



SCOUT  
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SWEDEN.



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## SCOUT AND GUIDE CANCELLATIONS OF SWEDEN

This monograph has been prepared in order to provide the student of Scout and Guide postal history with as complete a record as possible of the facilities that the postal authorities have made available at Scout and Guide camps, Jamborees, etc., and at special events which have been held in Sweden.

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No attempt has been made to describe the many labels and seals that have been issued by the Swedish Scout and Guide Associations for use on mail, since it is considered these should form the subject of a separate monograph.

The Swedish postal authorities through their ready co-operation and goodwill in providing special handstamps for Scout and Guide events over the past thirty years deserve special mention for they have done a great deal to keep the Movements before the public eye. At the same time they have provided collectors of cancellations with a varied and interesting selection which may, by diligent searching, nearly all be obtained.

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The Introduction, Section 1, gives a brief outline of the various Scout and Guide Associations which form the Swedish Unions of the two Movements. This is followed by Section 2 which gives descriptions of the different types of cancellations that have been found on Scout and Guide mail, together with a list of the wording that appears on each cancellation. The next Section gives a price list of all covers, both ordinary

and registered (where applicable); the figures which are primarily as a guide, are considered fair and reasonable prices one would be expected to pay, but may, however, vary with different dealers. The fourth Section deals with the registration labels that have been used, whilst the fifth Section gives reproductions of many of the cancellations. The final Section is devoted to cancellations which, although having a similarity in design, are used on mail from camps organised by other Swedish Youth Movements which have no connection with Scouting and Guiding.

### SECTION 1 --- INTRODUCTION

For many years, Youth Movements in Sweden have been both popular and numerous, and it is therefore not surprising that in 1909, when B-P's "Scouting for Boys" aroused great enthusiasm throughout the country, several flourishing Youth organisations formed their own Boy Scout branches. All these branches conformed to the International rules of Scouting as laid down in the Law and Promise and in 1931 the SVENSKA SCOUTRADET (S.S.R.) i. e. the Swedish Scout Council was formed. This became the central headquarters of the SVENSKA SCOUT UNIONEN (S.S.U.) i. e. the Swedish Scout Union, which comprises five different Associations. Details of these are given below, the letters in parentheses after each being the abbreviation by which these Associations are normally known: -

- SVERIGES SCOUTFÖRBUND -- Swedish Scout Association (S.S.)
- KRISTLIGA FÖRENINGENS FÖR UNGA MAN SCOUTFÖRBUND -- Y.M.C.A.  
Scout Association (K.F.U.M.)
- I.O.G.T. SCOUTFÖRBUND -- International Order of Good  
Templars Scout Association  
(I.O.G.T.)
- N.T.O. SCOUTFÖRBUND -- National Templar Order Scout  
Association (N.T.O.)

FRÄLSNINGSSARMEN SCOUTFÖRBUND -- Salvation Army Scout  
Association (F. A.)

In a similar manner the Swedish Guide Union consists  
of five Associations:-

SVERIGES FLICKORS SCOUTFÖRBUND -- Swedish Guide Association  
(S. F. S.)

KRISTLIGA FÖRENINGENS FÖR UNGA KVINNOR FLICKORS SCOUTFÖRBUND  
-- Y. W. C. A. Guide Association (K. F. U. K.)

I. O. G. T. FLICKORS SCOUTFÖRBUND -- International Order of  
Good Templars Guide Association (I. O. G. T.)

N. T. O. FLICKORS SCOUTFÖRBUND -- National Templar Order Guide  
Association (N. T. O.)

FRÄLSNINGSSARMEN FLICKORS SCOUTFÖRBUND -- Salvation Army  
Guide Association (F. A.)

The former two Associations in both cases are by far  
the largest and are composed of Groups sponsored by local  
churches, e. g. K. F. U. M. and K. F. U. K. have groups sponsored  
by Methodist, Baptist and the Established Churches.

