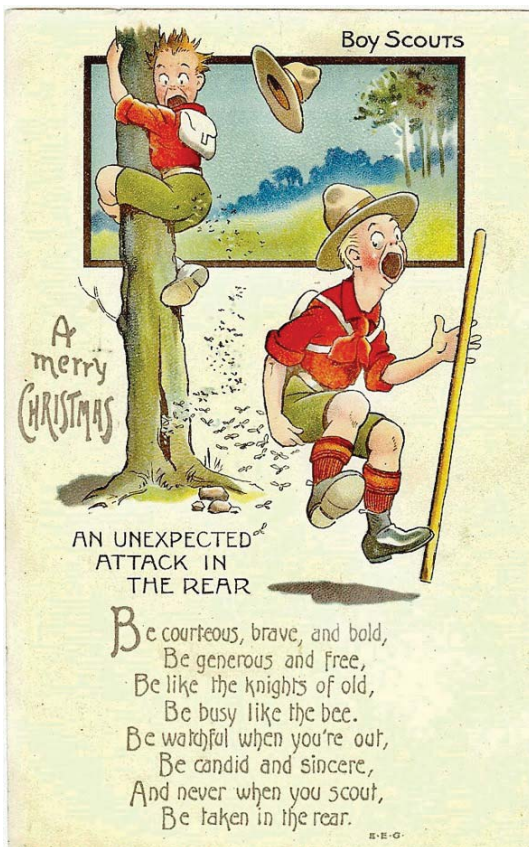


Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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Editorial

So here we are the end of another year and the completion of four years since I took over from Peter as Bulletin Editor. Hopefully you've all enjoyed what I have managed to produce but please remember the biggest thanks go to the kind folk who write the articles and send them in to me.

For the third issue running there is a selection of correspondence on the membership situation which does show that there is a lot of interest in this subject and the corresponding benefit of keeping the Club going.

The Committee have discussed all the suggestions and our first responses are contained in an article in this issue along with our first notice for use in your Districts.

Please let me know your thoughts and your Group/District response.

All that remains at this point is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a particularly Happy and Peaceful New Year for 2012. Hopefully many of use will get the opportunity to meet up in Germany at EuroScout 2012.

Terry Simister

Club Badges and other souvenir items are available from the Membership Secretary.

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Metal Pin Badges @ £1.00 each, Epoxy Pin Badges @ £1.00 each,
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FUTURE COPY DATES

January 14th, March 10th and May 13th.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

21st April 2012 at Philatex Annual General Meeting:12.45- 14.45

3rd November 2012 at Philatex Committee 12.45 to 13.15
then open meeting 13.15 to 14.45

Philatex is held at the Royal Horticultural Society Hall, 80 Vincent Square , London SW1P 2PE. This is within easy walking distance of St. James Park Underground Station. Entrance is free and there are the stands to look at as well.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

November 11th was Remembrance Day when the fallen and wounded from all our wars are remembered. Originally started after the 1914-1918 war, from which nobody who fought is now alive. It was when the Boy Scouts first proved their worth both on the home front and in the fighting too, with Scout hero Jack Cornwell gaining the Victoria Cross aged only 16. In those days boys of that age could fight at sea and many lied about their age when enlisting.

B-P had foreseen the coming of war and it has been suggested that the paramilitary training of his early Boy Scouts was to provide "cannon fodder" when the time came.

In B-P's military training book of 1914 "Quick Training for War" he states 'The whole raison d'être of the Boy Scouts Movement is to develop character by direct and practical steps and if these should be of any use as suggested to a military instructor he has only to refer to the handbook "Scouting for Boys" to see that the games and practices by which they may be inculcated'.

When war did come in 1914 the Boy Scouts gained respect from the authorities and public alike, giving air-raid warnings, helping in hospitals, raising funds for charities, guarding the infrastructure and running the Coastguard Service as can be seen on the many postcards of the period.



By the time you receive this Bulletin another year will have nearly passed by so on behalf of all the Committee we wish all members a Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2012.

Please see the back cover for further postcards and illustrations in respect of this subject

Australian Die Proofs continue to sell well in Auction. Recently Grosvenor Auctions in London sold the 1960 Girl Guide 5d die proof in deep ultramarine mounted in sunken board for £780 (approx. €865 US\$ 1170). It was in May 2009 that the same auction house sold the 1948 Scout Jamboree 2½d die proof for £1750 (€1925 US\$ 2625) and the 1952 Jamboree 3½d for £1150 (€1265 US\$ 1725).



The *Philatelic Exporter* reported a few months ago that the Royal Mail destroys 25 million undeliverable items a year. This information came out in response to a Freedom of Information request when they reluctantly disclosed that it shredded 152 millions of undeliverable mail – letters, packets and parcels in the last six years. The *Daily Mail* reported earlier this year that 70,000 items were sent to the National Returns Centre in Belfast every day. These bore incorrect or incomplete addresses and no return address. If the contents also did not help to deliver or return the item, anything valuable is extracted and sold at auction with the profits going towards the running of the centre. Therefore if sending stamps make sure you address the envelope correctly!

In another article written in *The Daily Telegraph* it reported that Royal Mail was forced to pay £5.1 million in compensation for lost items in the last year – equivalent of almost £100,000 per week. This article mentioned that 160 full-time staff are employed at the National Returns Centre to reunite lost letters and parcel with their rightful owners. They manage to redirect one in five items they receive.



During November Argyll-Etkin offered for auction “1936 (Aug 10) Cover franked with a ½d and 1d each cancelled by fine "MOUNT EDGCUMBE CAMP / PLYMOUTH, DEVON" double ring datestamp with a third strike alongside, used at

the West Country Scout Jamboree. Fine and scarce, the datestamp usually applied alongside the stamps, which were cancelled at Plymouth. Estimate £600-700” It sold for £600 (€660, US\$900).

AUSTRALIAN BRONZE AWARD FOR SLOVENIAN SCOUTING AND GUIDING - TONE SIMONCIC

My colleague collector Erhard Stermole from Australia was born in Kocevje where he emigrated from together with his family before the second world war. He has lived in Australia ever since. We first met at the world 1988/89 jamboree in Australia. We have remained in constant correspondence, exchanging scouting philatelic material as well as information about the WOSM or WAGGS movement. He has been publishing articles about Slovenian scouting philately and scouting in general, bringing out Slovenian scout signs, stamps, etc. in Australian magazines on a regular basis.

