packs, boots, and other camping gear, a friend of mine showed me a copy of your sleeping bag catalog. The information astounded me.

I've now decided to use your bags and clothing products as the basis of reestablishing my ^{future} camping experiences. As such, I was hoping you would send me additional information. I live on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota and do not have access to camping outfitters and such, unless I drive a couple of hundred or more miles.

Would you please send me information on the following:

- (a) Hand protection
- (b) Foot protection
- (c) Catalog showing clothing products (hats, socks, Fish Net underwear, parkas, etc)
- (d) Prices for all of your products

Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely,

Mark F Taylor

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WIGGY'S INC,
2482 INDUSTRIAL BLVD
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501



10 AUGUST 92 NEW CATALOG & PRICE LIST (RETAIL)
WERE SENT 8/17/92

TODAY I RETURNED FROM CAMPING IN
NOVA SCOTIA WITH YOUR ULTRALITE
6'6" BAG WHICH I PURCHASED FROM
BRIGADE QUARTERMASTERS. THIS IS THE
BEST SLEEPING BAG I HAVE EVER
USED. THANK YOU!
UNFORTUNATELY, THE BAG DID NOT COME
WITH CARE INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE
SEND YOUR CATALOG AND CARE
INSTRUCTIONS TO:
E. A. PITERAK
PO BOX 29
SUNCOOK NH 03275

Shawn Tapley
Box 554
Fort Jones, CA
96032

1/15/93

Mr. Wigutow,

Thank you for exchanging a new Ultralight for my original bag. I suppose it was judged to be impractical to add insulation to my bag and that an exchange was a more expeditious alternative. Hopefully, that original bag will continue to serve someone's sleeping needs as it did mine.

Your generous replacement bag is a decidedly warmer Ultralight. Its greater loft and improved draft tube and hood design are much appreciated. Congratulations for continuing to upgrade and design functional products. And again, thank you for your responsiveness to my experience with your bags.

Sincerely,

Shawn Tapley

Major James H. King
P.O. Box 21791
Columbus, Ohio 43221

4 March 1993

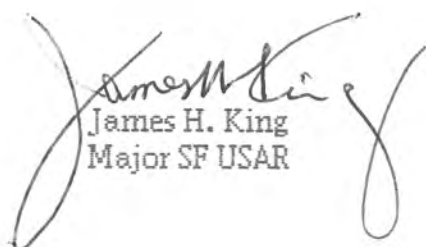
Mr. Jerry Wigutow
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

Dear Jerry,

Just returned (28 FEB 93) from a six month assignment in Germany. Your sleep system worked great. I managed to lose the pillow on a training exercise. I would like to order two more pillows (black) - one for a backup.

I would also appreciate your latest product brochures - especially the individual shelter and bivy sack.

Sincerely,


James H. King
Major SF USAR

Ollen Randall Richey

440 N. Civic Drive #411

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

(510) 944-5048

March 8, 1993

Mr. Jerry Wigutow
Wiggy's Inc.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Mr. Wigutow:

Thank you for your response and consideration. I will certainly stay in touch.

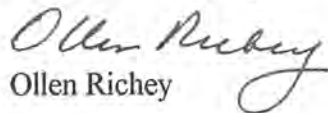
I do indeed know Chris Robinson. He and I spent about six weeks together in the little village of Puerto Cisnes, Chile in October-November 1985. Chris called the other day after speaking with you--I hadn't talked to him since a few months after my phase of the expedition had ended. I was interested to learn that he had stayed on with Operation Raleigh and had become so active in the climbing community.

I am also well acquainted with Mac Tillman. In fact, he and I were Summer Mountain Leader Course classmates in June 1990. Please pass my regards on to Mac when you next talk to him.

I wish you luck with the pending contract solicitation. The two features of your products that have most impressed me are their durability and functionality and as a Marine I appreciate that these are also the most important qualities of military field gear.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,


Ollen Richey

Ivanov/Shima
Bd. Nr. Balcescu 7
Bucuresti 70111
ROMANIA

12 MAR 93

Dear Friends :

I own (1) Wiggy's Super Light and
(1) Wiggy's Ultra Light. I am most
pleased with their performance.

Would you be so kind as to send me
your latest catalogue + price list. Also,
are you producing sleeping bags with
integral pads? Thank you.

Best Regards,

Bill Shima

March 12, 1993

Mr. Jerry Wigutow
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

Dear Wiggy,

Thank you for sending us your retailer update information. As you know we are a National Monument in the Mojave Desert and your desert bag suits our needs very well. We have used your bivy sac/desert bag combination at 9500' in the snow on the east side of the Sierra's to 22° and slept very comfortably. Our fire crew and rescue team carries your bivy sac on fire assignments and search operations and often will use it in lieu of a tent. When we need to travel light the bivy sac, poncho liner and 3/4 length thermarest mattress is usually all we take (unfortunately, your ground pads do not compress down tight enough to be carried in our stuff sacs).

I used the bivy sac last week when I had to monitor a prescribed fire overnight and was impressed at how well the poles worked in 25 mph wind gusts. We're going back to the USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center in May to teach another Fire Engine Academy. Your insulated bivy sacs will not be left behind.

Thanks again for producing a superior product and please keep us on your mailing list for future updates. Would you be able to spare about 30 catalogues for our upcoming Engine Academy? I don't know if you've ever been to Bridgeport but the housing consists of large GP tents. I'm sure everyone will want a bivy sac when they see how warm our crew is.



Tom Patterson





PERUVIAN ANDEAN TREKS E.I.R.LTD.
Adventure Travel Specialists

Cusco, August 1, 1993

Dear J.N. Wigutow:

I have been wanting to write to you for quite some time.

The first was in Feb 1991 just after returning from another successful Aconcagua ascent. It was the warmest of my various climbs on the mountain, not due to unusually good weather, but due to an exceptionally warm bag, our highest camp was at around 21,500 ft. I was using your Integrated Ultimate Thule which has it's drawbacks in packing but those are easily offset by the convenience of one item and the warmth factor.

When guiding clients on mountains like Aconcaguas' polish glacier route I have to get up early and get stoves going, prepare food inside tents, and deal with lots of condensation problems, as well as pack in the dark and often go to bed in the same. I don't have time to sun dry (If there is a sun) my bag nor take time to make sure I keep it dry. Years ago I switched to synthetic fibers because of loft loss under these conditions but this bag of yours beats everything I have used up to now. Stuff it when necessary, crawl into it when time to sleep, lay on it when cooking, and never a problem with the cold.

The second was after a rainy season trek I was guiding around Mt. Salkantay. The humidity level was exceptionally high, (as were the altitudes for a trek), since the rains were almost constant day and night for the 10 days we were out. But, every night I was warm, dry and slept very cozy. I also used the bag as a dryer putting wet things under it, or wearing them to bed as some Newzealanders taught me to do years ago. I always had warm dry clothes the next day.

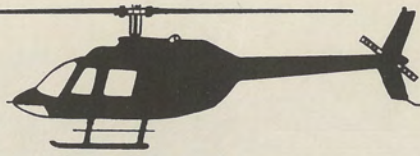
There are many other times I thought about writing since then, always after another warm, cozy trip using your bag under difficult if not extreme conditions. My time restrictions don't always allow me to do what I want or plan to.

Today is a Sunday morning, I'm doing my office time keeping track of flights, cooks, guides, vehicles, hotels, accounting, and all the other things being the owning/manager of an adventure travel company in peak season requires. Some flight delays and sticking by the phone opened a window for me to fill with this letter. A job done behind schedule but at last I'm thanking you for your great bags.

Sincerely,

Tom Hendrickson

**SIERRA
NEVADA
HELICOPTERS, INC.**



485 S. Rock Blvd.
Reno, NV 89502
(702) 856-2200

September 21, 1993

Wiggy's
2482 Industrial Blvd.
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Gerry:

Please find enclosed the letter describing the events that led me to discover your product. As we discussed earlier, I found your product to be superior in all aspects.

You and/or your company may use all, or any part of this testimonial, to your benefit. If nothing else, the newspaper clipping gave you some good advertising in our local area.

I apologize that this has taken me so long to get this mailed off to you, but I do hope that it will help others benefit from your excellent products.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Wyatt".

Dan Wyatt
Director of Maintenance

DW/ajd

P.S. Expect a Sleeping Bag order from me soon!

**SIERRA
NEVADA
HELICOPTERS, INC.**



485 S. Rock Blvd.
Reno, NV 89502
(702) 856-2200

My name is Dan Wyatt and I am the Director of Maintenance for Sierra Nevada Helicopters of Reno, Nevada. I am writing to you about an event that took place on January 12 1993.

Our company was hired by Adventure World Productions to fly their cameraman, Mr. Peter Hemming, and provide him with the opportunity to deliver a live telecast coverage of the Earth Winds "Around the World" balloon attempt. It was to lift off at first light of that day from the Stead Airport, located 12 miles Northwest of Reno. That morning our pilot, Jon Mayer, and my self arrived with the helicopter at Stead at 6:30 AM. The temperature was -18 degrees, with high scattered clouds. We met up with the cameraman, who informed us that during the night there had been several events that would delay the launch of the balloon.

At 10:02 AM the lift-off occurred and our helicopter followed the balloon as it drifted to the Northwest, gaining altitude ever so slowly. It became a growing concern, as its flight path was taking it towards the top of a mountain.

The lower of the two ballons struck the top of the mountain, tearing a large hole in it. The balloon crested the top and began to descend towards the leeward side of the mountain, getting caught in the down-draft that forced them to ultimately land the balloon on the hillside. The ballon came to rest on a semi-level spot. We landed our helicopter in a saddle about 50 yards away. The snow was waist deep in most places and considerably deeper in others.