From its inception until 1960 each Union was admin-  
istered separately, but in the spring of that year, the  
K. F. U. M. and K. F. U. K. Associations combined: this was  
followed in November 1960 by the S. S. and S. F. S. Associations  
amalgamating and it is expected that all five Associations  
of both Unions will finally merge to form one body.

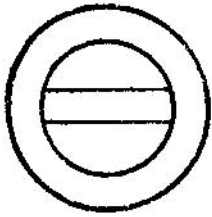
The aftermath of World War II caused many peoples in  
the overrun countries, including members of the Scout and  
Guide Movements, to seek asylum in countries other than  
their own. In 1961, exiled Estonian Scouts and Guides held  
a combined camp in Sweden, at which postal facilities were  
provided and in 1962 similar arrangements were made at a  
camp of Estonian Scouts. It seems likely that such  
facilities will be provided at any future camps that may be  
held.

The word "camp" has been used in the comprehensive  
sense throughout this monograph and includes Jamborees,  
Jamborettes, etc.

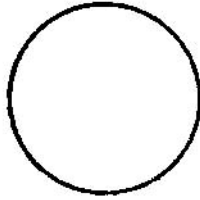
SECTION 2 -- CANCELLATIONS

Four different types of handstamps have been used by the postal authorities for cancelling Scout and Guide mail. Their descriptions are as follows:-

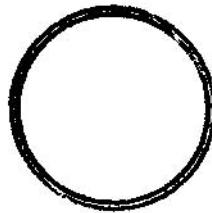
- (a) a double circle with date panel; (b) a single circle; (c) a double circle, close, and (d) an open type.



a



b



c



d

The mergers that have so far taken place between the Scout and Guide Associations have been reflected in the cancellations that have been used at combined camps and special events, for whereas most of those prior to 1960 embodied in their design either the Scout and Guide badge of the sponsoring authority, or, in some instances, the emblem of the camp, sometimes with and sometimes without the initials of the Association, the present designs incorporate the badges of both sponsoring Associations, normally with the Scout badge superimposed on that of the Guide.

Except where a handstamp has been used for a special event unconnected with a camp, e.g. the Goteborg "Ebbe Lieberath" Jubilee celebrations and the Scout and Guide conferences held at Stockholm where the handstamp was in use for one day only, all handstamps have been provided with movable date slugs.

There has been no standard size adopted for these handstamps and considerable variation has been noted. The

actual diameters of the single and double circle types have been given after each cancellation listed, thus, (28) means 'single circle type, 28 m.m. diameter' and (28/30), 'double circle type, inner circle 28 m.m. and outer circle 30 m.m. diameter'. Their period of use, when known, has also been included, together with the abbreviation of the sponsoring Association. For ease of reference, each cancellation listed has been numbered; S1, S2, etc., for Scout camps, G1, G2, etc., for Guide camps, SG1, SG2, etc. for combined camps and E1, E2, etc., for special events: where a design is common to more than one cancellation, the same reference number has been used. The type of cancellation, (a), (b), (c) or (d) has also been included.

