

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

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Our President Peter Duck greets our Vice President Ron Howard (who passed away on 14th December, 2012) at Baden Powell House in 1990.

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## Editorial

As I sit here typing these words into my computer the current round of world disasters seems to be continuing because the radio and television are full of the bush fires which have devastated Tasmania and are now advancing through Victoria and News South Wales on mainland Australia. This has even more importance for me nowadays as my eldest son, his wife and my three grandsons all live on the northern outskirts of Sydney and I have other very good lifelong friends in Kiama and Sussex Inlet further down to the south of the State - my prayers are with them, along with all of our Brother Scouts who may be affected by this or other similar incidents.

Ever since the previous edition of the Bulletin was published I have been receiving requests for members to receive future issue by e-mail and so far this has reached almost to 30 copies - and an annual saving approaching £180 per annum already - my personal thanks to those who are able to take their issue in this way.

On the other hand I am now getting very, very short of articles - both large and small for use in future issues. I think that what I have in reserve will fill about a third of an issue so, once again, the opportunity is there for any and all of you to get into print. It doesn't matter how long or short it is provided it arrives - I will always edit and correct anything that is too bad in its English so there's no excuse at all.

One of the perils of being Editor is that you don't always find the time to properly read many of the articles but in the previous issue and this one I have been fascinated by Gottfried Steinmann's feature on the D.P Camps. I had never realised that these lasted for so long and held so many people. It is so important that there is a record of what happened and the part that World Scouting played. Thanks Gottfried.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

March 17th, May 7th, July 14th and September 17th.

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

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

**We hope to be able to hold regular meetings in the UK during each of the Stampex Exhibitions each year. The first of these will be on 23rd February, 2013 when there will be a Committee Meeting from 12.00 until 13.00 followed by a General Meeting from 13.00 until 14.30.**

**The General Meeting will be an opportunity for members to show new acquisitions and favourite material to others and discuss any matters with members of the Committee.**

## Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

As a retired auctioneer I know that for any previously unrecorded documents relating to the earliest years of Scouting being found is a rare occurrence, but it does still happen. At a recent auction held by provincial auctioneers, Mullocks, a family scrap album was found during a routine house clearance relating to members of the Wroughton family. In the early years of the 20th Century many families kept similar albums containing mementoes of loved ones killed in the Great War and they usually appear in auctions of militaria where such nostalgia is keenly sought by collectors and museums alike.

Those of you who know their Scouting history may now have guessed that this album contained material appertaining to Musgrave Cazenove Wroughton known as "Bob", Patrol Leader of the Wolves at B-P's Brownsea Island Camp of 1907 and who when older accompanied B-P as one of his A.D.Cs on his lecture tour of the U.S.A. In 1912 (when en-route on board the Arcadian B-P met and wooed Olave Soames.

Sadly however the life of young "Bob" was cut short when as a Lieutenant in the 12th Lancers he was shot and killed by a German sniper at Ypres and 30th October, 1914.

The auctioneers handling the sale broke up the album into several lots of letters, printed ephemera, photographs etc., which is common practice these days.

One lot of two letters directly relating to and written shortly after the Brownsea Camp were both addressed to Mrs. Wroughton, the mother of "Bob" by B-P and Kenneth McLaren the assistant of B-P at Brownsea who had fought with him at Mafeking.

The B-P letter dated August 18th from Ireland is written on a sheet of the printed notepaper given to B-P by his publisher, Arthur Pearson, on July 18 which is headed "Scouts Camp, Brownsea Island, Poole". In it B-P states that "Bob" "was a great help to me & quite set the example to other Patrol Leaders". He goes on to ask Bob's parents for any advice they may have to offer him regarding taking his ideas forward.

The other letter by Kenneth McLaren describes Bob a "an excellent Patrol Leader keen and willing". Even more interesting though is his comment "we had one or two boys that I did not care about and another year would suggest leaving them at home". I think that most present day Scout Leaders would say the same after their summer camps!

These two letters realised £3,600 and three other B-P letters written to Bob's sister Dulce in 1902 relating to her dog realised £300, £340 and £480 (B-P had enjoyed a brief flirtation with her around that time.

A much larger lot contained material relating to Bob's short military career and included a letter of condolence from B-P to Mrs. Wroughton stating "I have felt as nearly as possible like a second father to him" and this realised £1,500.

(All prices exclude premium of 20%)

*(See photos on page 4)*

as Sunday is all toward school  
and Boy Brigade, etc. etc.;  
only about 1/2 of the whole need  
be in camp.

If you can help me with  
opinion & criticism I shall  
be very grateful indeed

Your self

God save the King



High Lodge  
Races: Island.  
SCOUTS CAMP,  
BROWNSEA ISLAND,  
FOOLE.

18.8.07

My dear Mr. Wroughton

It is I who ought to

thank you for Bob! He was  
a great help to me & fits  
well the example to other  
Patrol leaders. Any all do  
very well indeed.

