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Editorial

Well, here we are Autumn already - doesn't the time fly nowadays - or perhaps I'm just getting that little bit older.

We are in the process of tidying up the house so that it will be as manageable as possible for my number 2 son when the time comes. One of the projects is to move my office into one of the slightly larger rooms which used to be my eldest son's bedroom. This is simple in theory but as he is now 45 and left home for the first time at age 18 and then again after The Army, University and marriage - and on none of these occasions did he take anything of significance with him. We are having to find long term homes for, amongst other things, four or five bags of military uniform and a large number of plastic construction kits which haven't even been started. So far we managed to give away about five boxes of military figures, most of which were used for war gaming. We're currently trying to find a home for some home brew beer and wine making equipment!

As usual I have tried to get plenty of variety in this issue but with the limitations on my numbers of contributors this is getting to be more difficult with each issue. I'm sure that there are others of you out there who have some stories related to their collecting - even if only to tell the rest of us why you started in the first place. Please, as I've said before, think about whether you are able to put pen to paper - or fingers to keyboards and let me have something as I don't have any reserve stock at the present time.

Terry Simister

Bob Lee has advised the following:-

Have just heard that Hallvard (Slettebo) got a large gold at Singapore show with 96% with his Jamboree exhibit. We send our congratulations to Hallvard.

FUTURE COPY DATES

November 15th. Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

FUTURE MEETINGS UPDATE

As mentioned before we are still intending to hold meetings in the UK during the major philatelic Exhibitions each year, providing that the hire costs are reasonable. Known dates are:

19th September, 2015-Autumn Stampex - Open Meeting from 13.00 to 14.00 at The Business Design Centre, Islington, London, N1 OQH

The 2016 AGM has been planned for 25th June, 2016 and again to be held at The Headquarters' Training Ship, The Lord Amory, Dockland Scout Project.

The 23rd World Scout Jamboree, hosted by Japan, ended on August 8th and, from what I hear it was a splendid event. In terms of publicity by our media I saw nothing - which is maybe because the 70th anniversary of the atom bomb at Hiroshima was on August 6th and this grabbed the headlines and T.V. Coverage. At the official commemorations held in Japan it would have been a wonderful opportunity for a delegation of Scouts from many nations to have taken part as a tribute to peace and reconciliation and friendship amongst nations.

As yet any Scout stamps commemorating the Jamboree have not "hit the market" but, no doubt, there will be many omnibus type issues from the smaller West Indian Islands and African nations; few of which will be found postally used apart from on F.D.Cs.

If any members were there please inform our Editor with a report of the postal facilities on site and details of any specific postmarks and labels produced which will be of great interest to our members.

**Poster Stamps and News -
reproduced from Stamp Magazine of March 2014.**



ABOVE: The renowned British military commander Lord Kitchener takes the salute from a troop of Scouts

“The Elektra Newspaper Group of Schoneberg, Berlin, produced a long series of current affairs items under the title “Neues Aus Aller Welt” (News from around the world), each illustrating a news item by way of a photograph and a caption. There are at least 269 different designs, all issued in 1913-1914. It is not known how many of each were produced, but they were probably circulated through poster stamp collecting clubs”

John's Jottings

by John Ineson

We are not the only magazine going quarterly, the June/July issue of *Scouting* mentions "Your next edition of *Scouting* magazine will be the September issue, which is when we start publishing the magazine quarterly". This magazine, which first appeared in July 1909 as the *Headquarters Gazette* had continued to be produced monthly for the next 100 years, but since then, in my opinion it has gone from bad to worse!

On a recent visit to Warsaw I managed to purchase this postcard with the scarce Scout cancellation.



but the Polish struggle had only just began. Although Russia having surrendered to the central powers of Germany and Austria, the armed forces of the new Bolshevik regime, (which had taken over the former

Russian Empire), then intended to retake the former Russian zone of Poland. At the start of the Polish-Soviet war, it was decided to organise the Scouts into special units, with the first Scout Battalion being formed in Warsaw. No less than 15,000 Scouts and Guides were involved, in either the armed forces or rendering services to the Government, the Red Cross, working in hospitals, but mainly being responsible for the Postal Service. This postcard showing the Scout Field Post cancellation was written on 28 January 1919 and arrived in Warsaw the next day. The War of Independence was finally won by Poland and ended on 12 October 1920.

During May, Rölli Auctions of Switzerland held the second auction from the collection of the late Walter Grob. This consisted mainly of cheaper material, but still there was a few interesting early items which included a couple of registered covers. The 1925 registered cover with the block of four stamps sold for £319 (€445, US\$ 488) and the scarcer cover from the 1931 first World Rover Moot made £250 (€348, US\$ 382).