#### SCOUT CAMP CANCELLATIONS

- S1 SCOUTLAGRET/STOCKHOLM (18/26½) (a), 8 - 19 July, 1927 (SSU)  
 S2 HÄLSINGBORG/KULLALÄGRET (26½) (b), 10 - 20 July, 1931 (SS)  
 S3 SUNNELÄGRET 25 - 31 July, 1934 (KFUM)  
 S4 STOCKHOLM 1/ROVER MOOT (26½) (b), 30 July-5 Aug, 1934 (SSU)  
 S5 TULLGARNSLÄGRET/SVENSKA SCOUTUNIONEN (28) (b),  
 28 July-8 Aug, 1938 (SSU)  
 S6 OLOFSBORGLÄGRET (26) (b), 5 - 14 July, 1941 (KFUM)  
 S7 GRÄNSÖLÄGRET (28½) (b), 12 - 22 July, 1946 (SS)  
 S8 SPARREHOLM/JUBILEUMSLÄGRET 1946 (29) (b)  
 25 July-5 Aug, 1946 (FA)  
 S9 ÖREBRO/N T O:s SCOUTFÖRBUNDS JUB. LAGER (29) (b),  
 25 June-3 July, 1947 (NTO)  
 S10 ÅDALSLÄGRET (29) (b), 18 July-1 Aug, 1947 (KFUM)  
 S11 FRYKSTALÄGRET/I. O. G. T. (29½) (b), 28 June-8 July, 1950 (IOGT)  
 S12 ÅVA-TYR, (29) (b), 21 - 31 July, 1950 (SS)  
 S13 IVARSBJÖRKE/FRYKENLÄGRET (28/30)(c), 10 - 19 July, 1951 (FA)  
 S14 ÖRESUNDSLÄGRET/K F U M (30) (b) 13 - 23 July, 1951 (KFUM)  
 S15 JÄRVSÖ/N T O:s SCOUTLÄGER (30) (b) 9 - 15 Aug. 1951 (NTO)  
 S16 MÖRKÖLÄGRET/I. O. G. T. (27) (b), 17 - 23 July, 1954 (IOGT)

- S17 VÄSTKUSTLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (28/29) (c),  
22 - 31 July, 1955 (SS)
- S17 SNAPPANELÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (28/30) (c)  
18 - 23 July, 1955 (SS)
- S17 OSTKUSTLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (28/30) (c)  
24 July - 2 Aug, 1955 (SS)
- S17 GOTLANDSLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (28/30) (c),  
2 - 8 Aug, 1955 (SS)
- S17 TUNABERGSLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (29/30) (c)  
22 July - 1 Aug, 1955 (SS)
- S17 MIDNATTSOLSLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (28/30) (c),  
23 - 29 July, 1955 (SS)
- S18 VIRSERUM/N T O:s SCOUTLÄGER (29) (b) 7-15, July 1955 (NTO)
- S19 TIMRARÖLÄGRET (30) (b), 31 July - 4 Aug, 1956 (FA)
- S20 GÅLÖLÄGRET/K F U M, (29½) (b), 3 - 13 Aug, 1956 (KFUM)
- S21 VÄSTERÅS/N T O - SCOUTERNAS VIII RIKSLÄGER (29) (b),  
5 - Aug, 1958 (NTO)
- S22 INCOJALÄGRET (29½) (b), 11 - Aug, 1958 (NTO)
- S23 RÖDÖ HAVSLÄGER/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (30) (b),  
17 - 27 July, 1959 (SS)
- S23 ÖSTERSJÖLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (29) (b),  
17 - 27 July, 1959 (SS)
- S23 BOHUSLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (30) (b),  
24 July - 3 Aug, 1959 (SS)
- S23 ALMÖLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (29) (b),  
1 - 10 July, 1959 (SS)
- S23 IVÖLÄGRET/SVERIGES/SCOUTFÖRBUND (29) (b),  
14 - 24 July, 1959 (SS)
- S24 AMUNDÖ-JAMBORETT/K F U M - SCOUTERNA (30) (b),  
31 July- 10 Aug, 1959 (KFUM)
- S25 MARSTRAND/VÄSTKUSTLÄGRET (29½) (b), 6 - July, 1959 (IOGT)
- S26 SOVDEBORGLÄGRET (30) (b), 18 - 27 July, 1961 (FA)
- S27 VIKINGALÄGRET DANNÄS (29) (b), 1 - 7 Aug, 1961
- S28 SANDHEM/METSAKODU SCOUTMÄSSA (d) 23 - June, 1962 -