I was wearing a pair of Danner insulated boots. However, during the 30 minutes that I spent walking to the balloon capsule and helping secure some of the crew's and capsule's gear, my feet had become so cold that the feeling had all but left. It was at that time that Don Moses, one of the balloon's crew, offered me a pair of your companies Muk Luks. I put these on over my Danners, and in 15 to 20 minutes the feeling in my feet had begun to return. Before an hour had elapsed, my feet were as comfortable as could be. Thanks to Wiggy's for having developed such a great product. Had I not had your boots on out there, I would have surely suffered damage to my feet.

THOMAS C. MORSE

Post Office Box 204

Sonoita, Arizona 85637

October 13, 1993

Mr. Jerry Wigutow, President
Wiggy's Inc.
2482 Industrial Blvd.
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Dear Jerry:

I want to thank you for taking care of Ali and me when we "walked in on you" September 29th with our sleeping bag problem. I was quite surprised when you lived up to your reputation for standing behind your products unconditionally. This is the way a business should be run and we really appreciated the way you took care of us. We were considerably warmer and more comfortable for the rest of our trip.

On our way through Flagstaff we delivered your material and messages to Steve Chatinsky at Peace Surplus. You should try to get down there and see the changes in their store. Real improvements going on.

Thanks again for your help and for showing us your new products.

Best wishes,

Tom Ali Morse

Outward Bound®

Hurricane Island
 Outward Bound School
 P.O. Box 429, Mechanic Street
 Rockland, Maine 04841
 Telephone 207 594 5548



Dear Jerry,

I recently returned from a 5 day camping expedition in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. I brought along my new Wiggy's Ultima Thule sleeping bag and it performed wonderfully.

I went along on an Outward Bound advanced winter staff training course and the highlight of the trip was a traverse of the northern presidentials, a 10 mile hike above treeline over Mt. Madison, Adams, Jefferson, and last but not least Mt. Washington. We didn't sleep above treeline, but in Madison Gulf the bag kept me warm and dry. Even though I was out in one of the coldest weeks on record I was in a temperature inversion, something to do with the warm air rising and staying near the peak of Mt. Washington making it the warmest place in the state that day at a balmy 5° with 20 MPH winds.

The coldest night for me was probably -10°. After some adjustments the first few nights I decided on sleeping in heavyweight polypro bottoms, 1 pair of wool socks and my plastic mountaineering boot insulated liners. The boot liners were in my bag the first couple nights to keep them from freezing, but after waking up with cold toes I decided to wear them to bed instead and my feet were toasty after that. Our snow shelters were frequently blown around and abused, allowing for lots of snow to blow inside. My bag got a lot of crusty ice forming on the outside but it never melted and I stayed warm. The layer of insulation on the inside of the bag that covers the zipper is an excellent idea, no draft whatsoever came in the bag. The hood was adequate and with the string pulled snug, no air was let in.

I was most impressed with the bag when we stayed in the Harvard Cabin (near Tuckerman's Ravine). After using my bag in a heated cabin for the first time on the trip the ice formations on the outside of the bag proceeded to melt- No problem for the Ultima Thule though- none of the moisture penetrated through the bag and I was warm and dry in the bag for the next two nights even though the outside stayed wet!

The only thing that was awkward with the bag but would probably hold true for any bulky winter bag was that the compression stuff sac that I borrowed from a friend (I forgot to order one) was kind of awkward. I use a Gregory Nova pack and it would be perfect if the bag could fit in the very bottom compartment. As it stands I had to put it in from the top loader and it took up a third of my bag. I wonder if an additional compressor to squish the sides might work, making it more tube shaped instead of rounded. That would be my only suggestion.

Thanks for supplying me with a quality bag that easily stood up to some of the most extreme elements in the northeast, it was greatly appreciated.

A Satisfied Customer,

Andrew Ayers

Admissions Advisor

Hurricane Island Outward Bound School

DIDI BEEBE

206 W. Brookhaven Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

February 18, 1994

Wiggy's Inc.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Dear Wiggy's:

Would you please send me your catalog. Last summer I had an opportunity to spend a week canoeing in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area...and the outfitter (Sawbill Outfitters) provided us with great sleeping bags in which I searched for a label and found they were yours. They were warm, light, and very stuffable. I'd like to have one of my own if I can afford to! I notice from the March 1994 Backpacker magazine that you have other stuff I'd probably like to have too! Can't wait to receive a catalog. Thanks.

Didi Beebe

Didi

hee,
you may want to use
this letter for the outfitters
Jim

Waggy,

2-21-94

Enclosed you will find my money order for \$ 16.00 to cover the cost of the compression rack you sent me.

Keep up the good work, for your product is far superior to any other on the market.

It is a rare thing to find, that there is ^{a person} ~~people~~ out there who takes the pride in producing a above quality product. Rest assured that I will do everything to promote your line of products.

Please send me your latest info on your Hypo. Bag

Duncan

John Newman



P.O. Box 867
Talkeetna AK, 99676
March 23, 1994

Dear Mr. Wiggy,

My name is John Langham. I live in Talkeetna Alaska, the jump off spot for all Mt. McKinley ascents. I recently participated in the '94 running of the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race, traveling 1000 miles of interior Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

My friend Diane Okonek persuaded me to try a Wiggy sleeping bag after hearing my complaints of my current bag. She not only paid for the phone call, but put the purchase of my fine, new, X-large Wiggy bag on her credit card. To top it all off my bag arrived on time, a task not easily performed because of the rush that I was in.

You said ,sir, that you could do it and you did. You were a pleasure to deal with on the phone. Your bag was a pleasure to sleep in (the average tempature on the race was -40⁰ F). Thanks again for the quality bag, the custom sizing, and the speed and promptness of shipping. If there is anyway I can return the favor or help you in any way please feel free to call or write me.

Raven Ridge Kennels
John Langham
P.O. Box 867
Talkeetna AK, 99676
907-733-1308

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Langham'.

John Langham

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DEAR SIR, I RECENTLY PURCHASED ONE
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THIS IS THE BEST SLEEPING BAG THIS
OLD HOMBRE HAS EVER HAD, I AM 70+
AND STILL HITTING THE HILLS. Sincerely
Gen M. Ziebar, Jr.

6/9/94

To whom this may concern,

Hi, I need my "Bag" repaired at your earliest convenience as I'd like to be able to use it in Yosemite's Crack Range at the end of this month?

This tear was my fault and not a defect.

Also I have a question for someone from your technical team. Nowhere in your catalog info. do you tell the "fill weight" in each particular model of sleeping Bag.

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David Bude

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10/30/94

Mr. Jerry Wigutow
P O Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Mr. Wigutow,

Just thought I would write you a note and tell you of the great success that I have had with your sleeping bags. I currently own 2 bags; a Super Light and a Ultra Light. They have been through Europe and across the Rocky Mountains on the back of my motorcycle. They are none the worse for wear.

I was looking at your price list in the last catalog that you sent me and I thought that I could help you out by realigning your price list. Feel free to use this layout, and if you would like me to update it, I have it saved in my computer. A phone call with your updated prices and inventory will be very easy to accomplish. I am not asking for anything for doing this. (For legal sake;" I relinquish my copyrights on the price list for Wiggy's Inc." 78).

Thanks for your terrific product and great service! They are two things that seem to be missing from our society today.

Sincerely,



Anthony Martinez
695 Manhattan Dr #112
Boulder, CO 80303
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14 Nov 94

To Whom It May Concern

I would very much appreciate a copy of your latest catalog. After using one of your bags for the last 2 years as an Instructor at the Northern Warfare Training Centers I would like to purchase a lightweight bag for use down here in the lower 48.

Thank you very much

Sincerely

Brent R Brodie

Brent R Brodie

350 Northridge Dr

Clarksville, TN 37042

615-553 0397

Tom Skala

TO: WIGGY'S INC.
P.O. BOX 2124
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO 81502

2 DEC. 94

FROM: SSG WALTER B. WADE
PSC 560 BOX 635
APO AP 96376-0635

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I HAVE RECENTLY PURCHASED A WIGGY'S SLEEPING BAG FROM BRIGADE QUARTER-MASTERS IN KENNESAW, GA.. BEING IN THE MILITARY I HAVE USED YOUR BAGS BEFORE AND HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE EXCEPTIONAL. THE BAG I HAVE HAS A CAMOUFLAGED GOR-TEX SHELL. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU MADE THESE SHELLS IN ANY OTHER COLOR, AS I HAVE GOTTEN TIRED OF LOOKING AT CAMOUFLAGE AFTER BEING IN THE MILITARY FOR 11 YEARS. ALSO DO YOU MAKE THESE BAGS WITH LEFT HANDED ZIPPERS SO AS TO ZIP TWO OF YOUR BAGS TOGETHER? PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ON THESE QUESTIONS AND IF POSSIBLE A CATALOG. THANK YOUR FOR YOUR HELP AND AN OUTSTANDING PRODUCT. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. BY THE WAY, CAN I ORDER DIRECTLY FROM YOU?

THANKS AGAIN,

*Thought you might
find this letter interesting
I'm sending him my gov't price list.
Jerry*

Jerry,

Long Beach, CA 1/13/95

Good day to you. Thank you for speaking with me on the phone. I ordered the Orobony (Large, wide, black w/ XLarge compression [108.00 + 10.00]) to be here in two weeks. I am not going to need it until late February and will be sending you a check then. Your O° bag is super! The orobony will complete my setup. Thanks again and I'll be in contact with you in about a month. Hope your dogs run smoothly.

STAFFE McSherry
1860 Roxanne Ave
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(310) 493-0454

1/18/95

To: Wiggy's Inc.

From: R. Jeremy Brissette
33 Merwin Ave. Apt. #6
FAIRFAX CA. 94930

I would like to order the 72" ground pad AND one pair of Booties. Enclosed is a money order for \$93.

