

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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See note from Bob Lee on page 22.

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## Editorial

Can I start by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2017 with lots of opportunities to enjoy life.

My wife and I have recently enjoyed a holiday cruise around the Mediterranean which included stops in Cadiz, Messina, Corfu, Dubrovnik, Venice, Split and Gibraltar. No opportunities to meet up with members of the movement but we did meet one or two from the UK on the boat. Some very spectacular sights, especially in Venice and some fascinating ruins in Split which we really enjoyed.

There are so many wonderful things to see in this world it's such a pity that we all seem to spend so much time arguing.

I've finally started to get comments in regarding the possible merger with IBC and I know that there are several others in the pipeline. In fact Colin Walker has promised me his personal observations and, as a taster, sent the following:-

*I shall be including in my 'piece' one or two comparisons with the brexit arguments for and against - including the one that should people over a certain age be entitled to vote - yes they are certainly entitled to a view - but the argument as to how are both clubs going to survive into the future has to be considered and that will not really be concerning to most of the members of either club because the demographics will bear out that most of us will not paying too much attention to club matters in say only 20 years time!!!*

A final comment that this is actually my 50<sup>th</sup> Bulletin so I look forward to lots more material so that I can eventually get to my 100<sup>th</sup>.

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:**

**18<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 - Spring Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. A Room has been booked for 12 noon to 14.00. Probably Committee Meeting from 12 noon to 13.00 and Open/Members meeting from 13.00 to 14.00. Confirmation will be in next Bulletin.**

Following the invitation from Hallvard Slettebo, around 80 philatelists viewed his display "Scouting around the World" held at The Royal Philatelic Society, London on 27<sup>th</sup> October. It was pleasing to see many of our Club members present as well as many of your Committee, including Randall Frank from the U.S.A. The six award winning displays of 52 frames filled the main exhibition room and contained many rarities and varieties. The President of the R.P.S.L., Himself a Group Scout Leader, gave an address thanking Hallvard before presenting him with a medal and a Beaver Scout collector's badge.

A full review of the exhibits are included as Colin Walker's "Corner" in this issue and there is a description and several illustrations in the splendid handbook, a copy of which is being made available to all our members from Hallvard.

For those who received Bulletins by mail the handbook is included within this package and for those who receive Bulletins by electronic mail the handbook can be down loaded from

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with the entire display of 588 pages.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and prosperous New Year and look forward to meeting members at our next meeting.

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

Congratulations to our friends at the Spanish Scout Stamp Club "Filatelico de Scouts y Guias" on their 30th Anniversary. To celebrate this event, they held their tenth International Exhibition during October in the city of Madrid, and having attended two or three of their previous shows, I am sure it was a great success. If you have never been to one of their 'fraternity' lunches, you have really missed a great occasion.

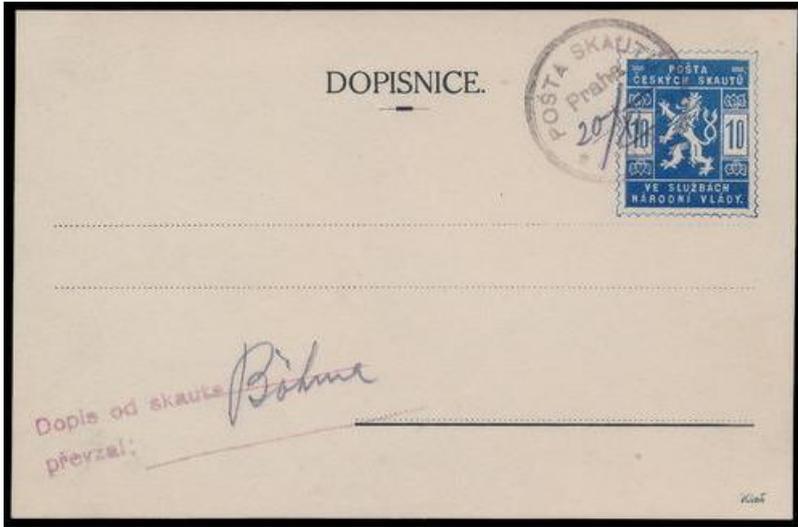
A few months ago Gert Muller of Germany sold (and I use their description) "Lot 4518 - Scout World Jamboree 1933, wonderful blocks of four on five, correctly franked registered Zeppelin covers to South America flight with connection flight via Berlin, with the various special confirmation stamp, as well also the Scout stamp, to Brazil with transit and arrival postmarks. Impressive, in this kind unique set for the sophisticated Hungarian, Zeppelin or Scout collection". Although rather philatelic they sold for €2200 against their estimate of €1000.



Not many blocks of Mafeking stamps come up for sale these days, so I was interested to read that Cavendish Auctions sold (and I use their description again) "Mafeking Siege Stamps - 1900 1d on 1/2d block of eight (4 x 2) on small piece with multiple Mafeking/CGH with circular date stamps. Fine and scarce Est. £200" made £340. The rates for the GBP have changed since Brexit, but this was

about €390 US\$ 410). The largest and second largest of all Mafeking overprinted stamps was of this value, the largest block of 29 being sold at the 'Maria de La Queillerie' sale held by Harmer of London in 1970.

During October these two 1918 Scout Post items were sold by auction at Prague in the Czech Republic. The postcard, of which only 1000 were produced, was not addressed and did not have a message on the reverse, so not so collectable. It did have the 10h printed stamp cancelled on 20 November and the two line Scout delivery cachet signed by Böhma. Estimated at 15,000 CZK, it sold for 31,000 CZK which is about £1000. The cover with the Masaryk overprint, posted on 21 November 1918, the day that



President Masaryk arrived back in Prague from exile in the United States, having previously been in Italy, Switzerland, London and Russia. It shows the 20h stamp with the "Arrival of President Masaryk" overprint in black. Despite having a number of expert certificates, it had an estimate of 25,000 CZK but sold at a reasonable price of

45,000CZK which is about £1450.



