

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN

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One of the exhibits at The Story of Scouting and Guiding Museum which is at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre - See Article starting on page 11.

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Editorial

Well, one or two people came to my rescue and sent in some longer articles - in fact I ended up with so much material that two of the new articles have had to start in this issue and continue in the July/August one. But, hopefully, this does give you all something more to look forward to.

With the previous issue of the Bulletin you will have had the latest auction booklet and I really hope that you are all trying to place bids for items that you would like in your collection, especially as this helps the Club with its income.

I know that many of you are “computer literate” (as they say) and with this in mind I was wondering whether members would like to receive their copies of The Bulletin by e-mail instead of the hard copy. This would have the double advantage of giving the recipient a copy in full colour and also saving the Club the financial cost of printing and posting out each issue. Several other Clubs that I am a member of have already moved down this route with some success.

I will put something together formally for the next issue but if you have any initial thoughts please send them in.

Meanwhile I look forward to receiving some more articles - long or short - from as many of you as possible in due course.

Terry Simister

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**FUTURE COPY DATES**

July 15th, September 16th and November 11th.

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

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

3rd November 2012 at venue to be advised. Committee 12.45 to 13.15 then open meeting 13.15 to 14.45

## Chairman's Notes

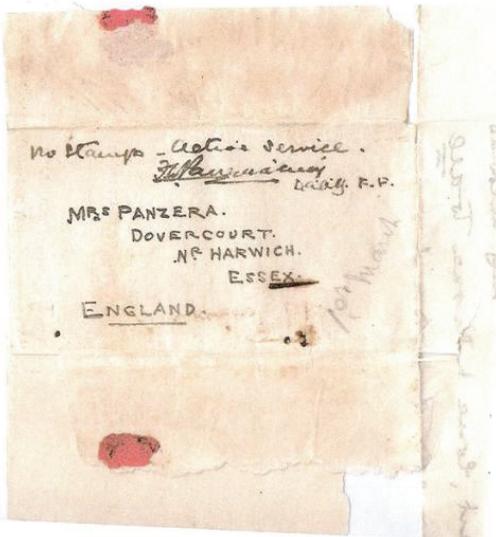
by Melvyn Gallagher

May 17th commemorates the relief of Mafeking - the philately surviving from the epic siege of interest to us with B-P being in command abs their Cadet Force often said to be the inspiration of the later Boy Scouts.

During the siege it was possible for the besieged garrison to send letters out using native runners to smuggle the usually very small letters secreted on them. It was very dangerous work as seen on the illustrated stamp from Ghana with the risk of being shot by the Boers if caught so they were paid vast sums, sometimes in cattle and later up to £25 per run.

The letters, also called Kaffirgrams (very politically incorrect these days), they carried were without postage stamps and as such were inscribed "no stamps-active service" or similar and usually signed by the sender with his rank and regiment details.

When through the enemy lines these letters were then placed in stamped envelopes and posted on.

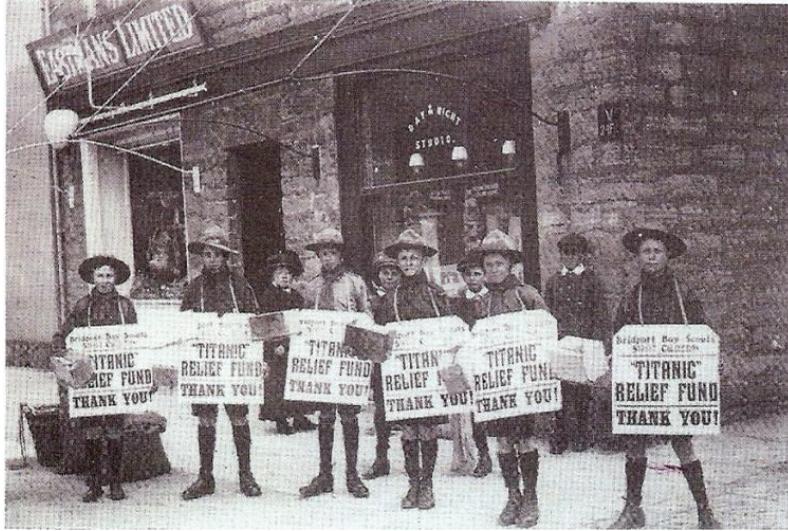


At a recent London auction I acquired and entire such kaffirgram addressed to Mrs. Panzera in Essex, England. The letter, written by her husband Major Francis William Panzera the senior artillery officer during the siege. Dated 1st March, 1900 in mentions the famous "Wolf" gun stating - "I have been able to make gunpowder and have built a howitzer and we have cast our own shells and made our own fuzes!!..."

Here in Britain we are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and no doubt many Scouts will be involved in various local and national events, already the Queen attended his year's

Windsor Parade and no doubt we shall see some commemorative stamps from Commonwealth countries honouring the jubilee and incorporating Scouts and Guides in their designs.

Much has been written in the U.K. press recently regarding the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic on her maiden voyage to the United States. The ship was constructed by the Belfast shipbuilders Harland and Woolf, and was delivered to the White Star Line Company in April 1912. She was the largest ship in the world, and her maiden voyage was anticipated with great interest On 10<sup>th</sup> April she departed



f r o m Southampton with 2206 passengers including 900 crew. The ship sank on 15 April 1912 after hitting an iceberg the previous evening, and only 703 people survived the disaster. As the ship was

considered unsinkable, there were only 20 lifeboats, when three times that number should have been available. A total of 1514 crew and passengers died in this disaster. Very high prices are being paid in the salerooms for anything to do with the ship. A real photo postcard of Scouts collecting for the Titanic Relief Fund outside Eastman's shop at Bridport, Dorset which sold in July 1991 for £220 (approximately US\$ 340 Euro€ 265) against an estimate of £40-£60.

