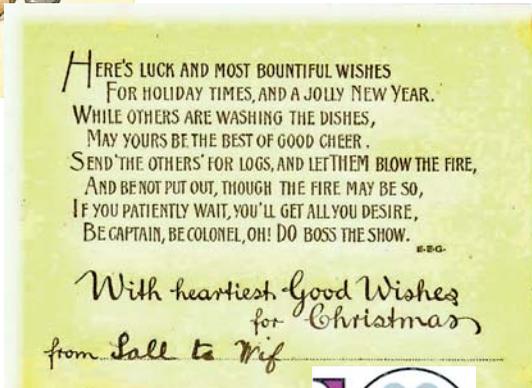
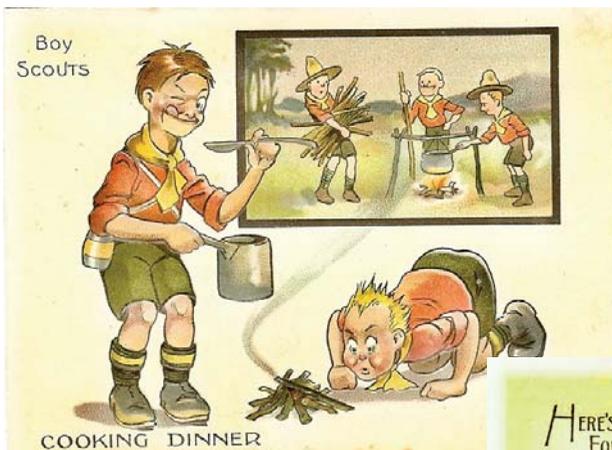


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Editorial

As I sit at my computer putting the finishing touches to this Bulletin the UK is experiencing some very un-seasonal snow, which is certainly up to 18 inches (46cm) deep in my garden and on the surrounding roads. I know that this is much less than many of you experience annually but it is also much more than others of you will ever see. However, the problem is should we as a Nation spend more money on equipment, such as snow ploughs, to handle this weather or should we accept that it is not a common event and just put up with it. An interesting debate which is filling much air time on the local radio.

The membership level of our Club is a subject which is debated regularly at our Committee Meetings and also when any of us are talking on the telephone. It is evident from the reports that have appeared in the UK Press over recent months that the younger generation are not generally following in our footsteps as far as collecting is concerned. There are still some card collectors coming along but the overall situation was bourne out by the attendance at EuroScout 2010 where it was estimated that we probably only just reached double figures with the number of under 16s who came along. If you have any suggestions as to what we can do in an attempt to change matters please drop me a line as I would welcome an open debate on the matter.

Have a good Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful 2011

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

January 15th, March 12th, May 14th and July 9th.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

26th February 2011 at Philatex

Committee Meeting:12.45- 13.15; Open Meeting: 13.15 -14.45

9th April 2011 Lord Amory, H.Q. Training Ship, Docklands.

12.00 - Committee Meeting.

14.00 - Annual General Meeting.

5th November 2011 at Philatex

Committee Meeting:12.45- 13.15; Open Meeting: 13.15 -14.45

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

The November "Philatex" at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster was the venue for our Club meeting where we were treated to displays of unusual material from the collections of Peter Duck and John Ineson. It was good to see two new members join us and perhaps more of you will come along next time.

Although not strictly a Scouting issue, the French 1938 stamp honouring sea explorer Jean Charcot has always been included in Scouting collections as he was also President of one of the then four French Scouting organisations, the "eclaireurs de France". Therefore, I put forward the argument that we also accept and include in our collections the 12c, 1911 Newfoundland stamp that pictures H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught as he was President of the Boy Scouts of Great Britain. Being a social climber seeking military advancement, B-P had befriended the Duke when he was still a Captain and even dedicated his book "Pigsticking" to him in order to enlist his patronage.

Later becoming President of the fledgling Boy Scout Movement the Duke attended many of the early events, including the 1913 Imperial Scout Exhibition, the 1924 Imperial Jamboree and he opened the 1929 World Scout Jamboree. The "Connought Shield", a prize for smallbore rifle shooting is still contested for within our Movement.

The photo is reproduced from the official souvenir book of the 1929 World Scout Jamboree, showing the Duke together with B-P and the Newfoundland stamp.

Do members agree with me or not? Please let your views be known to our Editor.



