

Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN



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From Peter Duck's article which starts on page 11.

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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of 2009 and may I wish all of you a belated Happy New Year.

We've got the usual mix of articles in this issue and I hope you will continue to find them of interest.

As there has been a falling off of "My Favourite Scout Stamp" articles I've started a new series on the subject of "Stamps and Memories" - there must be many of you out there who could contribute to this; so I wait with baited breath! But don't let that stop you sending in a favourite stamps as I would still welcome these.

We are still progressing matters for EuroScout 2010 and I hope to have some further information, especially in respect of Hotels, available for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

You will find mention in the Chairman's Notes of the situation regarding Member's adverts. However, we are also being approached by commercial bodies for advertising space in the Bulletin. What do you think we should we allow it. Please let me have your views, by letter or e-mail.

So, over to you - letters, articles - all welcome

Terry Simister

Stamps and Memories

Malta, G.C.

By Peter Shore



The two scout stamps illustrate the award of the Scout Association's highest decoration for gallantry the **Bronze Cross**. Their Scouts had endlessly worked during the siege of Malta between 1940-43, probably the longest action of its kind in British history, bring home to me the most incredible public valour culminating in the award of the George Cross in 1942.



It has been calculated that more bombs fell on Malta than fell on London during the entire Blitz, which I was made well-aware of during 1956-58. As a Royal Naval Clearance Diver with the Malta-based team, in three years, we cleared more than 3,000 bomb, mines and missiles from in and around Malta with sadly - yet fortunately, sustaining only one loss of life. It seems that historians all agree that

it was the lack of fuel that was to be a chief reason for the Nazis' eventual defeat and, were Malta to fall into the enemy's hands, the way to the Suez Canal was clear and the oilfields of the Middle East at Hitler's disposal. Such was Malta's importance

Boosting Malta's air defences was in the main unsuccessful, regardless of repeated attempts by valiant R.N. suicidal runs, but the sustained bombing inevitably reduced aircraft, runways and services to rubble no matter what measures were taken. Even when a top level decision was made to strengthen the island, guns and fighter planes had still not arrived in spring 1940. Mind you it has been rumoured that the island did receive a detachment of the Middle East Pigeon Section, comprising 15 soldiers, 200 pigeons and eight rabbits. Sadly the RAF aircraft consisted of the obsolete Gloster Gladiator and Fairy Swordfish biplanes, which were slower than the bombers, let alone enemy fighters. An interesting piece of enemy news propaganda was circulated that enemy air raids had destroyed the capital's railway station and HMS "St Angelo" sunk in Valletta Harbour, when neither existed, the latter being a 'stone' frigate

Malta possessed less than 4,000 men in arms to protect against an Italian invasion and one whole company of the King's Own Malta Regiment was made up of Boy Scouts, manning anti-aircraft guns or acting as ammunition loaders.

They were also employed as coast-watchers, messengers, telephone operators: they manned Air Raid Precaution centres, worked in the censor's office, in the hospitals, and those who were old enough in the Volunteer Defence Force. One of their more important duties was that of acting as Telephone orderlies when convoys were unloaded... The bravery of the Scouts during the frequent air-raids became a by-word among the population.

As a newly married naval rating in '57 I recall seeing much evidence of war damage on scared still-battered walls in Valletta and I could wander at will around derelict wartime installations, such as the old military hospital overlooking Grand Harbour. The bombed-out Royal Opera House still stuck out like an unfinished builder's nightmare, and of course as full time divers were constantly tripping over or swimming into the deadly debris that littered the creeks and sea-beds.

