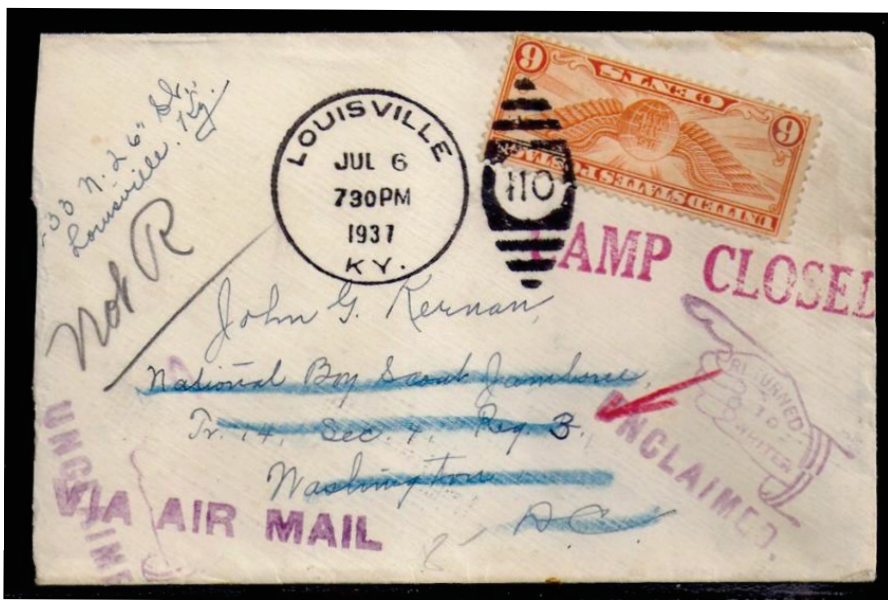


Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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First American National Jamboree

Dates June 30th to July 9th 1937

Marked with return hand and CAMP CLOSED

(Courtesy eBay)

(See article starting on Page 14)

SPRING 2015



Editorial

Here we are in 2015 and there are times when I feel like saying - "Well I made it". I did see my cardiologist at the end of January and the good news is that the MRI scan which I had last August did not show any signs of a previous incident and, in fact, didn't show any damage to my heart at all - other than the fact that it is enlarged, which has brought about all the problems. These findings have changed the position slightly in that the Cardiologist now thinks that my problems have probably been caused by a virus, as he originally anticipated, but could also be generic and, as such, lain dormant since I was born. Anyway he is happy with my current treatment and has told me to continue unchanged for now.

It has been a rather strange time since last October because I would usually be heavily involved in Gang Show, especially on Sunday afternoons. However this is not to be and from the messages that I am receiving it would seem that the whole Show is rather problematic, especially in respect of cast numbers which seem to be down to about 60 in the main gang and 19 in the mini gang. It will be very interesting to see how it turns out and Betty and I will purchase our tickets to give it our support.

I hope you like the variety in this issue, even if I have had to rely on my regular contributors. Please 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. I would particularly welcome some follow up from members as to why they started collecting - particularly Scout or Guide stamps.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 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:

London 2015 Europhilex - 13th to 16th May, 2015.

We will not be meeting at this event as the cost to hire a room for two hours is around £200, plus VAT, making £240.00 in total.

The Exhibition will be in The Business Design Centre, Islington, London.

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Please also note that the Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on board the Lord Amory, Scout Training Vessel at Docklands. Address: 631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London, E14 3NU commencing at 14.00 on Saturday 13th June, 2015.

Agendas will be available to those attending or can be e-mailed in advance if you know that you are going to join us.

In countries with modern infrastructures and communications networks most people, especially the young, keep in touch via mobile devices that are almost glued to their hands! Computers, social media, texts, Facebook, twitter etc. have taken over their lives replacing the sending of letters to pen-pals and holiday postcards. (Ed: except for the Club Chairman who still sends his "Notes" typewritten in an envelope!) Commemorative postage stamps from Britain are nowadays marketed towards collectors rather than for postal use and their often high values reflect this. The Royal Mail no longer has the monopoly to deliver parcels and the ones they do usually use a printed label rather than stamps so again their use is reduced even further. There was a time when stamps on private or commercial mail from third world countries were at a premium, but soon the same will apply to such mail from most other countries.

As collectors, the study and collection of historical Scouting and Guiding material is now our main interest and the ever increasing value of the better items reflects this. Modern Scouting and Guiding philately largely concentrates on commemorative stamps, miniature sheets, covers and postmarks for special events, especially World Jamborees when many speculative issues appear - some with dubious validity, with similar designs that can almost be described as omnibus issues. Sadly many Jamborees no longer have a post office on site or, at best, a commemorative handstamp posted off site.

As a Club we must accept this progress and that philately no longer attracts younger members; but luckily there is still plenty of interesting material available out there for us to collect, research and display. Members with our specialist knowledge often find bargains even at the largest stamp shows.

**UPDATE TO EARLIER ARTICLE ON POSTCARD TO FIRST NATIONAL
BSA JAMBOREE**

by T.P. McDermott

A book, *The National and World JAMBOREES in PICTURES* produced by the BS of A (1937) has a few references to the subject of our article in S&GSC Vol 58 #5 of Sept/Oct 2014. Pictured on page 40, is a three story replica of FDR's Hyde Park three story home. It measures 15 X 60 feet. It was not a gateway into a troop's site but more of a Regional exhibit; all doors are roped off. It was a creation of the Central Hudson Electric Company, the electrical power company of Dutchess County, New York. The book says that the replica was visited by the President who was escorted by James E West and Commissioner Daniel Carter Beard during FDR visit/ auto tour to the jamboree. Using the book and magnifying glasses, I believe the structure was in a far out corner of the region's section. The region itself was on the outer western edge of the jamboree site; way out of the beaten path for the majority of other scouts! This book is useful for research into both the 1937 national and world jamborees. I used it to check the address of the Louisville KY cover.



I very often write about the scarce and unusual items that have come up for sale, either on eBay or in auction. In this issue, I report about a Mafeking small head Baden-Powell 3d stamp sold recently on eBay and referred to as a "Space Filler". This stamp, with the 19 April 1900 postmark was offered by a collector in South Africa and received 15 bids from five different people. Can you guess was this sold for? See the price below at the end of the next paragraph. I do not think that I have ever seen a Mafeking blue stamp in such a worse condition, with a large part missing at the top and a bad crease across the stamp.

We have an expression in the U.K., " It never rains, but it pours". It was only in the July- August 2014 Bulletin that I reported a second recorded cover from the 1936



Northern Counties Jamboree held at Raby Castle, Darlington had been sold by auction. Now a few months later I was offered the cover shown here. It is a little "Philatelic" but still a cover posted from the camp on Thursday 6th August and signed by the Chief Scout, the day he, and Lady Baden-Powell visited the camp. The postmarks are very clear, but the red "Northern Counties Jamboree 1936, Raby Castle" label, is not a label, but appears to have been cut out from somewhere

else, and fixed to the cover with a stamp hinge. Having obtained the cover, I needed something else to fill the page, and a fellow collector and a member of the SGSC kindly agreed to sell me the postcard shown. It would appear that the Scouter is blowing a Kudu horn to summon Scouts to the Jamboree. Have you seen any other postcard from this camp, other than the one of Raby Castle which is rather black in places? The Chief Scout often said that when he visited camps, he could guarantee that it would rain and it certainly looked as if it did on his visit to this camp, which you can see can if you go into www.youtube.com/watch?v=ag71iHqLKZA This is only a short clip without sound.

The B-P stamp made £27 on eBay.



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Duck

In recent months there appears to have been a relaxation in the tensions between U.S.A. and Cuba. This situation made me wonder whether Cuban Scouting would be able to flourish again. Scouting was recognised in Cuba from 1927 and was disbanded in 1961. 15 Scouts from Cuba attended the Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in 1957. And probably Cuban Scouts attended other World Jamborees during their existence, but I have no record of them.

The Boy Scouts of Cuba were granted the privilege of free postage within the Caribbean area. This privilege appears to have started in 1927 as some envelopes from Scout offices bear the message “Declarada Institucion Oficial por Decreto Num.871 de 22 Junio de 1927. Asunto Oficial Multa de \$300 por Uso Particlar.”

The earliest cover I have was posted from Havana to Jamaica in July 1945. At this time,

Boy Scouts of Cuba came under the auspices of the Ministry of Defence & Education. But later covers in my possession, the earliest being from 1949, show their title as SCOUTS DE CUBA controlled by the Ministry of National Defence.

Many handstamps were used on posted covers – OFICINA



N A C I O N A L ,
C O M M I S I O N A D O
I N T E R N A C I O N A L and
C O N S E J O N A C I O N A L .

These were mostly printed in blue or green. I do not have any covers posted within Cuba, but to addresses in Jamaica, U.S.A. and Mexico. Also one envelope addressed to Copenhagen, Denmark, and various official Scout covers sent to the United Kingdom, all of which bear stamps.

The Second National Jamboree took place at Cienfuegos in 1942 for which a label was issued. The label is a direct copy of one of Norman Rockwell's designs “The Scouting





Trail” produced for his Boy Scouts of America calendar of 1939. This design can also be seen on the Liberia 1979 Rockwell issue 15c stamp.

The 3rd InterAmerican Scout Conference took place in Havana in 1953, and the emblem appears on a large cover, which I have posted to Jamaica.

Cuba’s first Scout stamp appeared on 27 December 1954 for the Third National Patrol Camp. Priced at 4c it was designed by Enrique Caravia, and depicts saluting portraits of Cub Scout

Eduardo R.Almeyda and Boy Scout Jose Antonio Mola. Two million stamps were printed for use on regular mail. Announcement leaflets were produced in both Spanish and English, and cut-outs from these leaflets can be found as “imperforate” stamps on first day covers. A rubber stamp postmark showing a Scout bugler, reading CAMPAMENTO NACIONAL.

REPUBLICA DE CUBA
MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA NACIONAL
SCOUTS DE CUBA



OFICINA NACIONAL
CALLE 27 NUMERO 158
VEDADO - LA HABANA

Mr. Deshayes French
P. O. Box 135
Winnipeg



POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUE

TO COMMEMORATE THE "THIRD NATIONAL PATROL CAMP".

EMISION DE LOS BOY SCOUTS. PRIMER DIA DIC.27 – 1954 was used. This appears in black, red or green and some FDCs also bear a handstamp of the Scouts de Cuba badge, plus PRIMER DIA DIC.27, 1954.

The design of the stamp was reproduced in Italy in February 1955 as a cachet for the 10th Philatelic Convention in Rome. This was



produced by the ASCI Scouts Philatelic Section.

The strangest item which I possess is a large envelope with a sheetlet of 15 labels for the 5th Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition, de Gracia, Cuba 1954 with the first day postmark





with Scout bugler printed onto the 1948 Scout stamp of NICARAGUA (!). The only Cuban stamp on the item is an Obligatory Tax stamp for Anti-T.B. issued in 1953. During the 1990's some proof stamps were released (legally?) from the printer's archives, and I possess an imperforate pair of the stamps on cream paper.



On 22 February 1957, Cuba issued two stamps to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell. The stamps were produced in the following quantities: 2 million 4 cents for regular inland postage and 500,000 12 cents for airmail. As with the 1954 issue, announcement leaflets were produced in either Spanish (blue cover) or English

(red cover). Once again cut-outs from the leaflets can be found as "imperforate" stamps on FDCs. A regular first day slogan postmark was used on covers plus an additional handstamp cachet of Cuban Scout emblem with text: CENTENARIO LORD BADEN-POWELL 1857 – 1957 PRIMER DIA. Printed in red or



green, it is usually not printed onto the stamps. One cover I have shows a glaring date error: 22 FEB 1927.

Proof items also exist from the same source as the 1954 issue mentioned earlier, and I have pairs of each stamp imperforate on either white or cream paper. The 4c on white paper does not have the red printing of CUBA and 4c. Although it is believed that only proof items were printed on cream paper, I do have one of the 12c B-P stamps perforated on cream paper – and it was in my possession long before the 1990's.

In 1959 there was a Patrol Camp in Havana when a handstamp in blue was used with the text: PATROLLAS JUVENILES CAMPING LIBERTAD 24 DIC. 1959 HABANA CUBA. With a Scout bugler as in the 1954 postmarks.

The final cover in my collection was sent to Camp Chief John Thurman at Gilwell Park (unfortunately the date on the postmark is illegible) and it bears a label stating “Our Revolution is NOT COMMUNIST. Our Revolution is HUMANIST. The Cubans only want the right to an education, the right to work, the right to eat without fear, the

right to PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM.”

As a postscript, in 1967 I received a letter from the Director of the Committee of Cuban Scouts in Exile, in Florida, stating: “since all of us had to flee Communism in Cuba after the Russian occupation, and our association was assaulted and destroyed (we) were not able

to bring with us many of the things which we would have wanted to carry along with us.”

AJMAN 1971

The following article appeared in the philatelic press in May 2014, from a correspondent in Finland. It intrigued me, so I checked my stock of this issue and found that every stamp was as the original. Why would anybody want to forge such an issue, as there were millions produced at the time? And with such a cheap issue, as cancelled to order, why not produce a mint stamp, which were more expensive.