Recently sold at auction in the Czech Republic was a very rare inverted President Masaryk overprint on the 20h Scout stamp. Only 600 stamps of both the 10h and 20h values were overprinted with "Arrival of President Masaryk" and used for one day only on 21 December 1918. Only four stamps are known with the overprint inverted, two of which are in the Postal Museum in Prague, while the only other stamp is known to be in a Scout collection. This stamp, with a number of expert certificates, sold at its estimate of CZK 750,000 (about £25,425, US\$ 46,325, Euro€ 32,808)



Our Annual General Meeting which took place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012 was the last meeting we shall hold at the Royal Horticultural Halls in London. The building is being sold, consequently we shall have to find a new venue for our meetings. The Committee will work on this, and the next venue will be reported later in the Bulletin.

After the formal business of the Meeting, members were entertained by a fine display of items from World Jamborees 1920 – 2011, Rover Moots and Indabas by John Ineson.

Also, I showed my collection of material from the 6<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, Moisson 1947.

30<sup>th</sup> April saw the biggest ever increase in U.K. postal rates. Royal Mail say it is justified, but I haven't spoken to anybody who does not consider it to be excessive.

In 1957, when our Jubilee Jamboree stamps were issued, the cost of inland postage was 2 1/2d (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class post did not exist at that time – mail was normally delivered the day after posting). This equates to 1p nowadays, so we have a 6000% increase for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and 7200% for 1<sup>st</sup> Class. How many things have increased by such a margin in 55 years? The rate for Europe at that time was 4d, this has increased to 87p – only 5240%! And the rest of the World from 1/3d to £1.28 for 20 gr., about 2048%. I do hope that all U.K. members were able to benefit by purchasing 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class stamps in advance of 30<sup>th</sup> April! Please note increases in postal costs for the Sales Service and “100 List” – sorry!

In the “Revista” (Bulletin) of our friends in Spain CLUB FILATELICO DE SCOUTS Y GUIAS there is a long article about the sheetlets of six labels which were produced in 1957 to commemorate the Jubilee Jamboree held at Sutton Coldfield. The labels were



printed with the text in Esperanto reading SKOLTA JUBILEA JAMBOREO SUTTON PARK plus the Esperanto emblem and Scout badge surmounted by ESTU PRETA (Be prepared) and 1857 B.P. 1907 1957. Each label shows a portrait of B-P, one with the Chief's head only, the other five include Scouting activities.

The labels were printed by E. Moreno Barcelona, and some of them carry the name ORSSO, who is presumably the designer. Printing was made in great range of colours

in various combinations including red, orange, blue, mauve and green, with outline printing in black. To increase the combinations, different coloured papers were used, also with and without perforations.

It appears that the actual origin of these labels is unknown, unless they were produced privately by the Esperanto League of Spain, because in 1957 there was no Scout Association in Spain due to repression by the Franco regime. Although Scouting had existed from 1912 until about 1938, it was not re-established until 1974.

In my collection, I have one FDC with the set of the Jubilee Jamboree stamps together with the label showing the head of B-P on green paper. Of course, this could have been affixed at a later date, but I like to think it was there on the appropriate date.

A few years ago, I purchased a 49 page collection of these labels. This was a complete study with many colour combinations, printing errors and proof items. The (limited) writing up was in Spanish, but there is no indication whose collection it was.

It would appear that nobody really knows the origin of these labels, but as our Spanish friends note, it is a "precious record" of the 1957 Jamboree.

The company ALFIL, which was also based in Spain, produced a series of three cacheted covers in 1957 for Jamboree, Rover Moot and Indaba. These must have



been available at Sutton Coldfield as the three covers in my collection are all

addressed to people whom I know were there. A bit of plagiarism occurred at this time, as the design of the cachets on these covers which shows four Scouts running through trees is exactly the same as labels issued in Japan the same year, except that the trees have been added.

B-P生誕百年—スカウト運動五十周年記念



In the last Bulletin, Charlie Taylor enquired about the meter slogan SCOUTING FOR A BETTER PAKISTAN. As with many meter slogans, these have an esoteric value, in that there might have been thousands used, but nobody bothered to keep them. Certainly, in most cases they were not produced for collectors or philatelic purposes, but for real Scout and Guide mailings. I have probably seen the Pakistan slogan once or twice, but would not presume to put a value on it.

For many years the Bulletins contained a “Junior Section” which was admirably organised and written by our current Chairman Melvyn Gallagher. Although we had very few, and later probably not any, Junior members, many more mature collectors appreciated the content of the articles.

I do not feel that it is in the Club’s remit to instruct members how to mount or present their collections. Or even to advise on what to collect from the vast array of Scouting and Guiding material currently available. It rather depends on people’s financial and other circumstances, and their particular interests. Our Scout/Guide philately can no longer aspire to completion, but one can endeavour to collect what one comes across, and appreciates having. Which brings me to T.P.McDermott’s comments on printed albums for our stamps. These do rather commit the collector to what is shown in the album, and on many occasions the presentation pages cost more than the stamps mounted on them. I believe that the K-Line system of albums from U.S.A. now amount to over 20 volumes. In fact, their listing for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting issues amounts to 290 pages – at a cost of \$148 + postage.