On sober reflection....where else would their Scouts be? - as expected – ***“helping other people at all times”***. Yes! I unashamedly have a soft spot for Malta GC

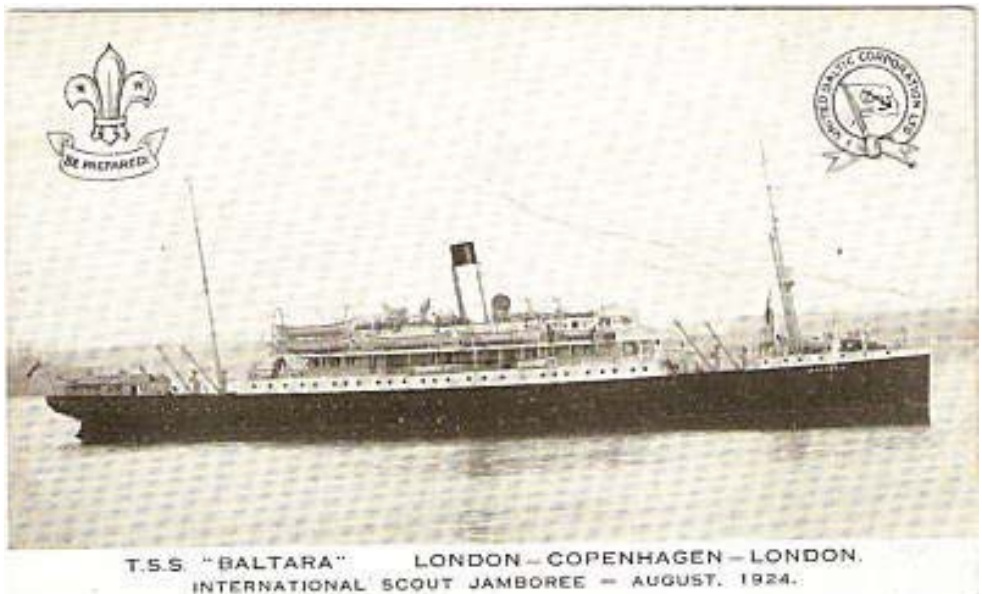
So come on all of you out there. Peter has started the ball rolling - and given me some more memories for future issues. Don't leave him alone - put them down.

Chairman's Notes

John Ineson

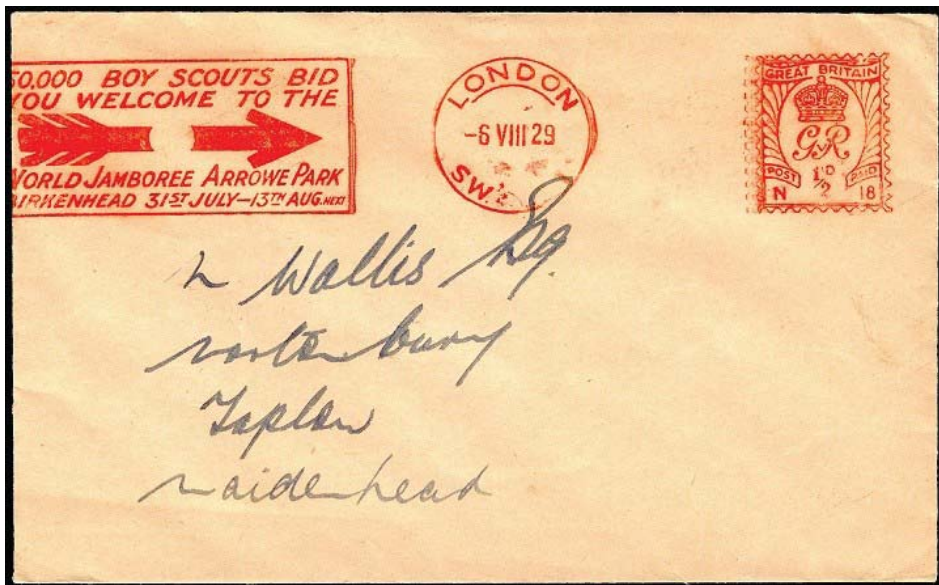
As you are all probably aware the next World Jamboree will be held in Sweden in 2011. At the recent World Scout Conference held in South Korea, it was agreed that the 23rd World Jamboree in 2015 would be held in Japan. No doubt there will be the large issue of special commemorative stamps, and certainly more than when the last World Jamboree took place in Japan in 1971.