Incidentally, the name of the Scottish Scout in the picture is Robert W. McPhee of the 2nd Inverness-shire Group. As, conveniently, this stamp was at the bottom of the sheet with selvedge attached, Robert was able to autograph “his” stamp! (*See over*)



Do you have to beware of forgeries when buying used stamps in bulk?

It is amazing how many common, low-value stamps have been forged, and often from unfashionable countries such as the so-called 'sand dune' states. But I love them, because they add spice to any collection.

A good example I have is a block of the Ajman 1971 Scouts issue. The genuine stamps were perforated 14½, and their images have sharp details, whereas these forgeries are perforated 10 and have a blurred appearance, like a poor photocopy.



Although I stated in the Bulletin for May/June 2014 that I would not produce any more Sales Service lists, there is one in this Bulletin. Having obtained some older stock recently which contained a few “difficult” issues – certainly, I haven’t handled some of them for a long time – perhaps there might be some gaps to be filled in members’ collections. I hope to receive some orders – also “Wants Lists” can be looked at if you have any requirements.

The London 2015 Europhilex stamp exhibition is being held at the Business Design Centre, London N.1. from 13-16 May. and will be the largest philatelic event in Europe during 2015. Tickets for the opening day, Wednesday 13 May cost £10, but other days it is free. Due to the shortage of space at the Design Centre, the Thematic section of 77 exhibits will be held at the "European Championship for Thematic Philately" show at Essen, Germany from 7-9 May with the winners being displayed at London 2015 Europhilex. Unfortunately there are no Scout Exhibits, but at the London show, there are two exhibits of Mafeking stamps and covers, with Giovanni Cucchiani of Italy exhibiting many frames of "**The Siege of Mafeking**" as well as Panayotis Cangelaris of Greece showing "**The Mafeking Blues 1900**".

SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 75p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas £1.30 for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.75.

ALL ITEMS UNMOUNTED MINT UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

BAN71A BANGLADESH 1971 overprint in Bengali on 6p Pakistan 2 nd National Jamboree (1)	0.60
BAN71B BANGLADESH 1971 overprint in English & Bengali on Pakistan 3 rd National Jamboree (1)	1.00
BHU67J BHUTAN 1967 World Jamboree overprints (6)	1.50
BHU83 BHUTAN 1983 DRUK AIR overprints on 5 values – one Scout.	6.00
CAR85 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1985 Audubon Birds commemorative with Scout badges (6)	6.00
CAR88 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1988 Scouts & birds (5)	4.50
CAR88S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1988 Scouts & birds MS	2.75
CHD 85C CHAD 1985 PHILEXAFRIQUE Exhibition pair (1 Scout) on FDC	1.50
GAB85C GABON 1985 PHILEXAFRIQUE Exhibition pair (1 Scout) on FDC	1.50
GHA84 GHANA 1984 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (3 + MS) all revalued	1.65
GUI87 GUINEA 1987 Wildlife issue with Scout badges (1 + MS)	3.50
GUI88 GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6)	4.50
GUY82B1 GUYANA Scout Movement 1907-1982 booklet containing Inland Rate stamps (6) @ \$5.00	2.00
GUY82B2 GUYANA as above \$6.00 booklet containing 7 stamps	2.50
GUY82B3 GUYANA as above \$6.00 booklet containing 15 stamps	3.00
HAI62A HAITI 1962 AEROPORT INTERNATIONAL overprints (4) on Scout values	0.60
HAI64 HAITI 1964 Winter Olympic Games overprints on 4 Scout + 1 other value (5)	1.20
IRN57 IRAN 1957 Baden-Powell Centenary (1)	2.00
IRN66 IRAN 1966 Middle East Rover Moot (1)	0.25
LBY86 LIBYA 1986 Children's Day (5 – one Scout) in strip	1.50
LBY95C LIBYA 1995 Scouting commemorative (3 se -tenant) on FDC	1.60
LN57C LIECHTENSTEIN 1957 Baden-Powell Centenary (2) on FDC	1.50
MAL85C MALI 1985 PHILEXAFRIQUE Exhibition pair (1 scout) on FDC	1.50
PHL59S PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree MS	3.50
PHL59C PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree (5 + tete-beche pair) on 3 x FDC	3.00
PHL 61 PHILIPPINES 1961 2 nd National Jamboree overprints (2 + 2 x tete-beche)	0.80
PHL61C PHILIPPINES 1961 2 nd National overprints on FDC	1.25
RED87 REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (2)	1.60
RED87S REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	1.75
SAU67 SAUDI ARABIA 1967 2 nd Rover Moot (5)	9.00
SAU73 SAUDI ARABIA 1973 5 th Arab Rover Moot (3)	7.50
SRL69 SIERRA LEONE 1969 Diamond Jubilee of Scouting (12)	24.00
SOM67 SOMALIA 1967 12 th World Jamboree (4)	0.90
TOG61 TOGO 1961 Scouting commemorative (6)	1.50
TON80 TONGA 1980 South Pacific Jamboree (2 x revalues)	10.00
TON85U TONGA 1985 75 years of Guiding + Queen Mother (4) USED	5.00
UPV84A UPPER VOLTA 1984 fungi & flowers + Scout badge (6)	6.50
UPV84S UPPER VOLTA 1984 fungi & flowers + Scout badge MS	4.00
UPV84W UPPER VOLTA 1984 Wildlife issue – vultures + Scout badge (1)	1.50
YAR64A YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1964 Scouting commemorative (9) IMPERFORATE	6.00
YAR64S YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC 1964 Scouting commemorative 2 x MS	3.50

Agnes Baden-Powell was Lord B-P's only surviving sister, a year younger than he was. When he wished to start a separate Movement for the girls who had been active in the Boy Scout Movement it was to Agnes he turned to lead the Girl Guides. Later in life she was to refer to herself as "The First Girl Guide". However, over the years her contribution has been eclipsed by the reputation of The World Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell.

In 2013 the Agnes Baden-Powell Guild was formed to keep alive the memory of Agnes Baden-Powell, "The First Girl Guide"; to add Agnes Baden-Powell's name to the family memorial in Kensal Green Cemetery over her burial place; to raise funds and work with the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery to restore the Baden-Powell memorial.

As one of our fund raising projects we have produced notelet cards - four so far - all A6 size.

The first, an original photograph of Agnes Baden-Powell, is from the archive of Girlguiding Essex NE. It was taken at the Veterans' Camp which was held in 1932. The autograph is from a log book in the care of Girlguiding Essex NE.

The second, a parrot, is a watercolour by Agnes herself. She painted it on a postcard sent to someone addressed as "My Dear Adviser". The signature is from the same postcard, also from Girlguiding Essex NE's archives.

The third, a row of little characters was originally painted for a Trefoil Guild competition. Sadly, they didn't want it, but it was printed anyway to make funds for the AB-PG. The figures are meant to represent the range of interests of women in Guiding and also the six characters on the new Anglia Region standard. These are reeds, a Roman vase, a hobby, a book representing the major universities, horseshoes and a scientist for the DNA strand on the standard. It was painted by Wendy Ingle.

Finally, we produced a Christmas card; a patrol of Guides providing their tent with a chimney - just in case Santa plans to call.

They are all blank inside. On the reverse is a blurb explaining the fundraising project, the words of which have evolved as we have progressed. The leaning cross is the memorial on the Baden-Powell grave where Agnes and her parents, Henrietta and the Reverend Baden, are buried. The round logo is the badge of the AB-PG.

For more information about the A B-P Guild contact - tree_n_lief@yahoo.co.uk.

(Please see the next two pages for copies of the notelet cards).



Sold in aid of the
Agnes Baden-Powell Memorial Fund,
to restore the Baden-Powell memorial
in Kensal Green Cemetery.

Contact: tree_n_lief@yahoo.co.uk

Agnes Baden-Powell at the Veterans Camp,
1932

from an album in the care of
Girlguiding Essex NE archives.



*Agnes Baden-Powell
the first guide*



Watercolour by
Miss Agnes Baden-Powell
from a card in the care of
Girlguiding Essex North East archives.

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Activities inspired by the new Anglia Region Standard: Wendy Ingle, 2013



Sold in support of the Agnes Baden-Powell Guild,
 towards a memorial for
 Agnes Baden-Powell
 in Kensal Green Cemetery.

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MAIL TOO LATE FOR DELIVERY AT JAMBOREES (OR UNDELIVERABLE MAIL)
by T.P. MCDERMOTT ©

I enjoy collecting covers that travelled through the mail. No first day covers or event covers for me as they usually do not enter the regular mailing stream. They are often returned or physically handed back after cancellation or forwarded to the buyer in another envelope. In connection with my interest, I sometimes prepare envelopes for **mailing into** jamborees; yes inbound mail.

In olden time, during the days of letter writing, many parents wrote to their sons and daughters at camps. And friends wrote too. In my collection, there are letters and postcards that tell the results of sports games, the behaviour of boy or girl friends or often a note about enclosed pounds or dollars to help the recipient scout survive in those days before the now omnipresent plastic cards.

I try to prepare and address envelopes to the jamboree sites using the addresses or locations found in news articles and announcements from philatelic journals and newsletters. Since I am not in contact with local Scouters in my home area, I use the name of the people who were in the those sources. Other names that could be used are scout stamp collectors whom you might expect to attend the jamboree. I try to send at least **three** letters to the same person; hopefully the recipient, upon returning home, will return one of them to me.

Sometimes an online search may be needed to identify the postal codes for the jamboree post office to assure that the letters are forwarded from the distant country's overseas gateway. Even a partial code (the first few characters) helps get letters into the region where possibly a postal worker might know where the jamboree is being held and route it correctly. The most important thing is to include your name and return address on the outside of the envelope. Use current postage stamps; the use of ancient scout commemoratives are frowned upon by postal history collectors as they are outdated. They belong in stamp collections.

Mail your letters a few days before the start of the jamboree. Hopefully they will be delivered. I also mail a few letters during or towards the end of the jamboree. This results in a few letters that can't be delivered to the person in the address as the jamboree will be over when it arrives at the site. They are undeliverable as there are usually no forwarding addresses available to the post office. Hopefully these will be returned to you. These will be your **Too Late to be Delivered** (or return to sender) covers.

A recent item on the American eBay was a cover going to the 1937 National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. It was sent from Louisville, KY on July 6, 1937 at 7:30pm with a six cent airmail stamp to John G Kernan / National Boy Scout jamboree, / Troop 14, Section 4, Region 4/ Washington DC and marked via air mail. It was not delivered.

It was later marked with the pointing hand / unclaimed / return to sender postal marking. It also included an unusual, large size, red marking CAMP CLOSED.

If Scout Kernan's hometown was Louisville, KY, he would have been camping with a troop in Section U (sections are site areas of the jamboree and are always in letters), Region 4 (regions represent various BS of A support/administration areas). There was no section 4. And then someone over wrote the correct region number with a 3; note the red arrow pointing to the wrong correction. With twenty sectional post offices and another post office in the jamboree's headquarters area, and with more than 25,000 people attending, it would be very lucky if any mis-addressed mail would get to the intended individual during the eleven days of the jamboree.

On the back side of the letter there is a cancellation dated July 13th Washington DC. The eBay seller felt that this was an arriving or receiving postal mark four days after the closing of the jamboree. My thoughts are that it is the date that the Washington post office re-entered the letter into the postal system for returning. By 1937, domestic air mail letters were too common to receive an arrival cancellation. This cover went for the minimum start bid of US \$100. The cover came from the David L Straight Collection. He was known to collect postal markings. The cover probably went to a collector who noted the unusual "Camp Closed" marking. The society that supports postal marking collectors is quite active and a few members have deep pockets for purchasing covers with unusual markings.

The S&GSC Bulletin of July/August 2014 # 336 and the SOSSI Journal of May/June 2014 has an article by Paul Van Herpt that talks about one of three letters that I sent to him at the New Zealand National Jamboree of January 2014. In that letter, I used my name and his address for the sender's address. His name was found in an earlier article that told of covers being prepared for sale at and after the jamboree. He returned one nicely marked cover. It's a great cover! Look it up in the above publications. I used the then current USA global, foreign rate stamp which received a clear cancellation with a Christmas theme. In New Zealand, it received two dated marks of 8 Jan 2014 and a yellow return to sender label. The backside has a two line marking with directions to visit the NZ postal web page for questions as to why it was undelivered or needed to cry, complain or maybe jump with joy as in my case.

For the World Jamboree of 1988-89 in Chile, I have four returned covers. I don't remember how many envelopes were prepared. I might have prepared them for a local father and son team as they are addressed to a troop #, sub-camp and site etc. There are various combinations of postal markings. Three have a purple, boxed NO RECLAMADA/ DEVUELASE AL REMITENE marking. One of the former also has the return hand with its Attempted Unknown black marking, mailed on December 29, 1998. Three have back stamps of San Francisco De Mostazal / Correos - Chile with

the center space reading 12 ENE (January) 1999. The other cover has a different back stamp that reads Correos de Chile P.A.R. and Puchuncavi (a regional city). The covers also have US Postal Service strips with routing address codes to direct the envelopes back to the originating person (your author).