Also I just wanted to tell you ^{that} the Super Light sleeping bag I purchased several months ago is an excellent product.

Please mail my order to the address above.

Thank you,

Jeremy Brissette

February 7, 1995

Jerry Wigutow
PO Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Jerry,

The Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race Qualifier in Greeley, Colorado was a perfect test of your product. Shortly after takeoff we were engulfed by a snowstorm which we were unable to escape and eventually forced us down. As we climbed in an attempt to escape the storm we experienced both wet snow and freezing temperatures as we reached over 17,000 feet.

Without our Wiggy's Antarctic Parka and Bibs and our Muk Luks we surely would have been in trouble. We owe much of our success to our high quality Wiggy's clothing which kept us warm and dry in the most awful flying conditions I have ever experienced.

The official results are in and we finished in second place securing a spot in the Gordon Bennett International Gas Balloon Race to be held in Switzerland this fall. It is likely that any flight out of Switzerland will require a crossing of the Alps. I will not have to worry about the cold, however, because of my extreme confidence in the Wiggy's clothing that we will wear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Abruzzo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Abruzzo
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A FLIGHT OF DETERMINATION

NEAR DAWN THE DAY BEFORE HALLOWEEN, COMPETITORS IN SEVEN GAS BALLOONS LIFTED OFF FROM THE GREELEY, COLORADO AIRPORT. THE PILOTS BATTLED WIND, RAIN, CLOUDS AND SNOW, FIGHTING FOR A PLACE ON THE UNITED STATES TEAM IN NEXT YEAR'S GORDON BENNETT.

BY BRUCE COMSTOCK



Cindy Petrehn photo

FROM THE BEGINNING, THE PILOTS AND OFFICIALS KNEW THIS WOULD BE AN HISTORIC EVENT. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, A MAXIMUM DISTANCE COMPETITION WOULD SELECT

the U.S. team for the Gordon Bennett, itself a maximum distance race. Also, this would be the first competition to combine balloons using anhydrous ammonia with balloons using any other lifting gas. Tim Cole, recent Atlantic balloonist and Director of this competition, pioneered the use of anhydrous ammonia as a lifting gas in balloons beginning in 1991.

The advantage of using ammonia is its low cost. The cost of gas for the ammonia balloons in the Greeley event was about \$200 each—about \$2,000 less than each helium balloon's gas.

The players in this event came with impressive credentials. David Levin had won the Gordon Bennett race itself, World Gas and Hot Air Championships, and a U.S. National Hot Air Championship.

Richard Abruzzo was fresh from a clean sweep in the most recent gas balloon points race. He is an Atlantic balloonist and World Gas Balloon Duration Record holder.

Mark Sullivan had just run the World Gas Balloon Championship in Albuquerque.

Carl Eidsness had recently flown his ammonia balloon almost 400 miles in a world record attempt.

Dennis Brown made the first modern day ammonia balloon flight and followed this with many more ammonia and helium flights.

Mike Wallace, veteran Gordon Bennett pilot, just finished two years as BFA President.

John Kugler has actively flown gas—usually but not always ammonia—balloons for several years.

I was (and still am) a neophyte gas balloonist who would be making my second flight as pilot in command of a gas balloon. But I did set an absolute World Hot Air Distance record and made a 645-mile Long Jump flight last January.

Officials and pilots agreed to scrub a Saturday afternoon inflation due to low level winds headed into the Rocky Mountains, only 25 miles to the west.

At the subsequent 9:00 p.m. pilot meeting, we again agreed to delay inflation until 2:00 a.m. At that time, we thought, the wind would be calming, then reversing, and finally gradually increasing towards the southeast across the open plains.

By 2:00 a.m. the surface wind had already reversed and drifted gently in the wrong direction for inflating the balloons as they had been laid out. Weather briefer Ralph Lewis described the situation as a "not very good, but possible," weather window, to be followed by

deteriorating weather of at least several days.

The consensus was to take the opportunity, and Cole gave the go-ahead. Helium and ammonia soon hissed into the various balloon envelopes.

The helium balloons inflated about 300 feet away from the ammonia balloons, but pilots from one area visited the other as time permitted.

"There did not seem to be two separate cliques of people there," Cole observed after the event. "Everyone respected everyone else." Many of the hot air balloonists and crew in town for a concurrent event helped and watched.

Shortly after 5:00 a.m. Richard Abruzzo eased off the ground, stayed low, and drifted briskly towards the southeast. During the next two hours the other balloons lifted off in steadily increasing surface wind into an ominous, threatening sky.

I took off seventh, the last one off, in strong wind and sleet. John Kugler encountered difficulties which had slowed his inflation. The strengthening surface wind and downwind ammonia tanks made a safe launch impossible, so he finally had to abort and deflate.

Nick Saum weighed off most of the balloons, Cole assisting. All the launches went smoothly despite the strong wind.

While the weather situation was not predictable, it was clear that the best speed would be towards the east, just below the floor of positive control airspace at 18,000 feet. The wind at the surface was the next fastest, while the layers between were slower and in useless directions.

Abruzzo stayed low and visible above the distant horizon for more than an hour after launch. Dark clouds churned above the launch site throughout the launch period and after.

Mike Wallace took off 45 minutes after Abruzzo and tried to climb to reach the high, faster wind to the east. "I used 22 bags of ballast in the first 45 minutes," he said later.

Both Wallace and his copilot Alan Fraenckel were limited by the effects of prior, non-ballooning related injuries, increasing the chore of handling the 700 lbs. of ballast in so short a time. "You do what you have to do," Wallace later observed.

By 8:00 a.m. Wallace and Fraenckel had only eight bags left, a small fraction of their original half ton of ballast. But they were finally on their way east not far below 18,000 feet. "When it started up it just went up and up and up," Wallace recounted later.

Carl Eidsness took off after Wallace and the two stayed fairly close. This was an interesting duel—Wallace with 37,000 cubic feet of helium and Eidsness with 46,000 cubic feet of ammonia. This gave Wallace about a 500 lb. ballast advantage due to the lesser lift of ammonia.

Dennis Brown climbed gradually for a long time during the

early part of his flight. This took him south at decreasing speed until he finally stalled out and headed back towards Greeley.

I stayed much lower after launching with only six bags of ballast in my small ammonia balloon and continued south.

Many balloons encountered snow. At one point in mid-flight, David Levin and Mark Sullivan were flying in heavy snow while Brown was flying much higher nearby in clear air talking with them by radio. Abruzzo landed with 4" of snow weighing down his envelope.

Throughout their flights, pilots consulted with each other by radio, especially with respect to safety. Most are licensed amateur radio operators and used amateur radio frequencies to communicate with each other and with the officials.

In the early afternoon, Abruzzo, Levin, Sullivan, and Brown were all forced down by various combinations of snow and water weight and sudden, unexpected sink.

Brown found himself descending from 16,000 feet at up to 700 feet per minute. He emptied his last bag of ballast over the side at 1,000 feet above ground, and hit the ground at about 500 feet per minute with no ballast.

Sullivan was also forced down rapidly and unexpectedly, dropping 300 lbs. of ballast during the descent and landing with no ballast. Abruzzo landed with virtually no ballast, but his 89 nautical miles gave him third place with respect to distance.

Following the consistently lowest and most southerly course, I managed to stay clear of precipitation since the sleet at launch. For a long time I cruised level at 300 feet above ground at 17 knots, the best wind speed at any altitude below 12,000 feet.

Late in the morning, however, I flew unavoidably into the leading edge of a snow squall east of Denver and landed without incident. Well, except the for the mud.



Winds like this kept Nebraska pilot John Kugler from even getting off the ground.

In the end it was the high-altitude duel in the east between Wallace and Eidsness.

Eidsness flew much of the flight at 10–14,000 feet, between layers of cloud. This gave him about 25 to 35 knots of speed towards just north of east. He landed at about 2:00 p.m. near Wallace, Nebraska with about one bag of ballast and four gallons of water. His 154-nautical-mile flight was the second longest.

Once Wallace got high and got going, he was able to nurse a lot of hours and miles out of those eight bags of ballast he had left at 8:00 a.m. Sometimes this required jumping up and down in the basket to dislodge snow from the envelope. He finally landed near North Platte, Nebraska, 192 miles from Greeley, the farthest flight of the contest.

Now that the flights are over, officials are busy determining appropriate penalties for various infractions. Several pilots admittedly flew through clouds, and others may have violated airspace regulations. There are also some questions regarding barographs.

Once all those things are straightened out, the U.S. team

for the 1995 Gordon Bennett will be named.

After landing, many balloons were wet or muddy and needed laborious cleaning. But several days after the flight Carl Eidsness expressed what appeared to reflect most participants' thoughts on their flights:

"Challenging, exciting, frustrating, and, after the fact, rewarding."

Carl also sees the event as "confirmation of what we [those flying ammonia] have been trying to do."

Many gas and hot air balloonists who had never been close to an ammonia balloon gained an appreciation for them as an inexpensive and reasonable way to gas balloon.

This was a balloonists' event. Pilots were invited to participate in decisions. Most people present for the launches were part of the ballooning community—gas or hot air.

The nature of the competition, a distance race, was appropriate to select our Gordon Bennett participants. And, not least important, ammonia balloons joined their rightful place in gas balloon competition.



ADVENTURERS IN WALKING

Hello! My name is Walter Holland. A friend, Larry Amkraut, and I are Walking from Mexico to the Bering Strait and beyond. ~~This is the story.~~

ISSUE NO.11 ONE DOLLAR



Hello Jerry your review is on the back.

The last newsletter ended having Yuke (Malemute) and I resting Robert and Stephanie Martin, who put us up for a few days. They provided a new toboggan; we had worn out the other.