One could possibly restrict one’s collection to “thematics” within Scouting – World Jamborees, Anniversaries, campfires and music, B-P portraits etc. Or just collect what one finds at a reasonable cost. The choice is yours, and the committee is always available for advice.

*The following is a section of text from the end of Peter's article in the last issue on Philatelic "Bling" which somehow got lost in my desk-top publishing system - with apologies.*

The Comoro Islands were next in the field with a Wildlife issue showing Scouts studying birds and butterflies. The gold foil stamp shows a Scout photographing a butterfly and appears in sheetlets of four plus miniature sheet with decorative border. A second miniature sheet shows a Scout sketching birds. Again, all issues both perforate and imperforate, with value of 1500Fr.

Togo followed with their Wildlife stamps, this time with butterflies and fungi. Two gold foil stamps showing Scouts studying these subjects, the stamps in sheetlets of four. The same design stamps turn up in the two miniature sheets with colourful borders of birds and butterflies. Priced at 1500Fr, they all appear perforate and imperforate.

The Malagasy Republic was next with two gold foil stamps, with Scouts studying birds and insects. The usual format was adopted, with two stamps in sheetlets of four plus two miniature sheets with decorative borders.

Central African Republic followed, with one stamp plus two miniature sheets with Scouts and butterflies being the theme. The single stamps appeared in sheetlets of four and the miniature sheets were very colourful. All valued at 1500Fr (which seems to be the favourite value).

Guinea produced their Wildlife issue with two stamps plus two miniature sheets, all with Scouts studying birds and butterflies. Once again stamps in sheetlets of four, all being issued perforate and imperforate with four values of 1500Fr.

In 1991, Congo appeared again with more Scouts studying butterflies and fungi. Two gold foil stamps in sheetlets of four plus two miniature sheets, all perforate and imperforate. The Wildlife issues from the former French Territories in Africa didn't end there, but the gold foil productions appear to terminate in 1991, perhaps the gold supply ran out?

The final issue to report is from Guyana in December 1992 to commemorate the 17<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Korea (18 months late!). Two stamps of \$800 were produced showing two Scouts playing Chess, one in gold foil, the other in silver foil. The silver foil stamps appeared in a miniature sheet with butterflies in the border. The gold foil stamp's miniature sheet depicted fungi in the border. The stamps also appeared in sheetlets of two with 17<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in the centre. One sheetlet contained two silver stamps, another two gold stamps plus a third with one of each silver and gold.

P.S. Your President has a few of the gold and silver foil issues available for sale, please ask for details. First come, first served. Peter Duck

In this year, the Boy Scout Movement was just 25 years old, Lord Baden-Powell was 75 years old, and I was born. Perhaps it was an omen that it was the first year that two countries issued Scout stamps!

Romania produced six stamps to commemorate their National Jamboree at Sibiu, all of which carried a surtax for the benefit of Scout funds. The stamps were issued on 8 July 1932, and the Jamboree took place from 5 – 31 July. In my collection I have the Jamboree postmark with dates of 13, 21, 22, 23 & 24 July, plus three covers showing commercial use of the stamps.

SIBIU 1932 Advertising Circular (details from Fredy Scherb – 1973)

An interesting item is the advertising circular issued by the Romanian Scout Association to advertise the 1932 Sibiu Jamboree set. The Romanian text is printed in blue, the French text and the stamps (enlarged) are printed in gold. Here is a translation of the paragraph in the lower part of the sheet:

“These postage stamps have been manufactures with the high consent of His Majesty the King Carol II in a limited supply of series (200,000 only), will be issued the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1932 and will be in circulation until exhaustion.

Philatelists and brother Scouts hurry up and enrich your collection with these nice commemorative stamps – which, due to the limited quantity and the internal use will be sold out quickly. For sale at the Romanian Central Post Office in Bucuresti and at the residence of the Romanian Scout Association, Hagastreet No.3, Bucuresti. The price of the complete serie (6 values) is 4 French Francs.”

You will remember that part of this issue couldn't be sold and was overprinted in 1934 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree in Mamaia, near Constanta.

Liechtenstein's Scouting was first recorded in 1931 and two Boy Scouts appeared on the 30+10Rp value of their Child Welfare Fund set issued on 21 December 1932. The stamp also shows Prince Francis of Liechtenstein, and there exists a photograph dated 30 Aug. 1932 showing Scouts and girls in National Costume with Princess Elsa. It is said that the designs for the stamps were taken from this photograph.

Scouting in Liechtenstein was actually started by a Scouter from the 10<sup>th</sup> Finchley Scout Group from north London, and I have a postcard from the Group's visit to Vaduz in 1938 and an envelope posted to their camp in August 1939. Another postcard showing the Group outside their Headquarters with Sir Percy Everett, Deputy Chief Commissioner, shows the older Scouts and Rovers wearing kilts, so they must have some Scottish connection.

When I was a young Scouter in the 1950's I was a member of the International Scout Club, and one of the fellow members was a kilted Scouter who wore both British and Liechtenstein Scout badges. Later, I came to realise who he was.

*(See illustrations on back cover)*

PART TWO WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT ISSUE

My main interest is collecting Scout district, county etc badges from the UK and overseas. I have been a member of the International Badgers Club since 1997. I joined the SGSC some years ago. My interests are: scout stamps, covers, scout and guide postcards.