(Illustrated on page 5)

I guess that a few of our members visited the European International Stamp Show in London during May, but the Thematic part of the exhibition was held at Essen, Germany due to the shortage of space in London. It was at this show that our member Gottfried Steinmann was awarded a Large Vermeil for his display "The Scouts in the 1944 Warsaw Uprising" which obtained 86 points. Panayotis Cangelaris and Giovanni Cucchiani both showed



Mafeking Siege at the main show in London and each were awarded a Large Silver medal. Our congratulations also go to Gottfried on recently being honoured by becoming a "SOSSI Distinguished Philatelist". He is the fifth person to receive this award since 2005, and he is well known as an outstanding exhibitor, researcher, writer and leader in national and international Scout philately. Other SGSC members to have been awarded this honour were Frederick Lawrence of USA in 2005 and Hallvard Slettebø of Norway in 2010.



 ADVERT

I can offer free (except for postage cost) a long run of our Scout & Guide stamp Bulletins from approximately 1976-2007. They belonged to the late Keith Burtonshaw, and as I already have my own copies, I wish to dispose of these. I guess that there is in the region of 180-200 issues. The total weight without packing is 6.3 kilos and as they will weigh under 10 kilos, the postage by Parcelforce is £16.40 in the UK. To Europe it would be about £52, and much more anywhere else in the world. Payment would have to be by cheque in the UK but overseas by PayPal, there could be an extra charge. First come first served. Contact me, John Ineson by email jpineson@aol.com

Sometimes, when speaking in casual conversation to people about philately, they ask “do people still collect stamps? We never see any these days.” For most people, probably the only commemorative stamps they see nowadays are at Christmas. Most other mail seems to be prepaid, franked or are personal letters with the basic 1st or 2nd Class definitives. Nothing much to inspire collecting. Also, on odd occasions, when the Scouting angle of philately is mentioned, people ask if there are still Scouts!

Times are changing, but let me take you back to 1957 when Scouting was fifty years old, and (most) letters had stamps on them! 1957 being the Centenary of the birth of Scouting’s Founder Robert Baden-Powell, also the 50th Anniversary of his experimental camp on Brownsea Island. There were stamp issues from 14 nations, plus three overprinted sets. First Day Covers for most of these 17 issues are well-known, but I should like to describe some non-philatelic, really used items, plus a few where the Scout stamp(s) have been used at other events.

The first issue for 1957 appeared on 19th January from the Philippines for the Girl Scout World Camp which took place at Quezon City from 19th January to 2nd February. An envelope with the World Camp cachet was posted to one of our late members, Mary Lambe in Melbourne, Australia. Unfortunately, the postmarks on both back and front



of the envelope are quite illegible. Another envelope from the Afran Stamp Company of Manila carries both perforate and imperforate versions of the stamp, plus Manila slogan “Give to the YLAC Fund”.

Four issues appeared on 22nd February 1957, the actual centenary date of B-P’s birth. These were from Cuba, Finland, Iran and Netherlands Antilles. Some of the Cuban items were mentioned in our Spring SGSC Bulletin Vol.59, No.1. On the second day

of use of the Finnish stamp, it was used on a special cover with the postmark of “Salpausselka Winter Games”.



The single stamp from Iran appears on a U.S.A. Reply Paid card alongside a 4c. postal stationery stamp – unfortunately only cancelled with a blue crayon. The card had been sent to the International Scout Commissioner in Tehran with a request for its return, and bears the Commissioner’s handstamp.



Another envelope, posted on 27.II.57 carries the B-P stamp, plus the two stamps issued in 1956 for the National Jamboree. Obviously a philatelic production, it was sent by Registered Post to London.

Although most of the first day covers from Netherlands Antilles are addressed, I have a couple of commercially mailed items – one from Willemstad sent by Registered Post to U.K. on 26.II.57, and one sent to myself on a Belgian Scout postcard in 1978 (how did I do that – I can’t remember!). Two photographic maximum cards were produced on 1st June and 1st August, both using the lowest value of the set only.

Korea produced two stamps on 27th February 1957, plus a miniature sheet, which is one of the scarcest items for the Scout philatelist to find. First day cancellations appeared



from many cities which seem to have had moveable date figures. I have one from Seoul dated 28th February, and another dated 4th March. Incidentally, there appears to have been three different first day postmarks used in Seoul. Two of those mentioned above are of different designs, and there is a third with the mis-spelling SCAUTS. This error also occurs on an FDC from Jinhan, this cover also shows an incorrect issue date of FEB,23,1957. I also have five commercial envelope posted in various cities during 1957, 1961 and 1967.