When we left Talkwa, BC, Yuke's toboggan had custom made wheels, which I designed. But over the next 15 miles I had to continuously redesign them. It was at the 15-mile point, as I was bending the wheels back into position, that Dwight Nicholson stopped and talked. He immediately saw my predicament and suggested a lawnmower carriage and proceeded with an invite to see if we could find one. An hour later we left Dwight's friend's with an old green carriage. Now Yuke had an easy pull. In fact, on any downhill grade Yuke could pull everything, relieving me of my pack.

Two days later I stopped at a lone gas station/store with a few out buildings. I took advantage of the store's warmth as I talked to the owner. During our conversation he mentioned that if I would like to take the day off, he had a spare cabin that I could use. I accepted, feeling it would be great just to loaf around and read. Instead,

The drawing (above) is the night I burned the first poles in the bog. By the time you get this I will be in or near Tanana, AK. My next mail stop is Ruby, AK

Walt
99768

I met every customer this gentleman had. He kept bringing them over to meet me. I guess he thought I was some kind of celebrity.

Once I walked into New Hazelton, BC, the only place open was the hotel pub. Here, I met Allen Smith who invited me over to his family's. I spent a week writing, speaking, and watching an outrageous number of movies, for I rarely get the opportunity.

After New Hazelton, we were only a day's walk from the Stewart-Cassiar Hwy. Leading us north for a few miles, we came to the outskirts of Kitwanga. As we turned towards the village, I noticed an almost full bag of dog food along the roadside. It had been open, but hardly any eaten. The best part was that it weighed almost 40 pounds. Since it was Yuke's, he pulled it.

To save on dog food consumption, Yuke devised his own frugality, such as keeping his eye out for any dead birds killed by the passing traffic. When Yuke saw one, he would simply head towards it, scoop it up, and swallow it while feathers drifted.

Occasionally, Yuke would get his wheeled toboggan stuck along the roadside. As I'd continue, he would whine, asking me for a helping hand. I'd yell back, "Get yourself out". It was amazing to watch Yuke rear up on his hind legs and lunge forward, still whining. Sometimes it would take three or four tries, but eventually he would get himself free. There was only a couple of times that I had to rescue him. This was when Yuke chased something down an embankment, tipping the toboggan, spilling its contents, and entangling himself in some brush. I would help him and the gear return to the road.

We spent a couple of days in Kitwanga with the Bill Johnson family. He taught at the local school where I gave a slide show.

The very next day I walked into the village of Kit Wan Kool, the totem pole capital of BC. As I walked through town, I began to meet the village children. I asked about a place to camp and they led me down a dead-end road and told me I could camp in front of an empty house. As I began to set up camp, more and more kids showed up, and offered help. They gathered fire wood, which they took off the empty house. One borrowed an ax from his grandfather so that I could split the wood to fit the small stove. Sooner than usual I was lying in my tent next to the warm stove while 20 or more native kids stood outside the tent door talking, ignoring the snow. Not only



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did they show me where to camp, but brought gifts, such as canned fish, dried fish, and items that kids feel are important, like comic books and candy. We conversed until the parents called them home. Watching the last one leave, I thought, "What a good way to end the day" and turned to read the life and times of Archie and Veronica.

Getting about 15 miles the next day, I began to look for a place to camp when three guys, returning from a day of logging, stopped to ask if I had a rifle. Telling them no, they had warned me of some wolves. I asked where they were headed and they said, "North!" I wasn't really concerned, for wolves rarely attack man. In fact, maybe they never have. But, I've heard stories where wolves would lure a domesticated dog out, for example, by a female in heat, just to pounce on it for dinner. Therefore, I kept Yuke inside the tent.

Two days later we reached a highway camp; a surprise. Outside the main building stood a happy-looking man; I asked if I could camp nearby and buy a bowl of soup.

He said, "Sure. Place your stuff and come on in."

I entered a long hallway lined with rooms. At the end was a small dining and kitchen area where a group of men were gathered. As a conversation ensued, a huge dinner was placed before me. After spending an hour of talking and eating, I was off to bed, hearing the last words, "Be sure to come in for breakfast."

Yuke and I walked 20 miles the next day and came across another highway camp who treated me as well as the first. I like these highway camps.

An easy ten miles; we're at Meziadon Jct. The road heads East and West. East, my direction, will sway North to the Yukon. West ends in Hyder, AK, just over the Stewart, BC border. Having a contact in Stewart, I thought it a good idea to go visit and take some time off. This is when I take a ride, but when I begin walking again, I'm dropped where I last walked.

The toboggan and backpack, and Yuke and I stood on the side of the road for 2 hours, when an old VW van stopped. Yuke and the pack went in back, the toboggan hoisted on top, and I grabbed the front passenger seat. As we headed for Stewart, the top heavy sled caught the wind currents, causing the van to swerve; Yuke puked. Fortunately, he didn't find one of them dead birds; it was just mushy dog food.

We made Stewart safely. My contact was Jenny; we were to meet at the King Edward Hotel.

I sound like a spy. She provided me with a steak dinner and a room for the night. Jenny then invited me to her home the next day to meet her family.

Upon arriving at Jenny's, she showed me around town and helped set up a couple of speaking engagements with the area schools. During my two week stay, I hung around Jenny's stepson Derek. He showed me a few of the local activities, one of which was prawning; it went like this. We'd gather a half dozen hoop nets (two feet in diameter), some old fish heads, and head down to the end of the half mile Hyder pier. There, we dropped the nets, each holding a fish head, at different points. After 20 minutes or so, the nets were pulled, our catch thrown into a five gallon bucket, and the nets dropped again. By the end of the evening, our bucket was full of shrimp and prawns. Nothing like fresh seafood.

I'd been there a week when the man of the house came home. Earlier, the family told me a log fell on his head and he hasn't been the same since. I've never met the man but he seemed normal to me. In fact, he gave me a ride back to Meziaden Jct. so that I could continue my journey.

We continued up the Cassiar Hwy, Yuke keeping his eye out for dead birds, and I viewing the panoramic sights. Camping was easy, for there were plenty of open streams and rivers. This saved me the trouble of melting snow for water.

A few days from Meziaden a woman stopped and invited me to dinner at a high-way camp still a day or two away. She also mentioned that a cabin was near the camp that I could use. I like it when people stop and talk.

When I arrived at the cabin, the snow began which enticed me to stay a few days. I had a good time just reading, cleaning my camera, cross country skiing, and of course visiting the people at the highway camp.

The day I left the cabin it snowed as if God blew on feathery dandelion seeds with every other breath. It was a wonder to watch the scattered flakes float to the ground. Walking along the twisting dirt road, I felt the temperature to be about 20 degrees; comfortable walking.

It was a hundred miles before the next coffee shop, a type of place I always look forward to, not only to enjoy somebody else's cooking, but to talk to someone besides Yuke. The coffee shop was a long way off, yet I was content. When night came, my three man-dome tent, rigged



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with a small woodstove, kept both Yuke and I warm and comfortable. The only problem we had was an occasional spark landing on the thin nylon tent. But that wasn't too much of a problem since I carry a roll of duct tape, which is slowly replacing the nylon.

One morning I woke to the howling of wolves not more than fifty yards away. I looked at Yuke to see if he was as nervous as I. I lit a candle and saw him glancing about with a look of worry, not wanting to move. I hoped it was some reasonable hour because sleep was out of the question. I listened for a bit, then got the woodstove and coffee going. Looking outside, I saw the moon low in the western sky; a couple of hours before dawn. Fortunately, enough firewood was cut the night before, because I didn't feel like scouring for more with my friendly neighbors. (In all 12,000 miles of walking, I have seen only two wolves, both of whom were mating in the middle of a frozen lake; neither cared if someone was watching or not.)

Waiting for light, proceeding pretty much as every morning, the wolves just sat and howled. I drank coffee, accompanied by my favorite breakfast, which consists of bowled rice, powdered milk, butter, water, and cinnamon. It's like having dessert for breakfast. After eating and reading a bit, the howls ceased and I began to break camp. During the day I wondered about the wolves, but saw no sign.

We continued north on the Cassiar, taking breaks every hour or so. Occasionally, someone would stop to talk, mostly out of curiosity. I don't mind this at all. Sometimes I would be presented with a gift for Yuke or I, maybe offered a beer or invited to a cabin up the road. All in all, I enjoy the short visits.



REVIEW

If you're in the market for a warm, durable, light-weight sleeping bag, let me tell you about the Ultima Thule. For the last 6,000 miles it has been stomped, dragged, and burned (I won't mention the dogs misbehavior). It's presently showing off its durability by keeping me warm through its' sixth winter as I walk across the heart of Alaska. In fact, its' most recent test was January 8th, 1994, on mile 1340 of the Alcan Hwy., when I awoke to -60 degrees. To further demonstrate its' toughness, let me tell you a bit of its' history.

Camping at tree line (11,000 feet) in the Colorado Rockies, my hiking partner, Larry Amkraut, and I were testing a prototype, light-weight tipi tent with woodstove. I was adjusting the Ultima Thule for comfort when the nylon shell brushed against the glowing stove. A fraction of a second melted pizza-size holes in the bags shell. The Ultima Thule won't win any beauty prizes, but functionally, its' as good as new. Imagine if the bag had been made of down.

In northwestern Montana, while hiking the Bob Marshall Wilderness, rains tortured me for days. Then, one evening, the clouds dispersed, revealing the stars. Not setting the tarp and crawling into the Ultima Thule, I drifted off to sleep watching the night sky. As usual, when I don't set the tarp, it rains. At one A.M. I awoke wet and miserable. I first set the tarp, stripped off all my clothing—where's a women when you need one—, and put on a dry Gore-Tex suit. Crawling back into the wet bag, I thought, "This is going to be one long cold night." At first light, I awoke to the continuous rains, and to my surprise, discovered that my body heat completely dried the Ultima Thule. The temptation was to bask in its' warmth, but nature called.