I placed an order at the Slovenian G.P.O. For two of his personalised stamps - the first one with his portrait from 1988, the second one from 2009, when he got an international award for his publicist philatelic activities, i.d. Numerous publications about Australian scout philately that earned a number of philatelic postmarks, a few stamps and parallel products as well as his regular correspondence with other world philatelic publications.

Erhard sent me a copy of the bronze medal he had been awarded at the very exigent Australian competitive exposition in Adelaide where he presented Slovenian scouting activities that cannot be as rich as the Australian ones. The latter are “swarming” with philatelic artefacts due to the number of its adherents. Last year the Australian scout organisation celebrated the centenary of girl guides preceded by the centenary of boy scouts a few years before. Both celebrations abounded in scout philatelic issues that delighted the collectors.

The centenary of Australian boy scouts was favoured by a number of philatelic items - perforated and imperforated adhesive stamps, first day covers (one with girl guides trimming stuck on, another with the officially made indentation filled in with the one-Australian-(scout)-coin dollar and a numismatic letter !). This is a maximal philatelic scout feat and the first of its genre. Scouting in Australia has obviously a strong support which enables it to accompany it on the philatelic field. There are few countries that have issued scout coins.

It is worth mentioning that Australian post has also issued a series of postcards with characteristic Australian motives; on the picture side there is a golden print - the 22nd Australian jamboree seal - the other side bears an inscription confirming that the postage has been paid. Namely a sort of picture postcard with the postal continent status.

SCOUT HANDSTAMPS UP TO 1957 Part 9 by Peter Duck

Chinese Scouting was abandoned on the mainland following the Communist take-over in early 1950's, but the Movement was able to continue on the island of Taiwan, and from 1956 handstamps appeared from Scout Camps and other events.

I do not know the exact wording of these prints, but all are very attractive. A Jamboree was held at Sun Moon Lake in August for which a circular handstamp was produced, and printed in either red or purple.



Later, in October 1956 the 3rd National Jamboree took place, for which a circular handstamp showing Scout salute (also in red or purple) was issued.



A large oval handstamp was also used at this event which has a changeable date and is sometimes printed onto stamps.



The Winter Jamboree at Chang Hoa produced two handstamps (red or purple again). One was triangular with

Scout badge, the other circular with a hand shake superimposed on Scout badge.



Scout badge, the other circular with a hand shake superimposed on Scout badge.

Baden-Powell's Centenary was celebrated in 1957 with an issue of three stamps. First day covers from the City of Puli carry a cachet showing the badge of the Jubilee Jamboree held in United Kingdom.



There was also a First Zone Summer Camp cachet showing a Scout and tents used at Taipei. In November 1957 a Scout Stamps



Exhibition was held and the red boxed cachet shows a Scout with magnifying glass.

An envelope from Tanganyika in 1957 addressed to the Organising Commissioner of the Jubilee Jamboree carries a boxed handstamp in black showing a giraffe with text B-P TANGANYIKA BOY SCOUTS.



Ukraine, which eventually became an independent nation in 1992 following the break-up of the soviet Union, had Scouts in Exile since the 1920's. After World War II,

many Ukrainian Scouts found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps where Troops were formed. Some Ukrainians were able to attend the 6th World Jamboree at Moisson in France in 1947, and fund-raising postcards and labels were produced. Some of these cards were printed with a green circular handstamp for what I believe is Troop No.1. One of my cards also carries the handstamp of Mittenwald D.P.Camp 6.7.1947.

A Ukrainian Scouts Rally was held in Hannover on 22 February 1948 for which a postmark-type handstamp was used. In 1950, Scout Posts were operating in D.P.Camps Sedan and



Ludendorf for which two different "postmarks" were used to cancel their "stamps".

By 1952, many Ukrainian Exiled Scouts were established in Canada and U.S.A. and Ukrainian "PLAST"

Headquarters was instituted in Toronto. Ukrainian Cyrillic script is different from Russian, and I have not been able to decipher many of the cachets. There have been many handstamps used on covers and labels for commemorative and fund-raising purposes. Toronto 1952, Winnipeg 1953, Montreal 1954 also 40th Anniversary in



Canada 1914-1954 are events where handstamps were used. Also the Scout Museum (where?) used their own handstamp, mine is dated 1952.

One handstamp for which I have a translation is for ""Stamps Exhibition Post 26.4.1953 Scout Troop Junior Philatelist 3 Group Ukrainian Scouts – Hetman Mazepa New York.



Blessing of the Flag.” This design also includes the Scout badge. Also in New York State a green handstamp for SPRING FESTIVAL CAMP, EAST CHATHAM, N.Y.

A Ukrainian Scout Rally took place in Winnipeg for which a large oval cachet was used, either in green or purple. This shows the Cathedral of Kiev plus a Scout badge.

Also a circular green handstamp was used – WINNIPEG 30.7 – 1.8. –55. Another red circular handstamp used in Winnipeg 12-19.XI.1955 showing a Scout badge superimposed with a winged warrior. 1956 saw the 45th Anniversary of



Ukrainian Scouting and a special handstamp was produced, this was usually printed in blue and was used on many items even into 1957 when a further red circular handstamp appeared. The only word I can comprehend in these is PLAST (Scout).

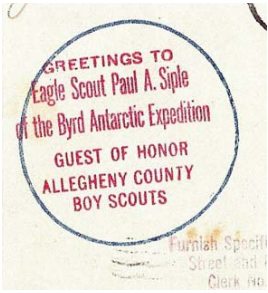


In December 1957, Ukrainian Scouts held a camp at Lilydale, Australia for which an oblong boxed handstamp was used.

Our friends in SOSSI (U.S.A.) use the term “corner card” for official mail with Boy Scout Council or Headquarters addresses on top left of envelopes. Many of these are printed, but occasionally they are found as rubber stamps.