GUIDE CAMP CANCELLATIONS

- G1 BJÖRKÖLÄGRET (28) (b), 1 - 12 Aug, 1946 (SFS)
- G2 OLOFSBORGLÄGRET (28) (b), 1 - 11 Aug, 1948 (KFUK)
- G3 STRÅKENLÄGRET (28½) (b), 1 - 10 Aug, 1949 (SFS)
- G4 KRAMFORS/VILDMARKSLÄGRET (28/29) (c),  
25 July - 5 Aug, 1951 (IOGT)
- G5 TROMTÖLÄGRET/S. F. S. (29½) (b),  
30 July - 5 Aug, 1954 (SFS)
- G6 SKÅNELÄGRET/N T O:s FLICKSCOUTFÖRBUND (29) (b),  
27 July - Aug, 1954 (NTO)
- G7 ROGSJÖLÄGRET (29½) (b), 29 June- 8 July, 1955 (KFUK)
- G8 SKARA/FLÄMSLÄTTSLÄGRET (30) (b), 6-13 Aug, 1957 (FA)
- G9 NORDINGRÅLÄGRET/N T O:s FLICKSCOUTFÖRBUND (29) (b),  
5 -13 Aug, 1958 (NTO)
- G10 FLODA-VÄSTGÖTARESAN/S. F. S. (30) (b),  
31 July-10 Aug, 1959 (SFS)
- G11 DELLENLÄGRET (29½) (b), 19 - 28 July, 1960
- G12 ÅNHAMMARLÄGRET (29) (b), 27 July - Aug, 1960 (KFUK)

COMBINED SCOUT AND GUIDE CAMP CANCELLATIONS

- SG1 SANDHEM/OLOFSBORG - OLEVILINN (30) (b),  
16 - July, 1960 -
- SG2 VISINGSÖLÄGRET/N T O:s SCOUTFÖRBUND (29) (b),  
1 - Aug, 1961 (NTO)
- SG3 NYNÄSHAMN/RÅNÖLÄGRET (30) (b) 25 July- Aug, 1962 (SSF)\*
- SG3 NJURUNDA/BJÖRKÖLÄGRET (30) (b) 2 - Aug, 1962 (SSF)\*
- SG4 LEKSAND/SILJANSLÄGRET (30) (b) 3 - Aug, 1962 (SSF)\*



\* Following the merger of the Swedish Scout and Guide Associations, i. e. the S.S. and the S.F.S., the combined Association is known as the S.S.F.

### SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS

- E1 GÖTEBORG/EBBE LIEBERATH - JUBILEET (29) (b),  
15 Nov, 1959 (SS)
- E2 STOCKHOLM/I O G T/FÖRBUNDSMÖTET (29½) (b),  
5 Nov, 1960 (IOGT)
- E3 STOCKHOLM/S S F 50 ÅR (29) (b), 6 Oct. 1962 (SSF)\*

\*See note under Combined Scout and Guide cancellations.

### HANDSTAMPED CACHET.

Although not used for cancellation purposes, a rubber stamped 'cachet' was applied to Scout mail posted at an International camp held during the Olympics at Stockholm in 1962. This 'cachet' -- double circle type mark, 25 m.m. and 36 m.m. diameters -- was inscribed "Olympiska Boy-Scout-Lagret 1912 -- 1962 The Olympic Scout Camp Stockholm" between circles and "with/1200 Scouts/from Sweden, Norway/Denmark, Germany/England" in centre, fig 1. This 'cachet' can be found in violet and in red.

### SECTION 3 -- PRICE LIST

The prices quoted in both columns are for clean covers having one or more clear strikes. A dash, -, shown against a cover indicates that it either does not exist or has not been seen in that state, or a value cannot be given. Prices are in shillings (English).