For the World Jamboree of 2003 in Thailand I sent some envelopes to two well-known Thai stamp collectors on January 4th. Unfortunately, I wrote the names in English and I guess the Thai postal workers didn't know them, or where they were in camp, or could not read English. They were returned by the Thai postal service. Another one, I believe, was not returned.

I have been told that at the World Jamboree in Sweden, Ron Frank told his fellow philatelic booth worker that "You Got Mail, go pick it up". The worker was surprised that someone took the time to write to him. Unfortunately, my letters had only stiffeners; no dollars or kroners for him to spend. However he did return one cover to me with thanks.

A July 28, 1980 envelope was directed to the Scottish Scout Association Headquarters for a French Eclaireurs attending a jamboree. It was marked in green "Jamborette / Ended – Return". There are no other markings to indicate that it was returned in the mail stream. I don't know if this is a postal marking or if it was applied by the scouts?

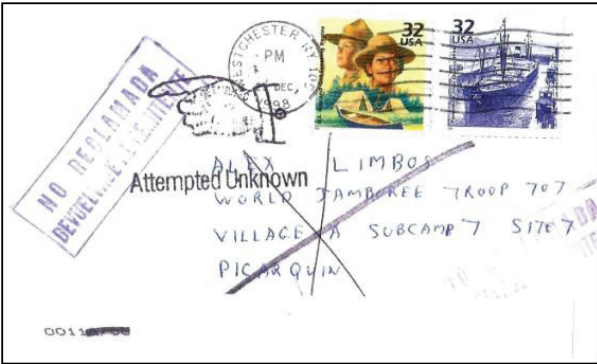
Peter Duck has two British domestic covers sent to the 1957 Jubilee Jamboree that were not delivered to the intended persons. One was postmarked almost three weeks after the Jamboree was closed. The other one was mailed a day before the jamboree's start. Both covers do not have the marking Undeliverable For Reasons Stated / Return To Sender that would normally be placed on undeliverable covers by the British Post Office. One of the covers was addressed to R E Rhodes, who was our club's President and packet chairman in the 1960s.

NOTE: SOSSI Journal Vol62 #5 of Sept/Oct 2013 p104 has an article on return mail from the BS of A's 2013 National Jamboree.

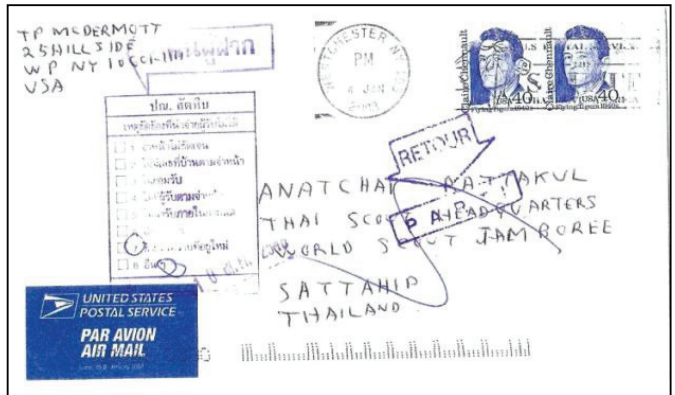
The book, *The National and World JAMBOREES in PICTURES* produced by the BS of A (1937) was used to check the addressing of the Louisville KY cover.

Your author can be contacted at tpwzrmcd@hotmail.com

A series of illustrations to accompany this article are included on pages 1, 17 and 24 of this issue of the Bulletin which gives the opportunity for some of them to be seen in colour whether you receive the publication by electronic means or as hard copy.



19th World Jamboree in Chile
 Dates Dec 27, 1998 to Jan 6, 1999
 Has 3 NOT CLAIM
 markings & 1 return hand



20th World Jamboree in Thailand
 Dates Dec 28th, 2003 to Jan 7th, 2004
 Has standard Thai
 Checklist of Problems



Scottish International Jamboree
 Dates July 21 to 31st, 1980
 Did the marking originate from a scout or postal organization?

Rover Moot Miscellanea

Monzie Again

I have recently returned from yet another holiday travelling in B-P's footsteps (in actual fact his wake!) during our cruise we made a transit of the Panama Canal. I was delighted to be able to make contact with a Scout Group in Puerto Rico and despite my difficulties with Spanish, it was obvious that we shared a common heritage, as they wore a uniform badge that was a portrait of the Founder!

I was quickly brought back to earth on my return with a very courteous note from our editor reminding me that this article should have been submitted by the time that I am now writing it! Looking for inspiration I was able to turn to correspondence generated by the last 'Corner' on the Monzie Rover Moot which must hold the record for providing the most feedback that I have ever received.



David Mitchell is a Group Scout Leader in Stirling Scotland and also the Curator of the National Scottish Scout Collection. David wrote to me announcing a most significant 'find'. He has in the National Collection a Monzie Rover Moot Flag. As this is the only example known it may well be that this was *the* (one and only) Moot Flag. David is particularly keen to bring the treasures of the National Collection to greater notice and is a great

believer in the old *Scouting Milestones* motto, *Preserve the Past, Inform the Future*. To this end, he has had the great notion of holding a Scouting Heritage Day, on March 31st at Beechwood Scout Centre, Beechwood Park, New House, Stirling. FK8 2AE Scotland. The Monzie flag will be one of the many interesting items on show. The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 pm with evening talks from 7.30 p.m. David can be contacted at lesleyanddavid@mac.com.

In my last 'corner' I detailed the postcards that were available at the Monzie Moot. My major informant on postcard matters is Badger's Club member Brian Billington. He had discovered that of the twelve cards that I described, four were also to be found with the maker's Valentine's trademark on the reverse. These appear to be part of a sequence but with A8660 missing, which would have made a 'run' of five cards. The missing card has now been located and a copy resides in the collection of my friend Siang Tong (ST from Dallas Texas) whose Moot collection I have been privileged to see it and it is probably the best in the world, most certainly the best preserved and organised private archive that I have ever seen. The reason perhaps

why the postcard has taken so long to locate maybe that is practically identical to another card in the series- the camera having been moved only slightly to produce a new image. Unless you note the serial numbers and or have the two cards together you would be very unlikely to differentiate between them. So that particular mystery is solved - however, as Brian points out, the sequence of only five known cards in this series is a very odd number for a set of postcards - so perhaps, just perhaps, there is still a missing card?



Kandersteg 1st World Rover Moot 1931

I have been informed that a sporran has been found with a machine produced emblem of the Moot incised into its leather front.

I have been very fortunate in being allowed access to a very rare 'find' indeed. My fellow Thane Rover Scout Greg Cohen has recently acquired a large personal photograph album that was compiled by Col. Granville Walton who was a personal friend of B-P and the UK Commissioner for Rover Scouts at the time of the 1st World Moot. Needless to say the album contains many images taken from the Moot, most of which are unpublished but the image following was also made into a postcard.

The image overleaf is of the UK contingent (the photo in the album shows the whole group). Of most interest is the fact that Peter, Baden-Powell's son, in his Rover uniform, is sitting just below him to our right. Though many images exist of B-P

with his family in their respective uniforms this is the first I recall of B-P and Peter together with Peter in his Rover uniform. (There is of course the famous postcard image of Peter as Chief Cub).

If you are able to enlarge the image (easy if you are receiving this issue as a computer download)- you will be able to see that over the Rovers' right hand breast pockets are letter badges - those in the first row show B



and D. I do have one these badges in my collection and the letters are in red on a white background. I was able to refer to an organisational circular issued for the use of the British Contingent and discover that they are not actual sub-camp badges, as most people surmise, but denote the British Scout Counties from which the participating Rovers came. B Buzzard 'Crew' came from West Scotland and 'D' Dotterel 'Crew' from Northumberland, Durham and Westmoreland. It is interesting to note that the circular describes the small union flag (much smaller than the modern issue for UK Scouts travelling abroad) as the British Contingent Moot Badge.



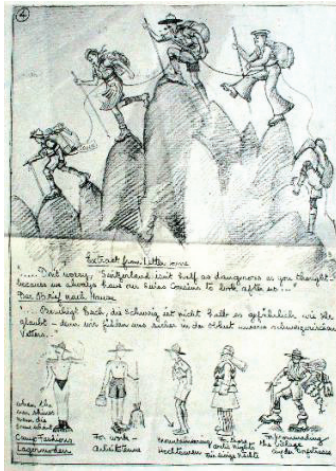
Philatelic material from this first Moot is scarce. I did illustrate a very rare registered cover in a general article on Rover Moots in a 2014 edition of the Bulletin, which came from the same source (John Ineson) as the non-registered airmail cover opposite. This was sent on behalf of George King, an avid collector of covers that in anyway related to the Post Office or life in Great Britain.

John also has in his collection this unused coloured postcard (overleaf) produced for the Moot. It has more than a passing resemblance to an illustration contained on page 4 of 'The Cowbell', a rare 'magazine' providing 'glimpses' of the Moot, a copy of which is included in Col. Walton's photograph album.

Used postcards from the Moot appear to be very rare, however, not very long ago one of our members had for sale on eBay (which unfortunately I did not win!) a postcard sent from the Moot back to Mum giving her the 'lowdown' on what it was like to be at the event. Unfortunately the postcard was not official - as it had been bought in a



INTERNATIONALES ROVERLAGER - CAMP ROVER
INTERNATIONAL - WORLD ROVER SCOUT MOOT
KANDERSTEG 1931



nearby town- but the postmark dates and of course the 'commentary' were consistent with the event.

The header of *The Cowbell* - looks as though it was produced with a pencil but most likely was mechanically reproduced. Though only four pages, it is packed with humour and I would very much like a copy!

The first two Rover Moots, Kandersteg 1931 and Ingaro Stockholm in 1935, did not have cloth 'pocket patches' but used now very rare metal badges.

The two booklets opposite were written in the official Moot languages of English and German. The wider publication is full of photos but with limited info. I regret I do not have a copy of the other booklet.



The two photos on the following page are from Col. Watson's album. I was delighted to be able to 'track' B-Ps' attendance at the Moot and their appearance on some of the photos, against entries in the Founder's diaries.

Being able to access the Moot's artefacts, personal involvement that comes from covers, diaries, the backs of postcards and photographs, together with information from the organisers before the event as well as the official souvenir booklets produced afterwards provides as near perfect a record as it is possible to obtain. This is surely our aim in collecting?



Annual Subscriptions

As Melvyn has said in the Chairman's Notes our world is changing and the Committee, having discussed the many issues, have agreed that there is a long term future for the Club, but this would be greatly assisted if membership renewals, which remain unaltered, were paid within a reasonable time.

The annual subscriptions are all due for payment by 1st April and your early attention to this would be of great benefit to the Club.

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9th World Jamboree in Great Britain

Dates August 1st to 12th, 1957

Marked CAMP DISBANDED / RETURN TO SENDER
 (courtesy Peter Duck)

(See article starting on Page 14)

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SUMMER 2015



Betty and I have completed our holiday flying to Singapore and then cruising back to Southampton, calling at many places that whilst I was growing up I would have never dreamed of visiting. From Singapore we went to Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), India (Mumbai), Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Oman (Muscat), Jordan (Aquaba), through the Suez Canal then on to Greece, Malta and Portugal (Lisbon). Unfortunately we were unable to meet the Scouts of any of these territories and also the cruise company cut out the stop in Egypt (Port Said) so I had to cancel my meeting with my long-time contact there, Hisham. The stops gave me the opportunity to visit these countries but also to fulfil a life-long ambition to visit Petra in Jordan and also to make the trip down to Corinth in Greece where I had never previously visited. The first being very spectacular and the second filling a gap in my Greco-Roman, and Christian, history.

I have continued to find it very strange not to be Producing the local Gang Show but we did go to see it and they made quite a good job of their first shot - even if I disagree strongly with the limitation of of cast members to those under 25.

Again, I have tried to get plenty of variety in this issue but with limitation on my contributors this is getting to be more difficult. 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. I would particularly welcome some follow up from members as to why they started collecting - particularly Scout or Guide stamps.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

August 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 13.30 to 14.30 at
The Business Design Centre, Islington, London, N1 OQH**

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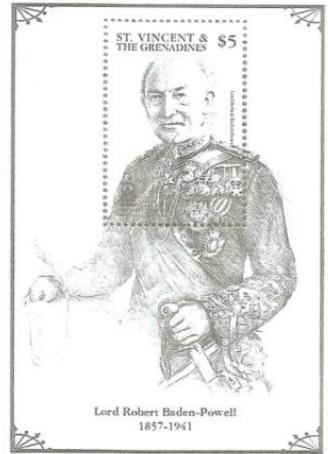
A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on board the Lord Amory, Scout Training Vessel at Docklands. Address: 631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London, E14 3NU commencing at 14.00 on Saturday 13th June, 2015.