I could tell you more stories about the bag, but that's enough for now, except that I'm proud to own an Ultima Thule with holes.

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2/10/95

Dear Jerry-

I just wanted to drop you a line to keep you updated on the latest in ROBINSON mischief. In early January, Dad and I took a few green mountaineering prospectives up to N.H. to attempt a North to South Presidential traverse. The team turned out to be fair but the weather on the ridge was energizing. Temperatures dropped to below 20°F and wind gusts were about ~~40 mph~~ 80 mph. We were quickly forced to retreat just as we left the Mt. Adams subsummit plateau. As we dropped into the Edwards Col, we were engulfed in a whiteout and forced to set up camp in an all too exposed niche high on the ridge. We sat out a ruthless evening of stressing tents, frozen stoves, and snow encrusted clothing before turning in. During the course of the coldest night I've ever spent in the backcountry, I was awoken numerous times to spindrifts slapping my face, seams stretching and poles moving, but not ~~once~~ once was I stirred by cold. In fact I found myself sleeping in much less than I would have expected. The Niggly's Super Light and Desert Bag Combo. were an ideal pair in the fight to stay warm. The square cut Desert Bag gave me added bulk at the feet while inside the Super Light and therefore let me keep my toes super toasty. Also, I was able to pull the top of the desert Bag down around my neck to form a superb collar. Finally, the next morning after we packed up and sat inside our tents waiting for a break in the wind so we could break down the tents I was given the strongest testimony for your Booties. We had put our boots on after we packed and found them frozen solid, as usual. Well, my feet instantly went numb since I wasn't moving and I began to fear frostbite. We all (there were 6 of us - 4 in Niggly's) decided to stay a few minutes to thaw our feet. As the rest of the team warmed their toes on each other's chests, I simply slid into my booties. In ~~short~~ time, I was good as new and was visiting the other two tents, still

in my Booties to check possible frostbitten toes. From that point on, I've sworn by your Booties. I won't venture into the cold without them again. Anyway - next show will probably be St. Elias again. Either summer '96 or '97. I'm not sure yet. I'm moving to Oregon next fall, so I'll probably do some stuff out west to get ready. I'll be heading your way Spring Break of this year as well. I'm going to Steamboat to snowboard from Mar 10 → Mar 19. Hope the snow's good. As always — Thanks for your support in all that we do. We appreciate your insight and the wholesale prices. I personally think your products are second to none, and I'll continue to try to get your name out as well as I'm able. Best luck with business!

Sincerely Yours -
Justin
Justin Robinson

P.S. Please find enclosed \$155.00 - ck #290 for the Ultima tube I recently ordered. - Thanks JR

March, 18 1995

Dear Mr. Wiggy,

My Wiggy Bag story:

A couple Augusts ago, my husband and I decided to paddle through some of Ontario's Lake Superior islands on the North Shore. Remember that on the Big Lake's north side, the water is either ice or ice cold year round. We've had lots of Lake Superior paddling experience, were well prepared, and were looking forward to three days of paddling.

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Thanks,
Annie De Bevec

Daluth, Mn.

3/18/95

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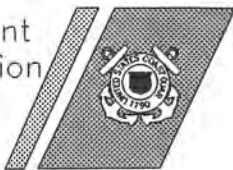
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Annie DeBened

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May 15, 1995

Wiggy's Inc.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, Co. 81502
Attn: Mr. Jerry Wigutow,

Dear Mr Wigutow,

I talked with you several months ago concerning your bags and related a story about how you bag helped an individual stay dry and warm during a severe rain storm last winter. Probable saved his life.

Well there is a new story to tell. Several weeks ago this same individual and a group of us were winter camping here on Kodiak Island. (Our annual section camp out.) The day was Alaska cold, snow was falling, but we were able to build a covered shelter, get a good fire going, and actually were have a great time. As the evening progressed, the talk turned to the fact that it will get real cold this evening, so we all better consume some antifreeze just to keep warm. This idea was met with standing approval. As the evening progressed, decisions were made and seconded that anti freeze was indeed in order, as the temperature was falling and would reach around 0 deg. which could make the night very uncomfortable and a man just might freeze.

Somewhere around midnight, all the hearty campers, buy this time well protected from freezing, went to their abodes for the night. Well next morning, being good caring individuals, as we woke up, we checked on each other to make sure we were all breathing and the evil cold had not overcome anyone.

Sure enough, every one was present and account for, but a strange thing was observed. Our buddy who owns a Wiggy bag had become confused. He had crawled into his big head first, that is pulled the bag over him top down. He had unzipped and pulled down about 6 inches from the bottom of the bag for his face and let his boots hang out. When asked about this, after flipping him around a bit and helping him unzip his bag so he could get out, he said "Hell I just thought I kicked the bottom out of my bag" but I sure was warm.

Well that's it, after a scene like that and his comment, I need a Wiggy Bag.

Please make up the following bags for me:

2 Hunter Extra Large Rectangular Bag Without hoods @ \$ 95.00 ea.
Enclosed is a check for \$190.00.

1 Hunter w/hood - 125⁰⁰

must have by June 21

I know you are busy, and this order should have been in weeks ago however I need the bags by June 18-19 for a trip. Please ship the bags UPS Overnight-COD and I'll pay for shipping on this end.

Thanks again, and I'm looking forward to my Wiggy Bag.

Bill Obershaw U.S. Coast Guard Support Center, Building N-38
Room 226, Kodiak, Alaska, 99619.

Bill Obershaw

4126 Cherokee Drive
Madison, Wisconsin 53711
June 5, 1995

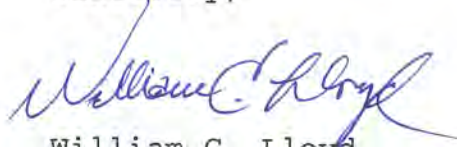
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Gentlemen and Mesdames:

So... I hear all sorts of good things about your synthetic-filled sleeping bags, but no one around here seems to carry them [as far as I can tell]. Would you please send me a catalogue and something to show me where I might find a shop or shops, in this general part of the country, where I might find some of your bags?

Thanks for your attention; I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



William C. Lloyd

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 Newsgroups: rec.backcountry
 Subject: Re: Wiggy's Sleeping Bags - Any Good?
 From: gonnif@panix.com (Richard Levy)
 Date: 29 Jun 1995 09:24:11 -0400

>
 >>year round use. I wish all the new equipment I purchased was one-tenth as
 >>good as my Wiggy's. Now if I could just find a replacement for my 20
 >>year-old Kelty mainframe pack that is as good...
 >>
 >Wiggy's is now selling an Australian backpack that he raves about,
 >contact Wiggy's for more info.

Last I spoke to Wiggy himself he was raving about this pack during a 2 or 3 week sojourn Colorado. I got the impression he bought one for himself when he was Europe, loved it so much that he decided to sell it. He also has an Austrian (not Australian) tent which is interesting that you setup the fly first and then clip that the tent to the fly. Unfortunately, I haven't seen one. But you can call him and get an earful. Ain't no slick sales guy just Wiggy telling you in no uncertain terms why he likes his stuff and why he doesn't like this product or that with lots of interesting history on the industry. He is, if anything, a character.

Rich

*Rich
 96 Sperry Blvd.
 New Hyde Park, N.Y.
 11040*

Jerry - a rec.backcountry posting

AL GMM

17 July 1995

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Mr. J.N. Wigutow
Wiggy's Inc.
P.O. Box 2124
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Ph. (970) 241-6465 / (800) 748-1827

Dear Mr. J.N. Wigutow,

We have just recently received a Wiggy's catalog in the mail from a reader information card that was submitted from a Backpacker magazine. (Thank you for a prompt reply and mailing!) The quality, durability and overall function of Wiggy's products are well known and second to none.

We found the Wiggy's catalog's items/articles, and in particular the article stating the differences between sleeping bags that utilize Lamelite insulation as compared to Polar Guard, Hollofill, Quallofil and other fibers, quite interesting and very informative. It is because of this article and Wiggy's reputation that we would like to place the following orders:

Customer Name	Item Description	Size	Qty.	Total
Schaefer, Mark A.	Ultra Light w/C.S.S.	EL/WB	1	\$ 83.00
Lykins, Mark A.	Ultra Light w/C.S.S.	EL/WB	1	\$ 83.00
Cloutier, Alain F.	F.T.R.S.S. Ultra Light	Std.	1	\$ 155.00

Subtotal \$ 321.00

Shipping \$ 25.00

TOTAL \$ 346.00

Enclosed is a money order in the amount of \$346.00 to cover the costs of the above listed items including \$25.00 to cover the cost of shipping. The above listed address should be used as the shipping address. If this is not sufficient, any additional expenses incurred will be gladly reimbursed. (Again, the shipping address should be used for any correspondence.)

Thank you for your prompt reply and we are anxiously awaiting our order. See ya on the trail!

Sincerely,

Mark A. Lykins FC2 USN

Mark A. Lykins

Mark A. Schaefer STG2 USN

Mark A. Schaefer

Alain F. Cloutier ET2 USN

Alain F. Cloutier

7/30/95

Wiggys

Please send me:

1 Super Lite (purple & black) w/ compression
Stuff Sack

I would like a ~~an~~ wide Body
Regular length.

I've enclosed a money order
for \$187.⁰⁰

Thank-you!
Cherie Chenot

mail to: Cherie Chenot
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Durango, CO 81301

I Bought a Wiggys bag ~~me~~ when I was in
Alaska & have always loved it! I lent
it out to a friend & she lost it in a
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being I am bag less. Thanks!
Have a great Day! ☺



dennis coello

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August 3, 1995

Jerry Wigutow
Wiggy's Inc.
Fax # 970-241-5921

Dear Jerry:

Just made it home after five solid weeks on the road, and soon am heading to Washington and Oregon for more hiking and biking photo shoots. Lord, I'm now busy on overseas and domestic trips some eight months a year - another reason your excellent bag has gotten such a workout.