One other item that took my interest was this postcard sent by a member of the Austrian contingent attending the 1929 World Jamboree at Birkenhead. It shows the blue cachet in both German and English "Boy Scouts of Austria, Jamboree Birkenhead 1929". Sent to Vienna on 7 August 1929 from Wallasey, the nearby town of Birkenhead, it does have the 1/2d and 1d (but unfortunately stuck upside down) stamps issued for the 9th Universal Postal Union Congress. I had not seen this cachet before, but I do know

that a similar one was in the late Walter Grob's collection and used at the 1933 World Jamboree held at Gödöllő, Hungary. Sold in Vienna in November, this cover was estimated at €50 but sold for €380.



At our club meeting held at STAMPEX on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, it was pleasing to meet members from as far away as Cumbria, Norfolk, Bristol and Margate – why not you? My display was my entry for the Walter Grob Award at EuroScout 2016 – just 12 pages – as mentioned in the last Bulletin. Then John Ineson astounded us with a selection of sketches by Baden-Powell himself, plus B-P family photographs and letters etc. The time went too quickly!

During the course of this year, I have acquired two large boxes of Scout and Guide covers which originally emanated from U.S.A. A large percentage of the covers were American, with postmarks and colourful cachets from Boy and Girl Scout events. This prompted me to check through “Levy’s Boy & Girl Scout Cachet Covers of the United States”. This volume lists and depicts all known covers issued between 1910 and 1960 – and there are a lot of them!

When checking through the first day cover cachets for the Scouting stamp issues of U.S.A., there were 73 designs produced for the 1948 stamp honouring Juliette Low, Founder of the Girl Scouts. Then 110 types for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts stamp in 1950. These listings are also extended by colour variations on some covers. And for the 1960 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting stamp there were (wow!) 159 types plus colour varieties. Two types of slogan postmark were used in Washington D.C. One with the “For God and Country” symbol to the right of the date circle, plus another with the symbol below the date circle. There were even fake first day covers produced in 1979 by FIESTA (Stamp Co.) using rubber stamped postmarks in a series of 12 designs.

The first cachet cover listed in Levy’s Catalogue dates from 1914, and is cleverly designed with a Scout in darkness on the left side shining a torch to light up the address and stamp on the right. This was advertising “Baldwin Carbide Lamps”. The first event cover has a cachet announcing “Camp Delmont July 6 – Aug.28 1915 Linfield, PA.” and this was posted in Linfield on July 26, 1915.



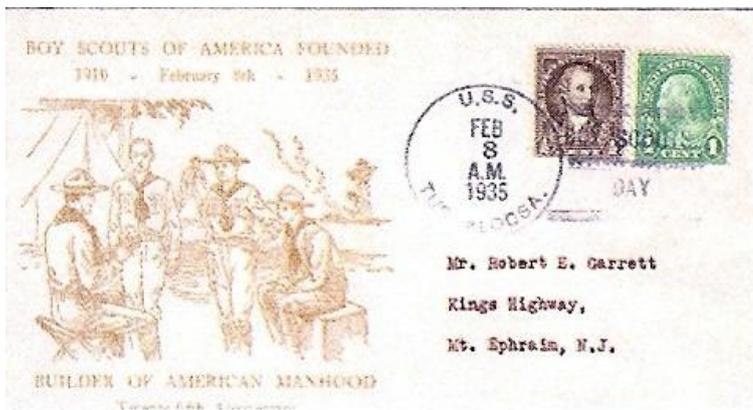
Auspices of Girl Scouts”.

The first Girl Scout cachets date from 1930 with three different designs “Welcoming Rear Admiral Richard E.Byrd visiting St.Louis, MO on November 14, 1930. Under the

The first postmark indicated was used in 1931 at the Treasure Island Scout Camp in New Jersey. The postmark reads TREASURE ISLAND N.J. with date, and was used only during the summer camping season. (See Over)

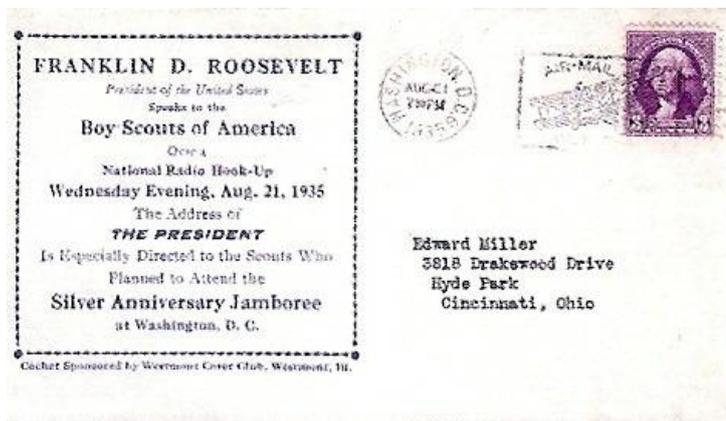
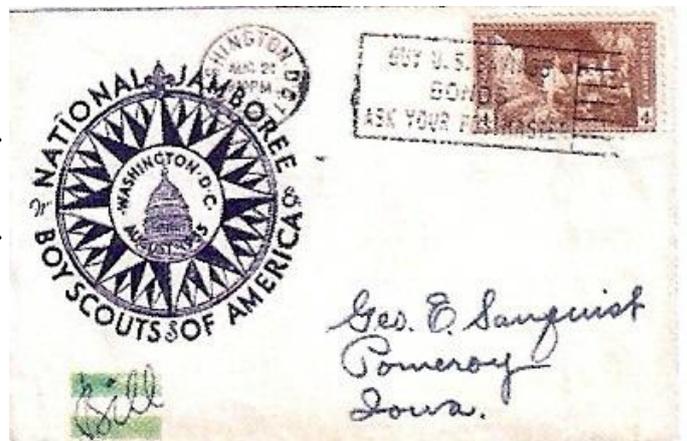


The first postmarks with the mention of Scouting appeared in 1935 commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and were all cancellations from U.S. Navy Ships. These appeared from U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, Brooklyn N.Y. U.S. Receiving Ship, U.S.S. Relief, U.S.S. Herbert, U.S.S. Lexington and U.S.S. Manley. The latter appeared in two versions, one with spelling error with two A's in ANNIVERSAARY. All were dated Feb. 8 1935 (the founding date of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910, except for Manley which is dated



Aug. 21 1935.