Agendas and copies of the Accounts for 2014 are now included within this issue of the Bulletin

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

Following the Relief of Mafeking B-P was promoted to the rank of Major General and since 1831 our General officers wear special type of dress sword derived from the scimitars used by the Mamelukes who fought Napoleon in Egypt. These swords have a curved blade and ivory grips as seen worn by B-P on a \$5 miniature sheet from St. Vincent & the Grenadines. B-P was also showered with lavish gifts from throughout the Empire many paid for by public subscriptions. A popular and traditional gift was a presentation sword of General officer's type their blades etched with inscriptions and the mounts in gold silver with enamelled coats of arms and monograms. Many similar swords can be seen in museums dedicated to other military leaders and they rarely appear for sale, but recently the present Lord Baden-Powell sold six such swords presented to B-P at Christie's. The finest example from the Mercer's Company with heavy 18ct mounts realised £ 10,000, another from the citizens of Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope sold for £6,500 and one from "Two thousand residents in Dunedin And Districts New Zealand" realised £8,000. The silver gilt mounted sword from Grahamstown sold for £5,000 and the sword from "The Women of Britain" made £6,000. Lastly a solid gold miniature sword from "199 Women of Melbourne" realised £4,000. (All excluding 25% buyer's premium). Such beautiful objects deserve to be seen and appreciated so I hope that some will end up displayed in public collections.



I am sorry that the reproduction of the Mafeking Baden-Powell 3d stamp that I illustrated in my last notes came out as black. I had forgotten that this stamp never reproduces in black and white, and maybe that is a good reason to receive the Bulletin via the internet, when the stamps come out in perfect colour!

In the last Bulletin, I illustrated a cover and postcard from the 1936 Northern Counties Jamboree held at Raby Castle, Darlington. I asked if any of our members had ever seen any other cards before from this Jamboree, after which I was delighted to hear from Paul van Herpt of New Zealand that he has a different card which is illustrated here. We both agree that it is not a very exciting card, and have no idea what is happening. Paul writes "With the common frame and no printer details, you'd have to wonder if it was a local photographer who went to the site and took plenty of images putting them on cards, and with that purpose, made a frame and tried to sell them". I rarely receive any feedback from my requests from my notes and sometimes wonder if members read what I have written!, but guess that "no news is good news".

The *Picture Postcard Monthly* magazine in its April 2015 edition had a letter about Stanley Hunter's Archives. Stanley was a long time member of the SGSC until he died in 2004, and although the letter did not refer to his Scout collection, but to his archives and notes about Scottish Exhibitions, of which he had one of the leading collections. The writer of the letter was delighted to acquire eleven ring binders from a dealer about this subject, as Stanley's computer had a password that nobody knew. When he died, all archives and notes as well as the exhibition material including, badges and postcards were put into a skip, to be dumped by his executor. The story had a happy ending as the driver of the skip lorry thought the load looked interesting and called in to visit an antique dealer on his way to the dump. The dealer took one look and recognised what he was seeing and bought the lot. He then contacted an eBay collector who was buying exhibition material, and sold the skip load for £40,000 (about US\$ 60,000 €50,000). You may say that this letter has nothing to do with Scout stamps, but the purpose of this is to make sure that you have made preparations, so that your Scout collection is not dumped into a skip.



FIRST DAY COVERS

Probably the ultimate in first day covers would be the G.B. Penny black on an envelope dated 6th May 1840. And for Scout philatelists, a letter from Mafeking posted on 9th April 1900 with either of the Siege stamps.

The first stamps to appear after the start of Scouting were from the Czech Scout Post in 1918. Technically issued on 7th November 1918, envelopes which carry handwritten dates on the “POSTA SKAUTU Praha” postmarks are usually dated in November 1918. The earliest one seen is 3/11 which makes it too early – but there are many forgeries!

Any covers bearing the overprinted stamps for the visit of President Masaryk on 21st December 1918 all carry this date, so they are first (and only) day covers.

The Siam “Tigers” Scout overprints of 1920 and 1921 were probably released in stages, and normally only used on commercial mail.

The Sports Charity set from Hungary was issued on 27th April 1925 and contains the first stamp to depict a Boy Scout. There were many sporting event postmarks used in connection with these stamps, together with a slogan for the “Great Scout Camp, Ujpest 4 – 8 September 1925” The earliest date of use of these stamps which I have seen is 6th May 1925 for the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Athletic Club. Then on 8th May 1925 for the Davis Cup Tennis Competition.



During the 1930's, Romania produced a series of stamps for Scouting events, the first being in 1931 for the Boy Scouts Exhibition Fund. The five surcharged stamps were issued on 8th June 1931, and later, so-called first day covers appeared on the market. The covers are standard U.S.A.-style envelopes which were not in general use in Romania at that time, and are handstamped in red PRIMA ZI A EMISUNII (first day of issue). I possess two “FDCs” from this



issue: one has the correct date from Timisoara and bears an address in Minnesota, U.S.A. The second cover carries a Bucuresti postmark, but is one year out of date 8 JUN.1932.

Romania`s next issue was for the National Jamboree at Sibiu, and on this occasion, six surcharged stamps were issued on 8th July 1932. No FDCs (genuine or otherwise) are known, and my collection includes covers with the Camp postmark, or commercially mailed envelopes.

Jumping ahead to 1934, the above stamps were overprinted for the National Jamboree



MAMAIA 1934. I have another forged “FDC” for this issue, with Bucuresti postmark 8 JUN.934 on U.S.A.-style envelope with an address in Bucharest. This actually pre-dates the issue date of 8th July 1934. Once again, other covers in my collection are as with the 1932 issues.

1932 was the first year that Scout stamps appeared from two different countries. apart from Romania, Liechtenstein`s Child Welfare Fund issue appeared on 21st December 1932. For the first time a “real” first day cover appeared. Although not on a specially prepared envelope, it is on an official Liechtenstein Post Office cover sent by Registered post from Triesenberg on 21.XII.32. Posted to Lausanne in Switzerland, it is backstamped the following day.



The 4th World Jamboree opened in Godollo, Hungary on 1st August 1933, but the



five stamps were issued on 10th July.

I have an envelope with Jamboree postmark "d" and with the full set of stamps posted by Registered mail to Geneva on 933.Jul.10. This cover is backstamped in Geneva on 12.VII.33. The only other items I have with Jamboree postmark pre-dating the opening day are from 14th and 29th July 1933. One other item from the first day of issue is a Registered airmail postcard from Budapest to the well-known dealer Francis J.Field of Sutton Coldfield, U.K.

The next Scout-related issue appeared in 1935 from Romania for the 5th Anniversary of the Accession of King Carol II. The five surcharged stamps were issued on 8th June 1935 and I have a Registered cover posted on that date from Bucuresti to Berlin. Also I have three sets on cut-out pieces of paper with 8th June 1935 postmarks from Bucuresti 3, Lupeni and Castel Peles. The latter of these cancellations is printed in red on to blocks of four of the stamps. Castel Peles was a Royal Residence of the Kings of Romania. Obviously all of these items were produced to favour.



Romania's next Jamboree set of three surcharged stamps was for their National Jamboree at Brasov and was given the issue date of 19th August 1936. But I have two items with the Jamboree postmarks of 9th August (opening day) and 13th August (with official Camp

handstamp). Also a U.S.A.-style cover similar to those mentioned earlier from 1931 and 1934, but this dated 8 JUN 36 from Bucuresti – a real phoney!

The 5th World Jamboree which took place at Vogelenzang in the Netherlands in 1937 saw the first specifically printed first day cover for any issue of Scout stamps. The three stamps were issued on 1st April 1937 and my cover was posted at Enkhuizen

a n d addressed to Honolulu, Hawaii. A U.S.A.-type envelope was used, and it is u n c l e a r whether the cachet was p r i n t e d before or after the issuance of the stamps.



As the text is in English, it is understood that they were produced by an American dealer. I have three other first day items: an envelope posted in s`Gravenhage, a Registered postcard from Harmelen and a Railway Express postcard from s`Gravenhage to Rotterdam which arrived on the same day.

The Netherlands Indies also produced two charity postage stamps for the Jamboree on 1st May 1937 and first day items are known from Medan and Bandoeng.

France issued two stamps in 1938 depicting Jean Charcot, President of Les Eclaireurs de France 1911-1931. The 65c value was issued on 25th March 1938 and the 90c value on 26th June 1938. Both stamps carry a surcharge of 35c for the Shipwrecked Mariners` Society. First day covers of the 65c stamp are known with the postmark of Brest Principal Finisterre, also a first day maximum card with similar portrait of Charcot. I also have a plain envelope with 3 of the 90c stamps posted on 26th June 1938 to Chicago, Ill.

Lithuania followed in 1938 with four overprinted Olympics stamps for their National Scout and guide Camps. The stamps were issued on 13th July 1938, and I have a Registered first day cover from Kaunas to Vienna with no special markings on the envelope. Two Registered covers in my collection carry the postmark of the National Scout Camp, Panemune. One has the original Olympics stamps without overprints

but the correct postmark and Registration handstamp posted to Liverpool. The second,



which is on a proper Lithuanian Scouts envelope carries both forged postmarks and Registration stamp, and is addressed to Kaunas.

Scouting stamp issues from Turkey, Poland and Hungary (Girl Guides I Pax Ting) appeared in 1939, plus Hungary in 1940 and 1941, and Bulgaria (plus Macedonia overprints) in 1942 can be found on basic commercial envelopes which were mailed on first days of issue.

Our first stamp issue to produce any quantity of first day cover cachets was the Health issue from New Zealand in 1944 depicting Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret in Girl Guides' uniforms. Issued on 9th October 1944, I know of five different cachets all promoting Health Camps, plus one patriotic design, and posted in different towns in New Zealand.

So, with the exception of the 1937 and 1944 first day covers we had to wait until the Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout stamp of 1948 for a wide range of specially produced first day cachets. Levy's Boy & Girl Scout Cachet Covers of the United States catalogue lists 66 different designs for this issue. The floodgates opened!

It was interesting to read Wendy Ingle's article about Agnes Baden-Powell in the last Bulletin, she is now largely overlooked in favour of Olave Lady B-P. As Wendy stated, Agnes referred to herself as "The First Girl Guide" and I have a postcard on which



she signs herself exactly that. Unfortunately, the postcard is not of herself, but HRH Princess Mary, President of the Girl Guides Association. Another postcard from the 1912 period shows Agnes, very stylishly dressed, with a group of Girl Guides. This card has not been posted.



An envelope from 1935 written in Agnes' handwriting is addressed to Miss Josephine Reddie. If you check Tim Jeal's book "Baden-Powell" on pages 525-8 mention will be found of Peter B-P's relationship with Josephine, and a photo of her can be found opposite page 325. She was a very dear friend of ours whom we knew from the 1950's to the early 1990's when she passed away.



Letters of response from Paul Van Herpt -

Returned Mail

In the latest SGSC Bulletin no 339, there was an article from T.P. McDermott regarding various examples of returned mail from Scouting events. He had a query in it relating to the 1980 Scottish Jamborette.

The return cachet on the cover I suggest is a Scouting marking rather than a postal marking. The letter is addressed to the Scottish Scout Headquarters in Edinburgh, rather than to the Jamborette which was held (as have all Scottish Jamborettes) at Blair Atholl. SGSC member the late David Jefferies was the general secretary at Scottish Headquarters and could quite easily have organised such a cachet.

As far as mail to and from the Jamborette itself, that was all handled on site by a couple of Scouters. It was usually the role of Stanley Hunter to be camp postmaster. In 1980 however, that team was SGSC member the late Dave Clark and myself, with Peter and Audrey Duck also being with us for part of the time. Stanley Hunter was with a contingent of Scottish Scout at a camp in the USA that year at Camp Norse.

There is no Post Office in Blair Atholl, so mail was handled through the nearest office in the town of Pitlochry. Once a day a Royal Mail van would come from into camp, delivering a mailbag with incoming mail, and take away a bag away with mail to be posted out. We operated as a postal agency effectively with a supply of stamps and could prepare and handle mail accordingly. We did stay on in camp a couple of days after all the Scouts left to pack up, return the stamp supply and other materials loaned by Royal Mail etc. We did not mark mail with a return to sender cachet. but such mail was given to David Jefferies to take back to Edinburgh and return to senders. With late mail arriving at site going to Edinburgh, plus mail being sent directly there instead of to the site, it would all have been handled in similar fashion by the staff at Scottish Headquarters.

Trust that sheds a bit of light on the item.

1931 World Rover Moot

Further to Colin Walker's article on World Rover Moots, attached please find another postcard from the 1st Moot at Kandersteg. Unfortunately, my copy was not used at the Moot, but some 4 years later. From the front there is nothing to link it to the Moot, apart from the mountaineering theme, it is noted on the reverse side as being for the event.

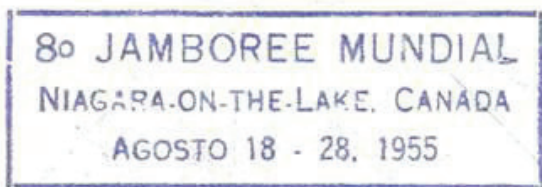
Letter of response from Tony Manson

Cuba Article

I enjoyed the article about Cuban scout philately. I thought I would pass on some more data for your info.

- I too have the imperf leaflet cut-out images on cover. They didn't even do a good "cut" job, leaving a line of red from the leaflet as a border around the "stamp".