Despite the recession which is affecting the U.K. and many other countries throughout the world, high prices are still being made on eBay. The *Postcard Monthly* of January 2009 reports that two postcards with the official Scout logo, both showing ships that transported Scouts to the 1924 World Jamboree held in Denmark, had recently been offered for sale. The one showing the Steam Ship



Baltara sold for a stunning £476 (even with a large crease) while another the Steam Ship Baltanic sold for £105. The highest price I had recorded before for a Scout postcard was for a group of Scouts with placards collecting for the Titanic Relief Fund outside Eastman's shop at Bridgeport, Dorset. This was sold in July 1991 by Vennett-Smith Auctions of Nottingham, U.K. and made £220.

Please do not forget our open meeting being held on the last day of the Spring Philatex. It is being held from 1500 – 1700 on Saturday 28th February at the Royal Horticultural Hall, 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE. Why not include this with a visit to the main event where you will see dozens of dealers.



Some very high prices were made at the Healey and Wise Scout Auction held on 13th December. In particular were the two covers showing the red meter mark “50,000 Boy Scouts bid you welcome to the World Jamboree Arrowe Park, Birkenhead 31st July - 13th August next” Only one such cover had been recorded in the past, so this was a remarkable find to come onto the market, some 80 years after the event. Both covers made £1700 while a almost complete meter mark on piece, and one of only five known, made £595. The earliest recorded date of this meter mark was 6th May 1929, with the one illustrated being sent during the actual Jamboree and dated 6th August. Also sold, and illustrated in colour on the front of the catalogue, was a small head Baden-Powell on cover. Addressed to Corporal B. Johnson of D Squadron, Protectorate Regiment, it made £2700 against an estimate of £2450.

It is some years since we have mentioned that all members are entitled to one free advertisement each year in the Bulletin with a maximum of five lines. If you would like to advertise, please contact the Editor.

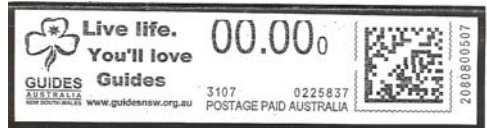
The Committee have been working on updating the Club Constitution and a full copy will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Franking Machine Cancellations (Australia)

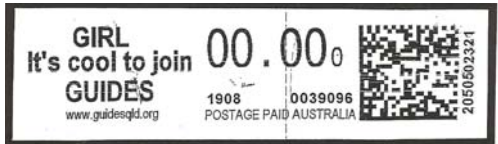
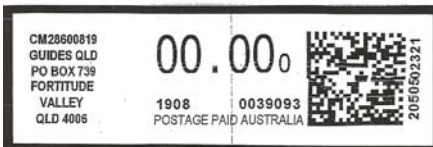
by Erhard Stermole

Franking machine cancellations that are being used in Australia by Guides Australia, Guides New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia, Scouts Australia National, Scouts South Australia, Scouts Queensland and Scout Outdoor “Centre” (sic) South Australia.

Australia {Post has developed a “new look” digital print meter for postage impressions for standard compliant postage meters. The impressions, which are printed in red fluorescent ink, include the postage value of the metered article and a **data matrix symbol** containing coded information about the meter (including date of posting) not visible. Introduction of new machines late 1999 /early 2000 also includes the number of items dispatched between recharging of the postage meter.



“**Guides Australia**” used by National Headquarters, Strawberry Hills, NSW. Pitney Bowes licence No. P17158323, circa 2000. “**Live life You’ll love Guides**” New South Wales Branch, Strawberry Hills, Neopost licence No. 2080800507, circa 2006.



“**Guides QLD**” Fortitude Valley, Qld. Neopost Licence No. 2050502321, circa 2002. “**Girls it’s cool to join Guides**” Fortitude Valley, Qld. Neopost licence No. 2050502321, used when membership payments are due.