Nicaragua produced the longest set so far issued on the Scouting theme – 15 stamps plus 2 miniature sheets on 9th April 1957. All were incorrectly dated 1856-1956. The stamps were widely available for postage, and I have eight commercial envelopes with various combinations and other commemoratives. Scout Anastasio Somoza appeared on the 20 cents stamp in the set, and later he became a General in the Army. His portrait appears on a coloured photographic maximum card in his full military uniform with the 1957 stamp of himself affixed. The postmark is dated 30 January, but the year is illegible.



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The Luxembourg pair were issued on 17th June, and on 3rd September they were used on a KLM First Flight cover from Amsterdam to Houston, Texas. The cover was initially postmarked on 27.8.57 at Rumelange in Luxembourg. Another cover posted in Rumelange on 18.9.57 to Belgium is on a first day cachet envelope. The



Jagger portrait of B-P was used as a maximum card with the two stamps on 19th August 1957 with Luxembourg City postmark. Another card from Scout Headquarters was posted Luxembourg –Gare on 21.4.60 (to myself).

One of the first items obtained for my Scout philatelic collection was a commercial envelope from my employer at the time. Whitbread & Co.Ltd had a bottling plant in Brussels, and an envelope addressed to my manager at the time carries the 4Fr Belgian stamp showing Baden-Powell. I have other envelopes bearing either the B-P stamp or the 80c value, one of which has the handstamp of the Scouts' Esperanto League. In Belgium, a special form is (or was) required for forwarding re-addressed mail, and I have two of these. One bears the 4Fr. B-P stamp, the other has two 80c stamps (=1.60Fr.) but I am unaware why there should be a difference in cost. Perhaps they were philatelically contrived?



Brazil's single stamp was issued on 1st August 1957 and I only possess one commercial cover with this stamp, posted to South Africa in 1958. The stamp was also used on a maximum card of B-P at the Youth Philatelic & Numismatic Exposition in Sao Paulo in August 1957.

There are plenty of commercial and non-Scout commemorative items using the G.B. Jubilee Jamboree stamps, perhaps a further article on these might be appropriate. It is worth bearing in mind that these stamps were only the twelfth G.B. commemorative issue, and just the second during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The overprinted stamps used in Eastern Arabia, Bahrain and



Qatar are a different matter, and these are rarely seen. I have six commercial covers altogether, with Bahrain and Qatar overprints posted in Kuwait, plus the Qatar stamps and Eastern Arabia (Muscat) mailed in Bahrain. It

appears that the stamps were valid all across the region.

The Taiwan set of three was the only issue to show the Jubilee Jamboree emblem, and appeared on 11th August 1957. But I have cover from Tainan which is dated 10 August. I have a couple of the stamps on commercial mail, one addressed to Ghana. Later, the stamps appeared on special covers commemorating Scout Week 20-24.11.57, and the 101st birthday of Lord Baden-Powell in 1958.

The Dominican Republic's production was rather complex, comprising eight stamps of an earlier Olympic Winners issue with "Centenario Lord Baden-Powell 1857-1957 + 2c" overprints in red. Plus two miniature sheets with different centre panels, both

perforate and imperforate, the surcharge on these being "+ 5c" on each stamp in the sheets. Also some of the stamps appeared with inverted or misplaced overprints. I have two commercial



covers of this issue, one addressed to Denmark with the handstamp "You are always welcome in the Dominican Republic" in English and Spanish. Unfortunately this envelope had been sliced in half at some time and re-joined – one might call it a messy item! The other is cover I managed to get sent to myself in 1976.

The final issue of the year was the two stamp set from Liechtenstein which appeared in sheets of six sets on 10th September 1957. There are many opinions as to whether



B-P would have appreciated the portrait of himself with hat at a jaunty angle! The designer of the stamps was Canon A. Frommelt, and when the 1st Glasgow Scout Group visited Liechtenstein in 1963, some stamps were affixed to cards and signed by the Canon. By this time, the stamps had been invalidated (1961) so the postmark on the cards could only be applied to a later stamp issue. The stamps were only valid until 31.VII.61, and my dear friend, the late Walter Grob-Sigrist arranged for full sheets of the stamps to be mailed to his home by Registered Express post, the bottom of the sheets being handstamped LAGERPOST GUSCHA GR BALZERS FL (Camp Post Balzers Liechtenstein). A nice envelope bearing the two stamps and sent from the Scout H.Q. in Vaduz completes the selection for 1957.

WORLD COLLECTORS MEETING AND EUROSCOUT 2016

Message from our member Erika Schandl

Dear Friends!

The Registration is now online <http://www.worldscoutcollectors.org/en/>

At the same time, prices and cancellation fees are apparent.

We look forward to your registration.

Scout's Revenues or Scouts Must Pay Taxes Too! By T.P. McDermott©

While reading an old booklet titled *Philmont: Guide Book to Adventure* (1966), I came across a reference to the requirement of the need to have a New Mexico fishing license if one wanted to go fishing at the Philmont Scout Ranch. Wow, a revenue item with a Boy Scout connection; that's an interesting story!