- The 8WJ Journal issue of Aug 18 (first day of the Jamboree) has a table of country attendees. The final numbers may have differed a bit, but the table shows the contingent from Cuba at 114. Surprisingly, it shows Cuba with the 5th highest contingent, after Canada (5444), USA (1552), France (1044) and UK (976). The Cuban contingent also brought along a handstamp, but I have never seen a cover/cachet from Cuba for this event. Germany was next after Cuba at 110.



- There was also a Cuban contingent of 15 at our first Canadian Jamboree (CJ'49) July 16-24, 1949 in Ottawa.

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SGSC AGM 2015

The Agenda for the AGM, along with the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2014, are included as the next two pages in this Bulletin and on behalf of the Committee I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

The venue is particularly interesting and we have used it on two previous occasions, both very successfully - except for members attendance.

There are Docklands Light Railway stations close by and several buses serve the site.

When you arrive at the entrance gates these will normally be locked so, if this is the case, just telephone Mel on his mobile - number on page 23 - and someone will come to let you in.

Look forward to seeing you on 13th June.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club

will be held on 13th June 2015 at 2.00pm at the

Headquarters' Training Ship, Lord Amory, Dockland's Scout Project,

631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London. E14 3NU.

(If you have problems with access, phone Melvyn on his mobile - number as shown on page 23.)

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 28th June 2014 (previously circulated).
- 3) Matters Arising: *Club Website*.
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Membership Secretary's Report.
- 6) Editor's Report.
- 7) Treasurer's Report.
- 8) Election of Committee.
 - i. Chairman.**
 - ii. Secretary.**
 - iii. Treasurer.**
 - iv. Six Committee Members.**
 - v. Independent Examiner.**
- 9) Future Meetings including the AGM 2016:

The next Meeting to be held on 19th September 2015 at Stampex Autumn 2015 (Committee Meeting 12.30pm -13.30: Open Meeting 13.30 - 14.30.)
- 10) Any Other Business.

The first meeting of the newly elected Committee will be held immediately after the AGM for the Election of Officers from the Committee.

Note: The AGM will be preceded by a short meeting of the SGSC Committee starting at 12.30pm followed by lunch [bring your own].

As mentioned on page 2 the AGM is being held on 13th June at the Scout Training Vessel - The Lord Amory - which is anchored in London's Dockland.

We hope that as many as possible of you will come to this Meeting and take the opportunity to talk over the SGSC and the way forward.

The Accounts for 2014 are as shown below - much better than the last two years.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB					
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2014.					
2013	Expenditure	2014	2013	Income	2014
2,246.70	Bulletin Expenditure	1771.78	1040.13	Annual Subscriptions	1130.11
			908.17	Five Year Subscriptions	668.24
20.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	30.00	0.00	Auction Income	238.63
12.40	Telephone, Post and Travel	9.70	95.20	Advertisements	15.00
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	102.60	Sales Service	526.55
101.38	Stamp Insurance	123.38	96.55	Donations	82.65
39.41	Printing and Stationery	41.65			
17.00	British Thematic Association	17.00			
			0.00	Interest	0.00
113.74	Web Site	0.00	2242.65	Active Income	2661.18
			284.00	Unpresented cheque	0.00
2,550.63	Total Expenditure	1993.51		Total Income	2661.18
	Excess Income over Expenditure	667.67	-307.98	Excess Expenditure over Income	
2,550.63		2,661.18	2550.63		2,661.18
Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2014					
Brought Forward			Carried Forward		
Community Account	501.78		Community Account	456.44	
Less Uncleared Cheques			Less Uncleared Cheques		
100558	-113.74		Plus Unbanked Cheques	525.00	
100559	-14.81				
100560	-37.00				
100549	-284.00				
	52.23		52.23	981.44	981.44
Business Money Manger Account			0.06	Business Money Manager Account	0.06
PayPal Account			546.51	PayPal Account	286.21
	TOTAL		598.80	TOTAL	1267.71
				Postage reimbursement outstanding	-1.24
Excess Income over Expenditure			667.67		
			1,266.47		1,266.47

NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is £534.59
2. Bulletin Postage included with Bulletin cost as part of printing deal.
3. Auction Catalogue cost included with Bulletin cost for the same date.
4. Unbanked cheques were paid into our Bank on 6th January, 2015.

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T.A. Simister Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Accounts and all vouchers relating thereto, including Bank Balances and other balances, and certify that the Accounts are in order and show the position of the Club as at 31st December, 2014.

Signed

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B. Forshaw Hon. Auditor

Tim Reed has pointed out to us the below item which now appears on the World Scout Shop website.

Perhaps we are not quite as forgotten as we often imagine.

Official World Scout Shop

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(Code: 320116)

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- Acrylic print graphic of Worldwide Scouting stamps
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- Twin needle sleeves and hem
- Tubular body
- High quality soft feel
- World label on hem

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- Fabric: 100% ring spun cotton
- Colour: Forest Green
- Size:
 - S fits 34-36" chest
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 - L fits 42-44" chest
 - XL fits 46-48" chest
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- Weights: 150gsm
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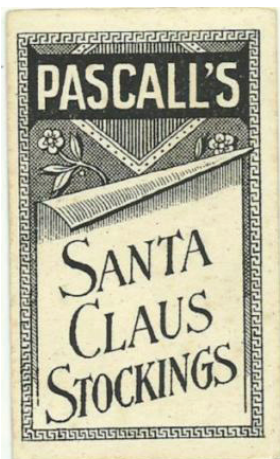
Messengers of Peace

Pascall's Scouting Trade Cards

Although the first British Cards, to be given out in cigarette packets were those made by Wills and Co. in 1887, trade cards advertising all sorts of other products were much earlier. As far as Baden-Powell issues are concerned however, his image did not appear on either trade or cigarette cards until his fame as the Hero of Mafeking, the Siege lasting 217 days from 13th October 1899 to May 17th 1900.

The popularity of cigarette cards was immediate, creating a collecting 'fad' that in one form or another (football cards etc) has persisted until quite recent years. With the advent of specialised albums in which to store sets of cigarette cards, many manufactures promoting other products, especially ranges of confectionary and tea, standardised their advertising cards on the cigarette card format, so that their customers too might be tempted into forming collections.

James Pascall who had previously worked for Cadbury's, founded a family confectionary business with his brother in a small shop in Oxford Street London in 1866. In 1887 they moved to larger premises in Blackfriars and expanded their range but following a fire at their premises they moved again to Mitcham in Surrey.



Pascall's first issues in the cigarette card format occurred in 1900 but, unlike at least 26 other different trade and cigarette card producers, they did not issue any cards depicting B-P as the Hero of Mafeking at that time. (Our former member, Keith Burtonshaw, amassed a collection of 60 different, Ogden's 'Guinea Gold' Elliot and Fry 'real photograph cards'. These were sold at auction in 2009 for only £60.)

It was not until 1912 that Pascall's produced a set of 48 different un-numbered Scouting cards. One of these (see above) was based on the Elliot and Fry photographic portrait which shows him wearing his Stetson, Boss of the Plains, 'Wide Awake' hat which paradoxically he did not take to Mafeking. This image however was all the newspaper editors had, so it became linked to his fame as the hero of Mafeking and an iconic 'trademark' that B-P was later to bring to Scouting.

The caption (see above) is 'Major General Sir RS Baden-Powell'. B-P's knighthood occurred in November 1909 and so provides very good evidence that the card was definitely not issued in 1900.

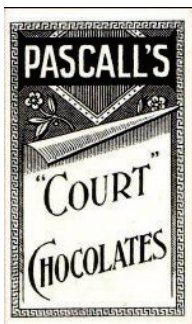
It was not unusual in the cigarette card industry for the same images to occur on the front of cards with different text on the back or even the same text in different colours (Ogden's for example issued two sets of Scout cards with both green and blue lettered backs). Pascall's however must take the (chocolate) biscuit because amongst their 48 Scout cards there a total of five backs styles used, advertising 28 different confectionary products.

The database at the end of this article (produced by our member Brian Billington who also provided much of the information for this article) shows the distribution of subjects across the four printed back styles and also cards with plain backs. Whilst some elements of the database appear to be random, there is however a degree of pattern in so far as all twelve of the type 2 backs are identical to those on the plain back cards.

Four of the back styles had twelve different subjects (i.e. the picture on the front). Within the same style of back some issues however, such as the B-P card with the Type 1 back (see below) occurred twice with two different advertising slogans which in the case of the B-P card were 'Santa Claus Stockings' and 'Xmas Novelties' (which perhaps gives a clue as to the time of year these cards were first issued.) The remaining back style (Style 4) has 26 subjects on 37 cards.

One subject card 'Trenching', has four 'varieties' as it appears on three different back styles, one of which, the type 1 back, has two different advertising slogans. My commiserations, dear reader, if, faced with such complexity you are giving up the will to live, but details such as these that allow us to compare and contrast different varieties are, as you know, meat and drink to all keen philatelists, cartophilists and badge collectors!

Type 1



Type 2



Type 3



Type 4



Type 5 Plain



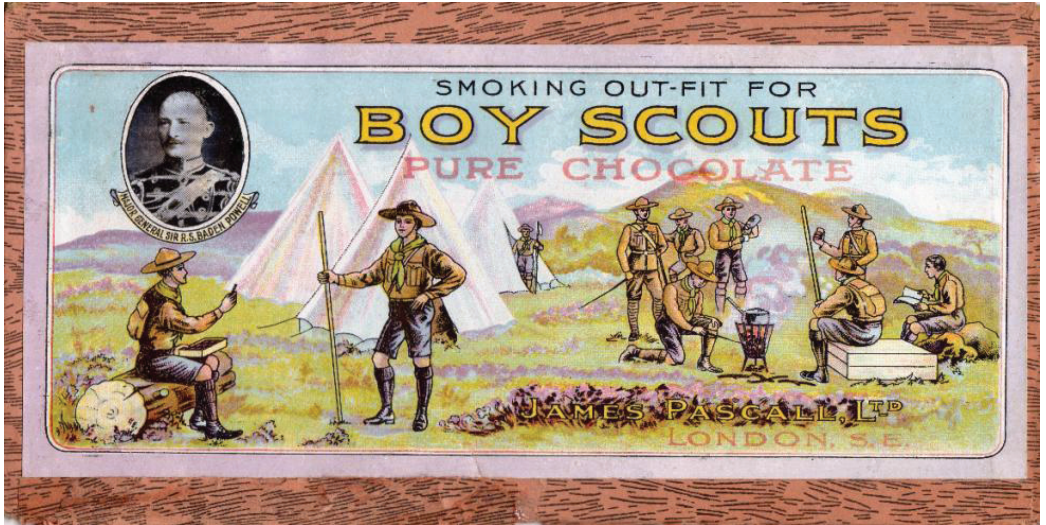
Pascall's Smoking Outfit

At a recent auction in Plymouth our member Graham Brooks disposed of some of his life-time Scouting collection. I was pleased to acquire a 'Smoking Out-fit for Boy Scouts Pure Chocolate', manufactured by James Pascall Ltd, London SE. This set, measuring 8" x 4" x 3/4", originally contained edible material and flavouring together with some 'apparatus' with which the owner could produce sweet cigarettes.

By referring to the database you will see that one of the advertising banners used in conjunction with the Type 4 back is 'Smoker's Companion Sets'. Was the "Smoker's Outfit" one of the "Companion Sets" referred to on the Type 4 back Pascall Scout Series cards? It would, in any case, be likely to have contained a Scout card!

(The whole paradox of B-P seeming to endorse smoking related items, given his very prominent stand against smoking is covered into some detail, with many illustrations, in a chapter dedicated to this subject in Scouting Collectables Vol II.)

On sharing the following image with our member, the afore-mentioned Brian Billington, I was surprised to find that he also has a B-P related smoking outfit of similar ilk, manufactured by John Rothwell of Golborne, Lancs. The similarities between the two images leads me to believe that one was either heavily influenced by the other, or indeed the same artist was used for both products!



Pascall's 'Smoking Out-fit for Boy Scouts'



Rothwell's 'Boy Scouts Smokers Outfit'

The artwork around the campfire was unfortunately absent from Brian's box, probably caused by someone removing a price ticket. I have reconstructed the image on the probability of what would have been there, however the tripod may well have had a billy suspended from it.

Ed.

This article by Colin is in line with our current extension of the SGSC interest to include all forms of ephemera in respect of The Scout and Guide Movements around the world, especially paper based.

It is particularly important that we encourage further articles on these wider issues - whilst at the same time continuing with our main subject matter of philately.

If anybody has any ideas of subjects for inclusion please let me know - or even better send me in an article yourself on whatever else you are interested in - as long as it relates to Scouting and/or Guiding.