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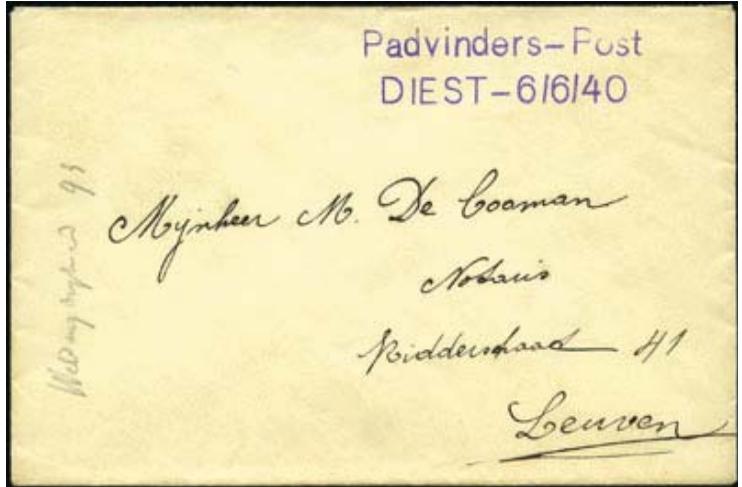
H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, the President of the Boy Scouts of Great Britain (right), with the Chief Scout at Arrowe Park.

John's Jottings

by John Ineson

In the November London auction of Argyll Etkin Lot 304 - Egypt 1956 Scout miniature sheets set of two on First Day Cover tied by July 25 Cairo cancellations, fine and scarce. Estimate £700-800, sold for £800 (US\$ 1220 €900) plus buyers premium. Also in November in Switzerland, David Feldman had the following for sale "Lot 60007 Belgium - One of the Scarcest Scouting Thematic Items Possible. 1940 WWII Redirected cover from Diest to Leuven with extremely scarce cancel PADVINDERS-

POST / DIEST 6/6/40, only 3 covers recorded with this postmark and this being the only redirected cover". This was estimated at €1200-€1600, but it finally made €1800 (£1565, US\$ 2500)



On sale by Harmers of London during September were three covers used in

Kuwait, showing the 1957 U.K. World Jamboree stamps with the Muscat overprint. I was not aware about these until after the sale (as for some reason known only to themselves, they do not have any search engine on their website), and the three lots, all with the same estimate of £250 went unsold. These covers had the overprinted Muscat stamps used in Kuwait. **Lot 815** cancelled with the circular date stamp Kuwait Oct 7 1957 long commercial envelope franked 15n.p. and Muscat Scouts 75n.p. **Lot 816** Oct. 9 1957, a similar long commercial envelope franked 9n.p. not cancelled, together with Muscat Scouts 15n.p. and 25n.p. **Lot 817** Oct. 10 1957, another similar commercial envelope franked 15n.p. together with Muscat Scouts 15n.p. and 75n.p. The envelope was roughly opened and with tape stain at top, otherwise fine and scarce.

It is well known to Scout stamp collectors that the U.K. set of three stamps for the Jubilee Jamboree were overprinted for use in the territories of Bahrain, Muscat and Qatar. The SGSC Bulletin Vol. 35 No 4, July/August 1991 gives this explanation: "Supplies for Kuwait were actually in Bahrain when it was decided for political reasons that these stamps should not be issued in Kuwait". The Journal of the Scout Stamp Collectors Club Vol. 1 No 4, January 1958 states "They were not

put on sale because the Ruler of the territory said he would prefer that the stamps were not issued in view of the agreement with certain Arab countries to boycott the Jamboree on account of the Suez incident!". Although the overprints for Kuwait were never put on sale, the overprinted World Scout Jubilee Jamboree stamps were issued in Bahrain, Qatar and Muscat, the latter overprints showing the value in local currency only. The overprinted Scout Jamboree stamps used in Kuwait were those issued by the other territories. The following quantities of Kuwait overprinted stamps were sent to the Postmaster: 1,200 sheets of the 2½d stamp (there were 120 stamps in each sheet), 800 sheets of the 4d stamp, and 400 sheets of the 1s 3d value. Although all the stamps were returned to the Royal Mail in London, it was reported that one cylinder block of six belonged to a collector in the U.S., but this has not been confirmed.



A QUESTION FOR YOU ALL TO ANSWER FROM FRED MAARSEN

I've read the articles on scout handstamps, may I ask what date is the oldest known handstamp (known today) on a philatelic item?
 Maybe it is possible to put this question in the bulletin?