Revenues are receipts for the payment of government taxes and fees (or an exemption of not having to pay a specific tax). These payments can be substantiated by either stamps, licenses, permits, or other artifacts that signify that the government has received its money. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, stamps, specifically revenue stamps, which were similar to postage stamps, were the means of signifying that payment was made.

Since about 1960, the US Government has no longer issued revenue stamps as it decided that attached receipts or stamps were no longer required to indicate that the taxes were paid. The only exception is the Hunting Permit Stamps, popularly known as Duck Stamps and these stamps are sold mostly for their artistic beauty rather than for hunting revenue purposes. By the twenty-first century, most payments were paid and received by electronic accounting.

Unlike postage stamp collectors, revenue collectors occasionally have trouble putting their collectibles into album pages or glassine envelopes due to their size and dimensions --- occasionally they were not just flat paper artefacts. This may be one of the reasons why revenue collecting is not popular among many philatelists. Another factor is the lack of knowing that revenues are available and fun to collect. Hopefully this article will provide some answers to the latter two points.

FISHING LICENSE

Philmont, the original BSA High Adventure base (www.philmontscoutranch.org), is located in the northeast section of the State of New Mexico. Its 137,000 acres or 214 square miles offers a large variety of wilderness activities for older scouts. Some of these activities include fishing, fly fishing and fisheries biology. The above mentioned guide booklet on page 22 states that "All fishermen must have a New Mexico State fishing license. Anyone without a license is subject to legal prosecution." For those who were 14 through 17 years old, a **special** 10-day license for use only on the Philmont property was available at \$1.10. For those who were older, there was the regular 5-day non-resident state license for \$5.25. Fishing licenses could be purchased at trading posts in seven of the many different camps at Philmont. The 1992 version of this pamphlet includes the same information and updated the information for the fees of non-residents adult fees at \$5.25 for one day, \$10.50 for five days or \$18.50 for

an annual licensee. Current Philmont online information lists the **special youth license** for \$1.50 and the other adult rates at \$9, 17, and 45 dollars. Unfortunately, I have not seen copies of the special youth licenses sold for fishing at Philmont.

While reading the book “Return to The Summit of Scouting” by William F. Cass, I found more than ten references regarding fishing. The stories tell of catching fishes and pan frying to supplemented the packaged dried trail food of the author’s years on the Philmont staff.

A special fishing permit was issued by the State of Pennsylvania for use during the 1973 BSA National Jamboree, held at Moraine State Park, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (See figure #1). This license is a metal button, with a diameter of 1 ½ inches or 4 cm, blue in colour with white markings. It has the words Fishing Permit and the jamboree and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission symbols. This was the split jamboree with two locations: one in Pennsylvania and the other location was at Farragut State Park, Idaho, on Lake Pend Obeille. The Farragut site was earlier the site of the 1965 Girl Scouts of America Senior Roundup and the Twelfth World Scout Jamboree of 1967. I have not seen an Idaho scout license for any of these events. (Many state fishing licenses, at that time, were two inch metal buttons with a pin for fastening onto outer clothing.) A wallet-card fishing permit was created for the 1977 Jamboree held entirely at Moraine State Park (See figure #2). It is a card with the jamboree and Pennsylvania Fish Commission symbols and the state’s famous keystone map symbol. On the back side is listed the rules and regulations regarding daily limit and size requirements for taking fish. The permit says it allows the holder to fish August 3 – 9, 1977 at Lake Arthur. One wonders about the fee for the license, or if a special bulk payment was made for all the permits that were issued.

Some research on Mr. Ralph W Abele, who was the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fishing Commission between 1972 and 1987, leads me to another conclusion. As a young Boy Scout, Ralph participated in two of the three major scouting events, The 1937 National Jamboree and as a boy scout aide to the Last Reunion of the Blue and Gray, the aged/last remaining veterans of America’s civil war of 1861-65. He was not a participant in the 5th World Jamboree of 1937. In 1962 as a leader, he and his Troop 230 of Mt Lebanon, PA was awarded the coveted William F. Hornaday Award for distinguished service to conservation. His accomplishments with the Fishing Commission were more than just a great administration. (See www.fish.state.pa.us and search for scouts or Abele.) I believe that our two artifacts were for teaching scouts the need of fisherman to fulfil their civic duties by obtaining the required licenses.

I wonder if the state of West Virginia has issued fishing permits/licenses for the new Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation where the 2013 BSA national jamboree was held and where the 2019 World Jamboree will be held. Hunting and fishing are important

sports for both Pennsylvanians and West Virginians and these states promote themselves as modern sports and recreation areas.