What I want very much now  
is to get from you - after you  
have questioned Bob - what  
you and your husband think  
of such kind of camp &  
organization, from the point  
point of view, as a device  
for boys out of school.  
Any suggestions for its

improvement would also be  
thankfully received.  
Of course this camp was  
just touched on all the  
subjects: we ones of this  
a day to call them I was  
propose to give 3 or 4 in  
actual practice.  
(My idea being to carry out  
such instruction on Saturdays)

I expect you are enjoying  
a happy rest in your  
garden at Acreton after  
the London season.  
I wonder if any of you are  
going to Scotland - Mr  
Mungrove would like a  
week's deep sea fishing -  
a lovely place Eilean & I would  
be very pleased to see him next  
month at Invercharnish.  
We would not mind our  
plain living -  
Yours very sincerely,  
Kenneth Wilson.

55 Chemists Garden.

Hearnston.

25 Aug. 07.

Dear Mr. Wroughton -  
It was very kind of you  
to write and thank me for  
Mungrove's outing at  
Brownsea Island -  
I am sure that General

B.P. was just as pleased as  
I was to have Mungrove  
amongst the Boy Scouts.  
He did so well and was  
an excellent Patrol leader,  
keen & willing - we had  
one or two boys that I  
did not care about and  
another you I would  
regret leaving them at

home - Mungrove seemed  
to love sleeping out and I  
expect you found it hard  
to keep him in the house on  
his return to Acreton -  
Eilean is very well after  
his visit to Mr. Lambert  
and very keen to start as  
soon as possible for  
his Scotch Trip -



## John's Jottings

by John Ineson

It is surprising how buyers can go crazy when bidding at an auction and this also applies to eBay. In December a Mafeking small head Baden-Powell was offered in mint condition. The starting price was £85.00 which sxxx5 (we are no longer allowed to find the name of the bidder) started the bidding. He then placed 25 more bids but finally lost this to lxxx1 who had placed only two bids at the very high price of £1500 (approximately US\$2400, Euro €1800). In my opinion, it would still be very expensive at half this price.



The most exciting find brought to my attention recently by one of our members was



a very early Meter Slogan advertising the 1939 World Rover Moot held at Monzie Castle, Scotland. This is dated 19 April 1939, and although not quite complete, it states “8000 Rover Scouts **bid you welcome** to the World Rover Scout Moot, Crieff Scotland 15-28 July 1939”. Our President Peter Duck and I have never known that this meter slogan existed, and if you know of another, we would be delighted to



know the date of use. A few are recorded with the words “**Visit the International Gathering** of 8000 Rover Scouts at Crieff, Scotland 15-28 July 1939” and the one

shown (at the bottom of the previous page) is dated 28 April 1939 Therefore this meter slogan was changed sometime within the next nine days of the earlier example dated 19 April. There must have been hundreds of postal items with both of these meter marks used at the time, but very few have survived to this day.

In the May-June Bulletin of last year, I wrote and illustrated a very scarce postcard of the Bridport, Dorset Boy Scouts collecting money in aid of the Titanic Relief Fund, for those who lost their lives in this disaster. This was sold in July 1991 by Vennett- Smith in the U.K. for £220. Recently RR Auctions of Amherst, New Hampshire, USA sold an identical postcard in auction for US\$ 250 (£160, Euro€ 190) against an estimate of US\$ 300-400.



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I would like to receive future copies of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club Bulletin by electronic mail and the appropriate documents should be sent to the address used for this transmission.



Our dear friend and former President of SGSC sadly passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012 following a heart attack. Ron became President in early 2000 following the death of our first President Roy Rhodes in late 1999. He had been Roy's Vice President for some years and a stalwart on our Club's committee for even longer. When I became President in 2008, Ron once again took on the mantle of Vice President.

A keen collector of Scout and Guide issues, as well as Channel Islands, United Nations and Polish stamps, he had been a member of our Club since 1961 having been inspired by one of our displays at Gilwell Park earlier.

Ron's own potted life history appeared in our Bulletin for July/August 2008 (Volume 52 No.4 – Whole no.300). He had a distinguished Scout career, mainly in Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

Following his retirement, and after he had moved away to Wiltshire we didn't see Ron very much, but he got to our meetings when he could. And it was always a joy to have long conversations with him on the phone.

He will be greatly missed, and our sympathy goes out to Diana and their children Alan and Ann.

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Current Membership Rates which are due from 1st April, each year (unless you are already part way through a five years membership).

Payments please to Tim Reed or by the use of PayPal.