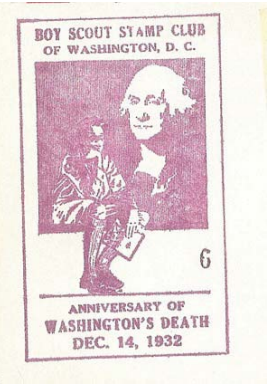
The first commemorative handstamps I can record are from a series of Home Coming Receptions for Eagle Scout Paul A.Siple who had accompanied Commander Richard E.Byrd on his Antarctic Expedition in 1930. These cachets appear from: Erie, PA, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh (Allegheny





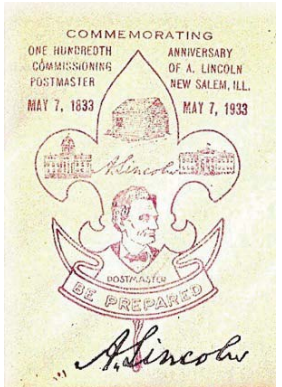
Council), Kingston, N.Y. and Bartlesville, Oklahoma. There were also printed cachets from other cities.

The Boy Scout Stamp Club of Washington, D.C. commemorated the Anniversary of Washington's Death with a handstamp printed in either purple or red dated Dec.14,1932. The design shows a pensive Scout and portrait of George Washington. A similar design was also used for 201st Anniversary of Washington's Birth, February 22, 1933. (Note – also coincides with Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's joint birthdays).



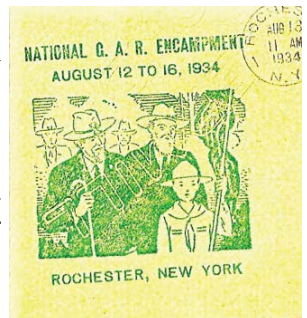
A purple rubber stamp reading '23rd Anniversary 1910 Boy Scouts of America 1933' was stamped onto mail usually in combination with a blue boxed handstamp showing Uncle Sam and BOY SCOUTS TEN YEAR PROGRAM. THIS STAMP IS THE NATION'S MARK OF APPROVAL. Also in 1933 the Boy Scouts of America commemorated "One

Hundredth Anniversary Commissioning A.Lincoln Postmaster New Salem, Ill May 7 1833 May 7 1933" with portrait of Abraham Lincoln and signature. BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA CHICAGO COUNCIL BOY SCOUT DAY A CENTURY OF PROGRESS AUGUST 25, 1933 appeared as a boxed cachet in black on covers.

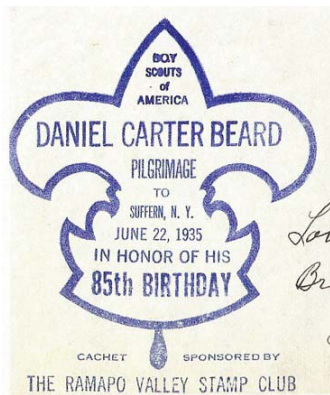


THE NATIONAL G.A.R.(Grand Army of the Republic) ENCAMPMENT AUGUST 12 TO 16, 1934 ROCHESTER,

NEW YORK produced a rubber-stamp cachet showing a Boy Scout carrying the flag. This appears in purple or green.



1935 was the 25th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and various cachets appeared. BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE MIDDLETOWN CONN used a crude handstamp (or possibly a linocut print) in black showing a Scout bugler. The Ramapo Valley Stamp Club sponsored a cachet "Boy Scouts of America. Daniel Carter Beard Pilgrimage to Suffern N.Y. June 22, 1935 in



Honor of His 85th Birthday". Another cachet includes a Scout badge and Scout silhouette with text "Boy Scouts of America Incorporated February 8 1935 New York City". PAINESVILLE'S FIRST BOY SCOUTS MERIT BADGE EXHIBITION APRIL 26-27 1935 PAINESVILLE, OHIO used a purple rubber stamp on covers. My cover is also signed by the Local

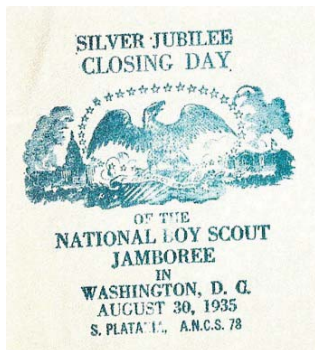
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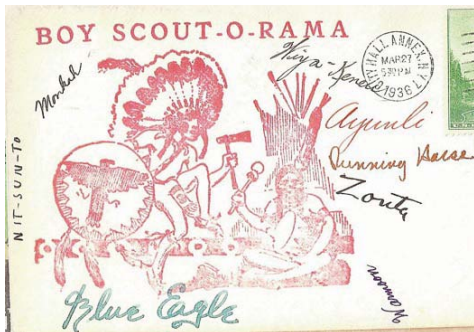


A National Jamboree was planned for 1935 to be held in Washington, D.C. for which a "25th Anniversary Founding Boy Scouts of America" with camp scene cachet was issued. This was supplemented with extra texts such a GRAND JAMBOREE WASHINGTON D.C. AUG.21-30. Other handstamps were prepared "Silver Jubilee Closing

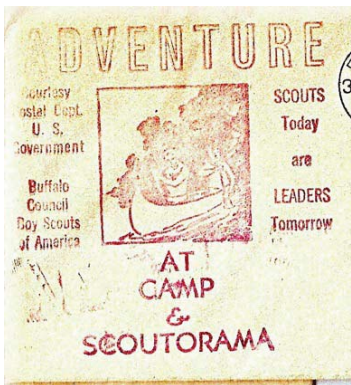
Day of the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Washington D.C. August 30, 1935. S.Platania A.N.C.S.78". Unfortunately, due to an outbreak of Polio, this Jamboree had to be postponed until 1937.



BOY SCOUT-O-RAMA took place in New York on March 27, 1936 and a rubber stamp cachet showing Red Indians was used.



