

Now the heat is the thing you are not used to: you want to be very careful not to get heat stroke, and the question is how much water should you have. When we went down in '69 my son got so thirsty one evening and we had run out of water that he insisted that he and I walk a mile and a half to the nearest spring and get water. Though we had had a heavy day and were real tired. If you can get along without quite so much water it saves you a certain amount of carrying.

(Yes, that's always heavy. Let's see, my boys have been getting some of these plastic containers you mentioned.)

I have here a couple of containers. Is this a quart?

(That's a gallon.)

Really?

(That's a gallon)

Now here is 2 1/2 gallons which I bought in Los Vegas.

(Can you carry that on a trip down there? That would be awful heavy)

Once I carried a 5 gal. can of water. That was 40 lbs. just of water. But if one of you could carry. It looks very because I've carried it a bit but I'm not sure I've ever used this. I think it smells all right. If you think one of you can carry it you are welcome to take it along. It fits into a napsack a lot better than a round canteen does.

(You put them right into the knapsack.)

That's what I do. I've called a gal. canteen strung over my arm, hanging down here and the sun hits it and (so hot) I could not drink the stuff so I threw it away. And I was terribly thirsty a couple hours later. But if it's in the middle of your knapsack it stays nice and cool.

(Do you carry a canteen? Or you don't get the need for it when you have this?)

I don't feel the need for it. See if one of you were to carry this and if the rest were to have a gal. of water, you could get along quite a while with that. But it varies in different places. I'll make suggestions when you look on the map

(I don't want to take this from you because you may never get it back.)

But I may never use it. If I was 40 I'd plan to use it many times.

(Your boy will, or something)

I doubt it, Take it if you want it.

(Find!)