Thanks for your catalogue and note of 7/5; glad you saw the honest words in SUMMIT. I'm thinking hard about a long winter ride this December, in Canada, and so it appears that once again I'll be counting on your bag to keep me both alive and comfortable. This trip will be a thirty-year (!) retracing of the very first cross-country ride I took way back when, and will result in a book of the best and worst of all my tours. Some of the "worst" will be nights spent in bags that preserved life but kept me too cold to sleep. It will be a pleasure to discuss how many nights I've slumbered through the snowflakes in my Wiggy's.

Next time my travels take me through Grand Junction I'll give you a buzz and see if you have time to grab a cup. It would be an honor to thank you for those pleasant nights in person.

All the best,



Dennis Coello

August 8, 1995

Dear Folks,

A few years back, a girlfriend & I were hitchhiking our way up to Alaska & we stopped by your warehouse in Grand Junction. We each got one of your 0° rated sleeping bags. Mine turned out to be the best sleeping bag I've ever had, keeping me warm for 3 summers camping in Alaska & numerous camping trips in the Smokies & Blue Ridge.

However, due to a malfunctioning washing machine, the top layer of fabric got ripped & I'm afraid it's beyond even the duct-tape-repair method.

I'm planning a walking trip of Scotland & Ireland in November & I was wondering if there's any way I could order a new Wiggy's bag directly from you'll - at the time I got my previous bag I was working for Outdoor Programs at Appalachian State University & so paid \$90 for it. (A well-spent \$90!) I've since graduated so am not affiliated with Outdoor Programs any longer but is there any way I could order a new bag directly from the warehouse? Thanks a lot for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Chris ~~Adams~~ ^{Adams}

Rob Gayman
P.O. Box 206
Corbett, OR 97019
(503) 695-5649

September 5, 1995

Dear Sirs,

Having just reviewed your catalog and having found it to be both educational and informative, I am writing you to request prices, ordering instructions, and any further information you may have on the following items:

- Fishnet Long Johns (size L)
- Super Light FTRSS: a Super Light bag (extra long/wide body)
 - : an Overbag
 - : a compression stuff sack
 - : a pillow

Please mail this information to me at the above address. I will be eagerly awaiting your reply, so that I may get the ordering procedure underway. Thank you.

Sincerely,



30 Sep 75

FROM: BRUCE W. MOLER
15025 Knickerbocker Dr.
Woodbridge, VA 22193

JERRY-

SAW your ad in October's BACKPACKER magazine for your catalog - now containing tents and backpacks too. Please mail me one. Send to the address above.

I've purchased your fine bags in the past. When I identified myself as a soldier - you came on the line and chatted with me. I want you to know I think your sleeping bags are the best. I provide regular instruction to Boy Scouts / Explorers and other outdoor organizations on backpacking, and I always promote your bags whenever I get a chance.

Thanks Again -

BW Moler

12.13.95

Wiggy Bags,

I just got off the phone w/ you and ordered an OVER BAG .RIGHT ZIP. EX. LONG X.WIDE. IN BLACK. (w/ compression sack!) ENCLOSED IS PAYMENT OF \$154⁰⁰. Thanks for a wonderful product. HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAVE A GREAT '96!

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P.S. I WILL
WRITE A LETTER
TO B. PACKER &
ASK "HEY"
WHAT 'BOUT
WIGGY?!



IBIS TOURS

Wiggy's Inc.
Jerry Wigutow
2482 Industrial Blvd.
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Jerry,

As per several conversations, here is a fabric sample of our Bahama Bags. I make them about 40" wide and 76" long. There is no zipper and the bag is sewn down a length across the foot and up about six inches on the open length to form a pocket foot. The two different weights allow for flipping on those cold nights in the Bahamas when it drops below 70°. We have used these for six years in the Bahamas and only rave reviews. We started with Nautilus bags but they were too hot and the sand on the nylon felt real gross on a hot night. I use Bahama Bags when I travel and will be sleeping inside or if I have company sleeping on the floor. If you are interested in making them and wish to use the name, give us credit and pass along our 800 number.

I am ordering three more Ultra Light bags today. I have yet to wear out a bag but my nuclear powered clothes dryer burnt holes in the fabric of two (So they are now guide bags!) and I want to add another. These bags are incredible. I wash my bags after every use which must add up to about 70 cycles so far. I have yet to see a seam go or any fabric weaken. An incredible product!

Bardy Jones

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Dear Sirs,

22 Jun 96

I am currently deployed to Bosnia in support of "Operation Joint Endeavor." I am assigned to E Co. 51ST Inf (LRS) (ABN). My unit recently purchased your Super Light F.T.R.S.S. This sleeping bag is now a company issue item.

We did a "bag-x", basically an exercise just to test your sleeping bags, in Hungary during mid February. Although I do not know the exact temperature, I'm guessing it was around 20°F. With the use of sleeping pads layed on the snow, and a ~~fully~~ gortex bivi-bag everyone was very comfortable.

I have also slept in a tent that leaked, and woke up in the morning with the outside of my F.T.R.S.S. soaked. Yet the

~~6/10/55~~

inside stayed completely dry. This was with out the use of any bivi-bag.

Needless to say, I am very impressed with your sleeping bag. An order price list came with my bag when it was issued. The price list was only good through December 95. I am very interested in purchasing 2 of your Ultra Light F.T.R.S.S. sleeping bags which were listed at \$155⁰⁰ each. Is it possible that you could send me the new price list and a catalog? I greatly appreciate your help and thanks for the great product.

Sincerely,

Sgt Richard D. Kahla

address on back. ↓

RK

Sgt. Kahla, Richard D.

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March, 18 1995

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Thanks,
Annie De Bevec

Daluth, Mn.

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I have about 90 of them. I have tried a number of different bags for outfitting canoe trips, and have settled on Wiggys. They are plain old bags with no bells or whistles that tend to sell bags over the counter. On the other hand, I have some that have been in service for 12-18 weeks a summer for 9 years, and I can't really tell you which ones they are, they are in as good shape as the ones I bought last year. They have held their loft extremely well, are hard to kill (and outfitting is the worst you can do to a bag), and for my purposes they are great just because I can wash them, hang them out on a good day, and they will be dry in an hour. I have found no other bag that dries so quickly (a real plus on a canoe trip). On top of all of that, I have little trouble getting a good price for used bags. They work for me.

6 Apr 96

I Am writing this letter to express my thanks to your company for providing me a great product when I purchased a sleeping bag prior to my Bosnia deployment. Everything from the sales staff who were very courteous, to the timely manner in which it was sent, & finally to the military discount which made it very affordable. I can't recall spending any night while in Bosnia sleep or wet. Your product really came through. Recently I saw a magazine where the owner of the company was discussing his products. In this article he referred to outer shells and other accessories for sleeping bags. Can you please send me a catalog so that I may purchase some of these articles. Thanks for your time.

SFC T. Moffat

67th FST

Opn Joint Endeavor

APO AE 09789

5-19-96

Wiggy's Incorporated
Attention: Jerry Wiggemeir (Sorry for any misspelling)
2482 Industrial Boulevard
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Jerry,

I received my Wiggy's super light sleeping bag as gift about a year ago and have had nothing but good experience with your product. Recently however, I was all tucked away and soundly sleeping (nice and toasty too) when I was awoken from a sharp stingy sensation in my shoulder...at the time I thought it was some sort of insect bite. However, with further investigation I had discovered a "T-shaped" stick pin lodged in the insulation. I attempted to remove the stick pin and too my disappointment I was unsuccessful in fear of tearing the inner lining. With one last attempt I was able to remove the pin with minimal damage by cutting all but the "T-portion" of the pin off and then removed the "T-portion" by pressing it through the inner lining and then singeing the frayed fabric. Anyway, my problem has been solved but, I just wanted to inform you this incident. I have included the nasty little culprit



Sincerely,

Mark G Barlow
6214 Southwest 47th Place
Portland, OR 97221
Home: 503-452-0609
Work: 503-642-6436

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SUPER LT.

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- XL 4-1/2 lbs.
- R WB 4-1/2 lbs.
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- SH 3 3/4 lbs.
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Wiggys Inc.

Mark G. Barlow
6214 sw 47th Pl.
Portland, Or. 97221

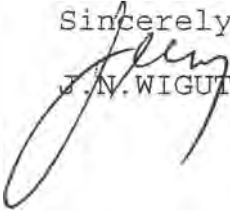
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Dear Mark,

I am in receipt of your letter. To date this is the first time a needle has appeared in one of my bags. Needless to say it was disturbing. I am obviously happy with your vote of confidence about the bags performance.

Please accept the enclosed items, compression stuff sack and a pair of booties as some restitution for your pain.

Sincerely,


J.N. WIGUTOW

June 5, 1996

Wiggy's, Inc.
2482 Industrial Blvd.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Super Light, FTRSS: Return Authorization No. 1855

Dear Mr. Wigutow:

I recently purchased a FTRSS Super Light bag from your company. I took it with me on a camping trip, and used both bags in varying temperatures over the 10 nights I was out. I was VERY pleased with the bags, especially after a violent storm, which left everything but me (tucked inside the bag) sopping wet. Even after a considerable amount of dew condensed all over the outside of the bag, I still slept dry and warm inside. Many thanks to you and your company!