From Buffalo, N.Y. on April 22, 1939 a purple handstamp was used ADVENTURE AT CAMP & SCOUTORAMA. SCOUTS



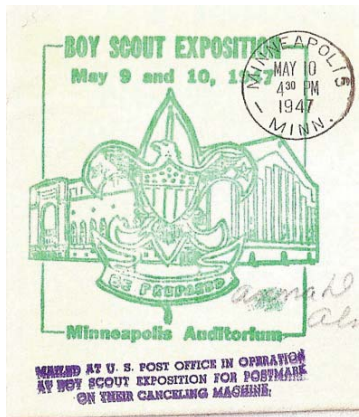
TODAY ARE LEADERS TOMORROW plus Scouts in a canoe.

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35th ANNIVERSARY was a handstamp used in Georgia on Feb.8,1945. The "Boy Scout Exposition May 9 and 10, 1947 Minneapolis Auditorium" produced a green rubber stamp with Scout badge and the Auditorium. Covers were also stamped "Mailed at U.S. Post Office in Operation at Boy Scout Exposition for Postmark on their Canceling Machine" in either green or purple.

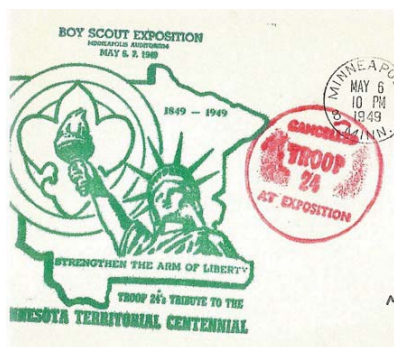


THE MERIT BADGE SHOW, TUCSON used a rubber stamp in the shape of Arizona on Feb.7, 1948. B.S.A.Troop 24 Minneapolis, Minnesota used a rubber stamp "Saluting Young America September 1-30" (1948). The postmark reads YOUNG AMERICA MINN.



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More Boy Scout Expositions in 1949 produced cachets from Tall Corn Council, Des Moines, Iowa and Minnesota Territorial Centennial, Minneapolis.

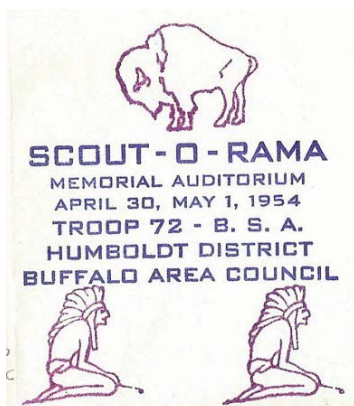
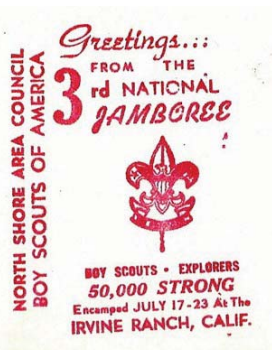


SCOUT-O-RAMA ALLEGHENY COUNCIL 1951 MAY 11-12 HUNT ARMORY PITTSBURGH,PA used an oval green handstamp showing an Indian brave.



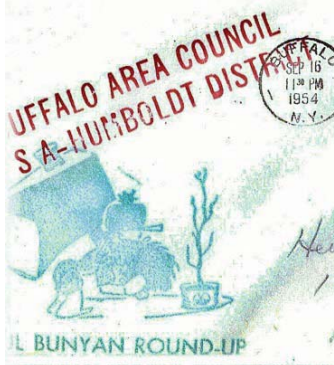
The 3rd National Jamboree took place in 1953 where a cachet in red was used: "Greetings from the 3rd National

Jamboree, Boy Scouts, Explorers 50,000 Strong Encamped July 17-23 at the Irvine Ranch, Calif. North Shore Council Boy Scouts of America". Printed in red or purple, it also depicts a covered wagon. During this event, the 1st NATIONAL CONVENTION SCOUTS ON STAMPS SOCIETY SUNDAY JULY 19, 1953 produced a boxed handstamp in red.



SCOUT-O-RAMA MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM APRIL 30, MAY 1, 1954 TROOP 72 – B.S.A HUMBOLDT DISTRICT BUFFALO AREA COUNCIL used a handstamp in either blue or green which was supplemented with the print of a bison and an Indian Chief. Buffalo Area Council B.S.A. -

Humboldt District commemorated their PAUL BUNYAN ROUNDUP with green and red rubber stamps on Sept. 16, 1954. A handstamp for COASTAL CAROLINA COUNCIL B.S.A. MERIT BADGE SHOW – COUNTY HALL – April 14th and 15th 1955 was used in Charleston, S.C.



Handstamps in three colours were printed together for ONONDAGA COUNCIL'S SCOUTING'S ADVENTURELAND APRIL 7 & 8, 1956. Another reads CACHET BY TROOP 6 – B.S.A. – SYRACUSE, N.Y. CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE – with Scouts, tent and campfire printed in the centre. Another 40 years event from 1956 BOY SCOUT EXPOSITION COW PALACE APRIL 20-21 CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SAN FRANCISCO SCOUTING 1916 1956 showing Scouts with old and new style hats – "Prepared by Pack 16 and Troop 15 and mailed from the Exposition San Francisco Council Boy Scouts of America".

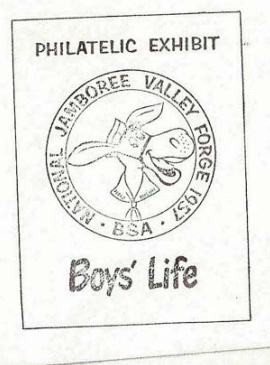


Another from Onondaga Council for SCOUTING'S ADVENTURELAND MARCH 30-31, 1957 of similar style to their 1956 cachet. A boxed handstamp in blue was produced for GENESEE COUNCIL BSA CITIZENSHIP-IN-ACTION ARMED FORCES DAY BATAVIA N.Y. MAY 18, 1957 with George Washington in centre "Onward for God and my Country" – cachet by Troop 7 BSA Batavia, New York.

The 4th National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America took place in 1957 and Genesee Council used a hand-made cachet in blue "1957 JAMBOREE VALLEY FORGE" with the same George Washington print as used at their 1956 event. Another hand-made cachet was used by Troop No.63 Fort Payne, Ala., also in blue, and supplemented by text in red "Leaving for Jamboree Today" plus Stars & Stripes flag.