	1 YEAR	5 YEARS
United Kingdom individuals and Sections	£12.00	£60.00
Juniors (under 16)	£5.00	Not available
All World Surface & Europe Airmail	£15.00	£75.00
All World Surface (Juniors)	£6.50	Not available
All World Airmail (except Europe)	£20.00	£100.00

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

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(Tel: 01425-650961) e-mail:-tim.p.reed@btinternet.com

Metal Pin Badges @ £1.00 each, Epoxy Pin Badges @ £1.00 each,

Cloth Blanket Badge @ £1.00 each, Leather Woggles @ £1.25 each



## Scout & Guide New Issues 2012

lfsc	my	country	ref	set	mint s/s	sheet	used set	s/s	FDC
C	815	Burundi	Hindenburg disaster, m/s with '37 Jamb stamp cover		7.60				
B	796	Canada	Q Ell Diamond Jubilee sh x 4 vals / Brownie in margin		2.55				
A	791	Cook Is	22nd W J o/p on previous Anzac Day issue ~ Silver	4.00	5.90		4.00	5.90	11.65(2)
A	792	Cook Is	22nd W J o/p on previous Anzac Day issue ~ Gold	4.00	5.90		4.00	5.90	11.65(2)
A	794	Costa Rica	100th Anniversary of local Scouting & Guiding s/s		5.15			5.75	12.85
A	802	Czech Rep	100 years of local Scouting x 1 val	1.85			1.85		2.80
C	806	Guinea Biss.	Scouting s/s		8.15				
A	803	Hungary	100 years of local Scouting s/s		4.05			4.25	4.95
A	804	Iceland	100 years of local Scouting x 1 val	0.65					1.45
A	805	Indonesia	50 Years of local Scouting x 3 vals + m/s	1.75	1.20		1.75	1.90	4.60(2)
A	817	King' Tonga	Anzac Day 2012 set x 4 vals + m/s	5.00	5.80		5.00	5.80	13.10(2)
A	818	Mauritius	Anns & Events includes 100th Anniv. of Local Scouts	1.50			1.55		2.65
A	813	Micronesia	Q E II Diamond Jubilee ~ in Girl Guide uniform			8.45			
C	800	Mozambique	Scouting sh x 4 vals + m/s	12.90	6.45				
A	812	Poland	Cartoons set of 4 vals, with 1 Scout in uniform	5.75			5.75		6.95(2)
C	807	Rep C Africa	Famous Scouts sh x 3 vals + m/s inc(B-P & Lady B-P)	7.25	6.40				
C	801	Rep Burundi	International Scouting 4 vals + sh x 4 different vals	7.15	5.40				
A	790	Rep of China	100th Anniversary of local Scouting 2 vals	1.35			1.35		1.50
C	808	Rep Congo	Scouts and Fungi x 4 val, sheet and 4 m/s	8.70	17.40	17.40			
C	816	Rep Togo	African Scouts sh x 4 vals + m/s	9.05	9.05				
A	795	Saudi Arabia	Scouts ~Messengers of Peace x 1 val	3.70					11.40
A	793	Serbia	100th Anniversary of local Scouting 1 val	0.85			0.85		1.80
C	799	Somalia	Scouting & butterflies 4 sh x 2 vals				14.90		
A	820	Sri Lanka	100th Anniversary of Local Scouting x 1 val + s/s	0.30	1.25				1.10
C	797	St Thomas	Baden-Powell sh x 2 vals	4.80					
C	798	St Thomas	Scouting sh x 2 vals	7.45					
C	823	State Somalia	Italian & French cars 2 sh x 9 vals with Scout designs	9.90					
D	809	State Somalia	Japanese Navy 3 sh x 6 vals with Rockwell scout logos		13.20				
D	810	State Somalia	Helicopters 2 sh x 6 vals with Rockwell scout logos		8.75				
D	811	State Somalia	Fire Engines sh x 3 vals with Rockwell scout logos	3.50					
A	819	Thailand	100th Anniversary of Local Scouting x 1 val	0.35					1.55
A	814	Thailand	100th Anniversary of local Scouting x 1 val	0.60			0.60		
A	822	Tristan D C	Shackleton / Rowlett expedition, Scout Marr 1 from 4	1.15			Full set 4 vals	4.60	
A	821	USA	100th Anniversary of Girl Guides	0.50					1.75

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POSTAGE Extra UK a) stamps; £1.00 b) FDC £1.35 Overseas a) stamps £1.60 b) FDC £2.00

Payment by cheque, credit card or PayPal

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

This will take place on Saturday 13th July, 2013 at  
King George Field Indoor Bowls Club, Jubilee Way, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1TR  
during Britain's National Thematic Stamp Show - Thematix '13

FULL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN A FUTURE ISSUE

Ample free parking & admission,  
Nearest Railway Station is Tolworth (from Waterloo)  
Bus K2 (Kingston-Epsom) stops at venue  
By road, M25 Junction 10 ~ A3 ~ A240