I do have one concern with these bags, however. When I returned home from this trip, I washed the Super Light just as you instructed. I put it in a large commercial-size washer, washed it in cold water, and then laid it out in my yard to dry in the sun. I noticed that it felt bunched up, but dismissed this as normal after being in the washer. An hour or so later, I brought it in, and noticed that it still felt "tangled" in sections. I spread it out in the floor, and got in. At this point I realized that the bag had shrunk considerably -- it was a tight fit when zipped up, even though this particular bag is a wide body.

I am at a loss to explain why this happened. I did **not** put it in the dryer, and did not leave it in excessive heat out in the sun. As a precaution, I have not washed the overbag yet, but have just laid it out to air out a little. I would like to see what you think of this Super Light before I wash the overbag.

Could you take a look at it and see if you can tell what happened? I am more interested getting another of your bags than I am in getting a refund. I would like to keep your product, as it fared well in the short time that I had it.

You can reach me by phone during the day at 704/386-2394, or at home in the evenings at 704/332-5860. If you prefer mail, my home address is 1819-B Lennox Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28203.

Thanks for looking into this for me! I look forward to a good resolution, meaning a repaired or replaced bag. I like your product!



Robin Kathleen Jones

15 Jun 96

Dear Sir,

I am placing an order for you Super light FTRSS sleeping bag. Three of my team members have ordered them, and swear they are the best bag they have ever used. Jeff Pinell, Ralph Phillips and Thomas Moffat are some of your best advertising!

As Jeff has recently received his bag, I am enclosing the amount including shipping that he was charged. If for some reason this is not enough, please bill me for the balance. I look forward to putting your bag to the test.

Thank-you for your time,
Christopher C. Gray

include 25 catalogs +
govt price lists

214 Seawall Road
Southwest Harbor, ME 04679
13 July 1996

Mr. Jerry Wigutow
Wiggy's Inc.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Mr. Wigutow;

As a member of Mount Desert Island Search and Rescue I have had a chance to see your bags in use. We were the recipients of a donated Hypothermia Bag this winter, and we have found it to be so useful that the rangers at Acadia National Park, where we do most of our rescue work, have ordered the same bag for their own use. Its multiple openings make patient access extremely easy, and the carrying handles, straps for bottom padding, and wrap-around zippers make patient packaging simple. I have had a chance to lounge around in it in cold, windy conditions, and found it quite comfortable in socks and shorts. To top it off, when inexperienced members in a training exercise sent it floating out to sea in a Stokes litter, it was a simple job to take it home and wash it in my own machine, without having to deal with dry cleaning or a visit to the local laundromat.

I see from your catalog that you manufacture sleeping bags, so I am writing to request either a copy of your price list or the address of a local distributor. Given the advantages of these bags over the down bag I presently rely on, I would prefer to buy Lamilite bags for my family for camping. I've never been cold in my bag, but it's been a real pain to maintain, and I've always had to worry about keeping it dry. These would certainly be easier to use and keep up, and would also be a lot less worry when the kids are using them.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

STEVE HUDSON

Steve Hudson

July 24, 1996

John M. Hartley
1450 Cambria St.
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Wiggys, Inc.
2482 Industrial Blvd.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear sir or madam:

Recently, I purchased your Ultra Light sleeping bag. I want you to know how pleased I am with my purchase. I am not a world class climber nor do I own a guide service. I am, however, a very hard to please customer. I was instantly impressed with the detail to construction and quality of the materials. In recent years of backpacking, I have purchased sleeping bags from several of your competitors and not one has impressed me as much as your Ultra Light. It swaddles me in comfort unlike any other. My only peeve with your product is that I did not know of it sooner. Expect to hear from me in the fall for I am planning to order your Ultima Thule. Thank you for being a shining star in the outdoor industry. I will do what I can to start a Wiggys revolution in this area.

Sincerely,

John M. Hartley

25 July 1996

Mr. J.N. "Wiggy" Wigutow
2482 Industrial Blvd. • P.O. Box#2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Mr. Wigutow:

A few months ago I purchased one of your Superlight sleeping bags, finally I've managed to find backpacking gear that lives up to it's promise. I've left the bag in it's compression stuff sack for about a month, and it's no worse for wear. I've thrown it in the washing machine with my regular laundry, and it came out fine.

I went on a three day backpacking trip, with no tent, and it rained old testament style the whole time, I slept dry in my superlight every night. It's absolutely great to finally find someone that makes a product that performs as promised.....(My two boxers are really pleased with their second hand Lite Loft bag.)

Thanks again sir, for many comfortable nights of sleep. I'd rather be kicked in the face with a golf shoe, than go to the field without my Wiggy's Superlight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Singler", written in a cursive style.

Mitchell Singler

Greenstone Adventures



BWCA & Quetico Dogsledding Excursions

Dear Jerry,

Just a quick note to say
that we're thrilled with

our new gear from Wiggy's! Your
Antarctic bag is by far the warmest bag
we've used. Last week I slept out under the stars at
-40 degrees F. and was extremely comfortable the entire
night. Your ground pad is a must for serious winter
camping. It's very comforting for us to know that our
clients will be sleeping soundly in the best bag made!

We also would like to extend a sincere "thankyou"
for your willingness to work with a small business
such as ours. We will recommend your products and your
company to anyone interested in quality winter gear.

Sincerely,

Charlie Cowden

Charlie Cowden

2165 Echo Trail
Ely, MN 55731

218-365-6524

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER ■ Hier et Aujourd'hui



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Hello from FRANCE!

LA COTE D'OPALE...
149 - BOULOGNE-SUR-MER (P.-de-C.-62)
La porte Cayole

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Jerry, Thank you for getting
my order filled so fast. Your bag
has worked out wonderfully
this trip. We have 5 more
weeks left and I am sure
it will hold up as well
as my other bag from you.
PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK
FOR GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE.
I WILL BE A LIFETIME
CUSTOMER.

TONY MARTINEZ

JERRY % WIGGAY'S

P O BOX 2124

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Backpacking, etc.

356 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089 (413) 781-0388

Dear Jerry,

I used your -20 ultima-thule xlwb sleeping bag last winter (Jan.) on our trip with the hiking club. We went to Mt. Monadock in New Hampshire. Actual temp was 52 below zero with 20-25 miles perhr. wind, I slept in polypropylene underwear and your booties, self inflating closed cell pad underneath. Snow was approx. 4-5 ft. deep, I was warm and comfortable all night, thanks to your bag.

We had 3 of your super-lite 0° sleeping bags on the trip however we had to beef them up a little with space blankets and pads.

Overall performance of your bags was outstanding. Because your sleeping bags aren't all hype, they really perform and do what they say, is the biggest reasons why I promote your bags so much. They work when you need them the most.

My son had your -60 antartica bag, he slept out in the snow and was fine all night.

By the way, we were in tents out of the wind, except for my son.

Thanks again,

Raymond A. Tibbetts/ President



LTR TRAINING SYSTEMS
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Anchorage, Alaska 99517
(907) 248-5010 • FAX (907) 563-9185

Jerry Wigetow
Wiggy's Inc.
2482 Industrial Blvd.
PO Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Mr. Wigetow,

As the leading company in providing Arctic and Cold Weather survival training in Alaska and the U.S. we are continually asked to demonstrate survival equipment innovations that are currently available to our clients. One of these pieces of equipment is a "lamilite" vacuum packed sleeping bag made by your company. We feel that this piece of equipment is an extremely beneficial item to those who must work or travel in remote, cold weather areas.

On May 12th, 1993 we finally broke the vacuum seal on one of our Wiggy's bags that we have demonstrated for almost 5 years. This compressed, minus 30 sleeping bag had been carried by our instructor teams across the U.S.. It had been passed among 600-700 students in that time and never once lost it's vacuum seal. We estimate that even after the extended storage under vacuum conditions the bag returned to %80 of its original loft. This occurred within 30 minutes of removal with an instructor manually fluffing the bag.

We felt that you would find this information useful in that it shows the viability of both your sleeping bag and it's method of packaging during long term storage and carry.

Sincerely:

Brian K. Horner
Owner, LTR Training Systems

SSG Dante Reynolds
Eco 51st INF
Operation Joint Endeavor
Tuzla East, Steel Castle
APO AE 09789

Wiggy's Inc.
P.O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I am writing you this letter because I am a new soldier in Eco 51st INF, deployed to Bosnia. The entire unit has been issued your F.T.R.S.S. Super Light, The Over Bag (Patrol Bag) and Bivi Bag. That system seems to be the best ever issued to any U.S. Army unit. Everybody has told me that they think it is the ~~greater~~ greatest system they have ever used. Unfortunately, I have been issued the old army arctic sleeping bag, which is much bulkier and heavier. The unit only bought enough for the unit before the deployment and did not anticipate the new soldiers that would be coming. I have been in the army

For ten years, and I once used the North Face Big Foot. That bag does not compare to your F.T.R.S.S. system. Is it possible for me to purchase this system and have it sent to me in Bosnia. I hope the price is reasonable. It really stinks being the only person without your system. I also hope it is possible to expedite the mailing, because by time I get the Price list, send it ~~back~~ back with payment, and then receive the system, it could be months. It is April 1st now, and there is a lot of snow, and it is still cold here. I am sorry this is a hand written letter, but I have to utilize the resources at hand. I greatly appreciate any and all help your company extends to me. I know this letter might seem strange, but if being comfortable under extreme conditions requires me to purchase equipment that the army has failed to purchase enough of, I really don't have much choice.

Sincerely,

Dante Reynolds

Dante Reynolds

E-6, USA

LRS Team Leader

Augustus R. Morris
P.O. Box 8157
Asheville, NC 28814

Wiggy's

Dear Folks -

I just spent a couple of weeks
in one of your sleeping bags
on a float trip in Alaska - it was
furnished by the outfitter.

I have never seen your products
but understand you make clothing
in addition to that "roomy" bag.