The U.S.S. Manley postmark was dated to coincide with the 1<sup>st</sup> National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. But this event had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of Polio in 1935. Although a number of cachet covers had already been produced in 1935, the Jamboree was re-scheduled to 1937



when a further selection of designs were issued.

The first actual postmark used at a Boy Scout event was for the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA from 30 June – 7 July 1950. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America 3 cents stamp was issued on the first day of the Jamboree with “Valley Forge

PA First Day of Issue” slogan 30 June 1950, and the Jamboree slogan itself was used from 1- 8 July 1950. There were no Girl Scout postmarks listed up to and including 1960.



This gives me the opportunity to do a bit of advertising! If you are interested in U.S.A. Boy and Girl Scout cachet covers please let me know, and I will prepare a list – I have a lot of them! I should also like to promote my “100 List” which is still distributed to about 20 members, and new material is always arriving. Lists can be sent by email or by normal post. The Lists contain 100 items, including stamps, mint and used, covers (FDCs & postmarks etc.) postcards, labels, other ephemera and occasional badges. Most items are priced at under £1.00, plus a few better items to fill the page. When items are sold, they are replaced with new ones from my stock – which has been accumulating for about 35 years(!). Any subscriber not placing an order from two consecutive lists will be deleted.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1941, a few weeks short of his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. This year, being the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event, a number of countries have produced stamps, all of which are very colourful and depict aspects of his Scouting life. The nations noted are: Benin, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Niger, St.Thomas & Prince, Sierra Leone and Togo. All of these issues were produced in the Baltic States, and one wonders if they will ever see the light of day in the countries indicated on them?(See back cover).

Our friends in the Danish Scout Stamps Club have produced their own “Personalised” stamps in five designs. Four of the designs show the first four World Jamboree emblems – 1920, 1924, 1929 and 1933 with a series of code letters and numbers plus a note indicating that they are valid until 07.01.2017. The fifth design is the logo of CAF16 Jamborette. The face value of each stamp is 8 Danish Kroner (which is about 90 pence).



## Possible SGSC and IBC Merger

There's nothing to report in this respect at present as we are waiting for another meeting with the IBC. However, there has been, at last, some comment and I am including these matters herewith.

1. From Graham Osborne (SGSC Secretary)

### The Future of the SGSC.

I note that there have been several comments made regarding the future of the SGSC and these are to be welcomed. A recurring theme however, seems to be a reluctance to consider a “merger” with the Badgers Club, or as one person commented, “being taken over by the Badgers Club.” Perhaps I should make it clear, that at the moment that is not an option.

It so happens that, in a previous “life”, I had some dealings with the mergers of “legally recognised bodies” and it might be helpful, if I set out in general terms, the options that might be open to the SGSC for its continued existence. The first would be for a merger to take place between the SGSC and a body with similar interests – hence our discussions, which are very much in the initial stages, with the Badgers Club. There are basically two types of merger, the first involves a transfer of one body (Club) to another [e.g. the SGSC transfers all its membership/assets etc. to the Badgers Club; its members become members of the Badgers Club; the SGSC disappears or merely becomes a “section” within the Badgers Club and the Badgers Club adds some new rules to its constitution to cover the SGSC section.] Of course the opposite would also be possible with the Badgers Club transferring its membership to the SGSC and become part of the SGSC.

In the other type of merger, an amalgamation takes place and the members of both bodies agree to join together and a new “organisation” is created with a new name and a new set of rules and both the “old” bodies cease to exist once the new body comes into existence.

The discussion with the Badgers Club is very much in the early stages and Members can be assured that no decisions will be made without full consultation with the membership. The process involved in taking the SGSC to its next stage could be quite long and involved.

Of course I have not mentioned the other option that the SGSC might be faced with, which would be its disbandment, if there were insufficient officers to run the Club or there was a continued decline in membership numbers.

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From Don Douch

Sorry to read of the poor response to the above suggestion, so here is my twopennyworth - NO. I totally agree with Lawrence Clay's arguments and my only regret is that I cannot think of any other reasons - he appears to have covered all the angles.

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From John A. Roberts, Bristol -- IBC and SGSC member

As a member of both the Scout and Guide Stamps Club (SGSC) and the International Badgers Club (IBC) I am writing with a few comments about the possible merger of the two established collecting clubs in scouting and guiding.

Both clubs have been established for many years and have fulfilled their original intentions of promoting the collecting and study of both philately etc. and badge collecting etc. As is common with many clubs of varying colours the membership gets older and not so many new members join the club.

As we know the IBC has a larger membership (although not as many as a few years ago) and caters for those who collect and swop scout and guide badges (and other badges as members decide on their interests – these could be jamboree, proficiency and so on). The IBC is mostly UK based and has a fair number of members from other countries. The club also has links with New Zealand and Australia collecting clubs. Also, the club in the UK has lots of meetings which members can attend in many parts of mostly England. Overall, the meetings are well attended.

I believe that a proposed merger (on agreed terms to all) would be beneficial as both clubs have members who collect badges as well as ‘postal items’ (stamps, postcards etc.). The new magazine would have to accommodate all areas of collecting. The magazine would have to have a balanced number of articles, news etc where possible.

It is true that both the IBC and the SGSC at times find it difficult to have enough items to fill the magazine.

I hope that the committee members of both clubs manage to find a 'common ground' and work towards a merger of both excellent collecting clubs.

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From Richard Frank

Dear Terry –your comments in the Autumn 2016 bulletin regarding the future of the SGSC has prompted me (somewhat belatedly!) to write with my personal views! I am an active Group Scout Leader and it has been a very hectic summer for my Scout Group – combine that with an unexpected redundancy, it has meant that it is only now that a number of matters are getting the attention they deserve.

I started collecting stamps, like many of my generation, when I was a school boy in the late 1950's and 1960's. Stamp collecting was a major pastime and I remember that we had a lunch time 'Stamp Club' at school where we swapped stamps etc. As I grew older, my career, involvement with Scouts, marriage and a family meant that my collection remained in a large box on the top of the wardrobe, but I did maintain my membership of the Scout & Guides Stamp Club, reading the bulletins with interest. I always admired the obvious knowledge and enthusiasm of the contributors – but I have always known that I will never reach their level of expertise. I often thought that when I did retire, I would like to restart collecting stamps, and just be satisfied with trying to collect examples of as many stamps as possible in my particular areas of interest. I have never been to a stamp exhibition, and have only recently discovered that there is a Philatelic Society in Leeds! Stamp collecting, for me, has always been about personal satisfaction.