Light refreshments available



## SALES SERVICE

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RECENT ISSUES	MINT	USED
STK10 St.KITTS 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America (8 in 2 x sheetlets)	16.75	-
CAN10 CANAD 2010 Girl Guides Centenary ( 10 in booklet)	5.75	-
OMN07 OMAN 2007 Diamond Jubilee of Scouting (1)	1.65	-
ARG10 ARGENTINA 2010 Girl Guides Centenary (4)	4.75	-
AUS10 AUSTRALIA 2010 Girl Guides Centenary (3)	4.40	-
AUS10SA AUSTRALIA 2010 Girl Guides Centenary – Self adhesive issue (3)	4.40	-
GIB01 GIBRALTAR 2010 Girl guides Centenary (4)	4.75	-
GUE09 GUERNSEY 2009 Guernsey Evacuees issue (1) showing Boy Scout (border pair)	1.10	-
TOG10 TOGO 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America (4 in sheetlet)	6.85	-
TOG10S TOGO 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America MS	6.85	-
GUI08 GUINEA 2008 World Youth Day – Scouts & the Pope (6 in sheetlet)	6.25	-
GUI08S GUINEA 2008 World Youth Day MS	5.20	-
CAY10 CAYMAN IS. 2010 Girl Guides Centenary (4)	3.25	3.25
IRQ10 IRAQ 2010 Arabian Brotherhood Scouts Day (4)	3.00	-
IRQ10S IRAQ 2010 Arabian Brotherhood Scouts Day MS	3.00	-
IVC05 IVORY COAST 2005 Scouts & Wildlife – birds, butterflies etc (4)	3.75	-
MEX10 MEXICO 2010 Girl Guides Centenary (1)	1.50	-
POL10 POLAND 2010 100 Years of Polish Scouting (1)	1.45	-

### 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL GUIDES & INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR 1985 ISSUES

ANG85 ANGUILLA 1985 – 4 x overprints	3.15	3.35
ANT85 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA (4)	2.75	3.00
ANT85S ANTIGUA & BARBUDA MS	2.25	2.50
ASC85 ASCENSION 1985 (4)	1.25	1.50
BAH85 BAHAMAS (4)	1.50	1.50
BAH85S BAHAMAS MS	2.25	2.25
BRB85S BARBUDA MAIL MS	6.00	5.00
BEZ 85BELIZE (5)	-	1.25
BHU85 BHUTAN (4)	-	2.75
BHU85S BHUTAN MS	-	3.00
BRU85 BRUNEI – International Youth Year (1) showing Scouts & Guides	0.45	-
CAN85 CANADA (1)	0.30	0.20
CAR85 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (1)	0.70	0.35
CIS85 CISKEI (4)	0.70	0.70
CON85 CONGO (1)	0.80	0.40
DOM85 DOMINICA (4)	2.00	2.30
DOM85S DOMINICA MS	1.50	1.75
GAM85 GAMBIA (4)	1.80	2.25
GAM85S GAMBIA MS	2.25	2.50
GIB85 GIBRALTAR (3 – one Girl Guide)	1.60	1.85
GRN85 GRENADA (4)	2.00	2.25
GRN85S GRENADA MS	1.00	1.00
GRD85 GRENADA GRENADINES (4)	-	1.40
GRD85S GRENADA GRENADINES MS	-	1.75

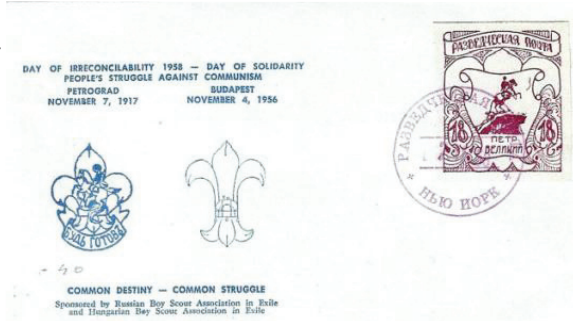
## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Duck

### RUSSIAN EXILE SCOUTS IN U.S.A.

Continuing my earlier article on the above subject, covers and “stamps” continued to be issued, mainly in New York (and I might add probably all produced by the same person).

The Russian “Day of Irreconcilability” in 1958 also commemorated the Hungarian People’s Struggle against Communism with covers showing both Russian and Hungarian Scout badges. These are known with both Russian Scouts Local Post New York postmark or mailed with regular U.S. postage stamps.



On 30 April 1959 two labels were issued celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russian Scouting. The labels were produced in se tenant format in sheets of six pairs. A first day cover was issued using the Local Post New York postmark supplemented by FIRST DAY OF ISSUE in English and Russian. 1959 was the year of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in the Philippines, and a fund raising label priced at



10 (cents) was issued in sheetlets of 10 both perforate and imperforate, also with a maxi-card reading RUSSIAN SKOUTS (sic) TENTH WORLD JAMBOREE FUND.

World Refugee Year was remembered in 1960 with a souvenir sheet with hand drawn design, priced at 40 + 10 (cents) with text HELP REFUGEE SCOUTS IN EUROPE. Also on 16 November 1960, a cover showing a saluting Scout and map of Crimea. The text reads”World Refugee Year 1920-1960. 40 years ago Russian Boy Scouts left Sebastopol and entered into exile. Russian people are the first victims of Communism”.