“**Thinking Day Greetings from Guides Queensland**” Fortitude Valley. Neopost licence No. 205052321, used annually in February

“**Have you got your Guide Biscuits yet?**” Fortitude Valley. Neopost licence No. 2050502321, used during May annually



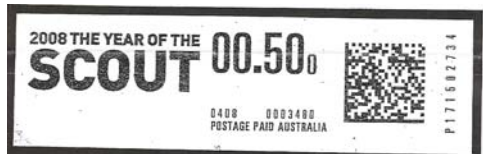
“Seasons Greetings” Fortitude Valley. Neopost licence No. 2050502321. Used in December, Christmas Cards mail out.



“Girl Guides Australia, South Australian Branch” Adelaide Neopost licence No 2050502321, circa 2000.



“Girl Guides Victoria” South Melbourne, Vic. Neopost licence No. 2050501676. Introduced April 2007.



“2008 The Year of the Scout” Australian National H.Q. Chatswood NSW. Pitney Bowes licence No. P171602734, introduced 2008.



“2008 Year of the Scout” Fullerton, S.A. Neopost licence No. 2050503405. Introduced 2008 logo was added in front of address logo.



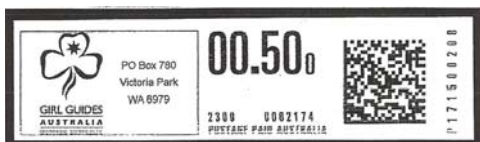
“Scouts Queensland” Toowong Qld 4066. Pitney Bowes licence No. 111101803, circa 2007.



“2008 The Year of the Scout” Toowong Qld. Pitney Bowes licence No. 111101803 introduced 2008.



“Scout Outdoor Centre” Adelaide S.A. Neopost licence No. 2050503408. Introduced April 2008.



“Girl Guides West Australia” Victoria Park W.A. Pitney Bowes licence No P171500208

SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 48p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas 70p for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.00.

STAMPS MINT & USED (Please note – some issues are only available in mounted mint condition, but unmounted will be sent where possible).

	MINT	USED
CAR85X CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1985 Audubon birds + Scout badge (5 low values)	-	0.25
RED87 REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (2)	-	1.50
RED87S REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	1.65
LES87 LESOTHO 1987 16 th World Jamboree (5)	3.00	2.75
LES87S LESOTHO 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	1.75
SRL87 SIERRA LEONE 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	3.00	2.75
SRL87S SIERRA LEONE 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	3.00	2.75
NEP87 NEPAL 1987 1 st National Jamboree (1)	0.30	0.25
PHL87 PHILIPPINES 1987 50 th Anniversary Founders of Philippine Scouting (1)	0.15	-
UGA87 UGANDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	1.80	-
UGA87S UGANDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	2.40	2.25
GAM87 GAMBIA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.50	2.40
GAM87S GAMBIA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	2.50	2.40
BLZ87 BELIZE 1987 Golden Jubilee of Girl Guides (4)	3.00	2.85
BLZ87S BELIZE 1987 Golden Jubilee of Girl Guides MS	3.00	2.85
TUV87 TUVALU 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.50	2.25
TUV87S TUVALU 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	2.00	1.75
KIR87W KIRIBATI 1987 40 th Wedding Anny Queen Elizabeth II o/P on Guide stamp(1)0.18	-	-
SPM87 St.PIERRE & MIQUELON 1987 50 th Anniversary of Scouting & Christmas (1)	0.80	-
GUI87W GUINEA 1987 Wildlife – flying cranes + Scout badge MS	-	0.75
STP87 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1987 16 th World Jamboree (1)	0.50	0.30
GUY88 GUYANA 1988 16 th World Jamboree overprints (3)	2.00	-
TRK87S TURKS & CAICOS 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	1.50
YEM88S YEMEN 1988 17 th Arab Scout Conference MS	3.75	-
LEB88 LEBANON 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.40	-
ALG88 ALGERIA 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.40	-
MAL88W MALI 1988 Wildlife – Chameleon + Scout badge MS	-	0.75
GRN88 GRENADA 1988 16 th World Jamboree (4)	3.20	3.00
GRN88S GRENADA 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	3.20	3.00
GRD88 GRENADA GRENADINES 1988 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.00	2.00
GRD88S GRENADA GRENADINES 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	1.75	1.75
CAR88S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1988 Scouting & birds MS	3.50	-
CAR88GP C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil stamp perforate(1)	8.00	-
CAR88GI C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil stamp imperf. (1)	8.00	-
CAR88GSP C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil MS perforate	12.00	-
CAR88GSI C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil MS imperf.	12.00	-
CAR88DL C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds (5) in de luxe imperf MS format	12.00	-
JOR88 JORDAN 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (2)	0.80	0.75
GUI88 GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6) (5 low values only – used)	4.50	0.25
GUI88DL GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6) in de luxe imperf MS format	10.00	-
BEN88 BENIN 1988 1 st National Jamboree (1)	0.60	-