James Pascall Boy Scout Series 1912

	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Plain
Major General Sir RS Baden- Powell	Santa Claus Stockings Xmas Novelties				
Ambulance				Smoker's Companion Sets	
Ambushed	Walnut Toffee				
Attention	Butter Almonds 'Court' Chocolates				PB
Aviation		Fruit Lozenges			PB
Boating		Parlour Street Shops			
Bugler	Butter Almonds		Fruit Bon- Bons		
Camp Candlesticks				Empire Fruit Stores Parlour Stores	
Camp Fire		Walnut Toffee			PB
Camp Fire Yarns				Empire Fruit Stores Parlour Stores	
Carrying Dispatches				Parlour Stores Smoker's Companion Set	
Carrying Insensible Patient				Parlour Stores	
Carrying Wounded	Walnut Milk Choc. Walnut Toffee		Fruit Bon- Bons		
Cheers for the King				Parlour Stores	
Chest Exercise				Parlour Stores	
Crossing a Stream				Parlour Stores	
Cycling		Choc Boxes for Xmas			PB
Drill with Staves				Parlour Stores Smoker's Companion Set	
The Evening Meal	JP Cachous		Fruit Bon- Bons		PB
Examining Tracks	Xmas Novelties				PB
Fire Brigade		JP Cachous	Fruit Bon- Bons		PB
Flash Lamp Signalling		Fruit Bon- Bons	Fruit Bon- Bons		
How to haul an insensible...				Parlour Stores	

Jumping sheet at fire				Parlour Stores	
Lecture by Scoutmaster				Parlour Stores	
Looking for a Crossing				Parlour Stores	
The Lookout				Smoker's Companion Set	
Morse Signalling	Fruit Drops				
Morse Signalling Semaphore				Empire Fruit Stores Parlour Stores	
On Guard		Golden Maltex	Fruit Bon-Bons		PB
On the Lookout	Pure Confectionery		Fruit Bon-Bons		
On Trek				Empire Fruit Stores Smoker's Companion Set	
Patrol Leader				Parlour Stores Smoker's Companion Set	
Physical Exercise		Court Chocolates			PB
Pitching Camp				Parlour Stores	
Pole Jumping				Parlour Stores Smoker's Companion Set	
Running	Fancy Boxes Pure Confectionery				
Saluting				Parlour Stores Smoker's Companion Set	
Sculling				Smoker's Companion Sets	
Semaphore Signalling	Fruit Drops Fruit Lozenges		Fruit Bon-Bons	Empire Fruit Stores	
Stalking				Parlour Stores Smoker's Companion Set	
Supper				Parlour Stores	
Tracking (Cottage)				Empire Fruit Stores Smoker's Companion Sets	
Tracking (Mountains)		Chocolates	Fruit Bon-Bons		PB
Treking		Barley Sugar	Fruit Bon-Bons		
Trenching	Jordan Toffee		Fruit Bon-Bons	Empire Fruit Stores	
Vaulting		Butter Almonds	Butter Walnuts		PB
Wireless Telegraphy		Freshettes	Fruit Bon-Bons		PB

Annual Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions are all due for payment by 1st April and many members have been able to keep to this date - for which we are very grateful.

Those of you who have not yet paid your early attention to this matter would be of great benefit to the Club.

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It is anticipated that the Autumn issue of the Bulletin will be e-mailed or posted within the first or second week of September and this will only be provided to those members who have met their subscription obligations. For those who have not paid, this issue will be the final that you will receive as we will assume that you no longer wish to remain in membership.

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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.

VOID

ORIGINAL

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

H NO. 00001

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

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

PRICE PAID

Subtotal	1.50
Vendo ^r Fee	.50
Total	2.00

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PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

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Address: _____ Date: _____ 20__

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>

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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:



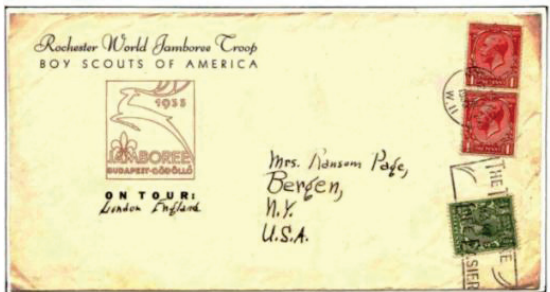
Brief Vorderseite vom 18.7.1933 aus Budapest mit kompl. Jamboreesatz.



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.

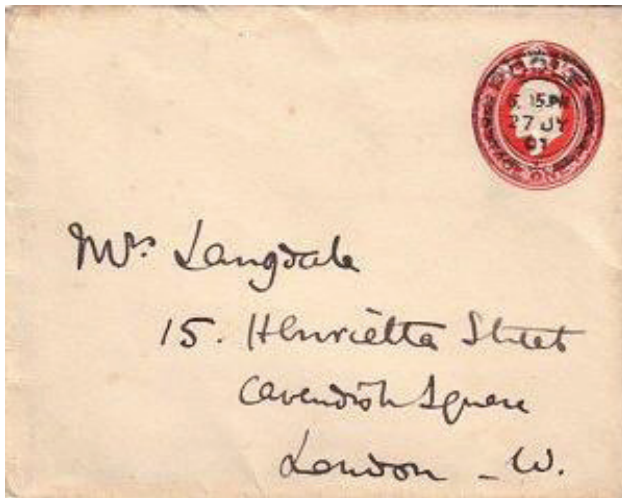
The first use of the headed 'Scout Camp' notepaper was to the editor of the Daily Mirror written on the 4th of August 1907. B-P had 'got wind' that the press were aware of his presence on Brownsea and was trying to ensure that camp was not interrupted by unwanted newspaper reporters. (In his private 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.

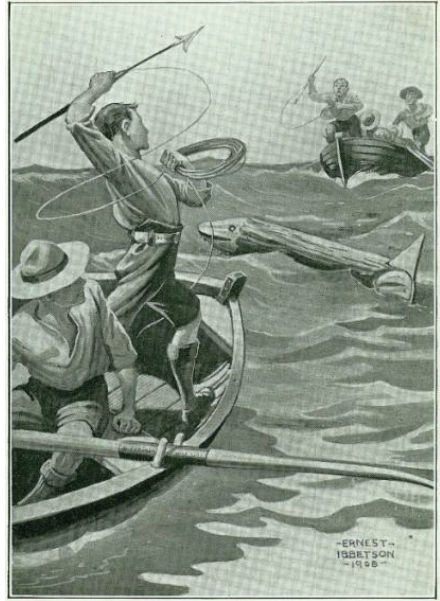
I have the book B-P gave to me at the end of the camp and two letters he wrote to my mother, one to say I appeared to be enjoying myself and the other after the camp.

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.

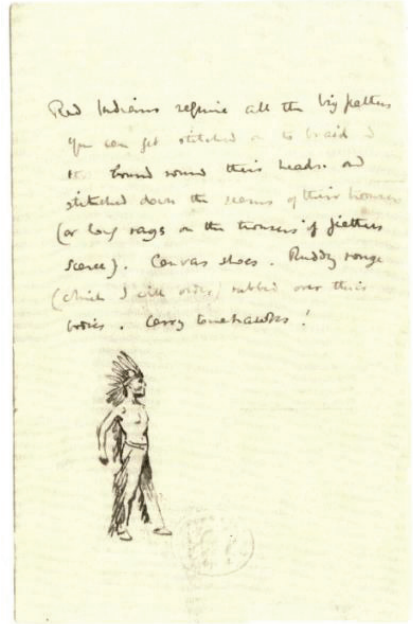


The Beaulieu Camp held at Bucklers' Hard and on board TS Mercury August 1909

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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Queues at the on-site, 23rd World Jamboree post office.
(See article starting on page 9)

WINTER 2015



Editorial

You suddenly look around and find that its nearly Christmas - they always told me that time would go so quickly after I retired and they've been proved correct.

2015 has been a funny year because for the first time since 1978 I didn't have a formal role to fill in Scouting and, of course, I missed my usual time spent with the young people in the Gang Show.

We (or rather our DC) is restructuring the Active (Scout or Service depending on how you look at it) Unit. We have all had to fill in forms committing ourselves to specific roles during the year - and if you don't complete a form you will be deemed to have left the Unit. Not the best reward for those who already given a lifetime of service to Scouting.

Other than that Betty and I keep busy - especially with holidays where I think we will manage about four or five this year. We are going for a short cruise to Amsterdam and Antwerp just before Christmas to visit their Christmas Markets and will be travelling with my youngest son and his wife who have never cruised before. I really hope that they enjoy the change.

Well, I think that's about all for now and all that remains is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2016.

As I finish typing this the news is coming through of the shootings in Paris and I do feel so sorry for the people involved and their families. How we will ever cure this problem defeats me but I hope that somewhere along the way the World Scout Movement can play a part in the peace.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

February 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:

20th February, 2016 - Spring Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. Room F booked for 12 noon to 14.00. Committee Meeting from 12 noon to 13.00 and Open/Members meeting from 13.00 to 14.00.

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.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

As I write this it is Remembrance Sunday, a day when throughout the U.K. and abroad thousands of Scouts and Guides march to their local war memorials and churches. Also this month at the Lord Mayor's Show in the



City of London the national Scout Marching Band takes part and marching Scouts have, and still are, seen at St. George's Day parades, celebrations for

national days and funerals. In the early days of Scouting marching was very much an integral part of the training (as seen in the illustrated cigarette card from 1911) but the efforts of most of today's Scouts would make a drill sergeant weep!

Parades showing marching Scouts, Guides and bands are seen on many stamps and postcards too, from many lands. Illustrated are just a few, postcard of the arrival of delegations to the 1947 World Scout Jamboree, a 1964 miniature sheet of Sharjah Girl Scouts and stamps from St. Helena and Barbados depicting Scout marching bands.



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SHARJAH GIRL SCOUTS
SHARJAH DEPENDENCIES



This being the Christmas issue of the Bulletin I hope that you will support your local Scout posts, if available in your area, and on behalf of all the Committee I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2016.

John's Jottings

by John Ineson

As many of you no doubt know, after Mafeking was relieved in May 1900, Baden-Powell was sent to Rustenburg. Recently Kohler Auctions sold this cover showing B-P's signature, and the reason why it was not stamped. Estimated at € 2000, it sold for €13,000 (approx. £9,420, US\$14,130). The



catalogue description was:-Stampless cover endorsed at lower left 'No Stamps. Active Service / R. Baden-Powell Maj. Gen.' addressed to a Mr. J. Figorski, Razor Strop Manufacturer in Sheffield, England; struck with RUSTENBURG squared circle datestamp in black of despatch (June 27). Two line PASSED / CENSOR in black and

counter-signed below by 'H. Nicholson, Col.' in red ink. London 'Paid' arrival cds on front (July 27) in red. Flap missing on reverse and slight corner crumple to cover at left but extremely rare, Baden-Powell occupied Rustenburg from June 15, 1900. Note: The letter (not with the lot) was sold at Christies in June, 1993, written on June 25 from Camp Rustenburg to J. Figorski thanking him for a present of a razor strap - 'and am very proud to have so useful an article dedicated to me - in recognition I presume of my attempts to blunt the keenness of the Boers'.

An interesting 1955 Canada World Jamboree stamp came up for sale in Gary Lyon's Canadian "Eastern Auctions" on 7 October. This shows a misperforated stamp and printed in the gutter at the top. Estimated at Can\$100, it sold for Can\$76 (approximately £38, (€52, US\$.58). I had not seen such a stamp before and the price realised seems to be very reasonable. Another stamp that interested me was the 1966 New Zealand Scout Jamboree stamp with gold omitted in the Scout badge. It is catalogued by Stanley Gibbons at £1200 mint (SG 838a) and was sold by a London Auction house for £550 (€760, US\$825) during October. I had seen this stamp offered before, but seemed to remember that somehow it is possible to be able to remove the gold. This stamp did not have an expert certificate. A similar stamp





was sold by Stanley Gibbons Auction in May 1987 for £200 but it was sent for a certificate but according to my records was returned as a fake.

Another issue of stamps that interested me was the imperf 1955 Indonesian Scout set, as this has a high catalogue price and thought to be very scarce. I was recently informed that blocks of four imperf were going to be sold in Denmark with an estimate of €200.

Thinking that this was a reasonable price when the auction company stated that the catalogue value was €3600+, I was considering bidding for these stamps, but having made contact with an Indonesian dealer he informed me that 4 sheets of 100 stamps were printed imperf. However what changed my mind about bidding for these blocks, was being informed that Corinphila Auctions of the Netherlands sold two hundred sets imperf in September for €1700.!!

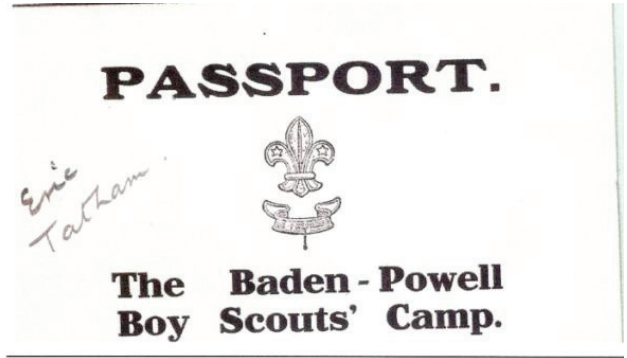


Bob Lee mentioned in the last Bulletin that our member Hallvard Slettebø from Norway had received a Large Gold medal with 96 points at the International Stamp Exhibition in Singapore for his exhibit "World Scouting". This is a great achievement, and as he has now won three FIP Gold medals, this means that in future exhibitions he can only participate in the Championship class and not in competitive (thematic) class. Another Scout exhibit in Singapore by Oswaldo Navas from Ecuador "Scouting Movement, Education for Peace" was awarded a Vermeil.