The American Civil War Centennial was commemorated in 1961 with a cover showing Abraham Lincoln, old Russian and American flags plus Russian Scout badge. The message reads: “Durring (sic) the Civil War Russians gave moral support to the U.S.A. Now, the Russian People need the moral support of the U.S.A. to gain freedom and preserve unity”.



Due Stamp

Airmail

More “stamps” arrived in 1962, on 6 May two Russian Scout Airmail Stamps appeared, priced at 5c and 7c plus appropriate first day cover (never flown anywhere, I’m sure!). And on 1<sup>st</sup> September four Russian scout Due stamps priced at 1, 3, 4 & 8 cents. In November 1962, the 5 value from the sheetlet depicted in the last Bulletin (green printed

version) was overprinted FORT ROSS 1962 plus the word CENTS obliterating “1909”. These appeared on covers celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Fort Ross “Former Outpost in California of the Russian American Company” – unfortunately dated 1812-1982 instead of 1962 when the cover was posted with handstamp of St. George Pathfinders San Francisco tying the label.



In 1963, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Scout Leaders’ Training Course in Exile was commemorated with a



“stamp” priced at 8c. Not a very interesting issue, but the FDC is attractive. On 6 May 1965 Russian Orthodox St. George Day produced a cacheted cover. And in 1967, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> Patrol Leaders’ Course in Exile and Christmas were both celebrated with “stamps”.

The stamps appear both perforate and imperforate, se tenant with each other, although

the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stamps were released on 28 July and the Christmas issue on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1967.

I do not know if any Russian Exile Scouts attended the 12<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Idaho in August 1967, but a cachet showing Russian Scout badge appeared on covers with Jamboree slogan postmark and on first day of the Jamboree postal card.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russian Scouting 1969 produced a cover with appropriate cachet. The 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Founder of Russian Boy Scouts, Oleg Pantuhoff was celebrated with a souvenir sheetlet of four stamps. Also first day covers were used using the SCOUT POST NEW YORK postmark dated 25 March 1972. A few errors are known in the sheetlets – I have one with multiple printing and another with error of perforation. Unfortunately, Colonel Pantuhoff passed away in 1973 and the sheetlets were overprinted appropriately.

Russian Scouts celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1970 with a pair of “stamps” values at 40c and 50c. These were issued from New Pavlovsk, Northville, NY and a handstamp was used reading NEW PAVLOVSK, N.Y. RUSSIAN SCOUTS LOCAL POST FIRST DAY JULY 25, 1979. The “stamps were printed in black on green paper, and two colour trial versions are known on cream or buff paper.

In 1982, the Russian Boy and Girl Scouts, also known as St. George Pathfinders Inc. produced a special postmark at New Pavlovsk, N.Y. on cachet covers commemorating their Founder’s Centennial 1882 – 1982. Also a sheetlet of four identical “stamps” appeared, priced at 20c each and showing the Founder, Oleg Pantuhoff.

A Scout Post “stamp” priced at 4 cents and showing a campfire in a circle appeared in 1985, but I do not know for what purpose. In 1988 the Russian Scouts celebrated the “Millennium of the Baptism of Rus” which the beginning of the Orthodox Church in Russia. A sheet of nine labels was issued, together with a first day cover and three attractive cards. FDCs carry the New Pavlosk N.Y. Russian Scouts Local Post handstamp, but it is only on the border of the sheets which show any Scout connection.

Russian Scouts 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was commemorated in 1989 with a special cachet cover with the 1982 issue depicting Pantuhoff surcharged 1909 -1989.

I do not know of any other Russian Scout philatelic productions from U.S.A. after this date, but Scouting was re-born again in Russia after the fall of Communism and the breakup of the USSR in the 1990’s. The first (and only so far) philatelic recognition of Scouting appeared on 27 September with a special imprinted envelope commemorating the Founder of Russian Scouting, Oleg Pantuhoff 1882 – 1973.

***FOR FURTHER ILLUSTRATIONS SEE BACK PAGE***



## DP-Camps and Exile-Scouts in Germany (Part Two) by Gottfried Steinmann

### Russian Scouts

Russian and Armenian Scouts were the first who had to leave their homeland. Scouts had been banned ever since World War I. and preferred to live, as refugees in foreign countries, rather than under the Soviet dictatorship.

Towards the end of the WW II. a second wave of refugees arrived in West Germany, Austria and North Italy. They found accommodation in DP-Camps together with refugees from Armenia, Ruthenia, Ukraine, Yugoslavia, Slovenia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

These camps were provided and looked for by the U.N.R.R.A. (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) in close alliance with the allied Forces, and had an extraterritorial status. Those people responsible stood in front of an almost unsolvable task.

Under the leadership of experienced Scouts in many camps, national Scout groups were formed, who held up the identity of their homeland.

On 4.-6. November 1945 Scout delegates met from the different West German camps (none from Austria and Northern Italy, as they were not granted permission to enter Germany), and formed the Russian "Scouts in Exile".