BRB88 BARBUDA 1988 overprints on Antigua 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.50	-
SYR88 SYRIA 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.65	-
MAG88 MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6)	2.50	-
MAG88S MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies MS	1.50	-
MAG88GI MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies gold foil stamp imperf.(1)	7.50	-
MAG88GSP MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies gold foil MS perforate	12.00	-
MAG88GSI MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies gold foil MS imperf.	12.00	-
MAU88 MAURITANIA 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.75	-
EGT88 EGYPT 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	-	0.30
UAR88 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 1988 18 th Arab Scout Conference (1)	0.35	-
STP88 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1988 16 th World Jamboree (3)	2.00	0.30
STP88S St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	0.40
BAN88 BANGLADESH 1988 5 th National Rover Moot overprint (1)	0.40	-

Letters from Members

Thanks for another great bulletin. Always something of interest.

I have just got round to cataloguing my collection (got a database as a Christmas present in 2007! Having reached Greece I was intrigued by some of the covers. They have stamps on the back and scout handstamps on the front.

Upon opening the Bulletin my eyes focused on the article on the Scout Postal Franchise in Greece. There, much to my amazement, was the first paragraph from Peter Duck. Exactly what I had! However I do not have covers with the **T** stamped on them. The handstamps are clear but I don't know many Greek cities so for now they remain a mystery. Anywhere that I may find out more about them?

Best wishes for the New Year,

Henry Gowland

Member No. 2932.

For those of you based in the UK, you may have seen in the media over the weekend that Wagonautomotive (my employer) is in deep financial problems. In fact, I should have said ex-employer, because last Monday Wagon Plc went into administration and consequently I have been made redundant. As a result, my roy.gault@wagonautomotive.com email address will no longer be live after today. Unfortunately, my Internet connection at home is unreliable, so could I ask you to post any Perfin information you have for me to my home address printed in the Bulletin.

Once I know what the future holds for me and I get sorted out, I will write to you all again. With Christmas looming, I guess that will be sometime in the New Year. Rest assured that the production of the various GB Perfins Catalogues, Bulletin Articles, New Identities etc., will continue as before. You never know, they may even accelerate!

Best wishes Roy Gault

Future meetings and Venues

Another reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

1. Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2009

28th February starting at 15.00pm to 17.00pm

7th November starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm

2010

27th February starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 31

6th May starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 23

6th November starting at 12.45pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings to be open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed as necessary.

2. A Committee meeting will be held on 25th April, 2009 at the North Richmond Scout HQ.

3. The June 2009 Committee Meeting and the 2009 AGM will both be held on 20th June at the Headquarters Training Ship, the Lord Amory, at the Docklands Scout Project in London.

FUTURE COPY DATES

March 15th, May 17th, and July 19th

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

THEMATIX 2009

Have you made a note of the dates for Thematix 2009 ~ The National thematic stamp fair, to be held at The Harlequins Rugby Ground, Twickenham, West London on the last weekend in June - Friday 26th and Saturday 27th June 2009

The SGSC have booked a table so we look forward to meeting all of you who are able to attend.



NOTE THE DATES NOW 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ROMANIAN BOY SCOUTS FROM THE WAR
1916 – 1919.

by Peter Duck.