ANSWERS PLEASE TO THE EDITOR

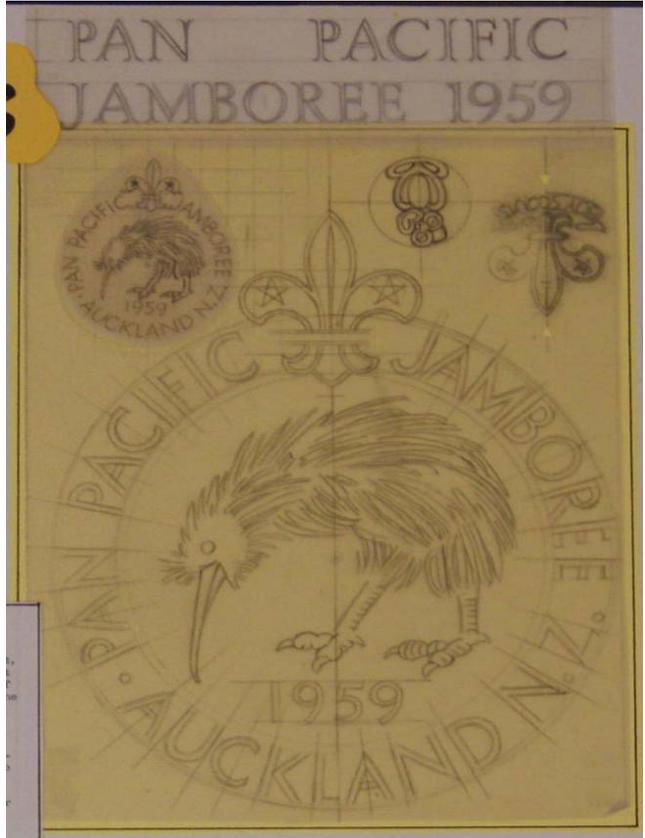
An Untold Story - the Art of Fred Coleman

by Paul Van Herpt

The publication “The Postage Stamps of New Zealand” has in its volumes well documented chapters on both the 1959 Pan Pacific Scout Jamboree and the 1966 Scout Progress Jamboree stamp issues. Behind these stamp issues is another designer who is not mentioned, namely a gentleman named Fred Coleman of New Plymouth.

Fred Coleman was from New Plymouth and had been in Scouting from a very early age, commencing as a boy in 1908. He later was a surveyor by profession and had an interest in heraldry as well as a life long involvement in Scouting. His draughting and sketching abilities were well honed by both his profession and his hobbies!

He first came to prominence in the late 1930's when there was a design competition held for the 1940 Scout Jamboree logo. There were over 200 entries and while Coleman did not win his design was “highly recommended” by the judges. In any case, the Jamboree site by 1940 was no longer available to the Scouts, it had become the Trentham Military Camp and with war imminent the event was cancelled.



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From 1954 to 1970 he had the role of Commissioner Special Duties in the Scout Association of NZ. (It should be noted that it was in 1953 that NZ Scouting was granted independence from the control of Imperial Headquarters in London, so there was a need to have a team of people who could start to give the Association its own unique image). His role essentially was to be involved in the design of uniquely NZ items required by Scouting. This included certificates, badges and

even a book with drawings and guidance on how to build a Scout HALL. Badges are where he made his biggest mark as NZ introduced District badges, a badge worn on the uniform to indicate where the wearer came from. Badges of national importance also came under his control, starting with the 1959 Pan Pacific Jamboree.



A number of design options produced by Fred Coleman for the 1959 Pan Pacific Jamboree (above) It should be noted that the final badge is the 4th design, the badge used for a stamp design is the 2nd version, so probably prepared early in the process !



Stamp designs by Fred Coleman (left) and the finished stamp (below) based on the 4th and final badge design.



In the Coleman Archives (held at the National Scout Museum in Kaiapoi, NZ) there are photographic proofs of 3 designs for the stamp for the 1959 Pan Pacific Jamboree. These include a portrait of a Scout, a portrait of Lord Baden-Powell,

Scouting's Founder and one with an early design (2nd version of 4) of the Jamboree badge.

The presence of these designs would tend to suggest that the Scout Association had a number of options which may or may not have gone to the Post Office. As noted in "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" the actual stamp design was produced by Mr. R.J.G.Collins of Christchurch who based his design on the Jamboree badge. That badge was designed by Fred Coleman.

A similar scenario happened in 1966. This time the Post Office themselves developed the design for the 1966 Progress Jamboree stamp, loosely basing it on the actual Jamboree badge / logo design. That design was also produced by Fred Coleman.

So while Coleman was responsible for much design work for Scouting, he was unsuccessful in designing postage stamps. However, it was his designs that were the basis for both the 1959 and 1966 Scout Jamboree stamps of NZ.