1946, in and around Kassel (US-zone), there existed so called "Russian Camps" (incl. Ukraine) at Mönchehof, Fürstenwald, Rothwesten, Zierenberg and Wilhelmsthal. There a Camp post was organized, using special stamps, postmarks and greeting cards. When Camp Mönchehof was abandoned in 1949, the inmates were taken to the Camps Feldmoching and Schleissheim near Munich. The printing plates were taken along and the stamps received the overprint in Russian: "Camp Post / Feldmoching". (ex "Schweizer newsletter" 2/04, F.Scherb)



Card "Feldmoching"

As part of the German Contingent to the 7th World Jamboree at Bad Ischl, where a Russian patrol took part, and even at the Jubilee Jamboree 1957 in England a small delegation under the leadership of PANTUHOFF, the founder of the Russian Scouts, were present. (Info: ex „The Undaunted“ by Piet Kroonenberg)



Those PLASTUNS, remaining in the camps had a last meeting at Zuffenhausen from 16 -19.October 1949. Also a National contingent was sent to the 1951 Jamboree in Bad Ischl (info ex Kroonenberg)

Ruthenia, then part of the USSR. (Carpathian Ukraine) formerly part of Czechoslovakia

A special department of this Ukrainian group was registered as a member of the “DP-Scout Division“.

## Polish Scouts

Soon after the Polish defeat in 1939, parts of the Polish Army and civilians fled over the borders into Hungary and some into Romania. Amongst them was the “Chief Scout” Zbigniew Trylski. He was interned in Hungary, but soon was freed because of his friendship to Scout Count Teleki, who by then had become Prime Minister of Hungary. He even received the permission to form Scout groups within the refugee camps (info ex “The Undaunted”)

*Emblem of Polish Scouts*



Between 1939-1944, because of the forced recruiting of labour many young Poles came to Germany, especially after the Warsaw Uprising of 1944, members of the “Home Army” amongst them the “Szare Szeregi” (Grey Ranks) the Scout battalions, were deported into Concentration or Labour Camps.

So, when in 1945, at last Nazi Germany was beaten, and many Poles living in Germany, did not want to return home, since more persecution and repression had to be expected under the communist regime.

In 1945, a Director of a U.N.R.R.A assembly team at Lubeck started Scouting immediately. He reported that 45 Poles in the camp at Lubeck had formed themselves into a Rover Crew. He appointed a provisional committee to organize Scouting amongst all Polish boys in Germany, except those living in the Russian Zone. There were, he estimated, about 4000 boys in the immediate neighbourhood of Lubeck.(Saunders)

Co-ordination was difficult. Since the official postal system was out of order, communication, especially between the camps, was necessary. So, some sort of Post Office had to be devised.



*The PO. " Lübeck 1" was one of the first ones, it was operated by Scouts. Mail going through this Post office was marked with a special Scout marker*

A group of 15,000 Poles were housed in eight villages close to Minden. They held a meeting which was organized so that 800 Scouts and 400 Girl Guides were able to meet and many more were ready to join.(info Saunders)

The former occupant of the Concentration Camp Dachau, Aleksander Wojno, took on a leading role with the various Scout Troops and Groups which have emerged throughout Germany.(ex ZHP.catalogue)

## Baltic States (then part of the USSR)

### Lithuanian Scouts

On June 15, 1940 the Soviet occupation of Lithuania resulted in Scouting being banned in the country, but in 1945 in DP Camps an Exile Scout Movement started, many members of whom subsequently moved to the USA and Australia (WSB Circular Nr.6/97)

The first recorded Exile Scout group of Lithuania, the “Margis” was set up at Oldenburg. More followed soon at Blomberg and Wiesbaden....

The first meeting was held at Detmold on 26.-28. Oct. 1945. Ninety-nine delegates were present, representing 6000 registered Scouts from Lithuania.(ex “Akela” 3/48)

Centre of the Lithuanian Exile-Scouts became DIEPHOLZ, where the first and only High School worldwide was started up.

Augsburg, 19. 5.1947 , US. Zone. Exiled Scouts of the former Baltic States, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia held a Conference, and the annual “Convention of the Philatelic Society”.

Two of the Detmold stamps issued a year before, were overprinted with “Augsburg” and issued for this event

*“Detmold Stamps”*



75 Ukrainian Scouts plus 7 leaders

together with 95 Latvian and 36 Estonians, led by John R.Monnet – went to the 6th World Jamboree at Moisson, France.(ex “Scouting around the world, by J.S.Wilson)

At Lyenko near Hanover an international gathering of Ukrainian Scouts in Exile was organized to celebrate the 91st anniversary of the birth of Baden Powell (22.February) In 1948/49 there was the largest wave of emigration of people. Nevertheless a body of 18 Lithuanian Scouts, led by Field Master Skrinskas, went to the 1951 World Jamboree in Austria, where even a small exhibition was staged.

### Latvian and Estonian Scouts.

Just like neighbouring Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were invaded by the Red Army in 1940, and their Scouts were prohibited and driven out of their small country. The same destiny, living in DP-Camps, was their fate. In 1945, the rebirth of Latvian Scouting took place in Western Germany.