On reading your comments and those of Lawrence Clay, I thought I would conduct a quick survey amongst the members of our Scout Troop concerning stamps. I asked them for their response to three questions which were:

1. When was the last time that you received a letter or card through the post?
2. When was the last time that you sent a letter or card through the post?
3. Do you know anyone at school who collects stamps?

Around 90% could not remember the last time they had received anything through the post; about the same percentage said the same thing regarding sending anything (although I do know that the Scout Leader more or less forced those who were at Summer Camp to buy and send a postcard home whilst they were there!) – and all of them do not know anyone at all who collects stamps.

And that is the problem – young people, in the main, do not collect stamps, or are even aware that they are ‘collectable’. They send messages by email and social media; they don’t use the postal service and rarely receive post; and they have so many other distractions that they do not even consider spending time sourcing, sorting and presenting anything collectable, be it stamps, coins, or anything else!

However – young people are interested in badges – Campsites generally have a camp shop and do very well out of selling a wide variety of badges - and they also like earning and wearing badges for their uniforms – which ultimately are sometimes transferred to a camp blanket. Badges are colourful, bright, big, record achievement or campsites visited, and do not need a lot of time spending on them.

I personally see no reason at all why the Club should not amalgamate with the International Badgers Club. Unlike Mr Clay, I believe that a merger would be beneficial for the SGSC – there is potential, surely, for reaching a much wider audience than the current bulletin reaches at the present. The potential issues that Mr Clay highlights in his letter would, I am sure, be thoroughly discussed before any agreement would be reached, and it may well be that not everybody would be happy with every decision or outcome– but the alternative is to do nothing, and watch membership dwindle as fewer and fewer new members are recruited until, perhaps, we are left with nothing at all!

Change has been a constant factor in the Scout Movement over the past 50 years, and the Movement continues to be successful because it responds to the demands of young people, and embraces change. The SGSC should – in my view – recognise this by entering discussions with the International Badgers Club to explore potential benefits and opportunities for both parties.

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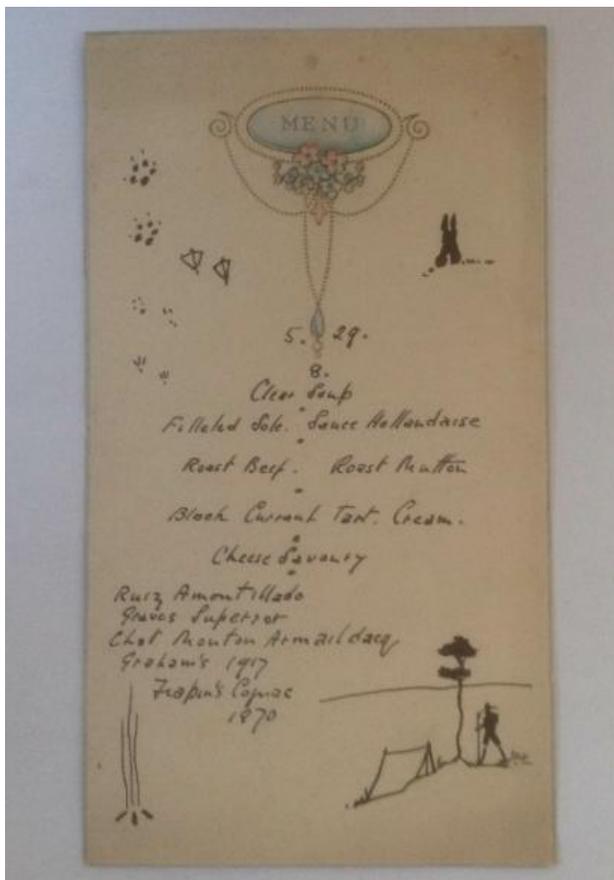
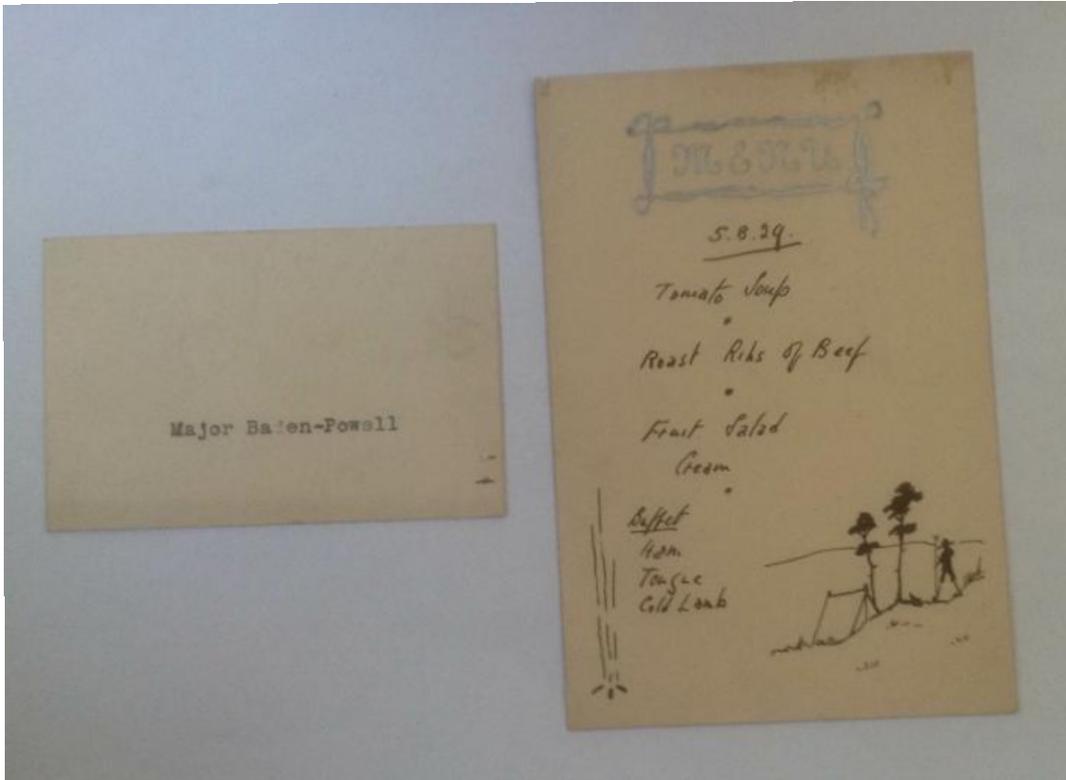
From John Owen

Concerning the merger w/Badgers. I believe SGSC would loose it's identity and those of us who collect would miss out on a lot on info served to membership.