Coleman's design (left) for the 1966 Progress Jamboree badge (and logo for the event) including the oblique Scout arrowhead which was used on the stamp. (below)



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BRN85 BRUNEI 1985 International Youth Year (1 – with Scouts & Guides)	0.50
GBX91 Sheffield Scouts Christmas Post 1991 (5 – Space Theme)	used 0.60
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<u>LABELS</u> IND67L INDIA 1967 5 th All India Jamboree – 1 label	0.15
ICELAND SCOUTS CHRISTMAS LABELS (SKATAMERKI) ICE58L (1)	0.20
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A	737	Aruba 10th Anniversary of local Scouting x 4 vals	3.45	-	-
A	738	Bangladesh 8th National Scout Jamboree x 1 val	1.70	-	-
A	739	USA 100th Anniversary of American Scouting x 1 val	0.50	-	-
A	740	Cook Islands Scouts/Guides at ANZAC Day parades 4 vals + s/s	3.45	5.25	-
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C	742	Rep of Mali Baden Powell with 2 of his dogs, sheet x 1 value	-	5.20	-
C	743	Rep of Congo 100th Ann of USA Scouting sh x 4 vals, fungi/reptiles	-	-	5.20
C	744	Rep of Congo 100th Ann of USA Scouting sh x 4 vals, fungi/big cats	-	-	5.20
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Some New Issues Illustrations



Latest Scout Issue from Cook Islands

by Paul Van Herpt

On 14 September the Cook Islands issued a set of 4 stamps and a miniature sheet to commemorate ANZAC Day and Scout and Guide anniversaries.

The Cook Islands Philatelic Bureau is run these days by the Philatelic Collector Inc in New York, USA from where the stamps are available. The designs are 80c depicts Guides marching in Avarua on ANZAC Day and the national Guide emblem; 90c depicts Scouts marching in Avarua on ANZAC day with a Boy Scouts of America emblem, and the local national badge of the sea god Tangaroa surrounded by the circle of stars representing each of the main island groups in the Cook Islands federation; \$1.10 depicts the war memorial in Avarua located just outside the Courthouse; \$1.20 depicts the Cook Islands flag.

The miniature sheet has a single stamp at \$3 value and shows a group of dignitaries and an inset image of the first Church which is in Avarua. The sheet has the text added "Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, 75th Anniversary of Lord Baden Powell's visit to the Cook Islands in 1935."

While officially the stamps were issued on 14 September, the first day they were available at Cook Island Post in Avarua was 14 October 2010 and some covers were prepared on that day.

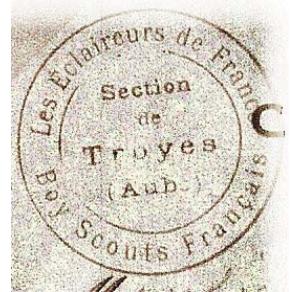
The main island in the Cook Islands group is Rarotonga. It has a road around it which it takes some 40 minutes to drive around. there are a series of villages around the island with houses and hotels scattered along the road so no real sense of urban development as we may know it. The main commercial and government centre is in Avarua on the north western coast.

Scouting in the Cook Islands comes officially under New Zealand but they are also part of the Emerging Nations grouping of the Pacific under Regional Office in Manila. They have therefore started to develop their own identity and uniform, but still rely heavily on the support from New Zealand. We have been fortunate to have hosted the Cook Islands Scouts for a number of our NZ Jamborees and in fact store their gateways, drums, etc between events. There are 3 troops on Rarotonga, as well as Patrols or Troops on the islands of Atui, Mauke, and Pukapuka. Why the BSA emblem on the stamps is a mystery, probably more to do with where the stamps were produced rather than that the Cooks have any special relation with the BSA.

The Baden-Powell's did visit Rarotonga in 1935. They had been to the first Pan Pacific Jamboree at Frankston, near Melbourne in Australia, after which they spent some time in New Zealand and stopped in Rarotonga enroute to Panama and back to the UK.

ANZAC Day is the 25th April and is the day Australia and New Zealand remember their war dead. ANZAC stands for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps which was the force sent by the British to Gallipoli in Turkey during World War 1 (1914-1918) where they were heavily defeated in there attempt to secure the gateway to the Black Sea. The cook islands have had men fight in the NZ Army and therefore they also commemorate ANZAC Day and have a public holiday on 25 April.

Scoutisme Francais is divided into four Associations, namely: Scouts de France, Eclaireurs de France, Eclaireurs Unionistes de France and Eclaireurs Israelites de France. The first three have produced many handstamps for Troops and Districts as well as various events. Many are printed onto postcards, often on the picture side, consequently some are hardly legible. The earliest I have date from the Great War 1914-1918 period and a couple appear on postcards sent home by British soldiers serving in France. One handstamp from LES ECLAIRES DE FRANCE. BOY SCOUTS FRANCAIS. SECTION DE TROYES(AUB) is printed onto a Military Correspondence postcard and was presumably handled by them.