The prestige booklet from UK Royal Mail "WWI 1915" was issued last May and on page 1 is this print of a Scout and his father, which was from a recruitment poster published by the Essex County Recruiting Committee .



Colin's Corner in the last Bulletin mentions the Beaulieu Camp held at Buckler's Hard, Hampshire and on board TS Mercury in August 1909. In my collection, I have a PASSPORT card for the BADEN-POWELL BOY SCOUTS' CAMP addressed to Eric Tatham. The envelope, which is addressed to Eric Tatham of Elstree bears the impress of C.Arthur Pearson Limited, Henrietta Street, London W.C. and is postmarked 4 August 1909. Presumably Eric Tatham was one of the "gallant thirty" who sold a great number of "The Scout" magazines.



At our meeting held at STAMPEX on 19th September, Tim Reed gave us a talk about his time at the 23rd World Jamboree in Japan this year. A great event by all accounts,



and he showed us some of his philatelic "treasures" from the Camp. Shown here is a first day cover with two postmarks: the left postmark is from the Jamboree Site City – Yamaguchi-Cho, and the right postmark from the Jamboree Post Office

– Agisu Yamaguchi. The cover was prepared by my great friend and SGSC member Kuniichi Komachi who was an Assistant Camp Chief. "Kuni" also runs a Scouting Library in Tokyo and can be seen on his own personalised stamps



STAMP & COIN MART magazine in their CINDERELLAS article of October 2015 talks about "The Salvation Army's cartridges" which reads:

The Salvation Army (SA) has featured on the postage stamps of numerous countries throughout the world. Its swift responses to disasters by sending staff, medical supplies, food, clothing and bedding to wherever they are needed have provided many opportunities for stamp issuers to express gratitude with commemorative stamps praising the Army's work.

Less well known are the SA's own early Cinderella stamp issues, usually in the form of attendance labels sold to youngsters who turned up for prayer meetings. This method of drawing children through their doors seemed to produce better results than the traditional ploy of offering a free cup of tea and a bun to those who came and stayed for refreshments. In January 1919, youngsters who braved the wintry weather to put in appearances were about to be given a God-sent opportunity to do His work by paying a halfpenny for the first stamp to affix into a free booklet. A total of 36 stamps would be required to fill it during the space of three years. All who completed their pledge, spending one shilling & sixpence in halfpennies, would be in line for great rewards, perhaps qualifying for a job as a junior officer with his/her own uniform. Halfpennies as personal contributions paid for stamps which were called "cartridges"; and the booklet holding them was called a "cartridge album".

The 1919 designs are thought to have been modelled on pictorials issued by Turkey in 1914, although depicting aspects of Salvation Army life. One of the stamps shows "Life Saving Scout & Chum". The stamp is depicted here, plus a contemporary postcard showing a Troop of Salvation Army Scouts. Note the Salvation Army badges on the Leaders' hats.



It has been some time since I have advertised my “100 List” which is still distributed to some 20 members, and new material to offer is always arriving. Lists can be sent by email or by normal post. The Lists contain 100 items, which comprises stamps, mint and used, covers (FDCs & postmarks etc), postcards, labels, other ephemera, and sometimes a few badges, mostly priced at under £1.00, plus a few better items to fill the page. Many are one-off items from my stock which has been accumulating for about 35 years (!). Any subscriber not placing an order from two consecutive Lists will be deleted. Looking forward to a few more subscribers!

The following has been received by our Secretary, Graham Osborne, from Member Sandy Kerr whose e-mail address is “sandykerr1@btinternet.com”.

Dear Graham,

I am a club member and am also involved with the Caledonian PS in Glasgow. I will be responsible for the Club's programme in 2017/18 and am making enquiries about people who might give a display. Can you tell me of any members in Scotland, or willing to come to Scotland to give a display on Scouting philately? I know it all seems a long way off but the best people get booked up early! We would try and avoid the winter. One possibility is to come up for Scotex in October. Indeed you could have a meeting at that event if it would help boost Club membership!

Caledonian PS meets on Thursday evenings (7.30 -9.30) in Strathclyde University and have a regular attendance between 30 and 60. The normal format is of two rounds separated by a tea break. Each round can involve up to 100 sheets. Speakers usually only give a brief introduction to the material and the members are free to inspect the frames at leisure.

I look forward to hearing from you about possible speakers. I will be expected to have an outline programme by September next year.

Best Wishes

Sandy

If any Member - or Members - is (are) interested in helping with this event would they please contact Sandy direct but also copy in Graham at “camberry@tiscali.co.uk”.

Postal Arrangements for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree held in Japan.....

By Tim Reed

I was fortunate enough to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree held in Yamaguchi province, Japan, between the 28th July and 8th August 2015. I joined almost 35,000 other Scouts and Guides from around the World for this fantastic event. My role was with the 'International Service Team', helping to organise security for the off-site activities.

Throughout the camp there was a post office located on the Jamboree site in the main market area, adjacent to the Scout shop. This was staffed by members of 'Japan Post' and opened from 27th July through to 8th August. The post office opened on 27th July, however, on this initial day it only had on sale the two sets of official postcards produced for the camp. No post was sent from camp on this day.

I am aware that a handful of the official postcards were sent from the nearby local post office at Ajisu on 27th July and these are the first philatelic items sent from the camp during the Jamboree.

The official sets of postcards contained 6 pre-stamped cards. One set depicted various scenes of the location where the Jamboree was being held, the other had various Japanese Scout cartoon characters. All cards had the Jamboree logo on them.



Further queues at the on-site, Jamboree post office

The post office opened properly for business on Tuesday 28th July at 8.00am. This was the first day of issue for the special stamps produced for the Jamboree by Japan Post. The stamps were only available in mini sheets of 10 and were priced at 82 Yen each. There was a limited quantity of these sheets available on site on this day. Unfortunately an American Scout leader/stamp dealer who was first in the queue

decided to purchase virtually the entire stock... – It would appear that he had forgotten the Scout Laws that morning! This resulted in the remaining people who had been patiently queuing for their stamps being rationed to one sheet each.....



Official stamp announcement sheet produced by Japan Post

The on-site post office only provided a standard letter service. It had two special handstamps in red ink – One depicted the Scouts that appeared on the stamps themselves. The other depicted the main pavilion that was on the site of the camp. There were also two standard handstamps that were from the Ajisu Post Office and used black ink.



All four handstamps used for the Jamboree

The staff at the on-site post office clearly hadn't expected such a demand for the new stamps on the first day and directed those of us hoping to purchase more stamps to the Post Office in the nearby town of Ajisu. This was located approximately 2 kilometers away.



The author at Ajisu Post Office on 28th July 2015



Club member John Wyeth preparing a First Day Cover at Ajisu post office

A handful of collectors made their way to the Post Office at Ajisu. The counter staff were very helpful and supplied the new Scout stamps. They also had the same special handstamps available. The post office also provided a 'Registered' postal service from this location. (There was no Registered postal service available on the Jamboree site itself)

The on-site service ran until the morning of 8th August, however, by this time many of the Scouts had left the site and very few postal items were sent from the site on this date.

Standard incoming post was delivered to the contingent HQ of each country. The contingent staff from each country was responsible for delivering this mail on to the individual Scout or leader.

Parcels and Registered items had to be collected and signed for at the 'Business HQ' which was located in the World Scout Centre area of the Jamboree site. Each piece of registered post received a specific number written on the cover in a marker pen. Many also had arrival marks stamped onto them. When I checked with the records at the Business HQ there had been less than 250 such items recorded with them.

In summary:-

27th July :- A small number of the official Jamboree postcards were sent from Ajisu post office – Only the standard hand stamps were available. No post was sent from the on-site post office.

28th July – 8th August :- Standard mail could be sent from the on-site Jamboree post office and received a combination of the two red and two black handstamps. Standard and Registered mail could be sent from Ajisu post office and received a combination of the same handstamps.

Post arriving on site after the 8th August, received a 'Return Unknown' hand cancel, in red ink. I have only seen one such cover so far.

I was unable to ascertain the number of items of incoming mail, onto the Jamboree site – Perhaps someone else can help with this figure?

The only figure I can give is that the number of incoming parcels and registered items requiring a signature would have been approximately 250 items in total.

Staff at the Jamboree post office were unable to provide me figures for the number of items posted, or indeed the number of stamps sold, as they told me they didn't record this information. Other club members may well be able to assist with this.



Registered First Day Cover and receipt sent from Ajsu on 28th July 2015



One of the official pre-stamped postcards depicting the Jamboree site



Incoming mail with Return Unknown cancel – Arrived on site after 8th August 2015

This was the title of an article which appeared in STAMP AND COIN MART magazine earlier this year, and I make no apologies for using it again.

During this current period of commemorating The Great War 1914-1918, it occurred to me to have a look at some of the (almost) militaristic philatelic items connected with Scouting which were issued at the time.

The article concerned looked at the German Scout and other Youth Organisations in particular, and bearing in mind Baden-Powell's ideas of brotherhood and peace, some items do not appear to quite fit into this pattern.

Taking Germany initially, the uniforms of the Pfadfinder (Scouts) look quite soldier-like compared with most other countries' Scouts with shorts, neckerchiefs and big hats. Although at the time most British Scoutmasters uniforms appeared to be militaristic. Perhaps it did not do at that time for adults to appear in shorts!

A label issued by the Globin Sports Equipment Company in 1914 shows Scouts using rifles. Also labels from Nuremburg have Scouts carrying rifles. Another label from the firm "Gilling" depicts Scouts firing pistols. The chocolate company De Fries & Beckmann produced a strip of five advertising labels, three of which show Scouts with rifles. A similar set of these labels was issued in the Netherlands with text in Dutch, by the confectionery company S.Meyer.



Many other products were advertised on labels during these early days of Scouting in Germany, all including Scouts in their designs. These include watches, confectionery, heels for boots, uniforms and equipment, porcelain, pens, harmonicas, books, margarine and soup.



As is well known, the German Scouts acted as postal messengers in the occupied cities of Brussels, Antwerp and Liege, but there is no evidence of their being involved in warfare.

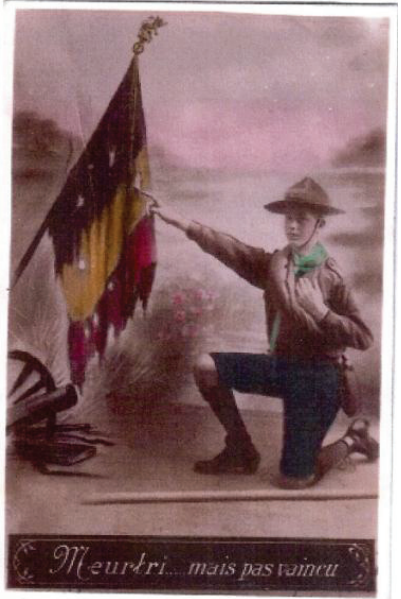
Austria were Germany's allies in the Great War, and many labels were issued showing the more peaceful activity of salvage collecting for the

war effort. Also, one from a set of ten labels for War Service depicts a Scout carrying parcels.

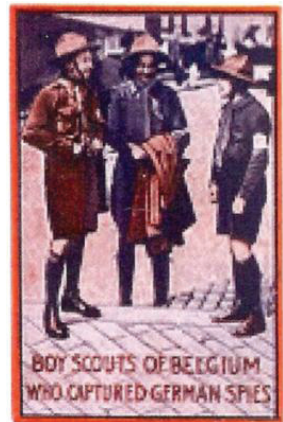
Belgium, having been occupied, produced patriotic postcards, one showing a Boy Scout with tattered Belgian flag with the text (in French)

“MURDERED... but not beaten.”

There were also postcards produced in Great Britain showing “A Boy Scout Hero” and “Belgian Boy Scouts distributing food and drink in the firing line” Similarly, a label (British?) with “Boy Scouts of Belgium who captured German spies”.



BELGIAN BOY SCOUTS DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND DRINK IN THE FIRING LINE



France bore the brunt of most of the fighting in the trenches during the war, and patriotic labels were issued: “Boy Scouts Au Service de Gouvernement Militaire de Paris” and “Eclaireurs de France au Service de l'Armée & des Administrations” There were many Scouting postcards in France during this period, some of which were posted by



Mobilisation 1914

Eclaireurs Français au service de la Patrie.
Bielser Pfadfinder im Dienste des Vaterlandes.

British soldiers to their families at home. I can only record one showing Scouts with rifles, but many have very patriotic themes.

Italy was on the side of the Allies, and recently a book was published “Gioventu Italiana e Grande Guerra” describing Boy Scout activities during the Great War. Many illustrations depict Scouting involvement at the

time. One particular postcard shows a Scout charging with a rifle and the message “Speranza d’Italia” (The hope of Italy). There is also mention of the involvement of Crown Prince Umberto, heir to the Italian throne who was a Scout.

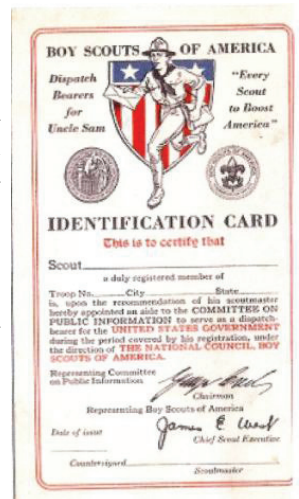
Switzerland, although neutral, considered the possibility of attack, and postcards are recorded showing the Mobilisation of Swiss Scouts. Also a postcard is known depicting a Scout helping refugees from France. And Sweden must have had similar thoughts with a postcard of Scouts` Mobilisation, Stockholm 1915.