The most famous fisherman in early scouting was B-P himself. His fishing side trips while on two tours to Canada are well documented. Heather Baden-Powell, B-P's oldest daughter, in her book Baden-Powell; A Family Album (1986) tells of accommodating her father on 15 occasions by going fishing. There is no mention of B-P obtaining a fishing license. However she does tell of her and her sister obtaining a driver's license during the 1936 South Africa tour. It cost 2 pounds but was valid for life.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH
(SPECIAL PHILMONT FISHING)**

H NO. 00001

VOID

ORIGINAL

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Begin Date _____
 License Fee **\$2.00**

PRICE PAID	
Subtotal	1.50
Vendo ^r Fee	.50
Total	2.00

SPECIAL TEMPORARY TEN DAY FISHING LICENSE
PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Valid during open fishing season for 10 days from begin date in waters located on the Philmont Scout Ranch in Colfax County, New Mexico. Limited to applicants under age 18.

EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2016

DATE OF BIRTH
EYES:
HAIR:
HEIGHT:
SEX:

Adventures Scouting
DIRECTOR

Signature of Vendor: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____
 Address: _____ Date: _____ 20____

VOID

HUNTING LICENSES

Philmont also had a large population of animals including antelope, elk, deer, bear, mountain lion and over 100 bison (American buffalo). As part of their wildlife management programs, the ranch conducts periodical invitational hunting trips. State hunting licenses are required. Philmont is listed as one of the many Over the Counter (OTC) agents for providing both fishing and hunting licenses. The cost of state hunting licenses range from \$290 to \$555. (See Philmont's web pages and search for sportsman adventures – hunt.)

I don't believe Philmont has a **special** hunting license as it has for teenage fisherman. Since there are no special licenses, regular state hunting licenses must, in some way, be identified as sold for use at Philmont if we want to consider them as scout revenues. Hopefully they have some indication as to where the licenses were sold; maybe a receipt. Otherwise it must be just another New Mexico State revenue artifact.

AUTO LICENSES

Regulations and control of roads and automobiles in the USA is a state function and the fifty states have various, but similar, safety and revenue taxing functions. Operations are under the control of a state's Department (or Office) of Motor Vehicles (DMV). One requirement is for autos to pay for license plates that are displayed above the auto's bumper.

In addition to the usual license plate combinations of serial numbers and letters, many states offer '**Vanity License Plates**' or personalized plates where a car owner can choose a combination of letters to spell a name or word that relates to or describes the owner, such as "DAD'S CAR". Lucky owners who can come up with a combination of unused letters treasure their new plates and renew them regularly in spite of the extra fees. All combinations are unique within each individual state. My deceased neighbour, Barry Mann, paid the extra fee for his New York State vanity plate "SOSSI". I would guess that 2% of car owners in my state pay for the use of these vanity plates. Interpreting the meaning of these plates while driving behind them is an interesting activity. Informally, I myself, joke that these plates are 'word taxes'; why would people otherwise pay this type of money to their government. Other words that I have seen include SCOUT, SCOUTER, OLDSCOUT, and GIRLSCOUT.

Another type of available license plates are known as **Special Interest License Plates** which have background designs and titles of recognized organizations and of course, the usual set of numbers. These plates are available for organizational members who pay an additional fee. This fee is usually shared between the involved organization and the state. The state of Texas recognized over 400 sponsoring organizations. Expired plates seen on eBay included Texas that has BSA and GSUSA while Florida had GSUSA plates,

North Carolina has Eagle Scout and the Province of Ontario has Scouts Canada. (*Check eBay for resale of expired plates using the key words scout & license.*)

(Don't be fooled by Novelty or Decorative Plates that use various symbols or other artwork designs of numerous organizations and are sold at commercial stores and other outlets. They are mostly found in the states that only require a rear license plate as these novelties can be mounted on the front of the auto. They are not government issued plates therefore they do not satisfy the government licensing requirements. Some decorative plates that have been seen include various camp names or honour Eagle Scouts. They do make excellent fundraising items.)

Another type of plate, rarely seen, is called **Special Event License Plates** that are issued during a particular event such as a golf tournament, etc. The state of Illinois

has issued five scout event plates during the 1990s. The state of Michigan also issues these types of plates as a result of the influence of Detroit manufacturers who provide the complimentary automobiles for high class special events. They have a great advertisement tie-in. At the BSA's national jamborees at A P Hill, with few autos on site, has anyone noticed what their license plates read?