Over a number of years my interest in collecting scouting memorabilia has widened to include scout and guide postcards. Although I collect the older scout and guide postcards, I also collect 'modern' postcards which I consider to be 1950s onwards.

During the past couple of years I have purchased a number of Guide Standards postcards (I don't collect the Standards badges -- you have to restrict collecting at some point!) and I regard these as really nicely produced and colourful postcards.

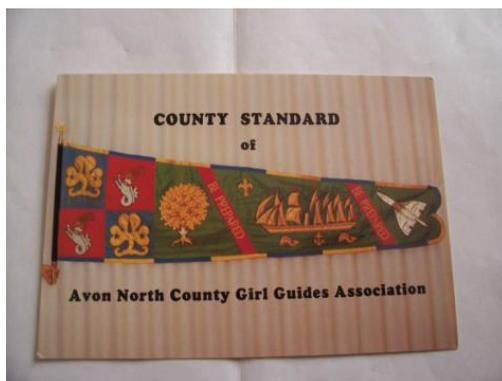
So far, I have managed to obtain thirteen examples. I have included one example for 'County Standard of Avon North County Girl Guides Association'. The reverse of the card gives information about the different aspects of the Standard.

These are as follows: World Trefoil Badge, Seastag for County of Avon, The Guide Motto -- Be Prepared, The Oak Tree for Kingswood LA District, The SS Great Britain for Bristol LA District, The Anchor and Dolphins for Ancient Bristol Societies, The Concorde for North Avon LA District, The Compass Point North for Avon North Girl Guide County. My other cards are: Avon South, North East England, Coventry South, Hampshire North, Darnley Division (Kent), Bournemouth North (photograph), North Lincolnshire/South Humberside, Hampshire, Regional Standard (South West England), North West England (printed card), Standard of England, Wiltshire, Hampshire North.

If any member has any others not mentioned please let me know. I would also be willing to purchase any postcards not in the above list.

To my knowledge there are only four postcards of Scout district and county badges; these are for Merseyside and Scotland. The Merseyside postcards are now out of date due to a reorganisation in 2011 of the Scout districts.

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In 1957 as a young Scouter I purchased souvenirs at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in the heart of England to enable me to convince our Scouts that they were part of a World Movement.

Since then that small collection has grown enormously and is now housed in the Country's first purpose-built centre which tells the story of Scouting and Guiding. Privately funded it presents the story of the World's greatest movements for young people.

To go back to the beginning, the Collection was shown at fund raising events and displays. It quietly grew until in 1967, as A.D.C. for Scouts in Warrington and District, I decided to arrange a large exhibition as part of Scouting's Diamond Jubilee. The Collection was not large enough to fill our school hall and two classrooms so I arranged to borrow memorabilia from many sources including B-P's former regiment the 13<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars and the South Lancashire Regimental Museum. With five of our Scouts I left for London in our minibus at 4.00am to collect the memorabilia from Scout and Guide Headquarters and my friend John Roake. Unbeknown to me John had arranged for us to visit Olave, Lady Baden-Powell in Hampton Court Palace. After tea Lady B-P offered to lend items for the exhibition but I declined because of the value of the other material let alone hers. She gave me some of B-P's Christmas cards and rewrote on headed notepaper the welcome she had pinned to her door; 'WELCOME! PUSH the DOOR and WALK IN. (I am at my desk as usual!) Olave Baden-Powell'.

Following this inspiring evening I determined to use all my available resources to build a premier collection to serve the North West of England. Although I was already an enthusiastic member of the Scout Stamp Collectors' Club my *Baden-Powell and Scout History Collection* aimed to encompass all aspects of the Scout Movement including material on Guiding.

In 1971 I was invited to mount an exhibition in the C.I.C. (*Colquhoun International Centre*) which was to be officially opened by Lady B-P during the Gilwell Reunion. She inspected the display without a word until she got to the end when she asked me what arrangements I had made for the Collection in my Will. On being told that I had not made a Will she urged me to do so to protect its future. I dutifully made a Will leaving the Collection to the Scout County with the money from the sale of my home to fund a building to house it at the County campsite.  
(*See illustration on front cover*)