I would be against such a move. And, I agree with Lawrence Clay whom I consider a well informed and educated collector, enthusiasts, writer and strong supporter of SOS both as a hobby and an educational venue thru organized philatelists of like mine. We have been friends for at least 40 years and I respect as well as admire his judgment. He is a greater thinker and analyst.

## From John Roberts

The final items I purchased on EBay many years ago. I assume it is genuine. I am assuming it is from the 1929 World Jamboree at Birkenhead. There are two menu cards and a place name for 'Major Baden-Powell'. They are both dated 5.8.29. The



two menus are different - could they be two different camps or similar? The larger choice menu looks to be a more important meal. The menu has a flap behind so it could be stood up on the table.

Also of interest on the menu cards are the same illustrations -- however, the word 'MENU' is different.

I would welcome any further information on these two items.

## Further material from John Roberts



Weston-super-Mare floral clock postcards. One celebrates the jubilee year of the Girl Guides -- I assume this is 1960 as it is an unused card. The other is the same view with the floral clock. It is a used card but I cannot make out the date, although it has a 4d stamp which means it is prior to 1971.

I have a few floral clock cards in my collection. They were popular for many years in towns and seaside resorts. Sadly, the Weston clock is no longer there but a lovely display of flowers.

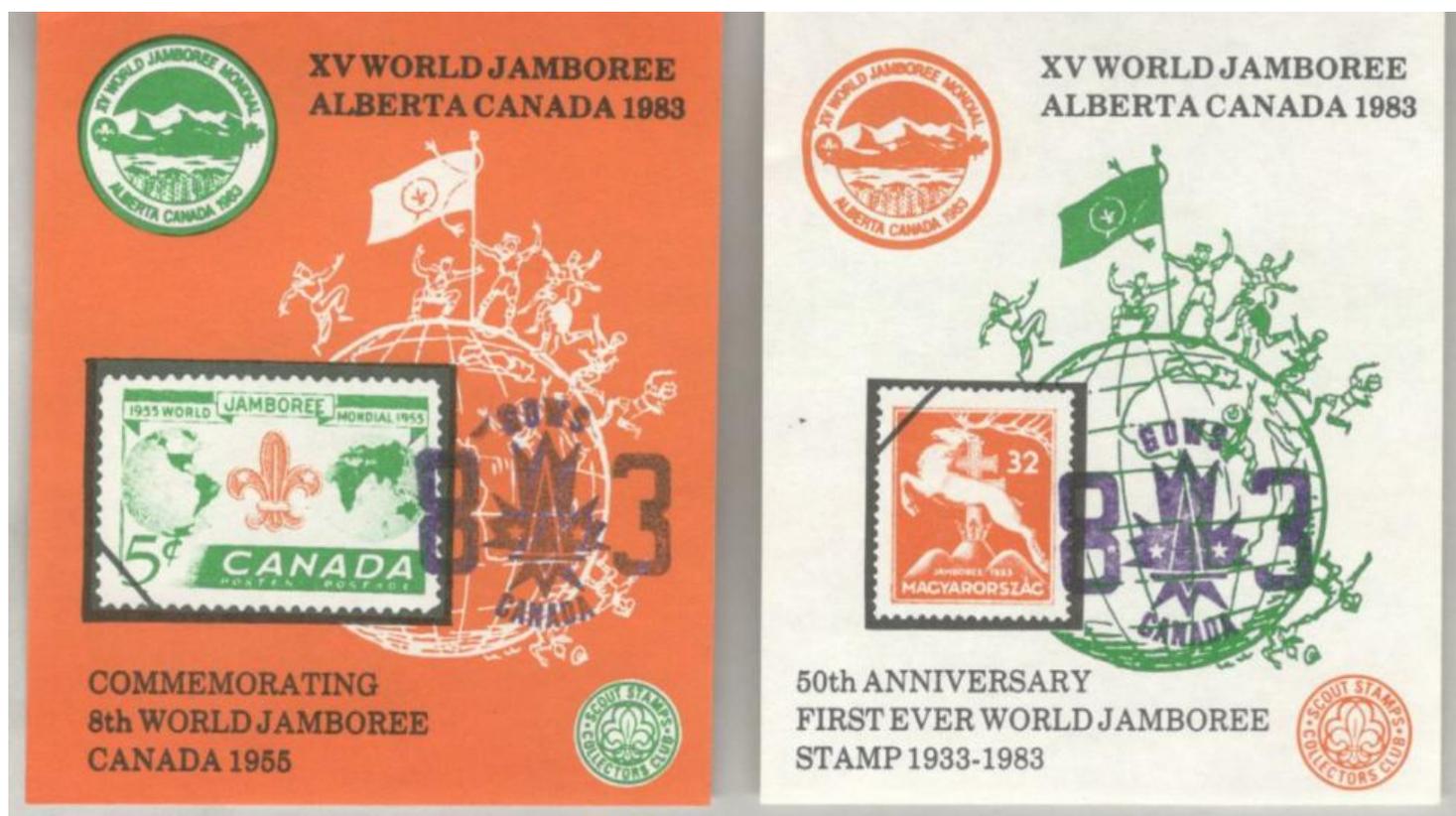
There are two examples of guide standards postcards. I have about 20 -- some are postcards and others are printed on card. They are interesting as the card give information about the history etc of the standard.



From Alex Hadden

SSCC produced 2 covers and 3 postcards for the 1983 World Jamboree. For some reason unknown I have the postcard but not the covers. As I recall the covers were produced by putting one of two large seals (which I do have) on envelopes. I was wondering if you or anyone else has any of these covers for sale or trade especially if they have been postally used. I am also looking for the post cards postally used. If anybody has anything else related to WJ'83 please let me know and I can tell you whether I need it.