Local handstamps were also used on Scout membership cards, the earliest I have is from 1922 from Les Eclaireurs de France at Troyes. The lovely name of ILLY-OLLY in the Ardennes was the site of the Eclaireurs Unionistes de France camp in 1923 for the Troop of Boulogne et d'Auteuil for which a circular handstamp was produced.

An envelope sent to the Boy Scouts Association at 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1 carries the circular handstamp of Ire Routiers-Paris Henri IV. Tribu du Lynx. The card inside enquires about a Wood Badge course at Gillwell Park. (Note- before 1929 Gilwell was spelt with four L's).



Camp International Scout, Joinville-le-Pont took place in August 1931, and a purple circular handstamp was used. My unposted postcard shows a group of eight smiling Scouts from various nations.

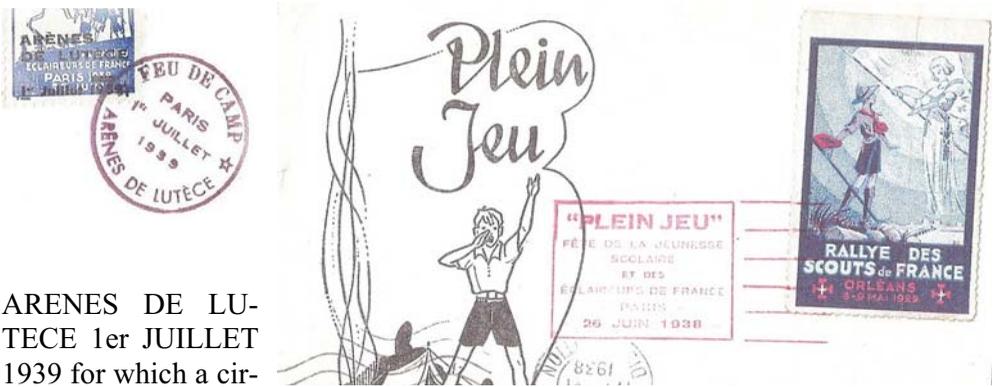


On 26 June 1938 the "PLEIN JEU" event of the Eclaireurs de France took place in Paris. Besides the well-known series of five labels and the postmark, three handstamps were also printed onto cards and envelopes. A circular print in purple reads "PLEIN JEU" 26 Juin 1938 Fete de Jeunesse et les Eclaireurs de France, plus badge. Another, also in



purple, is rectangular with similar text but no badge. A third, in red, also reads “PLEIN JEU” Fete de la Jeunesse Scolaire et les Eclaireurs de France Paris 26 Jun 1938.

The five labels issued for the above were overprinted FEU DE CAMP



ARENES DE LUTEC 1er JUILLET 1939 for which a circular handstamp was produced, printed in either red or purple.



Following World War II, the GRAND CAMP 1945 was held by the Scouts de France 1re L'Isle Troop at Val Gaudemar in the Alps. The camp was considered important enough for two cachets in purple to be produced.

An oblong handstamp for ASSOCIATION DU

JAMBOREE showing the 6th World Jamboree 1947 emblem was printed onto various cards etc. A similar handstamp was used by “Jamboree Chef de Camp”. “Librarie Scoute Jamboree France 1947” in green was also used.



German Scouting (Pfadfinder) began in 1910 and appeared to be a rather militaristic organisation, certainly their uniforms give that impression. The earliest handstamp I have is from

Deutscher Pfadfinder-Bund Pfadfinder Verein Leipzig on a receipt dated 1.5.1914 for the Scout membership fee for Lieutenant Menzel. Pfadfinderkorps “Jung Mannheim” used their rubber stamp cachet on a card posted 26.5.1914.



Other Troop and Local Scout handstamps are known on official mail up to 1933 when Scouting was suppressed by the Nazis.

During the Great War 1914-1918, Scouts carried out useful services, mainly as messengers. In fact, the earliest “Scout Post” items I

have seen (but do not possess) is a postcard with postmark of Winkelhaid 15 Jul 1914 plus circular handstamp I. Munchner Pfadfindierzug Feldpost. This was before the start of World War I, which began in August 1914.

Another postcard with handwritten “Feldpostkarte” and postmarked 12.8.15 bears a circular handstamp in blue Pfadfinderabteilung d.Ev.M.u.J.V.(e.V) “Weiden,Opf” Allzeit Bereit (Be prepared). The message on the card is unreadable (to me), it is addressed to a military unit.