**PART TWO OF MICHAEL'S ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE**

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	MINT	USED
OLDER STAMPS AT APPROXIMATELY 25% OF CATALOGUE VALUE.(Mostly mounted)		
HUN25 HUNGARY 1925 Sports Charity issue (8 – one Scout)	11.25	-
NL37 NETHERLANDS 1937 5 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (3)	1.60	0.40
LIT38 LITHUANIA 1938 National Jamboree overprints (4)	11.00	-
HUN39 HUNGARY Girl Guides Camp “I Pax Ting” (4)	0.40	-
FRA47 FRANCE 1947 6 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (1)	0.15	0.15
PHL48 PHILIPPINES 1948 Silver Jubilee of Scouting (2)	0.65	-
PHL48A PHILIPPINES 1948 Silver Jubilee of Scouting (2) imperforate	0.65	-
NL49 NETHERLANDS 1949 Cultural & Social Relief Fund (5 – two Scouts)	3.95	1.25
JPN49 JAPAN 1949 National Jamboree (1)	1.90	-
NIC49 NICARAGUA 1949 Baseball Championships – 2c Scout value	0.15	-
AUT51 AUSTRIA 1951 7 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (1)	1.00	0.75
NEWER STOCK		
IOM10 ISLE OF MAN 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (8)	6.35	6.35
IOM10S ISLE OF MAN 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	4.25	4.25
GUY09 GUYANA 2009 14 <sup>th</sup> Caribbean Jamboree (6)	5.35	5.55
BEN09 BENIN 2009 Honouring B-P & Scouting (4)	4.25	-
BEN09S BENIN 2009 Honouring B-P & Scouting MS	4.25	-
JER10 JERSEY 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4)	3.95	3.95
BER10 BERMUDA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4)	3.30	3.30
BER10S BERMUDA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	1.45	1.45
IND09 INDIA Honouring Danmal Mathur – Scouter (1)	0.35	-
SGP10 SINGAPORE 2010 Centenary of Scouting (1)	0.75	-
ISR10 ISRAEL 2010 150 Years of Israeli Universal Alliance (with Scouts) (1)	2.65	-
ASC10 ASCENSION 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4)	6.50	6.50
ASC10S ASCENSION 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	6.40	6.40
PNG10 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4)	6.35	6.35
PNG10S PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2010 above in sheetlet format	-	6.35
PNG10M PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS(Lady B-P)	-	4.25
MIC10 MICRONESIA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	6.45	6.45
MIC10S MICRONESIA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	3.75	-
LIB10 LIBERIA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	6.85	-
GRN10 GRENADA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	7.85	-
GRN10S GRENADA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	4.35	-
DOM10 DOMINICA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	7.90	-
PAL10 PALAU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	6.45	-
PAL10S PALAU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	3.75	-
GRC10 GRENADA CARRIACOU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	7.85	-
GRC10S GRENADA CARRIACOU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	4.35	-
GUY10 GUERNSEY 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (6)	4.65	4.65
IOM10C ISLE OF MAN 2010 Girlguiding Centenary Camp MS	4.25	-

## **The 1957 Girl Guide CENTENARY WORLD CAMP in Canada**

**by T.P. McDermott    Copyright**

In 1957 the world's boy scouts were celebrating the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell (B-P) with their Jubilee Jamboree in England; mean-while Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (GG/GS) were also celebrating the centennial with four large scale international camping events. The World Association of GG/GS held encampments in the Philippines, Switzerland, Great Britain and Canada.

Collectors of commemorative postage stamps that honor the scout and guide organizations will recall, that The Philippines issued a commemorative stamp honoring their World Camp which was held at Quezon City, a then not yet fully developed suburb of Manila. The simple but stylish designed, dark blue stamp was issued in both perforated and imperforated versions. Its low monetary value was very popular with collectors. And when errors were found on a few stamps in its sheets of one hundred stamps, the issue became even more interesting to collectors and the general public. But that's another story!

The Centenary World Camp in Great Britain was held at Windsor Park near the royal castle about the same time of the boy scouts jamboree. Margaret Davison of Great Britain's Scout and Guide Stamps Club attended this camp as a young teenager staff member. At her club's annual meeting in June 2008, she displayed material from this event which included badges, postcards, covers (mailed envelopes) and other ephemera. She has reported that the camp had a seal or label in the shape of a circle in blue and yellow colors. Unfortunate the British Post Office did not issue a stamp for that event as they did for the boy scout jamboree. Currently your author has no information on the World Camp held in Switzerland that year.

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Our subject, the World Camp held in Canada was conducted over a span of eleven days, from August 9th to the 19th, 1957 at Doe Lake, Ontario. The Canadian Girl Guides (CGG) was the hostess for more than sixteen hundred girls from about forty countries. Eight hundred guides participated from Canada. The Girl Scouts of USA (GSUSA) had about four hundred senior level girl scouts organized in forty-four patrols of eight scouts and one adult leader. Just the previous year the GSUSA conducted their first large scale national encampment which would be known as a Senior Roundup. Held near Detroit, Michigan and being so close to the border, Canadian girl guides were invited to participate. During this time, both GG/GS were still strong believers in B-P's scheme of using camping and the patrol method for character development.

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When I started my research for this article I knew that the camp was at Doe Lake from the postcard and the cover had a postmark of Emsdale. But where were they located?

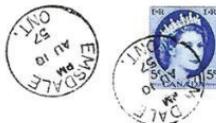
Using my auto club's Ontario map, I found both of them near exit 248W of today's modern, multi-lane divided highway 11. This is about 300 kilometers or 185 miles north of Toronto. The cover with its postmark of Emsdale tells us that the village is important to our story. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was the area's major center because of the lumber industry. In fact, it was a booming town as documented by real picture postcards of the time. It had a railroad depot or station for the Canadian National Railway which ran between Toronto and North Bay where it connected with the trans-continent railroad. However the surrounding area was a wildness area with hardly any population. At the time of the World Camp in 1957, Emsdale had downsized to a population of about five hundred people, with a fairly large size hotel, a telephone center, the post office, a county store and taxi service. And it still was the area's hub but of less vital or importance than fifty years earlier. It would re-start its modern growth in the mid-1960s. The town of Sprucedale, the current address of the camp, would be developed still later.

The Doe Lake camp was one of the earlier scouting/guiding camps in the wilds of the Canadian Shield, a land of woods, rivers, lakes and bare granite rocks. The Shield is some distance from the Canadian population centers which were then and still are located along the country's southern tier and border with the United States. At the time, the camp was Ontario's Provincial Girl Guide Council's training center/camp. First opened in 1949, the property had over several hundred areas of land and direct access to the lake and local road. It had a number of open fields which indicates that portions of the property were previously used for farming. Currently Doe Lake is one of the council four major camps and offers year round camping facilities.