An interesting web page is David Miura's Scouting License Plate <http://www.angelfire.com/wy/gilwell/plates.html>

Annual Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions are all due for payment by 1st April each year.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

TYPE	POSTAL SERVICE		ELECTRONIC SERVICE	
	1 YEAR	5 YEARS	1 YEAR	5 YEARS
UK INDIVIDUALS AND SECTIONS	£18	£85	£12	£55
EUROPE AIRMAIL	£21	£100	£12	£55
REST OF WORLD AIRMAIL	£26	£125	£12	£55
JUNIORS ALL WORLD	£6	NOT AVAILABLE	£5	NOT AVAILABLE

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E-mail: membership@sgsc.org.uk**

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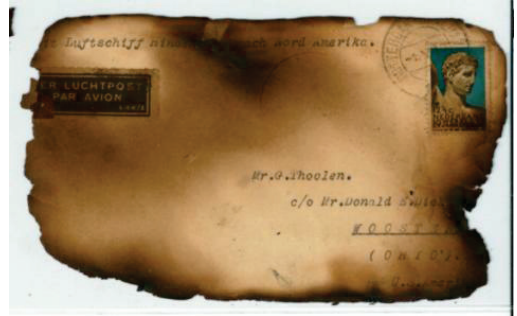
Pre-Jamboree mail from Gottfried Steinmann

Following up Peter Duck's article in the Bulletin Nr.59/2 from July/2015, I would like to comment on the Pre-Jamboree usage of stamps.

In my collection are two items of special interest:



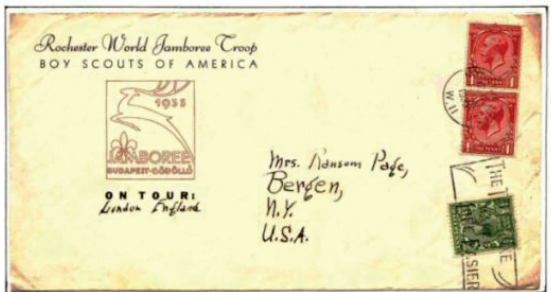
Brief Vorderseite vom 18.7.1933 aus Budapest mit kompl. Jamboreesatz.



One is a Registered cover, cancelled at Budapest. 18.7.1933 (image 1), and the second item is the spectacular "Hindenburg" crash cover, postmarked (image 2). It is a lot more difficult to obtain "Pre-Jamboree usages.

There exist also interesting covers on the US-pre-Jamboree tour to the Gödöllő 1933

Jamboree. (image 3 and 4) Does anybody have any information on this? How many souvenir covers have been made? How large was the U.S. "Rochester"-contingent? What would be the value of such a cover?



Die amerikanische Pfadfinderdelegation verband ihre Teilnahme am Jamboree mit einer vorherigen Rundreise durch verschiedene Länder Europas.

Please contact, either the editor of the bulletin or me:

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The Postal History of B-P's Holiday Camps

The 1907 Brownsea Experimental Camp

I have no evidence that the 1907 Brownsea Experimental Camp was ever called a 'Holiday Camp'. The two camps that Baden-Powell organised in 1908 at Humshaugh and at Beaulieu in 1909 certainly were, so in search of an inclusive if not snappy title I am combining these three most important early camps under the 'Holiday Camp' heading.

Let's get an 'old chestnut' out of the way from the start. It is possible to argue from both sides that Brownsea was or was not a 'Scout' Camp. On the side of 'No, it was a not Scout Camp' - we know that the defining element of Boy Scout was, and still is, that he or she had taken the Scouts Law and Promise and that they were not written until January 1908.

However, Baden-Powell himself called his experimental camp a Scout Camp. The evidence comes from the only two letters sent out of the camp whilst it was on going.

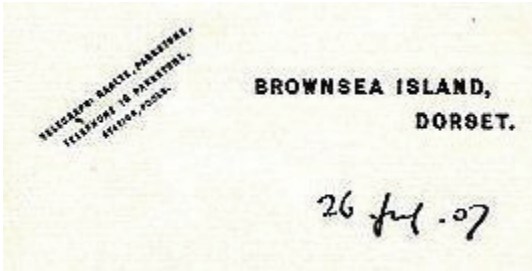


The printed letter heading is on green paper, with a green printed three line address 'The Scouts Camp, Brownsea Island, Poole. Opposite to the address was a small green Fleur de Lys, the first use of this device in connection with Scouting though, since 1895, B-P had been using the badge which he said (and wrote) was both a lily and the arrowhead from a compass, which in fact was a Fleur de Lys, the badge of the Bourbon Kings of France.

B-P cut the design out of sheet brass and it was given to all of the Brownsea boys, who can be seen wearing it in the several of the 23 photographs taken at the camp, as can B-P himself.