From 1916, the Scout performed messenger services

for the German Military Command in Brussels and Antwerp. The handstamp “Pfadfinderabteilung der Deutschen Kommandatur Brussel” was printed onto mail, and my two examples which are dated 1916 and 1918 have slight variations in the lettering. The scarcer hands-



tamp from Antwerp reads “Pfadfinderabteilung der Kaiserlichen Kommandatur Antwerpen”. Also known from this period is the handstamp of “Fred Keller Deutsche Kommandatur Pfadfinder-Abteilung Brussel. Another postcard bears the handstamped signature (undecipherable) of one of the Scout Messenger Corps commanders printed onto a Scout emblem label.

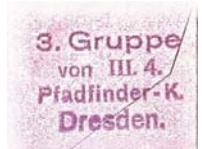


The circular handstamp in purple showing two Scouts signalling with text “Pfadfinderkorps

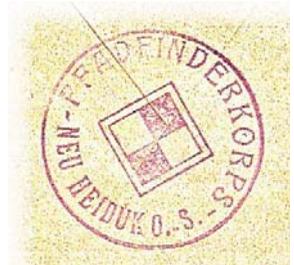
Gross-Schonau I SA” was printed onto a postcard dated 1.10.18 with handwritten message, but not posted.



Later handstamps are from Scout offices in Dresden, Kiel, Offenburg, Berlin, Bielefeld and Hamburg. A circular handstamp of “Pfadfinderkorps Neu Heibuk O.S.” appears on an envelope bearing an Upper Silesia plebiscite stamp and posted on

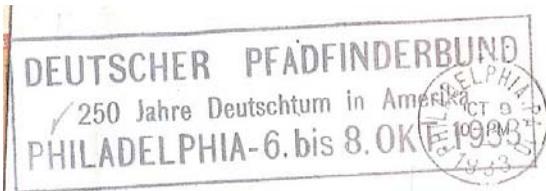


27.1.21 to the Scout Headquarters office in Berlin. It is understood that the Scouts in this area wanted the region to remain in Germany, and not be transferred to Poland.



The Christliche Pfadfinderschaft (Christian Scouts) of Saxony held a national Camp at Erdmannsdorf in May 1932 during which a rubber

stamp in purple was used. The German Scouts in New York, U.S.A. celebrated the 250th Anniversary of German People in America from 6-8 October 1933 in Philadelphia. A boxed handstamp was printed onto postcards showing German Scouts in



U.S.A. My postcard was sent to Germany, and by the time of its arrival, Scouting had been banned.

Following World War II, Scouting was able to be resurrected, although it was some time before the three Scout organisations were completely reorganised. The earliest

handstamp I have from this postwar period is from Hessen in January 1949. This is a red print of the Deutsche Pfadfinder badge from Landemark Hessen. Also, there are similar handstamps in purple from Bad Aibling in 1952 and Kaiserslautern in 1957.



The International Scout Bureau was able to use official mail services from its office in Neuenburg, Wurttemberg. An envelope addressed to the Chief of Russian Scouts in Exile at a Displaced Persons Camp in Munich bears three official handstamps of the organisation.

In 1952 the Scout Camp Rauchenberg produced a handstamp, and the German-Swedish Scouts Camp at Lubeck in 1953 also used a handstamp which was worded in both German and Swedish.



Brexbachtal Scout Camp at Bendorf (Rhein-Sayn), which is a permanent Scout Campsite, used a LAGERPOST (Camp Post) handstamp in purple. Mostly this is found on cards or covers with a special postmark used at the Campsite from



1st May 1956 to 30th April 1957. During this period the handstamp of Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft St.Georg. Land Trier can be found, also another which commemorated the 100th Birthday of Lord Baden-Powell on 22.2.57.

Further parts of Peter's article will appear in future issues.

A Watch and a Wedding!

Since writing my last 'corner', I have visited Finland and America helping to celebrate their Scouting Centennials. I attended the Heart of America Camporee held at the Naish Campgrounds near Kansas City where I was honoured to be presented by the US Post Office with a specially framed commemoration of the American Scouting Centennial stamp, artwork and Camporee cancel, but that is another story. On the same trip, I was invited to work for several days at the Boy Scouts of America Archives at Irving near Dallas. You may be surprised to learn that it contains all of Baden-Powell's diaries, journals and personal letter files which had given to the BSA by Lady B-P after the Founder's death. I had previously been able to transcribe some of the diaries as they are held on microfiche (courtesy of the BSA) in our Scout Archives in Gilwell Park. Working on the real thing however was a great privilege and enabled much faster progress.

Much of my time since returning from the USA has been spent in transcribing the diaries onto my ever-growing 'B-P Chronology' database, which can of course be 'interrogated' by single word search. As you can imagine, the factual entries 'from the horses mouth' are fascinating and an enormously important first-hand resource that no other researcher has ever been able to fully explore.