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Philatelic evidence or artifacts of the Canadian World Camp has been identified or documented by two items in Tony Manson's *Canadian Boy Scout and Girl Guide Philatelic Catalog* (2008). One is an envelope cancelled on August 10, 1957 in Emsdale, Ontario and addressed to Toronto.

Example #1. Since we do not have an actual example of the item let me try to explain what I believe it was by



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considering some hypotheses. Was the cachet an added-on seal/label or a printed design or artwork (known as a cachet to stamp collectors) on the envelope (known as a cover)? If it was a seal, then there might have been a limited attempt by one or more persons to decorate their outgoing mail. If it was a printed cachet or design then we would have expected an attempt was made to create philatelic collectables. But up to now, this is the only know copy; do our readers know of more similar covers? With 1957 being the year of B-P's centennial and the jamboree occurring, scout stamp collectors became very enterprising in creating different event and first day covers. From this point on, the producing and collecting of scout covers would become quite common.

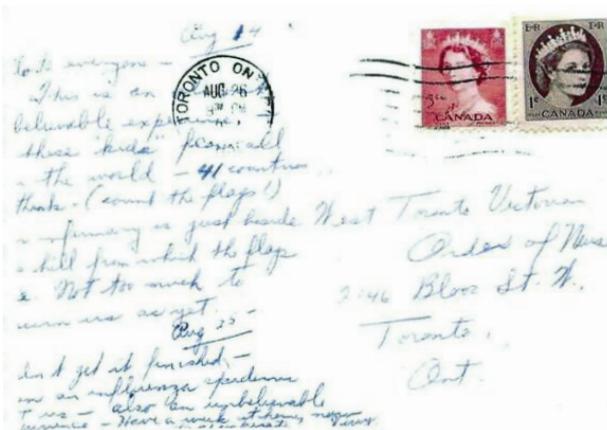
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The other item is a black and white photo postcard showing girls in their uniforms or native costumes in front of a row of flagpoles. Example #2a & 2b. The address side has a light formatted postcard image. It had two stamps a three cents and a one cent and was cancelled in Toronto on August 26, 1957 for mailing to the West Toronto's Victorian Order of Nursing (VON). This organization is a Canadian not-for-profit, national care giving charity



RAISING THE COLOURS - AUG. 9, 1957  
CENTENARY WORLD CAMP, DOE LAKE, ONTARIO, CANADA

PHOTO BY TWA UTTERSON, ONT.



specializing in home and community care and is similar to the USA's Visiting Nurse Services.

The photo/postcard message side reads:

“Aug 14 Hello to everyone - This is an almost unbelievable experience, all these "kids" from all over the world - 41 countries I think- (count the flags!) Our

infirmary is just beside this hill from which the flags flied. Not too much to concern us as yet.

Aug 25 Didn't get it finished, - Then an influenza epidemic HIT us - also an unbelievable experience - Have a week at home, now to recuperate. Jerry”

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Yes the B-P's Birthday Centennial was not the only news that year! With the recently developed Salk polio vaccine and its almost universal inoculation, the great scourge of infantile paralysis (polio) which had forced the closing of swimming pools and camps was a thing of the past. But now, a new deadly strand of influenza would strike the youth of the world. The 1957 Asian Flu Pandemic was first thought to be as severe as the epidemic of Spanish Flu of 1918. Fortunately it was not! Especially stricken was the US military, youth conferences and our centennial camp. An item in a daily newspaper's roundup on the flu reported that 150 guides at the camp were stricken with an unknown type of flu starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August and most had recovered by the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Canadian and American rather than foreign girls were mostly affected. Fortunately the illness had a short duration.

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Another postal used postcard recently came to the surface via eBay. Exhibit #3. Unfortunately someone tore the probably easily obtainable Canadian stamp from the card. But it still has an August 17<sup>th</sup>, 57 PM cancellation of Emsdale, Ontario. It was sent to a USA address. The message reads “Hi, Having a wonderful time at Doe Lake. I was in this flag ceremony. There are 42 nations represented here at World Camp.

LeVerne”. This card was not written as family correspondence rather in the style of respect to a known female adult, possible the girl scout's unit leader. Your author has tried to obtain information about the Arbutus MD end. As of now, we have nothing to report.

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Travelling to the distant northern site of the World Camp, a few campers would

have used cars, but most came by chartered buses and scheduled passenger trains to Emsdale. On opening day, a special fourteen car train departed from Union Station in

Toronto at 10:30 AM carrying the last 500 campers. With shuttle service from the Emsdale depot, they would arrive in time for the opening ceremony at 3 PM. (The postcard's flag rising). Leaders and their baggage would find the taxi service helpful. The camp is about fifteen miles from the railroad depot. Occasionally seen on eBay is a newswire photo of twenty-four American girl scouts and their leaders boarding a train in Detroit, Michigan on their way to the camp via Toronto.

Unlike modern American boy scout jamborees, the girl guides as well as boy scouts who attended jamborees and large scale international camps at that time, were a little bit older in age (about 16 -18 years old) and most would had completed their advancement or rank activities. Therefore there were no merit or proficiency badge midways but there were presentations showing off new ideas and national activities. There were few large massive tents.

Canadian and American troops had at least one foreign patrol of eight girls to make up its troop complement of four patrols. Most of the camp's activities were centered on meeting and spending time with other guides in the various individual troop sites through the camp. Exchanging small tokens of friendship was a big feature. For some foreign girls, charcoal burners were something new and unusual, so many join in with Canadian and American girls to cook and eat together. I wonder if the use of then new kitchen tool, aluminum foil, was a feature part of cooking. The camp would distribute nearly one and a half tons of charcoal each day for the patrols to do their cooking.