I got some nice items from Peter Duck but one of them is a bit of a mystery. It is the 2 SSCC labels but they have been overprinted with a rubber stamp reading GOWS 83 CANADA. Neither Peter nor I know what the GOWS stands for. There was another set of labels overprinted North of Scotland Troop so it might be another Troop.



Response from Peter Duck

Thanks for the forwarded message from Alex Hadden. The covers and cards + labels for the 1983 World Jamboree were produced by Dave Clark. I do come across them occasionally, but don't have any at present.

## Editor's Request.

My wife and I have recently returned from a cruise around parts of the Mediterranean and our land stops included a day in the fascinating town of Messina in Sicily. Whilst there we walked up to visit the attractive “santuario Montalto” and on the way discovered this memorial to B-P which had been erected in 2009 in a children's playground. The whole area had seen better days and the playground looked as if it was disused - except perhaps for some vagrant sleeping. Could I ask our members, especially those who live in Italy, if they know anything about this situation as the memorial obviously meant something to somebody at some stage.



**'The Royal' Event: A Personal Perspective**

October 26th 2016 marked a very special day in the annals of Scouting Philately as a considerable number of 'firsts' coincided in an exhibition held in London at meeting place of the Royal Philatelic Society. 'The Royal' was established in 1869 and is the oldest Philatelic Club/Society in the World.

Our Member Hallvard Sletterbø from Norway with his thematic exhibit *World Scouting - its Path to Success* has won medals at many world class philatelic events culminating in Large Gold Medals in China in 2009, Antwerp in 2010, Phillanippon 2011, and Singapore in 2015. It is today the world's highest ranking Scout exhibit, however it should be clearly understood that the large Gold Medals were gained in open competition against all thematic exhibits, not just that of Scouting.

Though membership of the Royal is available to all (if the individual can be find a proposer and a seconder), the honour of becoming a Fellow however is a distinction to be gained on merit. There are three fellows only in the ranks of our club, Hallvard and our former Chairman and one-time president John Ineson who was of course present at the exhibition and Frederick Lawrence USA. Our club was well represented by Nick Coverdale and Randall Frank (USA), who are members of the Royal, Peter Duck, our Chairman Melvyn Gallagher, Bob Lee, and myself who attended as guests. Leif Nelson and Tom Sund of Norway both of whom are members of Danish Club were also present,

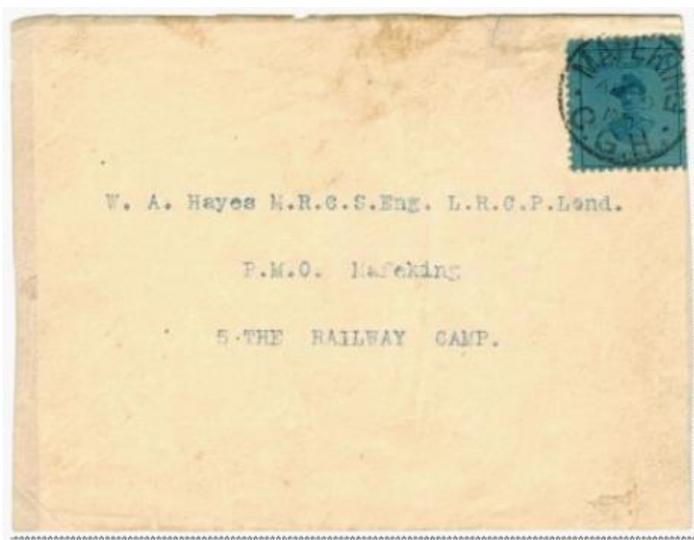
I attended in Scout Uniform as did Peter Ford, a keen member of the International Badgers Club who was there representing the Scout Association, as he now works in Scout Archives, Gilwell Park. It was pleasing to note that amongst the 70 or so visitors there were a few other people also in uniform including a young Scout, emphasizing that though this was a philatelic event, the exhibit was designed to promote Scouting.

I should perhaps declare that I had slight vested interest in the exhibition as I was privileged to play a small part assisting Hallvard in the complexities of the English language in presenting the material and the also in the booklet that was giving away to visitors to the exhibition. This can be found on line on both Hallvard's the RPSL's

website. The club has some 'hard' copies of the document and are there details of how one can be obtained elsewhere in this Bulletin.

This involvement has given me an insight into just what it takes to gain success at such a high level. A quick appraisal would be an enormous amount of very hard work! The 'design' of the exhibit, before any philatelic item is selected, is crucial. It can be likened to a good book. It has to tell a story, in both width and breath, mainly though postal ephemera, which will include the stamps, covers, essays, proofs, and original artwork. These have to be displayed in an attractive way on album pages leaving very little room for text which cannot be allowed to distract from the artifacts and so has to be succinct, providing relevant information and developing the theme. If all that is not hard enough, the quality of the philatelic items has to be exemplary and though their commercial value is not relevant, the interest of the viewer (and competition judges) is maintained when 'material of philatelic importance' is presented in such a way as to indicate its significance. All of these criteria are splendidly met in Hallvard's exhibit. There is however an additional quality that is not a requirement. Hallvard uses philatelic material to shine a spotlight on our Scouting Heritage, producing a powerful advertisement for the Scout Movement. He uses both the past and the present in a way which should inspire and motivate members of our Movement, and bring an understanding to those outside it as to just what a great and remarkable achievement Scouting is.