It is one seemingly innocuous entry from B-P's diary that prompted this article.

17th Aug 1936

B-P writes how, in mist and showers, he motored from the Waddow Guide Camp, near Clitheroe in Lancashire, to Windermere in the Lake District. There he met Sir Percy Everett (Deputy Chief Scout) and Scout Commissioner Lawrence Impey at the Scout Camp run by Captain Michaelson at Blakeholme (on Windermere) before going on to open the nearby Great Tower Camp site '*which I opened as a camp site and thanked Wakefield who gave it.*' (Wakefield was a very early of employee of the Scout Association, being one of two 'Travelling Secretaries' appointed in 1908. His biography can be found on my Scouting Milestones website.) B-P continues:

'H (B-P's daughter Heather) and I motored 90 miles via Windermere, Ullswater Falls, Penrith, and Alston Hexham to Newcastle - Lost my Powell watch en route. Informed police, G.Carter assisting me.'

The phrase 'lost my Powell watch en route' triggered memories of B-P 'memorabilia' that I had seen belonging to my friends in Scouting, our former Chairman John Ineson and SGSC member Graham Brooks. John has a menu for

a dinner (see below) held in September 1901 at Mercers Hall by B-P's cousins, at which the Founder was presented with a gold watch in commemoration of the Siege and Relief of Mafeking (May 17th) the previous year. Mercers Hall is owned by the ancient London Trade Guild of which many 'Powells' were members. B-P was later to become its 'Master'.

A circular letter, also in John Ineson's collection, was sent out by Colonel Torkington of Willey Park, Farnham, to the 'cousins'. The letter makes it clear that a *Complementary Luncheon* had been arranged to enable members of '...the Powell Family, limited to the descendants of David and Susannah Powell. (m. 1723) ... to do .. honour to Major General Baden-Powell and other members of the family who have served in the (2nd Boer) War.'



A representative meeting of senior members of the family held in March (1900) wired an invitation to their relative in Mafeking and the following reply was received, dated May 9th (1900 – eight days before the Relief) *'Delighted to attend kind invitation directly fortune permits.'*

The circular also proposed that B-P's cousins present him, with a piece of silver plate accompanied by a book containing the names of the subscribers. Such however was the fame heaped on B-P when Mafeking was relieved, that the

family members felt disposed to subscribe far more than necessary for a 'piece of plate', giving instead, as Hillcourt tells us in his 'Two Lives of a Hero', a gold chronometer. The event was attended by 167 relatives.

Some years ago now, Graham Brooks was fortunate to purchase a Baden-Powell letter with 'cover' sent to a Captain Michaelson of Blakeholme on August 18th 1936. B-P addressed the envelope to the Boy Scout Camp at Blakeholme, Windermere. The Post Office tried to deliver it from Windermere village but were unable

to do so because the camp was some miles away, and in fact they mistakenly believed it to be near Ulverston. So as can be seen from the envelope opposite, the mail was redirected after having the Windermere Post Office hand stamp applied. This 'redirect' was caused by B-P's uncharacteristic lack of attention to detail! Blakeholme is a hamlet on Lake Windermere, close to The Great Tower Scout Camp Site. Great Towers and



Michaelson Camp site were adjacent and bordered Lake Windermere, the largest natural lake in England, The Post Office however quite naturally had tried to locate the camp in the vicinity of the village of Windermere. The Michaelson Scout Camp could not be located there so the letter seemingly was sent to Ulverston but was eventually correctly delivered. (Unfortunately for some reason its near worthless stamp was removed before Graham's ownership)

B-P begins his letter to Captain Michaelson, *'After leaving you yesterday I had the misfortune to loose my gold watch. I looked at it when we got up from lunch and that was the last I saw of it.'*

B-P hoped that it might be found in the camp but thought it more likely that he had lost it en route from the camp to Newcastle when he had stopped for a picnic at Melmerby near Penrith. In his letter he drew sketch maps to illustrate the exact position and, as good measure, described the exact location.

'I stood on the grass verge looking at the view to Westward. In front of me was a very low hedge and behind to my right rear, on the opposite side of the road, an old quarry or cutting with a mound of earth in it'.