The four sub-camps were named after Canadian Indian tribes: Iroquois, Micmac, Cree and Bella Coola. An Indian theme prevailed throughout the event. A number of campfires had Indian themes and a large size tent was used for a museum which displayed a collection of Indian relics. The Canadian hostesses were keep busy providing canoeing and sailing on the lake for their guests who rarely had this type of water activities before.

The camp's guest of honor was Countess Estella Bernadotte of Sweden in her official position of vice-chairperson of the World Committee of the GG/GS. At least two major Canadian newspapers had reporters on site who wrote columns for their respective daily papers. Both The Globe & Mail and The Daily Star had at least one article each day in their newspapers. Many local papers had arrangements to publish stories written and mailed by hometown girl correspondents. Readers, who would like to read more about the Camp, can search copies of preserved newspaper of the time period which can be found in many public libraries. You will find it very interesting.

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It's so easy to help a girl scout or girl guide with her hopes and dreams. And Guiders, Scouters, and Leaders can help with her remembrances too by encouraging the use of postcards. For less than two hundred dollars, one can design, produce and furnish more cards than you need to distribute at most events. Give postcards a try; develop a postcard

for an upcoming scout/guide event! You will be proud when your postcards appear in future collections!

LINKS and NOTES:

Doe Lake is currently one of four major camps of the Ontario Girl Guide Council. Its address is PO Box 89 or 1330 Hiway 518W, Sprucedale, Ontario, P0A 1Y0. It is about fifteen kilometers from Emsdale railway depot. [www.guidesontario.org](http://www.guidesontario.org) search for Doe Lake and [www.guidingmosaic.com/1957](http://www.guidingmosaic.com/1957)

Victorian Order of Nursing's web site is [www.von.ca/en/home/default.aspx](http://www.von.ca/en/home/default.aspx)

This picture post card image was also used in an article on the encampment in the GSUSA's Girl Scout Leader magazine of November 1957. A recent reading of that magazine nudged your author to compose this article.

The picture postcard photo was taken by TWA of Utterson on August 9<sup>th</sup>. TWA was Thacher Winger Associates a producer of nature scenes postcard of Canadian Shield in the 1960s. They did a great job of preparing the postcards in such a short time as the postcards were available for our nurse to start writing her message on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

(The Globe and Mail as well as the Daily Star, two of Toronto's newspapers, published daily stories about our World Camp.)

New York Times of Aug 23, 1957 p17:1 for the flu story. The Globe and Mail carried a story on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> that it was questionable if the Asiatic flu was involved due to the short length and mildness of the illness.

(Writings about the Canadian Shield can be found in Jake MacDonald's short stories, articles and news columns. His book, *Houseboat Chronicles: Notes from a Life in Shield Country* can be found in a few American public libraries.)

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(An east -west railroad ran from Parry Sound through Algonquin highlands and onto Ottawa. It crossed the Canadian National Railway in the village of Scotia, a mile or so south of Emsdale. A trail known as Park To Park has been developed on the now abandoned right of way. It passes on the side of Doe Lake camp.)

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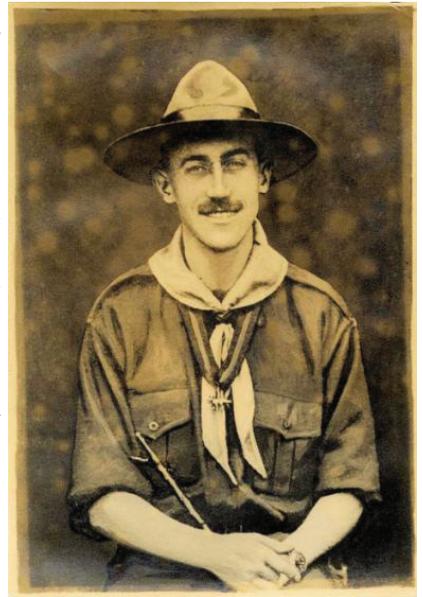
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I have recently returned from America where I was again very fortunate to be allowed access to B-P's diaries and journals, the only Briton, I was informed, ever to do so. B-P's diaries have been cared for in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) archives since being donated by Lady Baden-Powell at the time of her collaboration with B-P's US biographer William Hillcourt in 1964. This photographic documentation will enable me to conclude my transcription of B-P's day by day diary entries onto a computer database, which also includes details of all known dated B-P art, letters etc. This *Baden-Powell Chronology* should be of immense value to Scout Historians at all levels.

This though was not my primary reason for visiting the US. War hero Capt. Francis Gidney was the first Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, England shortly after it was presented to Baden-Powell by Bois MacLaren in 1919. It was the much-respected Gidney, with B-P, who devised Wood Badge training and took the concept of the famous beads worldwide. He helped to start Gilwell-style training camps in America, Canada, Africa, India and Australia where there are, to this day, other 'Gilwell Parks'. It was Gidney who founded the 1st Gilwell Troop for trained Scouters and initiated the world famous Gilwell Reunions. He was however to suffer as a result of his foreign travels promoting the Wood Badge. During his absence, a committee was set up to make savings in Scout Administration. It recommended that the Assistant Camp Chief, Alan Chapman, whom Gidney had persuaded to join the camp staff from his lucrative job in the City of London, be made redundant, and Gidney's own role was diminished to merely that of Senior Leader Trainer, no longer having responsibility for the administration of Gilwell Park. Gidney, a man of honour, could tolerate that but regretfully decided that if his friend had to go, so would he. Baden-Powell writes very movingly about Gidney's contribution to Scouting in the HQ Gazette of Nov. 1923, concluding that he was heartened by the fact that they were not parting on bad terms and that Gidney would continue to have a role in Scouting.