BOYS' LIFE magazine held a PHILATELIC EXHIBIT with boxed handstamp showing their mascot "Pedro" (Mule or Donkey) and text BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE VALLEY FORGE 1957. The "Second Convention Scouts on Stamps Society International" was held on Sunday July 14, 1957 with an appropriate cachet in red.

Charter Oak Council, Hartford, Connecticut "The Constitution State" Troop 7 Section 19 used a cachet in the shape of the State of Connecticut.



Finally to Venezuela, and one of my favourite covers. An envelope posted in 1937 with circular handstamp in purple from BOY SCOUTS DE VENEZUELA TROPA APURE 1a DE SAN FERNANDO. This Registered airmail envelope which is also printed with Venezuela Scouts badge was posted on 4 August 1937 to Belgian Congo where it arrived on 16 September. One wonders which route it took?

A cover from 1947 carries the handstamp in purple UNION DE EXPLORADORES VENEZOLANOS SECCION 11 – CARACAS COMANDO DE BRIGADA plus Scout badge. An official envelope to Colonel J.S.Wilson of Boy Scouts International Bureau in London bears the handstamp of the Chief Scout of Scouts de Venezuela.

This completes Peter's article on Scout Handstamps

THE PROBLEM OF FALLING MEMBERSHIP

This subject is still attracting some correspondence which would indicate that members are still interested in trying to solve some of our membership problems.

Anyway, here we go again:-

Hello Terry

Just a few lines in response to the members who sent in suggestions about increasing the membership of the Club.

I realise that many attempts have been made to increase membership -- but without a great deal of success.

My suggestion would be to start to include items about scout and guide postcards. There are a good number of collectors in the Club who collect postcards -- after all Scout and Guide postcards have been around for a long time! I know that in the International Badgers Club there are a number of the members who also collect postcards etc as well as badges.

Maybe a survey/questionnaire could be sent to all members to see if there is any interest in broadening the club's appeal. After all, many postcards which were sent often include scout/guide stamps.

At present I have stopped collecting new issues of scout stamps as it was getting too expensive.

I hope you get some more letters about continuing the interest in the club -- as members have said we need to broaden the remit of the Club.

Yours John Roberts

I suppose the logical reply is to say that we did in fact extend the remit of the Club some two years ago to read "For collectors of Scout and Guide Stamps and other related Paper Ephemera". The intention was to open up the club to collectors of postcards, cigarette cards and paper documents (not books) which had any relevance to Scouting or Guiding. Generally this went by unnoticed except that Colin Walker has covered some of the suitable areas in his regular column.

The problems are really two fold - firstly how do you get to the "new" interested potential members and secondly how do you persuade them to produce the articles that we need to expand coverage of their particular discipline.

We have produced some ideas from amongst the Committee and these are elsewhere in this issue. Please let us know what you think.

THE ASSOCIATION OF ROMANIAN SCOUTS OF THE 1916-1919 WAR.

Romania entered the Great War (1914-1918) in 1916 on the side of the Allies. The country was occupied by the Austro-Hungarian forces, but the Allied Victory in November 1918 brought peace to Romania in 1919, plus the acquisition of the territories of Transylvania from Hungary, Bucovina from Austria and Bessarabia from Russia. Peace and founding of a Greater Romania was concluded at the Treaty of Trianon in 1920.

The Scouts were able to render vital assistance during the War and there is a record of a British resident in Romania presenting medals to Scouts for their service and bravery. It has been well documented that Scouting in Romania was incorporated into the STRAJA TARIÍ National Youth Movement in 1937 and consequently withdrew from the Boy Scouts International Conference. An envelope from Straja Tarii in Bucharest addressed to the Boy Scouts International Bureau, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1. is known (but its contents are not).

Under the Patronage of King Carol II, the Association of Romanian Scouts of the 1916-1919 War (Asociatia Cercestasi Romaniei din Rasboiul 1916/19) was organised. It is not known exactly when the Association was set up, but letters are known from 18 August & 4 November 1939 and 19 January 1940.

A circular letter dated 14 August 1939 in the first envelope reads as follows:

“Dear Comrade, We would like to inform you that the following are available to you at the Central Office: Commemorative Cross Certificate, Victory Medal Certificate, War Insignia Certificate. (Ferdinand with Spade Certificate & Medical Merits Certificate are crossed out). And (we) invite you to our Office on any working day between 18-20 hours to collect them personally or by power of attorney; or by recorded mail, by sending 20 lei. At the same time, we kindly ask you to remember to pay the membership fee up-to-date and the tax for the building of our home.

Good Health! Secretary General I.Lazaroneanu, Lawyer.

General Treasurer Captain Florescu St.Dumitru.”

The envelope of 4 November contains a leaflet reading:

“Dear Comrade, After a lot of toil and few years of waiting, we have managed to purchase a house for the Association, at 5 Orlando Street, a very central location. This sound achievement was made possible by the support of our good fellows, who gave their contribution to complete the amount necessary for the purchase. But, the amount that was gathered was only sufficient to buy 5/6 parts of the building. We still to buy 1/6 and to furnish the inside, which must be up to the standard of our beautiful home.

Dear Comrade, You know as well as us if you have made your contribution to our home. If you haven't yet, do it now; and if you are among the kind ones which have already

contributed but could give more, please do not hesitate, as any small contribution will be welcome, as our home will be closer to completion by the moment, the home where we will meet in brotherly love and will share the memories of our adolescence, of the war for the reunion of the nation.

Confident that you hastily answer this appeal, we warmly thank you.

Good Health! President Dr. Constatin Chirila.

Secretary General Lawyer Ionel Lazaroneanu
 Genral Treasurer Captain Florescu St. Dumitru.”

Also two sets of Fund-Raising “stamps” were issued. One design depicts a Scout assisting a wounded soldier, with “stamps” valued at 1 (brown), 2 (green) and 5 Lei (brown). The other set shows the emblem of the Association with values of 50 Lei (orange), 100 Lei (grey) plus a third (purple) with no value. The latter set was printed by FABRICA DE TIMBRE (National Stamp Printers).