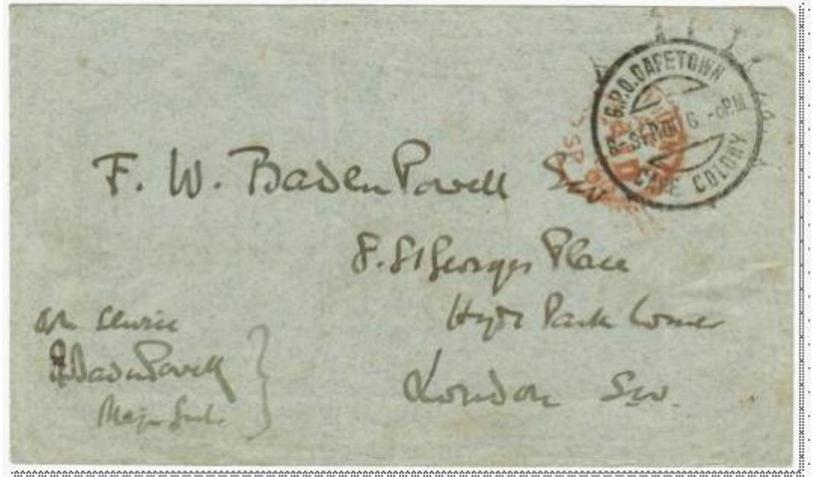
The exhibition was divided into four sections, the first 12 frames being the Large Gold Medal collection *World Scouting, Its Path to Success*. It is impossible in this article and not necessary to record the entire exhibit because as I have explained earlier that has already been done elsewhere. I have however selected for comment a few of them many gems on display.



My attention was focused immediately on one of the world's rarest first day covers (four only), of the Mafeking blue stamps made in the town at the time of the Siege to facilitate local postage, dated April 9th 1900. The cover is addressed to the Baden-Powell's Principal Medical Officer W A Hayes.

There are those that say that the Mafeking issues have no place in a thematic display on Scouting as they predate the movement by eight years. Hopefully Hallvard's inclusion of items from

Siege will put an end to such nonsense. B-P said that the Mafeking Cadets were his first Boy Scouts and it is self evident that without his fame as the Hero of Mafeking, Scouting could never have been founded. The cover below was sent by Baden-Powell to his brother Frank. The 'Large Head' blue stamp shows the cracked plate flaw, the exhibit included the entire row of stamps from those affected by the crack.



Naturally the exhibit records the advent of world's first Scout Stamp produced in the Czech Republic in 1918 which were produced the local Boy Scouts Association to restore the postal service after WW1 in order to facilitate to restoration of the Government. The



two values were issued, but every stamp produced was individually die cut with imitation perforations. On the day incoming President Masaryk arrived in Prague, the stamps were overprinted to mark the celebration. On that day eight only telegrams were sent out, each example with a one of the overprinted stamps affixed cancelled and the telegram signed by a Scout. Only eight such telegrams are known.

Above right. King Rama VI was educated in Britain. He took Scouting back to Siam surcharging existing stamps with an overprint to fund raising for the 'Tiger Cubs', a

junior branch of the military 'Wild Tigers'. All boys in Siam were enrolled Scouts in their schools, a tradition that to some extent continues today.

There have been several examples of Scout run Post Offices at times of national emergency. One of the lesser known examples is that of the Shanghai Emergency Postal Service that operated during a postal strike in 1931 in the European Concessionary Areas of that city. Coupons rather than stamps were affixed to items which allowed them too be sent, be sorted and delivered by Scouts in the Concessionary Areas. Mail to foreign destinations was by ships so that the mail could forwarded on arrival at their next destination. Hallvard's example was sent via Vancouver Andover Mass. USA. As with the Prague 1918 Scout Post Office, mail was individually signed by Scouts.

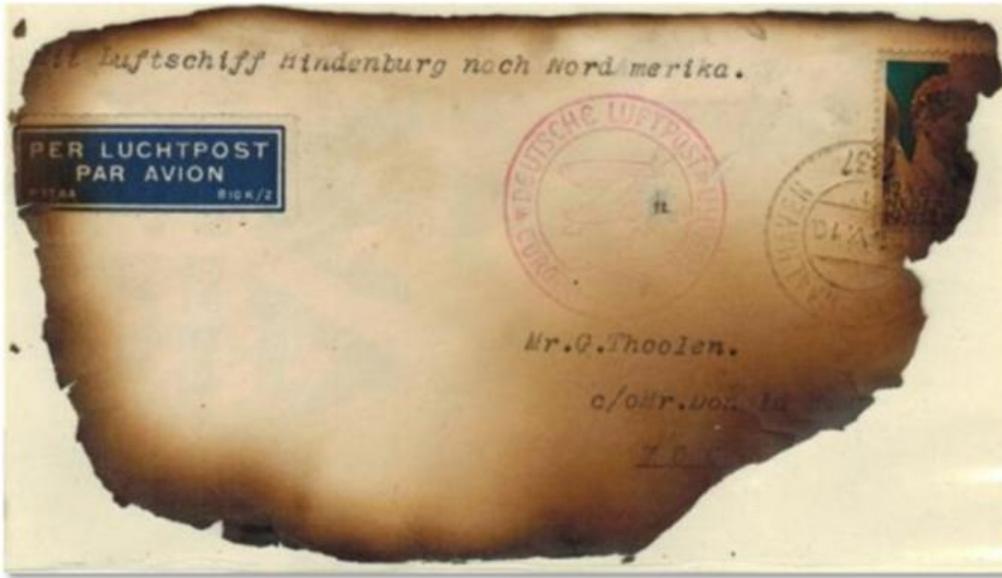


Perhaps the highlight of the exhibition was this example of 'sewer mail' carried by Scouts between the various enclaves that existed underground in parts of Warsaw after German Occupation in 1944. This extremely rare example of the so-called potato print cancellation is found on a pre printed Government issued postcard dated 6th August 1945.

The 1937 Hindenburg Airship disaster has only a somewhat slight connection with Scouting. Bundles of charred mail were salvaged from the wreck some 358 pieces in total. Of these some carried the then current Dutch World Jamboree issue stamps. One of which partially survives on the cover overleaf.

The second part of the exhibition was devoted to Scout Mail in Displaced Persons Camps immediately after WW2, and then five frames of stamps showing the Potal History of Scouting in the United Kingdon, including examples of rare postmarks

and Recorded Delivery items from the 1929 World Jamboree and National Jamborees.



The next section was devoted to Scouting in Norway (because Hallvard is Norwegian). Below is an interesting cover sent in Second World War by 'exiled' Norwegian Scouts to Norway. As members may know having written *Scouts at War*



*Vol I* on the First World War I am now emarked on *Vol II* devoted to the the Second

World War. One one of the chapters concerning espionage will recall the fact that Colonel JS (Belge)} Wilson former Camp Chief at Gilwell Park left Scouting to join the Special Operations Executive in 1941 and eventually commanded all Scandinavian Operations luding the 'Heavy Water' raids etc, He also founded the Norwegian Scout Club in London. Who knows what this envelope contained but as we see it was opened by the Censors. Perhaps this is an appropriate point for me to seek the help of members who have any Second War related Scouting ephemera, whether philatilic or not, that could be use to illustrate the book, if so please get in touch.