In 1937, the Romanian Boy Scouts (Cercetasii) were incorporated into the National Youth Movement (Straja Tarii), this meant the withdrawal of Romanian Scouting from the Boy Scouts International Bureau of which they had been a founder member. Uniforms remained similar with shorts and neckerchiefs, but the familiar Scout hat was replaced with a white beret. The only badge which appears to have been used is that of OETR (Oficiul de Educatie a Tineretului Roman). This emblem can be seen on the stamp issues of 1938, 1939 and 1940 commemorating the anniversaries of the accession of King Carol II. The stamps all carried a surcharge for Straja Tarii Youth Funds, and can be considered as “fringe” issues in a Scout collection. At least the 1939 set shows St. George, the Patron Saint of Scouting.



But one group of Scouts appeared to have survived the incorporation into Straja Tarii, these were the Asociatia Cercetasii Romaniei Din Rasboul 1916-1919 (The Association of the Romanian Boy Scouts from the War 1916-1919). The Patron of the Association was King Carol II who abdicated in 1940 in favour of his son Michael.

Two sets of labels appear to have been issued for the Association, presumably to raise funds. Firstly a set of three labels of identical design showing a Scout helping a wounded soldier. These are valued at 1 leu(brown), 2 lei(green) and 5 lei(blue) and were probably issued in 1939 as they are known on an official envelope posted on 4 November 1939. The second series were possibly issued later during the Second World War as their values are much higher at 50 and 100 lei. These show a symbolic design with 1916-1919 emblem, although a third label which is unpriced, includes the date 1914. These labels were printed by the National Printing Office (Fabrica de Timbre) whose name appears at the bottom along with the designer's name R.Ghitulescu.

These latter three labels are not known (by me) on cover, but I possess two covers from the 1916-1919 Association. The one mentioned above from November 1939 and another posted on 18 August 1939 bearing the handstamp of the Association. Both envelopes contain leaflets which I am unable to read.



In 2000 all six labels were reproduced in a sheetlet of eight which included two other designs. The sheetlets, which appear perforate and imperforate, were issued to commemorate “A Homage to the First World War’s Romanian Scouts. Trianon Peace Treaty 1920-2000”. The labels were also overprinted singly to honour Romanian Scouts from the First World War, the Peace Treaty Trianon 1920, Romanian Scouts at the First International Jamboree London 1920 and Romanian Scouts at Campdowne England Scout and Guide International Camp 2000. The overprints appear in either Romanian or English. As the sheetlet of labels were issued on two types of paper, it makes 16 variations for completion!

A mystery overprint appeared in 1941 when a 20 + 5 lei stamp commemorating the “Iron Guard” was overprinted JAMBOREEA NATIONALA 1 MAI 1941. McKee lists this as ROM-10, but no details are known about this issue.



Some Philatelic Terms.....

Cancelled to Order - Postmarked or cancelled stamps that have not been through the post and still with full gum, usually with a neat circular cancellation to one corner. It is a way for some postal administrations to capitalise on stocks of remaindered stamps by selling them at a discount to dealers. Many sets of Scout stamps from small Arab States, such as Dubai, were sold off in this way in the late 1960s.

Essay - The original artwork of a stamp design adopted with some small changes or corrections. An unadopted essay is a rejected design, perhaps submitted as part of a design competition or because the design did not meet the approval of a Post Office.

Postal Stationery - Usually in the form of envelopes or postcards pre-printed with a stamp.

Roulette - A type of stamp perforation, where instead of a line of tiny holes there is a line of cuts made into the paper so none is actually removed; examples are the 1918 Scout Post stamps of Czechoslovakia.

Self Adhesives - From the late 1970s several Scout and Guide issues, including those from Norfolk Island, Sierra Leone and Tonga, were self adhesive on backing paper carrying advertisements and maps. These days many more issues, usually in booklet form such as the latest GB Christmas stamps, are self adhesive.

Tab - A piece of sheet margin attached to a stamps by perforations and usually printed with a message or a design relating to the theme of the stamps, such as the 1968 Scout stamp from Israel.