Gidney became a Prep. School teacher and started his own Scout Troop. His war wounds eventually overcame him and he died in 1928, but not before writing to the Chief on his deathbed expressing his loyalty. The two men had been very close. B-P was godfather to Gidney's son Alan, (a twin). On Easter day 1930 Gidney's family were at Gilwell for the opening of a Canadian-style log cabin, a

belated honour, named after the former Camp Chief. It had been built mainly by his protégé Don Potter, a young Rover Scout responsible for many carvings at Gilwell and (much later) the stone statues outside B-P House and on Brownsea.

The above image captures better than any words of mine, the esteem in which Gidney was held. At the end of Wood Badge courses and other meetings held at Gilwell, it was usual to have a group photograph taken with the Camp Chief sitting in the central place of honour. As Gidney was absent on this occasion the central chair had been arranged to carry a large framed photograph of him. An honour never accorded to B-P!

My research revealed that the BSA presented a suite of specially-made hickory-framed furniture to mark the opening of the cabin. On inspection I was saddened to find that there is no longer any physical indication of the origin of the furniture. The



82 year old wooden structure and the furniture are now sadly in need of renovation, and so the 2012 programme includes funding for extensive renovation. I felt however that the original donors, the BSA, should be given the opportunity to continue their association with the cabin's original American furniture, one of the many strong links they have with Gilwell Park. The Buffalo and Tait McKenzie

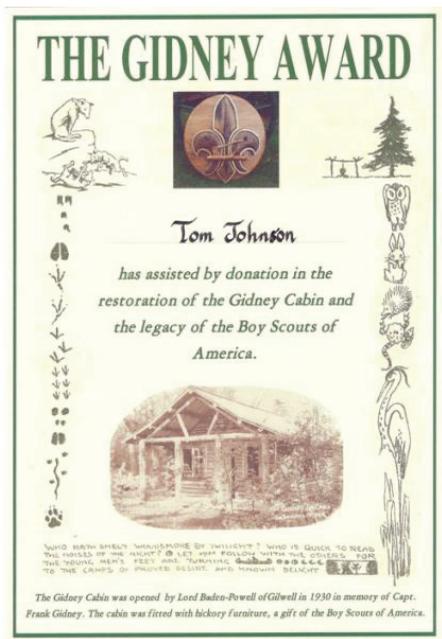
statues being the most famous. As there are only twelve pieces of furniture in all, two 'sofas', eight chairs and two stools, I felt that the task could be accomplished by appealing for funds linked to the talks I was to give to the Heart of America Council this year. I sought official approval to fund raise for the project, and was delighted to do so at four talks in Kansas City.

Prior to my visit I devised 'The Gidney Award', to mark five different levels of donation as my aim was to include as many participants as possible.

**1. The 'Foundation Level'.** The 'Gidney Award' patch, depicting the Gidney cabin and Wood Beads. 100 only were produced.



**2. Member Level:**



A Certificate based on an early 'parchment' presented with the Wood Badge beads bearing Kipling's famous verse,

*Who hath smelt the wood smoke at twilight.* The award also depicts an image of a carved Fleur de Lys. The wooden emblem was created by Gilwell master carver, Ken Beardsley, who has many carved such for the series of new 'woodcraft' gates erected recently at Gilwell by Yorkshire members of the 2nd Gilwell Scout Troop who are continuing the Rover tradition of Service. Ken had gifted to the Heart of America Council a similar emblem, which I was pleased to present in his name at the 2012 Gilwell Reunion held at Camp Naish, Kansas City.

The certificate contains an image of the cabin taken at the time of the 1930 opening ceremony. Only sixty of these certificates have been produced.

### 3. Gilwell Axe Level:



A hand-crafted wooden Gilwell axe, by Ken Beardsley, calligraphed with donor's name.

**4. Master Level:** All of the above.

### 5. Gidney Conservator :

Donors wishing to be completely responsible for the renovation of one chair or a 'sofa' could do so, their donation being marked by all of the above plus a brass inscription plate to the back of the item.

It should be said that my task was made much easier by the discovery, from his diaries, that Baden-Powell himself had previously visited Kansas City in 1936 as had Francis Gidney in 1922

Sufficient funds have now been raised to enable all the furniture to be renovated as closely as possible to their original appearance. This work will be undertaken by a Yorkshire firm of basket and cane furniture makers that have been in business since 1880. It is hoped that the project will be concluded in time for the Gilwell Reunion, where a handing over ceremony will take place, attended by some of the American Donors.

Special postcards, with a Royal Mail 'Smiler' image of the Gidney Award Badge joined to the definitive issue St George's Flag 1st Class stamp, will be available to mark the occasion and to fund a special plaque to be hung in the cabin. These will be available through this magazine and during the Reunion. I would be very interested to learn if there has ever been a postage stamp that depicts Capt Francis Gidney or the cabin erected in his memory.

After his death Gidney's family went to live in Australia. Until my correspondence with them, it appears that the current generation had little idea of the respect and affection which their illustrious forebear still commands amongst Scouts and particularly Wood Badge holders worldwide.

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Two items from the vintage year of 1932 about which Peter Duck starts writing in his new article which commences on page 9