Hallvard's magnificant exhibit concluded with sections devoted to the Postal History of Scouting in Europe and then outside Europe until 1957.

During the afternoon Frank Walton the President of 'The Royal' presented Hallvard with a Beaver's Collector's Badge. Frank is a former Scout Leader and now GSL of a Scout Group in Dronfield, Derbyshire where I, though not at the same time, was a Venture Scout Leader. Hallvard on looking up the requirements to win this badge has concluded that he is not qualified for it! We think however that he is well deserving of it, the exhibition was a remarkable 'tour de force', and an absolute priviledge to view.

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From Bob Lee

May I inform you of a recent addition to our Scouting stamp theme. To celebrate Queen Elizabeth II becoming our longest reigning monarch as well as head of The Commonwealth , the postal authorities issued a joint commemorative stamp sheet. This is the first time that postally valid stamps from different countries have appeared on the same sheet.

One of the stamps depicted is that from Bahamas (Row 5, position 3) showing Prince Harry talking to local Boy Scouts. This will surely be a “sleeper” in our theme?

I have managed to obtain a few of these sheets, with their descriptive folders, and if they are of interest to you then please inform me and I will forward a copy by return.

Prices; UK £32.00. Europe £34.00 and Rest of World £38.00 all post paid; payment may be by Euro / Dollar cash; PayPal or Credit / debit card as usual (Note credit cards and PayPal please add 5% to cover costs)

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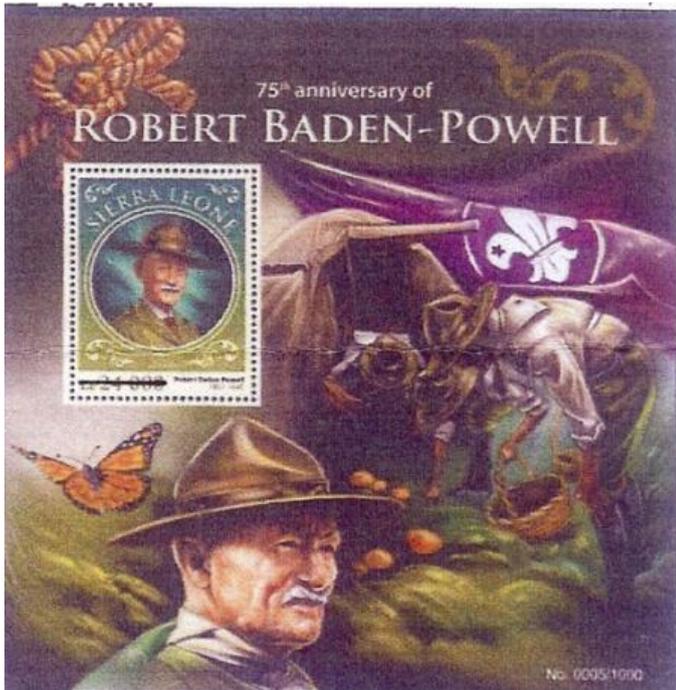
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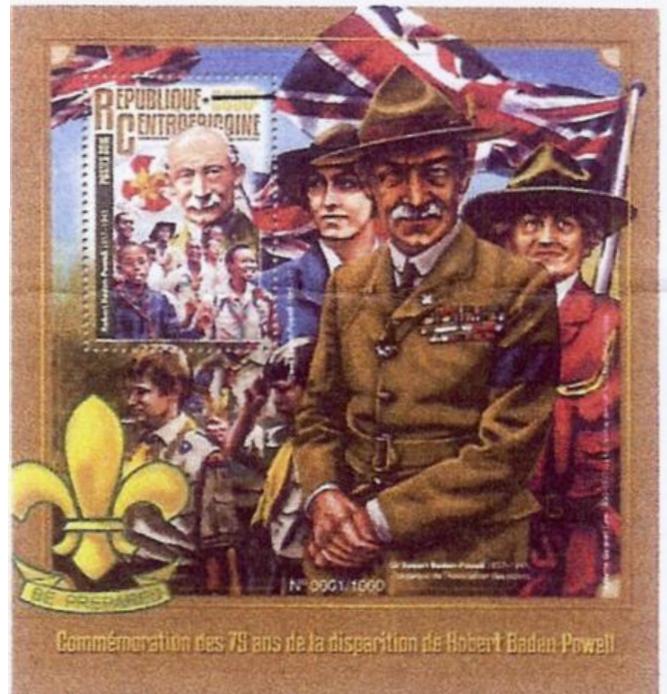
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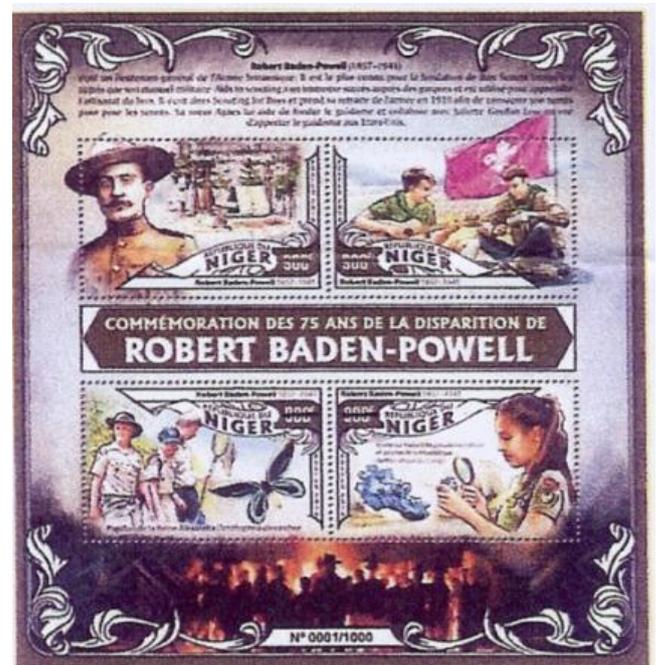


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