U.S.A. joined the War in 1917, and there is an attractive postcard showing the reproduction of a poster for “U.S.A. Bonds Third Liberty Loan Campaign BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA” (The card was issued much later). The Boy Scouts of America used “Dispatch Riders for Uncle Sam” for which a special

Identification Card was issued.

Finally to Great Britain`s Scouting efforts: A postcard from Hart Publishing Co. shows a group of six Scouts, all with rifles, pulling a maxim gun. (See over page) Another card from SOLDIER AND SAILOR SCOUTS` CLUB depicts a soldier in shorts carrying a German helmet, with a Scout carrying his rifle. This sketch was drawn by B-P himself. (See over page). A lovely artist`s postcard for St. George`s Day includes a group of British, French and Belgian Scouts pulling German Scouts into an abyss. Although





BOY SCOUTS—ON THE MARCH WITH MANNING GUN.

produced in France, this card was posted in England in May 1917. (See card on back cover).



A comic postcard posted in 1915 shows a Boy Scout “Doing his little bit” with three German Army prisoners plus a Zeppelin in tow. (See card on back cover). There were many patriotic Scout postcards produced during the Great War period, some comic, others with serious intent. One issued by Belfast Boy Scouts War Service Commemoration has the message “Too young to fight, but not too young to help the fighter.” (See card on back cover).

Last, but certainly not least are the many postcards commemorating the great Boy Scout hero Jack Cornwell V.C. who died at his post in the Battle of Jutland in 1916.

He was the youngest British person ever to be awarded the Victoria Cross.



LEST WE FORGET

The new Scout Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum is now in the course of manufacture and it is hoped to be able to open it to the public by about Easter of 2016

“SCOUT REVENUES” article by T.P. McDermott from Bulletin Autumn 2015.

As a follow up to the article on Scout Revenues in the last issue of the Bulletin below are copies of some of the fishing licenses which are referred to on page 13 in the second full paragraph which were unfortunately omitted.

1. Referred to as figure #1



2. Referred to as figure #2



FISHING PERMIT
Rules and Regulations

This permit allows you to fish in Lake Arthur August 3 - 9, 1977. You must carry it with you while fishing and observe these regulations:

Species	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Bass — Largemouth and Smallmouth	9 inches	6
Walleye	15 inches	6
Pickereel	15 inches	6
Northern Pike	24 inches	2
Muskellunge	30 inches	2
Panfish — sunfish, catfish, yellow perch, crappies	No Minimum	50 combined species
Bait — minnows, chubs, crayfish, etc.	No Minimum	50 combined species

The Mystery of the Silver Cross; PL King's Scout Arthur Higham

Members, no doubt, will have taken part in recent Armistice Day Services, and be very aware of the sacrifice and Scout service that was common place in the two World Wars. 'The Mystery of the Silver Cross' unfolded itself as a result of my researches for my book Scouts at War Vol 1, The Great War. Whilst it does have a slight philatelic element, it should be remembered that my brief for these pages is to enthuse about Scout Ephemera, which I am very pleased to be able to do because, only this month (November), I was able to acquire the complete multi-faceted archive relating to the mystery that previously I had only been able to peruse.



Arthur Higham was the son of the manager of Brough Gasworks which was situated on the northern shore of the mighty tidal River Humber, 10 miles from Hull. Arthur was a member of the 2nd Brough Scout Troop and was a well-developed, bright, sporty boy who played football and cricket competitively (as did his father). He had attended Hull Technical College for 18 months before he was awarded

his Silver Cross on Sept 29th 1917.

His beautiful certificate was signed by Baden-Powell himself and records that on July 21st 1917 Arthur had rescued a Chief Petty Officer Naval (CPO) from drowning in Brough Haven, a short distance from the site of his father's Gas Works.

The obvious question as to why a Naval Chief Petty Officer needed to be rescued by a 15 year old boy could not be answered from the brief details held by the Scout Association however the archive, previously owned by King's Scout Arthur Higham's daughter, Mrs Jean Ireland, contains many newspaper cuttings reporting the award and all of the many items that I refer to in this article. A Hull newspaper report from October 1st 1917 reported a Public Meeting held in the Court House Brough, *for the purposes of presenting The Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal and Vellum Certificate to AL Higham. Also the presentation of Gold*



watches presented by the Special Constables of the District which were given to F Higham Senior and also his son who displayed such conspicuous bravery.

The newspaper report, headed by a photograph of the heroic Scout, stated that both Arthur and his father were Special Constables, (a duty older Scouts were entrusted to hold from the outbreak of the war). The other Special Constables in the area had clubbed together to present Arthur and his father with beautifully inscribed gold watches. Arthur and his father also recieved a police medal 'For Faithful Service' in the Special Constabulary and also the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E. which in 1916 could be awarded to non ranking officers in the Police Force for Gallantry.

The Chairman explained that these were very high honours which had never before been awarded to a Scout in the East Riding of Yorkshire and not to his knowledge in Great Britian.

Whilst not taking anything away from the King's Scout, the Chairman pointed out that some praise was due to the Scout Association for the training they gave Scouts, particularly the way they encouraged their members to learn to swim, an activity he thought should be on the curruculum of the local National School. He ... *knew of no braver action, especially when the dangers of the river were considered.* Mr A Atkinson JP, Mayor of Hull was in attendance as a Special Constable and President of the Brough Scout District.

Before the watches and medals were presented, a Mr Lane (no mention of him being a naval CPO) addressed the meeting, stating that he was the man that King's Scout Higham had rescued and he was in no doubt that the Scout had saved his life.



Another newspaper, the *Hull Morning Telegraph* on October 1st included a photo of the presentation, under the heading, *Heroic Special and Scout* but contained no further information. King's Scout Higham, as can be seen from the photograph, looked very smart in his uniform.

So, other than the discrepancy in the title of 'Mr' or 'Chief Petty Officer' Lane, where is the mystery referred to in the title of article?

The archive includes details of the presentation of the Scouts' Silver Cross Medal 'For Saving Life' with Certificate to Arthur Higham, by County Commissioner Dunkley (of the East Riding of Yorkshire) in November 1917. At a special parade, held at Brough District Scout Headquarters, Commissioner Dunkley told the Scouts that the Movement should be proud of its involvement in the war effort: 20,000 Scouts joined up in 1914, 2,000 were presently doing Coastwatching Duty, thus relieving Coastguards and 20 Scouts from the district had joined the Grand Fleet as signallers. He asked Brough Scouts to accept a coloured engraved drawing of Jack Cornwell VC made from a painting by local artist, Mr Elwell.



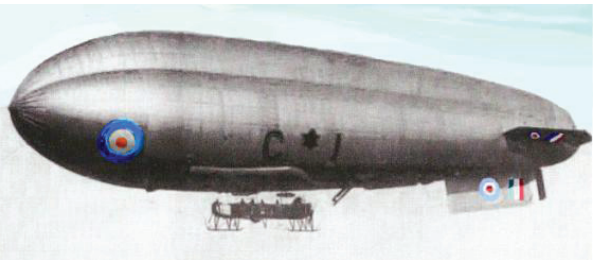
Arthur Higham's Silver Cross. Surprisingly, the Medal is actually bronze, but has a blue Silver Cross ribbon and the supporting certificate which makes it clear it was the Silver Cross award. B-P called it the *Blue Ribbon* medal. The wording 'For Saving Life' was changed in 1922 to 'For Gallantry' to take account of the same grim circumstances that applied to Fred Higham (Senior). His was a heroic rescue attempt, but could not be said to have saved life, as the victim died shortly afterwards.

At 10.40 p.m. on July 21st 1917 a naval Airship fell into the Humber at Brough, about 30 yards from the side. Arthur L. Higham, aged 15, swam out and succeeded in saving one

The above citation is from the roll of the Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal winners, obtained from the Society's Annual Report of 1917, however Arthur's actual certificate just records, for having saved life from drowning.

Letters were read out at the parade from Lord Curzon of Kedleston, on behalf of the House of Lords, congratulating the father and son for ... *the assistance rendered to two members of the crew of a naval airship.*

The balloon was a C* (Coastal) Class Airship C11, built at Kingsnorth in Kent. It took 5 hours to fly her up to Howden on June 26th 1916. The Airship Station had four airships of different classes and their job was to patrol the North Sea looking for enemy shipping, especially U boats. The C* Class were non-rigid steerable airships called blimps and known



locally as Howden Pigs because they resembled three sausages under one skin. They carried a five or six man crew.

On April 23rd the aircraft crashed at Scarborough and was badly damaged. It was repaired and, on July 21st, set off on patrol, but came down in the Humber in flames. Three members of the crew were killed outright, but two were rescued by the Highams, father and son.

Mr Fred Higham and his son were together at Brough Gas works when they saw the distressed aircraft crash into the river. They had no hesitation in entering the Humber's dangerous waters. As the name of the airman rescued by Mr Fred Higham is not mentioned in any report, it seems probable that he did not survive.

There were, most likely, five men aboard the aircraft, all of the Royal Navy Air Service; Flt Cdr L D Morrison aged 31 was the pilot. He was with Lt William Baker Harvey (23), Harold Frank Moore (19). They are all named in a book *Airman died in the Great War* by Chris Hobson as having died, but Hobson also reports that two unnamed men were rescued. We know one of the men to be CPO Lane. Air Mechanic 2nd Class Harry Ward 18, has also been named as a member of the crew, and he also died on July 21st 1915 so it seems likely that he was the airman that Mr Fred Higham tried to save but was unable to resuscitate.



In 1918 his son gained the then highest training award available to a Scout, the Silver Wolf, which was also, at the time, a prestigious honour for high profile adults. The criteria for Scouts was two year's service as a King's Scout, twelve proficiency badges and have performed a special piece of Scout work under *exceptional circumstances*.

The mystery surrounding Arthur Higham's Silver Cross is of course why it was that the Scout Association citation and subsequent newspaper reports made no mention of the burning airship. The most likely explanation for this is that this information was censored, a restriction that certainly applied to press reporting in the Great War. It does not of course explain why it was that the Royal Humane Society was able to mention the aircraft in its citation (but not on its certificate?) The roll I would surmise was not for publication and so never had to be submitted to the censor.

A 'mystery' of a different order exists as to the level of the award. The Mayor of Hull, Mr A Atkinson JP is on record as saying that he ... *knew of no braver action, especially when the dangers of the river were considered*. A letter in the archive

from a Mr Henry Stonehouse dated July 27th 1917 shows that the writer was under no doubt as to the level of bravery exhibited. He writes,

I am more than four times your age and cannot recall any action during the whole of my 63 years that will bear any comparison with your noble act.

The criteria for the Bronze Cross from the 1917 Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) states;

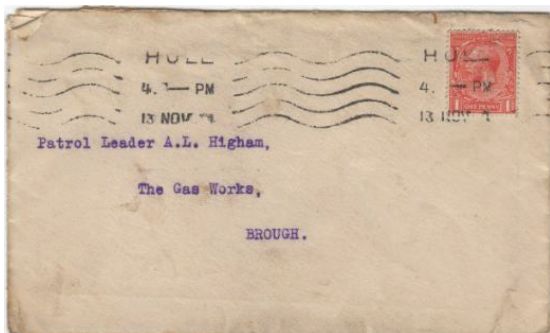
It can only be won if the claimant has shown special heroism or has faced extra-ordinary risks in saving life.

Anybody who has seen the River Humber at Brough will be in no doubt that the Bronze Cross was an appropriate award.

The Scout Association awarded six Bronze Crosses during the Great War to British Boy Scout recipients; two of them were to military personnel, the most famous being that to J C Cornwell VC. At least four Bronze Crosses were issued for rescues from drowning, one for stopping a runaway horse.

Higham's Silver Cross would seem to be the only one directly associated with the Great War, other than the two military recipients. There were several other recipients of the Silver Cross in 1917-18 who gained their award for helping to rescue victims of air raids. Such awards would not on the face of it, seem to incur the same risk to the rescuer as did that of Kings' Scout Higham's courageous rescue. Could it be possible, that faced with censorship, and therefore the difficulties of writing down the full circumstances of Arthur's heroic rescue, that the committee responsible for deciding the level of the award in London, were unaware of the burning airship crashing into the Humber?

Below is the seemingly mundane cover sent to PL Arthur Higham on 13th November 1917, but inside was his first intimation that he was to be awarded his Silver Cross ***'with a Certificate signed by General Baden-Powell'***. I know of no other that directly relates to such a high degree of Gallantry by a serving Scout.



Arthur Higham was the 60th Scout to be awarded the Silver Cross since its inception in June 1909, but by the time of his award (November 1917) only 13 Bronze Crosses had been awarded and four of those were to Scoutmasters. What ever quirk of fate occurred to ensure that King Scouts Higham's Medal that hung on his Silver Cross blue ribbon was actually the Association's Bronze Cross was entirely fortuitous!

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