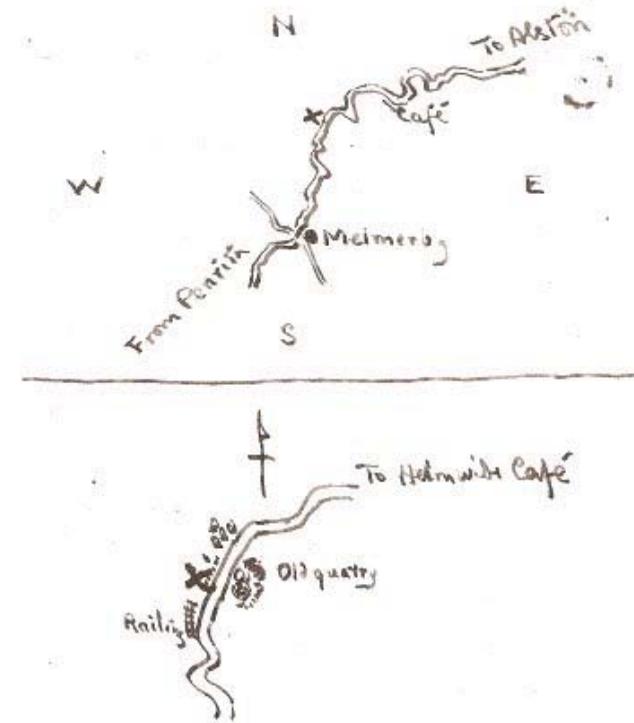
B-P drew these detailed maps on the train down from Newcastle to London (hence the Darlington postmark). He could have had no idea, when getting up from eating his lunch, that he would ever need to recall the place or draw maps of it. His powers of recollection are astounding particularly when it is realised that he was nearing his 79th birthday!

Clearly the lost gold watch whose loss is detailed in the letter was the Baden-Powell 'Family' watch, described by Hillcourt as a chronometer was that presented by B-P's cousins in 1901.

Naturally I had always wondered if the watch had ever been found. Fortunately the diary entry for the following day contains two excellent piece of news!

18th August

Left Newcastle by the 'Silver Jubilee' 10 a.m. Arriving London 1.50 p.m. The engine driver told me the timetable he had to keep en route, running up at one part to 90 m.p.h. Stopped in Regents Park saw several



tents improvised by children. Dentist (Wanless). Tea at I.H.Q.. **News from G Carter that the watch had been found.** Home. Met by O (Olave) with news that B (Betty) and G (Gervas) 'were bent on marrying.' B met me at the gate and told me ditto. and that they want to marry at once!

Gervas and Betty shared the same birth date (April 16th) replicating a coincidence shared by B-P and Olave, whose birthdays were on October 22nd. The young couple and Betty's parents also had in common that they too met on board ship, and had a whirlwind romance, They were married September 24th 1936.

B-P's diary tells us that '*Betty's wedding went off exceedingly well, thanks to planning of every detail by O (Olave) ... Villagers cheered her everywhere. Westminster Choir excellent. Betty looked lovely . Tremendous reception of 400 in three big marquees. 500 presents in the barn.*'

It is fascinating to read Olave's account of her daughters romance (- in her book 'Window on My Heart'), and also' Betty's own account of events directly from her diary, now in the possession of her son Robin Clay.

So all's well that ends well. To round off the story nicely, The 'Powell Family' gold chronometer was left in B-P's will specifically to Robin, Gervas and Betty's oldest son born in 1939. Robin (who shares his parents birthday) has written websites in memory of both of his parents. Betty's role in Scouting is well known, her husband's less so. Robin's websites reveal interesting details of the Scouting service of both his parents.

<http://www.spanglefish.com/gervasclay/>

<http://www.spanglefish.com/bettyclay/>

Our Member Mr. Roger Bowers, who is 86 years old has apologised for his inability to attend meetings but has sent the attached details of his "Scouting career" which I am sure other members will find interesting to read.

Originally joined Wolf Cubs of the 2nd Upper Tooting Pack and put in the Tawny Six. Not a spectacular career although I was appointed Secunder in due course and had a selection of badges to show too.

I joined BEC School and found that instead of a Cadet Unit they had a Scout Section with various Masters in Uniform too. I joined the Fox Patrol and enjoyed weekly meetings after school until left in 1939 when the whole school was evacuated to Lewes in Sussex. We were able to continue Scouting in an unlit (except for hurricane lamps) building in the town and actually managed a field day too. I was heading for Assistant P.L. But after a severe illness I returned to London and started work in 1940.

My next connection with Scouting was when my son joined the 3rd Cheam as a Cub and then as a Scout and like so many other was "recruited" to the Parents' Committee for fund raising, etc.

We had a very friendly and supportive Group and I eventually became Chairman which lasted 10 years until I resigned as I moved house to Cheam, previously living in Morden.

I was soon recruited to the parents; Committee near my new house but after only a year or so the Committee disbanded although I still remain very friendly with previous members. I was awarded a "Thanks Badges" from 3rd Cheam.

My stamp collection developed after my leaving the Group and I collect Scouting themes only, a very modest collection indeed.

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