In 2000, by which time Romanian Scouting was flourishing following years of Communist rule, a sheetlet of 8 labels was issued reproducing the designs of the earlier “stamps”. Surcharges across the “stamps” commemorated PEACE TREATY TRIANON 1920, ROMANIAN SCOUTS FROM THE 1ST WORLD WAR, ROMANIAN SCOUTS AT THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE LONDON 1920 and ROMANIAN SCOUTS AT CAMPDOWNE ENGLAND 2000. The border of the sheetlet mentions “A Homage to the First World War’s Romanian Scouts. Trianon Peace Treaty 1920-2000.” This border printing appears in both English and Romanian. Also the sheetlets were issued perforate or imperforate, as well as on two different papers – shiny or matt. AND some have no overprint on the labels, so there is a possibility of 16 variations! (See Picture on Page 24)



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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 55p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas £1.00 for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.45.

STAMPS FROM STOCK	MINT	USED
YAR64 YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1964 Pan Arab Scout Conference (9)	2.50	-
YAR64A YEMEN ARAB REP. 1964 Pan Arab Scout Conference (9) imperforate	5.00	-
YAR80 YEMEN ARAB REP. 1980 World Jamboree issue (Iran 1979 cancelled) (7)	5.00	-
YAR80A YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1980 (7) imperforate	10.00	-
YAR80S YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1980 MS imperforate	6.00	-
YAR88S YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1988 17 th Arab Scout Conference MS	2.50	-
YK67 YEMEN KINGDOM 1967 12 th World Jamboree (7)	1.20	0.35
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YK67S YEMEN KINGDOM 1967 12 th World Jamboree MS	2.50	-
ZAI81 ZAIRE 1981 Norman Rockwell commemorative (8 – one Scout)	2.00	-
ZAI85 ZAIRE 1985 Internat Youth Year surch on 1982 Year of the Scout issue (7)	-	1.20
ZAI85S ZAIRE 1985 Internat Youth Year surcharge on 1982 Year of the Scout MS	-	1.00
ZAM82 ZAMBIA 1982 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (40)	1.35	2.00
ZAM82S ZAMBIA 1982 75 th Anniversary of Scouting MS	1.35	2.00
ZIM82 ZIMBABWE 1982 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (4)	0.45	0.60
MAV99 MALDIVES 1999 19 th World Jamboree - 3 in sheetlet	-	2.00
VEZ95 VENEZUELA 1995 50 th Anniversary La Salle Academy 2 x Scout values paired with Science and Football stamps (4)	1.20	-
BRZ07 BRAZIL 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (1)	2.25	-
BLR07 BELARUS 2007 Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (2)	2.00	2.00
TKC07 TURKS & CAICOS IS. 2007 Centenary of World Scouting – 6 in sheetlet	7.55	-
TKC07S TURKS & CAICOS IS. 2007 Centenary of world Scouting MS	9.40	-
TRN07 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (4)	2.05	2.05
TRN07S TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2007 Centenary of World Scouting MS	2.60	2.60
TRN07A TRINIDAD & T. 2007 150 th Anniv. of St.Mary's Children's Home(4 – 1 shows Cub Scouts)	2.20	2.20
DMR07 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (1)	4.85	-
SRL07 SRI LANKA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (1)	0.30	-
PAR08 PARAGUAY 2008 70 th Anniversary of Scouting (2)	4.65	-
MAY07 MALAYSIA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting (3)	1.85	-
RSO07 SOUTH OSSETIA(Russian Local) Centy World Scouting/Europa sheetlet 12	5.35	-
ABK07 ABKHAZIA(Georgia Local) Centy of World Scouting/Europa sheetlet of 12	5.35	-
EST07 ESTONIA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (1)	2.45	-
SHE07 SHETLAND(Scottish Local) Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (2)	1.00	-
ORK07 ORKNEY(Scottish Local) Centenary of World Scouting /Europa (2)	1.00	-
GBS07 GUINEA-BISSAU 2007 Commemorating World Jamborees – 5 in sheetlet	9.40	-
GBS07S GUINEA-BISSAU 2007 Commemorating World Jamborees MS	8.95	-
BRS07 BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA – SERB REPUBLIC Centy of W.S./Europa (2)	4.95	-
SRB07 SERBIA 2007 Centenary of World Scouting/Europa (2)	3.75	-
NZ11 NEW ZEALAND 2011 80 th Anniversary of Health stamps (1)shows 1944 Princesses stamp	0.45	-
NZ11S NEW ZEALAND 2011 as above MS – shows 1953 Scout & Guide stamps in background	1.65	-

Eur *Scout 2012*

28. - 30. September
Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Foto: G. Steinmann

Ever since 1996, every second year, the EUROSCOUT Exhibition takes place, always in a different country, a meeting of Scout philatelist and persons who are interested in Scouting.

Grafing near Munich, Austria, Italy, Prague and Ghent /Belgium, Spain, Switzerland and England, all have already hosted the EUROSCOUT. Now in 2012 the turn comes to the touristic town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Bavaria, which will become the target for participants from all over the world. Collectors from eighteen countries have shown their intention to book.

Extraordinary collections, containing evidence of Scout history and from the life of Scouts and Guides will be on show. Documentation about the engagement of Scouts / Exile-Scouts after WW.2 in the DP-Camps in Germany will be a major theme.

A literature-saloon and presentations of Scout-Museums will enrich the event.

A „One-frame-competition“(12 pages) containing not only philatelic items (stamps, letters, postmarks), but also postcards, badges....will illustrate an idea, an aim of Scouting or a Scout event, will be on show.

The best display will receive the WALTER GROB-AWARD, which is given for the first time.



Foto: ex prospect of the house

The impressive, great hall of Wildbad, where the exhibition is housed, will give a splendid situation. The theatre there, right below, will be the stage for a speech about „DP-Scouts and Camps in Germany“and of a concert of the well known MTA – Scout Chorus and will be an ideal surrounding for a gala dinner and a „merry together“with tombola.