Please send me a catalog or
list of your products - I'm very
interested in purchasing a bag, etc

Thanks,

A. R. Morris

DEAR JERRY -

HERE IS A SAMPLE OF 3M'S
THINSULATE, Lite Loft. WHEN I GOT IT IT WAS
IN A PLASTIC BOX WHICH ALLOWED IT TO
RETAIN ITS 1" THICKNESS. AFTER I DUNK IN
THE SINK AND I STUFFING IN ITS BAG IT LOST
MOST OF ITS LOFT, NOT TO MENTION THAT IT MAKES
A PRETTY GOOD SPONGE, I'M KEEPING HALF THE SAMPLE
IN MY SHOP AND LECTURE TABLES FOR DEMO'S. I
ALSO USE DOWN + LOFT YOUR PILLOWS. PEOPLE ARE
LEARNING.

TAKE CARE

MATT.

P.S. A LOCAL GOAT HUNTER TOLD ME THE 179.00 HE
SPENT ON HIS SUPER LIGHT WAS THE BEST INVESTMENT
HE EVER MADE. HE GOT CAUGHT IN A STORM @
3000 FT ON A RIDGE WITH 70 KT. WINDS + 40° TEMPS
NOT COUNTING WIND CHILL. THE SUPER LIGHT WAS THE
ONLY SHELTER HE AND HIS PARTNER (HE HAD ONE TOO) HAD
AFTER HIS TENT GOT BLOWN APART. HE SAT OUT
FOR 6 HRS WITH GUSTS UP TO 80+ KTS.

THIS STORM ALSO SANK 6 LOCAL FISHING BOATS,
OFF WHICH WE RESCUED ALMOST 30 PEOPLE.

World Survival Institute
Box 394, Tok, Alaska 99780
(907) 883-4243

Wiggy's Inc has developed an insulation called Lamilite, which we found to be very impressive. We have tested his Antarctic sleeping bag and bivy bag and are impressed enough to sell them. They are guaranteed to recover full loft no matter how many times they are stuffed and unstuffed. The lamilite repels water so well that I could not get it totally soaked in order to test it wet. I left it in the shower for half an hour and as soon as I removed it to take it out in the cold, the water ran out of it. I crawled in the wet bag at -20 degrees F and within 1 minute, the lining of the sleeping bag was dry. I was warm enough in the bag that I had to loosen it around the top to keep from sweating. I tried it out (dry) at -55 degrees F with a cheap ensolite pad under me, and was very comfortable. The bivy bag will extend the temperature range at least 20 degrees beyond this.

Wiggy----the above is an excerpt from a letter I wrote to a customer who was inquiring about winter gear--use it however suits you.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gretchen", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dear Wiggy's

I purchased an Ultima Thule sleeping bag in August 1990. My name is Ross Lohrmann and I worked for Rudy Rudibaugh in Parlin during the hunting season. I found the bag quite comfortable and very warm during the cold nights. In August of 1991 I worked for an outfitter in Alaska and while I was there I met a man named Ray Smith. I told him how much I enjoyed the performance of my bag and he wanted a brochure on your sleeping bags. I will include an address for you to send the pertinent information to him. You also stated in your brochure that you were developing some gloves and socks and I would like more information on that. Once again thank you for such an excellent product. I'm sure I will enjoy it for years to come.

Sincerely,

Ross Lohrmann

Ray Smith
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Fairbanks AK. 99706

Ross Lohrmann
600 N. Clarence Nash
Watonga Ok. 73772

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Chris
Dana

Wissy's -

The Anarctic Bag performed
super when I soaked it overnight
 $\frac{1}{2}$ then slept in it at 0° . The lining
was dry within 2 minutes of crawling
into it.

I'm impressed -- If you
want our endorsement - I'll
type something legible --

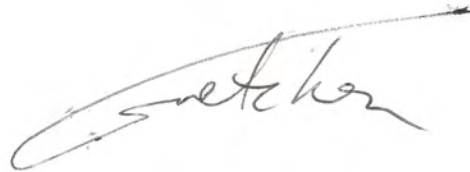
Reminder of bill enclosed --

Gretchen

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Greg Sanders
409 Margaret Dr
Fairborn, OH 45324

Dear Wiggy's,

I've enjoyed using your products for a couple of years now. I know some other people who have nothing but praise for your products also.

The only problem that I have had with a Wiggy's product is that the pillow covering is so slippery that my head always slips off of it when I'm sleeping, consequently my head is never on my pillow when I wake up. Do you have any suggestions for this problem?

I applaud your company for making your products in the environmentally compatible colors of Olive Green and Black. My military peers appreciate the life saving subdued colors also.

I recently received one of your current catalogs. I'm interested in several of your products that are either shown by picture or listed in

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Price List

the catalog. Could you please tell me the colors that you have available in the Big Bag, Over Bag, Ground Pads, mat Laks, Tents and Crossfire Backpack? I would also like to see a picture and the dimensions & specifications of your tents and the Crossfire Backpack.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Greg Sanders

Greg Sanders
1041 Margaret Dr
Fairborn, OH 45324

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Robert A Sarnowski
101 Apple Valley Cr
Clarks Summit, PA
18411

Dear Wiggy's,

I've been doing all sorts of hiking and camping for a long time. I've been using a -20°F rated Hobasil bag this whole time. On only one occasion did I sleep cold. There was enough ice inside that bag to pack Salmon from Alaska to Florida!!! I went to D&D Sports Den in Clarks Summit, PA 18411 complaining of 1) the terrible night sleep and 2) the weight and impossibility of compressing that bag. They told me about your flexible sleep system & I was sold.

Well, I ~~finally~~ finally saved the money & all & bought one. Now, in a few weeks I'll be solo hiking the A-T and on to whatever other adventure wait for me. As a long distance solo hiker I appreciate & require gear that is small, light & versatile. Thank you for a product I can use.

Will be in touch,

Robert A. Sarnowski

Dear Wiggys:

Please send me ☺

catalogue - I'm one of
your biggest fans -
I sleep in my wiggys
bag, toasty warm in
wet, cold, freezing weather
when my camping friends
are seakindly complaining
about their adversity!

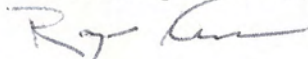
George Groth
1087 Hillcrest Ct
Calimesa, ca
92320

Roger Kramer
PO Box 11
Cleveland N.M. 87715

Dear Mr. Wigutow

While reading your brochure and the enclosed article by Gerry Cunningham it became obvious additional information concerning your company was necessary. Please consider this request for a catalog of all your products including a price list. Your information and suggestions make real sense. The Wiggy bag seems to incorporate all the features necessary for comfort and weight requirements in this area. We live about a hours drive from Taos New Mexico adjacent to the Pacos wilderness. We are just beginning and need a good foundation in terms of equipment. Four season trekking is our goal. One of us is a cold sleeper while the other has high body heat. Suggestions that will facilitate our peak experience on the trail will be appreciated. It is obvious Jerry that you take great pride in servicing your customers and it is a joy to find someone who is interested and willing to aid those who share common interests. Thanking you in advance for all your help and suggestions.

Sincerely Yours,



Roger And Sandy

Mr. David Getchell
17 Rawson
Camden, ME 04843

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OSTROWIKI

Stephen Ostrowiki

Rt 1 Box 1524
Church Hill Road
Chariton, Vermont
05825

802.475.2749

Dear Dave,

Just wanted to pass on some experiences with my Wiggy's Inc. (Grand Junction, CO) gear. I sincerely feel that Wiggy's gear should be included in greater depth in your product evaluations. I discovered Wiggy's through the Backpacker Buying Guide issue.

My friend and I tried waterproof/breathable bivy sacks to save weight. The first night out brought heavy rain mixed with sleet. Between condensation and leakage in the bivy sack, my Wiggy's Super Light sleeping bag fabric was soon soaked inside and out. The Lemlite insulation absorbed very little moisture, retained its loft, and I actually slept warm and dry while wet. The next camp brought the Super Light dripping from its stuff sack. The temp. was about 35°-40°. I grit my teeth and slid into the bag. The inside fabric warmed to the touch and was dry within 15 minutes. The outside of the bag was completely dry within half an hour, just from body heat. At no time did the insulation soak, mat, or collapse. Neat trick.

Two weeks ago I did 4 days and three nights in the White Mountains, camped at 3400 feet. An ice bridge collapsed under me at a stream crossing, and my pile pants were soaked to the knees. I wrung them out as best I could, but they still froze. I wore them that night, sleeping in my Super Light with a Wiggy's Desert Bag liner. Wind chill brought the outside temp. to about 25-30 below. I awoke with thawed, warm, completely dry pile with no ice build-up in the sleeping bag. Saved the trip. Neat.

I use my bags as comforters on our bed in our old farmhouse. The use always

them, my wife and I use them for TV viewing, I take the Desert Bag on business trips as a alternate to scratchy motel sheets and heavy rough blankets. My bags have not been put away since purchased last September. They have been machine washed 4 times. They carry a lifetime warranty on fabric, construction, zipper, and insulation. I'm never going to have to purchase another new bag. Neat.

Wiggy's net underwear is terrific. I am a most vaporous hiker, plagued in the winter with sweat. Wearing only Wiggy's nets, polypro first layer, shorts for modesty, gaiters, and gloves, I have stayed comfortable, warm, and dry while climbing on four winter trips this season. Shorts in the winter...and my eye-glasses have not fogged once. Excellent insulation and ventilation. Neat.

I have never experienced such performance, comfort, roominess, ease of care, and downright confidence in sleeping bags (I have owned down and other synthetic). I truly believe that the Wiggy's bags give a tangible margin of true safety while on the trail. Please let others in our community in on this.

Sincerely,

Stephen Ostrowski

Steve

PS - I am in no way affiliated with Wiggy', Inc. I'm just a concerned hiker that now can get a great nights sleep regardless of condition or mishap.