At camp Esslingen 165 Scouters had drawn up a well-planned programme for training Scoutmasters and Commissioners.



The Latvian Scouts in Exile reported to the B.S.I.B. on 8.5.1948: 41 groups in the British Zone, 34 in the US. Zone and 5 groups in the French Zone. (ZAP-Archive)

On 11. July 1948, the Latvian Scouts of South Bavaria came to Oberaudorf and camped together for two weeks on the campsite "Am Hals". The founder of German Scouting, Dr. A. Lion was welcomed at the site.

On 26. March 1949. A Scout exhibition was held at Nuremberg at the Army Youth House.

## Hungarian Scouts

Despite Hitler and Stalin, Hungarian Scouting managed to stay alive. In 1947 some 700 selected Scouts were allowed to take part in the 6th World Jamboree, the "Jamboree of Peace" - which was well publicized for propaganda reason. But as soon as they had returned, Scouting was dissolved in Hungary and in March 1948 their ending was declared to the World Bureau. The last camp was held at Harshegyi Scout Park near Budapest.

In August 1948 a meeting took place at Budapest, - supervised by Moscow - where it was concluded, that the Capitalist World uses Scouting and Guiding as a means to oppress and exploit youth. Consequently the World Movements were condemned as being enemies of the working class. ("The Undaunted" page 141)

But long before this , in the Winter of 1944/45 thousands of Hungarians had fled in a westerly direction, keeping ahead of the advancing Red Army. These refugees landed in DP Camps in occupied Austria and Western Germany. With the blessing of Chief Scout, Ferenc Farkas, who also had fled, Scouts in Exile groups were formed. They did not stay very long in the DP Camps, but soon spread all over the world, and again Scout groups were started keeping "Hungary" alive.

In 1950 there were 8 Hungarian groups in European countries, 20 in Canada and USA, 4 in Australia and 9 in various South American states. (info ex "The Undaunted")

## Exile-Scouts from Yugoslavia

Jean R. Monnet mentioned in his report (B.S.I.B "Jamboree Magazine" 1948, page 227) that three Scout groups of Yugoslavia, with 117 members were situated in West Germany and one in Austria. Later on he mentions the participation of a patrol at the "DP Scouts Patrol Rally" at Wellerode (near Kassel) in the US. Zone. Further he reports about 247 Slovenian Scouts, having founded a "Slovenian National DP. Scout Movement" in West Germany, Austria and Northern Italy were registered in the B.S.I.B.- DP. Division. (Ex Kroonenberg "The Undaunted")

**Today, more than sixty years have passed, and almost no evidence of these camps, or their life, has remained, as most of the witnesses are no longer alive. Only items of the Camp post – whether it was really necessary or not – have survived and can give some sort of evidence of a life in misery, within a kind of “Ghetto”, during a time where Scouts were able to help and give some relief.**

Gottfried Steinmann

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*Russian sheet of Stamps*

## Scouting Labels Continued

You may recall that in my last 'corner' I identified several labels that I classified as 'locals' i.e. that had been produced by individual Scout Counties to publicise their rallies rather than by the national Scout Association. I illustrated those for the Crystal Palace Rally of 1932, the Kent County Rally, also of that year, and the 'All Yorkshire Rally' held at Pontefract in 1933. These local issues almost by definition are rare, but I conjectured that there are likely to be further examples yet to be found. Well, before the article was published but after it had left my hands I was fortunate to find amongst the eBay auctions of our former Chairman, John Ineson, yet another that also fits in this 'local' category.

The label (with a turquoise background) advertises the North West Lancashire County Rally of 1930 held over 20-22 June at Squires Gate, Blackpool with Baden-Powell in attendance. B-P's diary confirms that indeed he was present. He left Euston Station London on June 20th at 5.10 p.m. and was met at Preston by Mrs Birley, wife of a Scout Commissioner. He was then 'motored' by Col. Palin Dobson, ex 10th Hussars, to Dobson's home 11 miles away in Wrea Green, a village 7 miles south of Blackpool. The following day (21st June) B-P Col. Palin Dobson and a Girl Guide Commission Miss Foster motored in 'warm rain' to Lytham St Annes. They were received by the Mayor and Borough Council. *'Then on to a rally at Blackpool on the old race course now aerodrome. 2000 Scouts in camp and 3000 more for rally. 2000 Girl Guides, 1500 Wolf Cubs. Good Displays. Good public, but rain showers most of afternoon. All good'*. The wet weather of the Fylde Coast it seems was not allowed to put a damper on the occasion!



Just out of interest, the following day Mr and Mrs Birley motored the Chief back to Preston, where he caught the 8.30 a.m. for London. The Chief Scout was no slacker as he was off again in the afternoon to a Scout Event in Guildford, *'reading Vol. I of Simmon's Report on the train'*. At Guildford he met up with Olave and his son Peter who was on holiday from school. They were staying with Eric Walker who, in 1909, was one of the first two paid Scout 'Organising Commissioners'. The all went fishing after tea and the Chief records that father and son both caught *'two little ones'*.