Postal Stationery envelope overlaid with a Cancelled to Order stamp from Dubai and a Self-Adhesive stamp from Tonga.





Roulette above and Essay below



Republique du Sénégal
1^{er} Jamboré du
Sambour africain
Nigeria 1976.



Tab

Scout Poster Stamps/Seals

Poster Stamps form another collecting theme that belongs to the wider field of 'paper ephemera'. They are gummed, perforated, often officially issued by Scout Associations, but although they can be used in conjunction with real stamps on Scouting Covers they are not postage stamps and have no values printed on them. They are then often viewed as 'Cinderella items' and will be absent from most purist Scout philatelic collections.

Regular readers of this 'corner' will know that all other collecting fields so far covered in these page can be used to trace back Baden-Powell's history prior to his founding of the World Scout Movement in 1908. It may a surprise to some to find that this is also the case with Poster Stamps.



The only known examples of a pre-Scouting issue are a pair poster stamps that previously belonged to our recently demised member Keith Burtonshaw. These stamps are dated to 1892, according to the paper to which they are affixed. B-P was a Major in the 13th Hussars at the time. A further note in pencil states, "These were printed by the War Office and distributed by Mrs B-P." All very interest-

ing, but in 1892 there were many majors in the British Army, and the War Office would have no reason to single-out B-P, so my guess would be that the B-P stamps were produced in conjunction with others depicting army officers, maybe using this early 1892 image, later on his career when he was better known.

Scout Poster Stamps have however a long and distinguished record as far as Scouting collectibles go. The first major International Scout Jamboree at Olympia, London in 1920 had a set of three poster stamps as depicted below. Most World Jamborees from that time have produced their own poster stamp(s).



1920 1ST World Jamboree Olympia London.

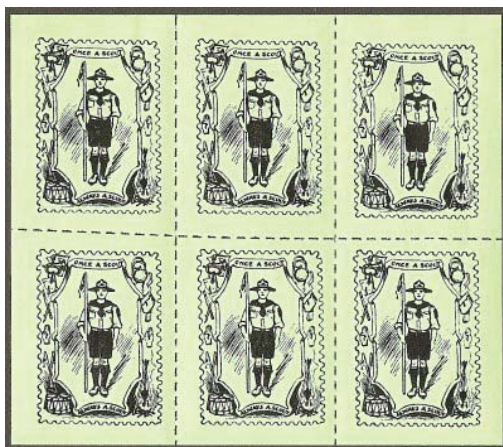
Denmark WJ 1924

Four years later these same seals were pressed overprinted for the Wembley ‘Imperial Jamboree, “Wembley August 1-8 1924”. They are seen occasionally ‘on cover’, sent through the post, in conjunction with real stamps. The author has an example of a ‘cover’ sent out from Roland House, the envelope having the words “Eastward Ho” Roland House, East London’s Scout Settlement. The ‘cover’ is postmarked July 12th 1924 less than three weeks before the Imperial Jamboree. Roland House was donated to the Movement by Roland Philipps, Commissioner for North East London, one of his last acts before enlisting in the 9th Royal Fusiliers in 1915.



When Philipps was killed under heroic circumstances at the front in July 1916. Baden-Powell was devastated. The legacy of ‘Roland House’ was central to Scouting. (It closed in 1982 after the opening of the Baden-Powell House/Hostel in Central London.) It had its own poster stamp, designed by Stanley Ince the first Warden of the settlement who as a District Commissioner in NE London had been one of Philipps’ friends. Ince himself was invalided out of the army having contracted influenza in 1918 and was the only adult in Scouting to be presented with the Cornwell Award.