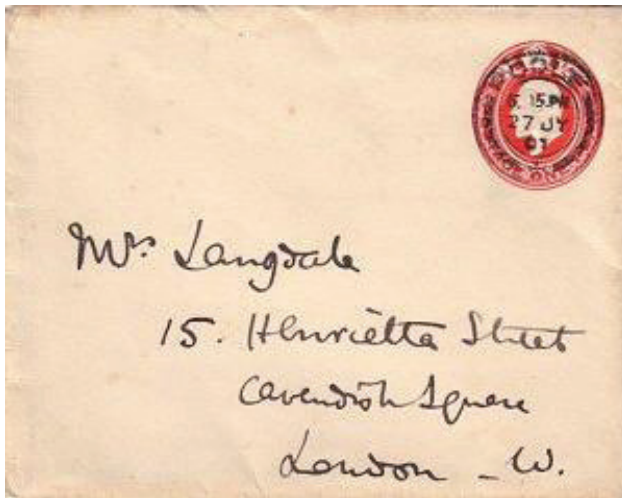
The first use of the headed 'Scout Camp' notepaper was to the editor of the Daily Mirror written on the 4th of August 1907. B-P had 'got wind' that the press were aware of his presence on Brownsea and was trying to ensure that camp was not interrupted by unwanted newspaper reporters. (In his private writings he called reporters 'vermin'!) The letter starts, *'I write to say that the camp is only a small experimental one ..'* and goes to promise the editor full cooperation as Scouting developed in exchange for being left in peace on Brownsea. It is likely that others newspaper editors may have had the same letter but there is no evidence that any such exist today. B-P's strategy worked remarkably as press coverage of the camp was limited to one local paper based on a reporter who went round the island in a boat and reporting what he could read through his binoculars.

The other 'Scout Camp' headed letter was to Mrs Langdale a friend of B-Ps who lived at 15 Henrietta St London, which by one of the amazing coincidences of which B-P was so fond was the location of the first Scout Office opened on January 1st 1908, formerly part of the Arthur Pearson's Newspaper offices. He funded B-Ps promotional lecture tours in 1907/8 in exchange for the right to publish *Scouting for Boys* and the *Scout Magazine*.



B-P also wrote to Mrs Langdale on 26th of July from Brownsea Island when he was staying at Brownsea Castle, owned by the Van Raalte family (who had loaned Brownsea to B-P), one of their several family homes, to tell her about his intended camp, the only letter to describe its location.

'It is a perfect place for it - a splendid island, well wooded and so wild, giving plenty of scope for Scouting. I think we shall have a very good time'



B-Ps letter written on the 26th was taken across to Poole and received by the Post there at 6.15 p.m on the 27th. The nicely centred postmark is over a one penny oval 'stamp' embossed on the envelope.

Another such letter was sent to a Miss Lyttelton on the 28th July on the same headed note paper.

It is known that the 'Brownsea

Camp' headed notepaper was printed and provided by Pearsons.

On the 9th of August B-P wrote to Mrs Langdale again this time on the Brownsea Camp note paper.

'I am breaking up camp here - I am in a tearing hurry. The camp has been a great success - but hardish work.'

Mrs Langdale's two Brownsea letters are the only ones still with their original envelopes but unfortunately



the 9th of August letter, which was sent with a conventional penny stamp, the envelope has been badly torn.

Clearly B-P himself had provided all the components of the Scout Camp notepaper, but his personal commitment to the designation 'Scout Camps' has only very recently come to light. At the last of the two talks that I gave at the Gilwell Reunion this year, a Danish Scouter now living in London produced a book given by B-P to R (Reginald Walter) Giles, one of the three Poole Boys' Brigade boys at the Brownsea Camp. The book was entitled *'The Story of a Scout'* by John Finnemore, which of course was nothing to do with Boy Scouting. The book has no great significance but the dedication on its flyleaf to Giles, concludes *'Scouts Camp Brownsea Island 8th August 1907'*. This exactly parallels a dedication in an Ernest Thompson Seaton book, *Two Little Savages*, presented at the camp to Cedric Curtis from the Bournemouth Boys Brigade. Curtis wrote in a letter to the Scout Association in 1928.

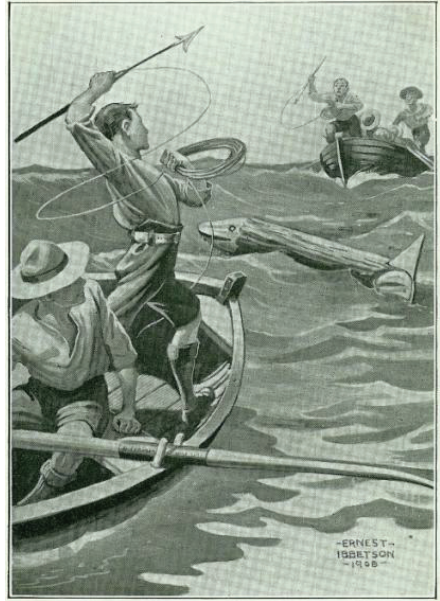
I have the book B-P gave to me at the end of the camp and two letters he wrote to my mother, one to say I appeared to be enjoying myself and the other after the camp.