On the agenda also is the IFSCO-conference

and the Arge-AGM

- Special postmark
- A guided tour through the medieval Rothenburg (in different languages)
- A bus tour to Greglingen (world famous wood carved altar by Riemenschneider) and visit of the garden of Weikersheim castle.
- On Sunday, bus tour to the world heritage „Residence“ of Würzburg

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On the subject of getting Young People interested in Collecting especially Scouting material

The following was received from T.P. McDermott in the U.S.A. towards the beginning of 2011

A New Merit Badge

A new merit badge titled *Scouting Heritage* and its pamphlet was introduced in 2010. I found it related to my hobbies and collecting interests and believe it would be of interest to other members. A very abbreviated version of the eight requirements follows:

- 1-a discussion on B-P and the introduction of scouting,
- 2-two biographical sketches and two discussions of events,
- 3-discuss Scouting's different age groups,
- 4- attend a jamboree/high-adventure base or the National Scouting Museum (I think this is a hard part),
- 5-learn the history of your local scouting,
- 6-make a collection of patches or memorabilia,
- 7-play an old scout game,
- 8-interview three people about impact of scouting on their life.

I personally think that a collection of scout first day or event covers would be a great item for requirement six. Be sure to obtain a copy of this MB pamphlet and, while you are at it, a copy of Stamp Collecting (dated 2007). You will not be sorry! Many of our members would make great counsellors and indirectly help perpetuate our hobby. Are you going to volunteer?

Does the above make you think, especially if your own Scout Association doesn't have anything like this Merit Badge? Well, it did as far as the Committee are concerned here in the UK. So we'd like to suggest the following:-

1. All UK members of the club to write to Headquarters suggesting that the UK introduces a "Scouting Heritage" Badge basically on the same lines as the above.

2. Follow ups to all District and County Commissioners asking them to support the application wherever possible.

3. The SGSC will write formally to The Scout Association with the same request but also offering to put together a complete syllabus for the badge, perhaps even agreeing to sponsor it providing the cost is reasonable.

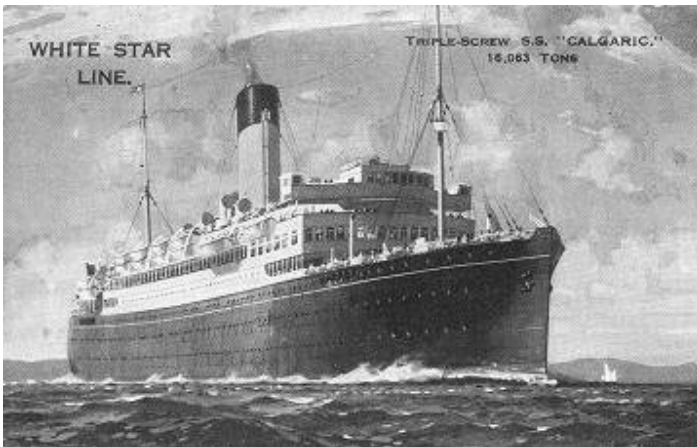
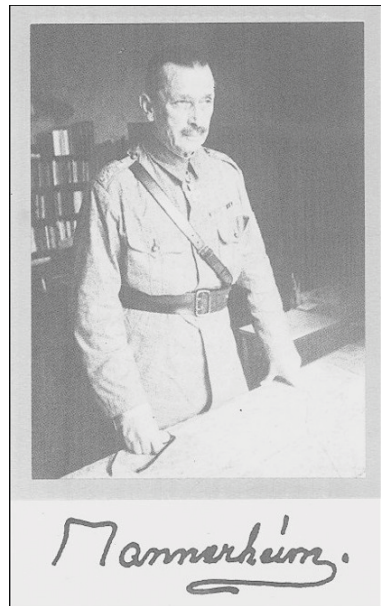
4. The SGSC have developed an A4 sized notice about the club and the learning benefits which can be gained from membership. A copy of this is included along with this issue of the Bulletin and all you need to do is arrange for a copy to be on show in your local Group Headquarters or, at least, shown to the members. Further copies are available on request from the Editor.

Ramblings!

I regret that serious illness in the Walker Camp has taken my eye off the ball more than somewhat, but I am pleased to say that my wife Fran is now making an excellent recovery. Thankfully I can again allow my mind to wander on to things Scouting, though for the moment without much form or plan, so, I will use as prompts some of the happenings of the last few months.

Fran and I were very pleased to play host to at Group of Finnish 'Rovers' just prior to the Gilwell Reunion this year. Under the leadership of Joppe Ranta they visit the UK every year to seek out places of historical Scouting significance.

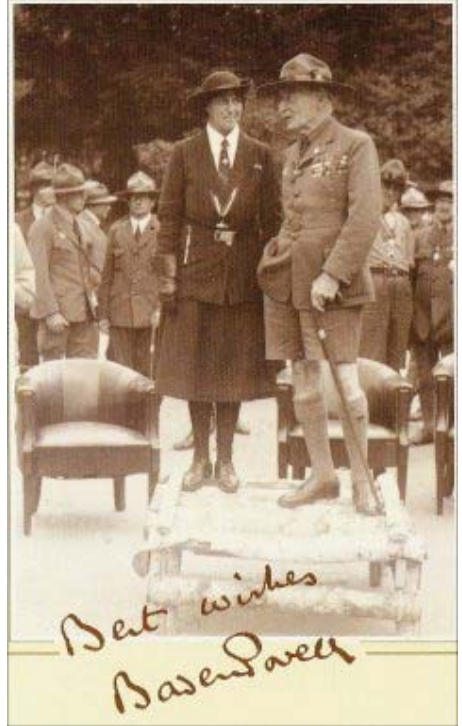
It was particularly important to Fran and me to look after our visitors well, as they entertained us magnificently when we visited Helsinki and Turku to give talks in connection with the Finnish Scouting Centennial last year. Marshal Mannerheim, a well-loved former President, is seen as the 'father' of Finnish Scouting, he took the country out of Russian domination leading the 'White Army' in 1918. He met Baden-Powell on several occasions but notably when the first 'Peace Cruise' on SS Calgarc called at Helsinki in 1933. Not surprisingly the highest Finnish



Scout award is named in Mannerheim's honour. The City of Helsinki has preserved his wooden home but because of my speaking engagements we were disappointed to find that it was closed at the only time we had

available to visit. Joppe and his 'Rovers' however arranged a very special private viewing and so we were able to see the balcony where the Chief dutifully drank the Gin and Tonic that Marshall Mannerheim thought was the favourite 'tipple' of all Englishmen.