A highlight of any collection is usually the first of its kind to be issued, but as far as Scouting poster stamps are concerned (as opposed to the purely B-P issue above) there does not appear to be any definitive claim as to what was the first Scouting poster stamp ever. I was fortunate to purchase a few album sheets from the collection of the former Executive Commissioner for Scotland, David Jefferies. David, a member of our club, had collected blocks of six in various colours of the poster stamps issued in 1912 by Jack Sharp, a Liverpool Scout Outfitter



The stamps bear the legend ‘*Once a Scout Always A Scout*’ which although endorsed by B-P (if not the modern movement) was first uttered by Lord Kitchener at a Scout Rally in Leicester in 1912. I written other articles suggesting that these may have been the first Scout Poster stamps ever and as yet I yet to hear of any other such ‘claim’. These poster stamps are not perforated as are most are, but ‘rouletted’ i.e. horizontal cuts serving as separators rather than circular holes.



I have however in my collection an undocumented little poster stamp that originated in Imperial Scout Headquarters, London. I have no idea of its date of introduction though the stamp proudly proclaims that Scout Association is ‘Incorporated by Royal Charter’ an honour was conferred on the Movement by George V on January 4th 1912. *If* this poster stamp was issued to commemorate the Royal Charter, or in any event was issued in early 1912 then it *may* be the ‘penny black’ of Scout Poster stamps. I would be delighted to hear from any members who have this poster stamp on a postmarked cover!

In 1916 Scout Hero Jack Cornwell VC, was commemorated on a poster stamp but the issue makes no reference to Jack’s Scouting background. The story of his Jack’s Scouting life, first bizarre burial and later ‘heroes’- almost state funeral - are now well documented *. The Lord Mayor of London announced a national appeal, The Cornwell Fund, on September 14th 1916, one day before the official ‘gazetting’ of Jack’s V.C. and the same day as the Scout Association announced the introduction of the Cornwell Award which is still current today.

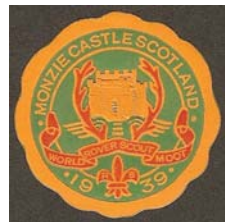


The ‘Maltese Cross ‘flag’ with Jack Cornwell was sold by street collectors to aid the appeal. Its design of course mimics the Victoria Cross. September 30th, 1916 had been declared 'Jack Cornwell Day' and the Navy League was given permission to sell the poster stamp shown here through the nation's Elementary Schools. Over 12,000 schools sold more than one pound's worth of ‘stamps’ (240) and they were rewarded with a coloured print of Jack Cornwell standing by his gun painted by Frank Salisbury R.A. signed by Lord



Jellicoe and Admiral Beatty. This appeal raised enough money to fund the enormous Star And Garter Home at Chelsea.

Lesser-known poster stamps / seals are from the 1939 Third World Rover Moot at Monzie Castle (pronounced Monie), Scotland. At the first Rover Moot held at Kandesteg, Switzerland in 1931 Baden-Powell had declared that Rovers were his front-line troops in promoting peace amongst the nations. Baden-Powell spoke to his Rovers for the last time at Monzie via a radio message from Kenya. Some of the



young men listening however would be fighting - perhaps against each other- in the space of a few short months.



For the 1947 Jamboree de la Paix World Jamboree, a single blue poster stamp was issued in blocks of six in a small cardboard fold. Interestingly these booklets were sponsored by different companies. The example above was financed by Lampe Mazda as printed on the selvedge to the top and bottom of the block of stamps, other sponsors were Lion Noir coffee and Gondolo biscuits

In 1957 I was fortunate, as a 12 year old, to visit the 'Jubilee Jamboree' at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, with my Scout troop, in who order to visit some of our Seniors who were part of the Soke of Peterborough Contingent. (One of the few UK contingents to produce their own Jamboree FDC Covers.) I had money in my pocket (not a lot) and some rare Soke of Peterborough County badges to swap. I did better with my badge swapping than I did with my purchases. The only item I chose to buy from the Jamboree Scout Shop was the not so rare Poster Stamps, often seen for sale today at a couple of pounds. Never mind! As a memory of my time at the Jamboree, they are precious to me, - some things are worth more than money!

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* See www.scouting.milestones.btinternet.co.uk and/or JT. Cornwell VC and the Scouts Badge of Courage. CR Walker 2006

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Poster Stamps from Jubilee Jamboree referred to in Colin Walker's article on page 18.



Baden Powell featured amongst a collection of Boer War scraps