	Ordinary Cover	Registered Cover
S1.	80 to 100	-
S2.	60 to 80	-
S3: S4.	30 to 40	-
S5.	25	-
S6.	20	-
S7: S8: G1.	15 to 17½	25 to 30
S9: S10	15	
S11: S12: S13: S14: )		
S15: G3: G4. )	12½ to 15	-
S16: G2: G5: G6: G7.	7½ to 9	12½ to 15
S17 (all): G8	4½	10
S17 (all) with special ) camp label )	5½	12½
S18: S19: S20: G9: G10.	4	8½ to 10
S20 with special pink label	-	80 to 100
S21: S22.	3½	7½ to 8½
SG1: E1.	3½	-
S23 (all: S24: SG2.	3	5½ to 7
S25.	2½	5
S26: S27: G11):SG3 (both: )		
SG4: E2: E3. )	2	-
S28: G12.	2½	-
S28 with special Scout label.	12½	-
Cachet on card, in violet )		
or in red )	3½	-

#### SECTION 4 -- REGISTRATION LABELS

Two different types of registration labels have been used which are of similar format to those issued to post offices throughout Sweden.

The majority of labels, prior to 1959 were rouletted on all four edges, fig. 2, whilst a number of those that have been used since that date are rouletted only on the vertical edges, the top and bottom edges being imperforated, fig. 3.

The design of all labels consists of a rectangular box printed in red, on white gummed paper, the box being divided into two panels, the one on the left containing the letter a, in red, whilst the name of the camp -- or in some instances, the town -- is printed in the top portion of the right hand panel, with the letters Nr, followed by a number at the bottom, all being printed in black. Variations in the printing type used for these letters have been noted, but it is considered these are not of such importance as to record as distinct and separate types. One variety has, however, been included, in which the lettering at the bottom is printed thus -- N:r, Fig.4.

Whilst the post office at several camps during the past few years have been supplied with labels bearing the actual name of the camp imprinted on them, one office is known to have been issued with a blank label, i.e. with the name omitted. A few camps have had to be content with the issue of an altered label, i.e. with the name of the town for which it was originally prepared deleted in ink and the name of the camp inserted by means of a rubber handstamp, in violet. As far as is known, no blank labels with the name of the camp inserted in manuscript, as is sometimes the practice of postal authorities in some countries have been used.

It is understood that no registration facilities were provided at the following camps and special events:- DELLANLÄGRET (1960); ÅNHAMMARLÄGRET (1960); SANDHEM (1960); VIKINGALÄGRET (1961); SANDHEM (1962); RÅNOLÄGRET (1962); BJÖRKÖLÄGRET (1962); SILJANSLÄGRET (1962); GÖTEBORG (1959); STOCKHOLM (1960 and 1962).

At the GOTLANDSLÄGRET in 1955, special pink labels for affixing to letters containing items of a special value were available. Those labels are similar to the registration labels but have a large V instead of R in the left panel; they include the name of the camp and the letters Nr followed by a number. It is believed that only five covers bearing this label exist. It is not known if this service has been available at any other camp.



S1



S2



S4



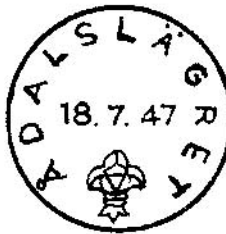
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S7



S8



S10



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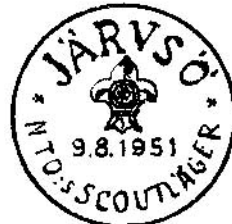
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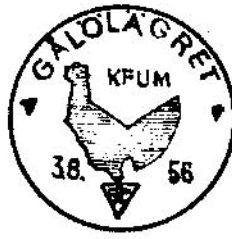
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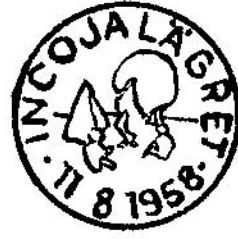
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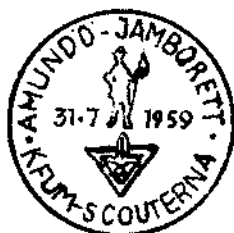
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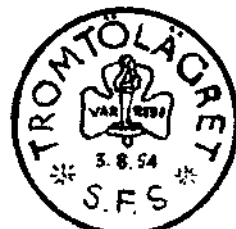
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G1