Neither of these two letters has ever surfaced, but the quote infers that the first letter was sent to Cedric's parents from the camp. Joy of joys, in the book B-P presented to Giles was a handwritten letter written to his parents saying much the same thing, headed *Scouts Camp, Brownsea*. So we know that the parents of two of the Brownsea boys received a letter from B-P whilst the camp was in progress. The probability must be that the parents of all 21 boys (yes, I do mean 21 - see my book *Brownsea B-P's Acorn*) would have received a similar letter - and it is doubtful B-P would have omitted to send the same sort of letter to the mother of his ten year old nephew Donald Baden-Powell, who was at the camp as B-P's 'adjutant'. So, we have the great possibility of another 22 letters sent out from the Brownsea camp over and above those I have already detailed.

There also has to be the possibility that the boys themselves may have sent letters/postcards home from the camp, but if they did, they have never surfaced. Postcards however were produced by the artist Earnest Ibbotson with impressions of two of the Earnest Seaton's games played at the camp, *'Harpoon the Whale'* and *'Bang the Bear'*, which were sold after the introduction of Scouting in 1908. (See page 22)

Humshaugh B-Ps Holiday Camp August 22nd - 7th October 1908

A competition in the Scout Magazine based on collecting coupons in the magazine, thus helping to extend its readership, provided 'The Gallant Thirty'. These winners were invested and uniformed Scouts who won the right to attend the camp with B-P close to the Roman Wall, three miles from Hexham in Northumberland. There were in addition six other boys who were children of B-Ps friends, including his nephew Donald, Humphrey Noble and George Rodney who had also attended the Brownsea Camp. All of the boys were all asked to keep a diary, as did B-P himself. Three of the boys' diaries (and B-P's) are still in existence contrasting greatly with the Brownsea Camp. No letters



are known to have been sent out from this camp, though B-P did write to all of the parents after the camp, one such is illustrated in my book, *'The Dawn of the World Scout Movement'* and as with the Brownsea Camp there are no known postcards/letters from the boys to their parents, thought surely this must have happened?

Six postcards using black and white photos that were taken at the camp were published by the Scout Association in 1908. The same images were also produced on hand-tinted magic lantern slides. Both photographs and slides were commissioned by Baden-Powell as teaching aids.

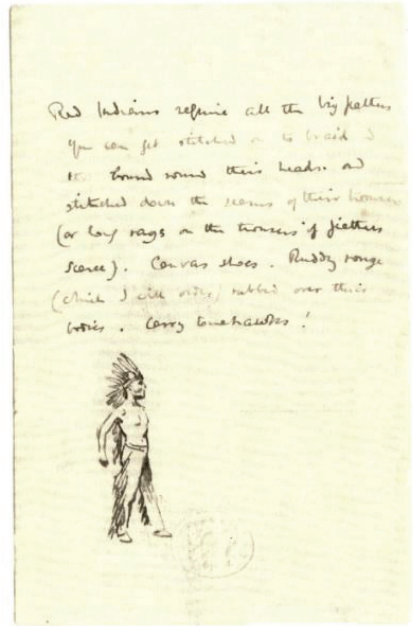


The Beaulieu Camp held at Bucklers' Hard and on board TS Mercury August 1909

As for the Humshaugh Camp 'the Gallant Thirty' were chosen by *The Scout* magazine by competition which again relied on the winners buying (and selling on) an enormous

number of Scout magazines in order to collect the necessary coupons. As before a patrol was also made up the children of Baden-Powell's friends. Donald Baden-Powell attended as did John (known as Jack), son of Rudyard Kipling. The boys spent one week camping at Buckler's Hard, an ancient Royal Navy Dockyard, and the another on the Training Ship TS Mercury, an old three master sailing ship that belong to the multitalented sportsman, politician and diplomat C B Fry who used to ship to try and reform delinquents.

Baden-Powell was not resident at the camp but visited both the ship and the land camp. On the 17th August, whilst on board the ship B-P wrote a four page letter to John 'Banjo' Booth. He had been a leader at the Humshaugh camp and was in charge of the Land Camp at Buckler's Hard. In the letter B-P suggests that Booth (who as his nickname suggests was an accomplished performer on the banjo) should encourage the Scouts as they neared the end of their time in the camp to produce a 'display', going on to suggest that they should dress up as 'Red Indians', detailing what they should wear, their 'lodges' and other items that could be made to enhance the 'stage set'. B-P then went on to say that the Scouts might enact a war dance. The four page letter, now in my collection, has three pen and ink drawings so that Booth could get the details exactly right.



There are no other known letters relating to this camp, but some postcards were devised, of which I have only the one illustrated. I am aware of one other, but would welcome scans of any postcard that that carries a caption T.S. Mercury.



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