We were also entertained to a meal in the Kappeli Restaurant, near the harbour front, much as B-P was all those years ago! I am fortunate to have two original log books of Calgaric cruises and a copy of a third written by Heather Baden-Powell, as well as official 'Cruise of the Calgaric' book written by Rose Kerr and so was able to trace B-P's path through Helsinki. Close to the landing stage an impromptu 'woodcraft' dais was produced to enable the 2000 Scouts and Guides that matched past to have a good view of their Chiefs.



So, what on earth could I do in return for such hospitality? Fortunately we do have in our country a Scout Museum of which we can be proud, though it entails a visit to Waddecar in Lancashire. It is Britain's only purpose built Scout Museum, and its quality artefacts are displayed with a care and pride showing just what can be achieved. This feat is all the more remarkable because the Museum, funded by Michael Loomes and a bequest from Dr John 'Wilkie' Wilkinson, a 'graduate' of the first ever Wood Badge course held at Gilwell Park in 1919 (and the first person to organise a Wood Badge course outside Gilwell), is entirely staffed by volunteers.

The museum is managed by a trust which is independent of any Scout Association, National or County, but is excellently located in Lancashire's excellent Waddecar Scout Activity Centre, set in the Pennines near Garstang. The Trust's Curator Michael Loomes, who with his brother Ron, has done so much to ensure its success.

You can imagine then how pleased I was that Michael was able to respond to my request for a tour of the museum, and how thrilled the Finnish Scouts were that he

had taken the trouble to set out artefacts and uniforms relating to Finland and B-P's visit to Helsinki. Circumstances permitting, Michael would be pleased to arrange party visits and can be contacted the Museum's WebPages at <http://www.storyofscouting.org.uk/>

The Museum has been extended in recent years to include a wing depicting 'The Story of Guiding' and as I write an extension to the archives is being built.

While with the Finnish Scouts, Michael pointed out something I had missed on previous visits (though maybe not, as all but except key displays are changed on a regular basis). The museum had been given a set of posters depicting the 2007 Royal Mail Scout Centennial Issue set of stamps which had been official 'launched' by Royal Mail North at Waddecar. (The Girl Guide Centennial Issue of 2011 was also launched at the Museum) I have always been drawn to the 1st Class stamp in the set of six, which has I feel has a very apt combination of design, words and image that make it truly memorable.



The set holds an unusual philatelic record. British stamps normally exhibit a unique distinction. They do not require any words on them whatsoever. The advent of the first postage stamp, the 'Penny Black' in 1840, meant any mail bearing a stamp must have been posted in Great Britain, so the country's name was not required and this practice is maintained to the present day. The 2007 Scouting Centennial Set however has more words than any other issue!

In 2010 I also visited America, this time as a guest of the Heart of America's Centennial Jamboree at Naish Scout Reservation near Kansas. It was America's largest centennial event other than the National Jamboree. I was accorded the great honour of being made a Honorary Member of Troop 201 of Overland Park, Kansas. This year I was asked to send a special message to be read out at a campfire to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the troop. When searching around for a theme, my mind went back to the 2007 Scouting Centennial 1st Class stamp, perhaps because of its American connotation, 'Eleven of the twelve astronauts who walked on the moon were once Scouts' but, as I looked into the campfire and stars depicted on the stamp the following thoughts came to mind, which were read out at Group 201's

Anniversary Campfire in Texas.

To fellow members of Troop 201 Overland Park USA

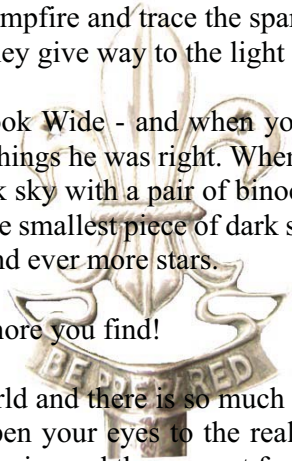
Congratulations on our Anniversary!

Did you ever sit round a campfire and trace the sparks floating up into the night sky, eventually fading as they give way to the light from a million stars.

Our Founder told us to Look Wide - and when you have done that, well look wider! And as in so many things he was right. When you look into what appears to be a vacant piece of dark sky with a pair of binoculars, you find that it is full of stars – but should find the smallest piece of dark sky within it, look again with a telescope and you will find ever more stars.

The deeper you look, the more you find!

We live in a wonderful world and there is so much going on than just meets the eye. Your Scouting will open your eyes to the reality of just what needs to be done. Armed with your promise and the support from such a brilliant troop, you can't go wrong. The future is yours!



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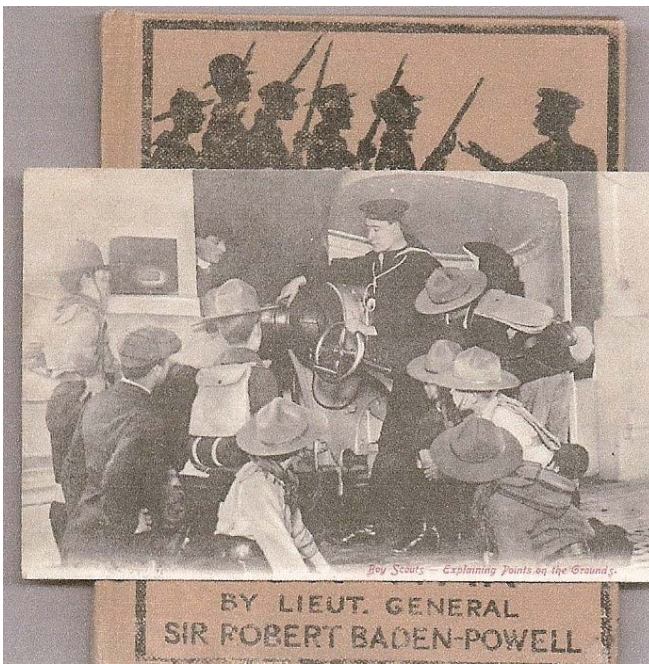
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Postcard of 1910 showing Boy Scouts learning to fire a naval gun above the front cover of “Quick Training For War”. Note the Boy Scout at top left