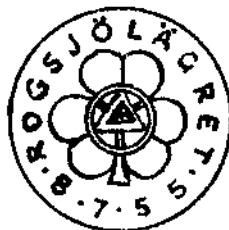
G4



G5



G6



G7



G8



G11



G12



SG1



SG2



SG3



SG4



E1



E2



E3



Fig. 1

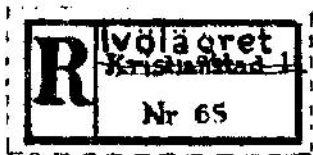


fig.2

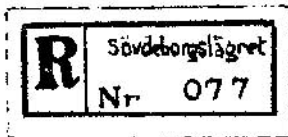


fig.3

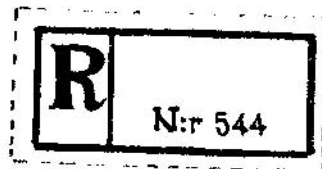


fig.4

### SECTION 5 - REPRODUCTIONS OF CANCELLATIONS

Reference should be made to Section 2 concerning the numbering of the reproductions.

Collectors who may desire to illustrate their albums but who do not wish to mutilate their copy of the monograph may obtain a complete set of these reproductions from the author on payment of one shilling (or equivalent). These sets of reproductions will be printed on one side of the page only.

## SECTION 6 --- CANCELLATIONS OF OTHER YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

There is in existence a number of cancellations which, to the uninitiated, can be easily mistaken for those associated with the Scout and Guide Movements.

In design the majority follow the same pattern as those found on mail from Scout and Guide camps -- many incorporate an emblem which could well apply to some aspect of Scouting and Guiding -- furthermore, similar cacheted envelopes are used, thus further confusing the issue. It is therefore difficult to be certain if a particular cancellation is of Scout or Guide origin or not, especially if no badge, name or initials of the Association is included in the design. To help the reader, a list of a number of these 'alien' cancellations has been given below.

Every endeavour will be made by the Scout Stamps Collectors Club to keep its members informed through the medium of its Journal, of all new Swedish Scout and Guide cancellations as they appear; if no information concerning a cancellation that the reader may have acquired is given in this monograph, or it is not mentioned in subsequent issues of the S.S.C.C. Journal, then it would be advisable to treat such a cancellation as suspect.

### LIST OF NON SCOUT/GUIDE CANCELLATIONS

HESSELBYHOLMSLAGRET STRANGNAS	1933
FALKENBERG UNGAR ORNANS LAGER	1939
MALMKOPING JUB. LAGRET	1942 (SSU)*
MOTALA RIKSLAGRET	1945 (SSU)*
VAGUHARAD STENSUND JUBILEUM RIKSLAGRET	1945
MALMO S S U's JUBILEUMS LAGRET	1947 (SSU)*
MOTALA RASSNALAGRET	1947
STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONELLA UNGDOMSLAGRET	1950
ARBRA FAGERNAS FRICKPORT LAGRET	1951
TYRESTA LAGRET	1952
MAHULT ORNAS FRICKPORT LAGRET	1953
HOVAS STORA AMUNDEN FRICKPORT LAGRET	1955
RAA ORESUNDSLAGRET	1955
ENKOPING UTSTALLINGEN	1955

EESTI SKAUTIDE III SUURLAAGER VIRU ANGELHOLM	1956
LJUNGSBRO ANSGARS FORBUNDETS TATLAGER	1961
OJALAGRET	1961

- \* The abbreviation SSU in above list must not be confused with the SVENSKA SCOUT UNIONEN (SSU), the Swedish Scout Union. It is the abbreviation for SVENSKA SOCIALISTICA UNGDOMSRAT, which is an outdoor athletic association, peculiar to Scandinavia, and having many of its activities based an those of the Scout and Guide Movements.

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