Eric Walker with his wife Bettie were back in the country from their home at the Outspan Hotel, Nyeri, in Kenya where B-P was later to build his final home 'Pax-tu', dying there in 1941.

## The Boy Scouts Are Carrying On

A relatively recent acquisition that once graced the collection of our former member, the late Keith Burtonshaw, is this cover with the Scout label, 'The Boy Scouts Are Carrying On'. My eye was attracted to the poster stamp in yellow, as I had a similar green issue in my collection. Later investigation revealed what should have been blindingly obvious at first view, that each of the three halfpenny stamps on the cover come from the reign of different King! George V, Edward VII, (the uncrowned King) and George VI.



The cover is postmarked May 12th 1937, the Coronation Day of King George VI, when of course the stamps of the previous two Kings were readily available, King George V dying on Jan 20th 1936.

I had previously thought that 'The Boy Scouts Are Carrying On' label was a wartime issue and this had led me to speculate on which came first, the now famous Ministry of Information poster or our Scout label. It would seem that whichever came first influenced the other? (It is often alleged that this poster was printed and held ready to be issued should the country have been occupied by enemy forces, but it is now known that it was used publicly, in a limited way, in 1939.



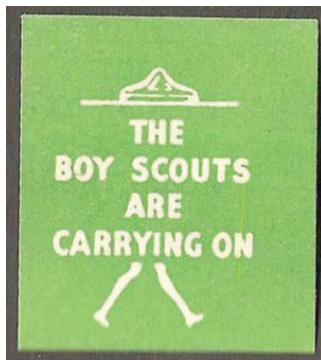
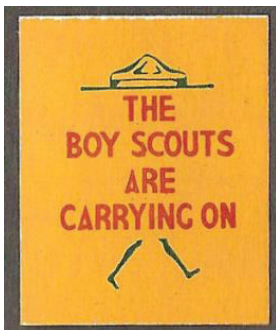
As you will see from the cover, the label is not tied by the postmark and so there is no proof that it was on the envelope when posted. (Unfortunately in earlier times, there were one or two collectors in our fraternity who delighted in adding labels to covers after the event!)

In a more vigilant mode I was again surprised by the fact that I had not noticed that the two labels were printed by differing methods (Scouts are meant to be observant, Scout philatelists even more so!) The green issue (over page, to the right) uses a single colour green over a white paper, - the design being formed by an absence of



green ink. The yellow issue (to the left) uses three colours, yellow, red and black.

I had put down the difference in the size of the two 'stamps' being merely a consequence of where the guillotine was allowed to fall, i.e. that the two designs were the same



size. However, as can clearly be seen when shown together, the green issue has altogether larger design than that of the yellow. The lettering 'Carrying On' on the green stamp is in fact 4 mm wider than that on the yellow issue. Clearly both labels would not have been issued at the same time, but which came first and when? Perhaps the much simpler and cheaper to produce green issue was produced during the war. Could it be then that the yellow issue was issued previously, perhaps in time to appear on my Coronation Day Cover?

'Ah', I hear you sigh, 'but what would occasion the Scout Association to proclaim it was 'Carrying On' , prior to the 1937 Coronation? Well, in fact there was a national crisis just prior to this event caused by the abdication of Edward VII. Accounts written at the time tell us that there was a real fear that the abdication had reduced the status of the Monarchy to the point that politicians feared that that it might well be overthrown!

Unfortunately, for the time being, my *Scouting Milestones* website is offline because of a forced transfer to a new provider. BT' having decided that its domestic division will no longer host websites. (Scouting Milestones will return to a new domain in a new format later this year!) On the website there was (and will still be) an in-depth article on the way Baden-Powell groomed the future Edward VII to be the first Scouting Monarch. He was devastated by the abdication, which he too feared could bring about the end of the monarchy.

Of course all of this, (other than the fact that there were two separate issues of the Scout label), is at the moment just idle speculation. Hopefully in time we will be able to provide a more definitive account. Somewhere the dates of issue of these two labels must be recorded?

Labels, Poster Stamps and Seals are often referred to as ' Cinderellas' and, as we have seen from the previous examples, not a lot is known about them. We cannot imagine, for example, not being able to easily access the date of issue of any postage

stamp. The label opposite would probably take the prize for looking most like a postage stamp, it even has perforations though their quality is very poor. It is a single colour printing in a light magenta/red. The gummed back of the label has some incomplete lettering in blue that appears to have been part of its manufacture. 'The London ??t Stamp So???ty, 45 Donaldson Road NW'. The fifth word is most probably 'Society'. It would be interesting if the third word was 'Scout', but it appears to have only three letters, I bought the item on an album page where a former owner (*Keith Burtonshaw*) had noted that it was published in 1915. I would welcome any further information.



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