

Early Scouting Postal Stationery

Scouting

started in England in 1907, and began to spread throughout Great Britain and Ireland, then through the countries of the British Empire, and soon to the rest of the world.

The purpose

of this exhibit is to show postal stationery related to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts / Girl Guides. Included are postal cards, envelopes and wrappers. The time frame covered is from the earliest Scouting postal stationeries until 1949.

The structure

of the exhibit is chronologically and by country, with a few exceptions, this due to presentation.

Sources

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1918

Prague, Czechoslovakia – Local Revolutionary Scout Post



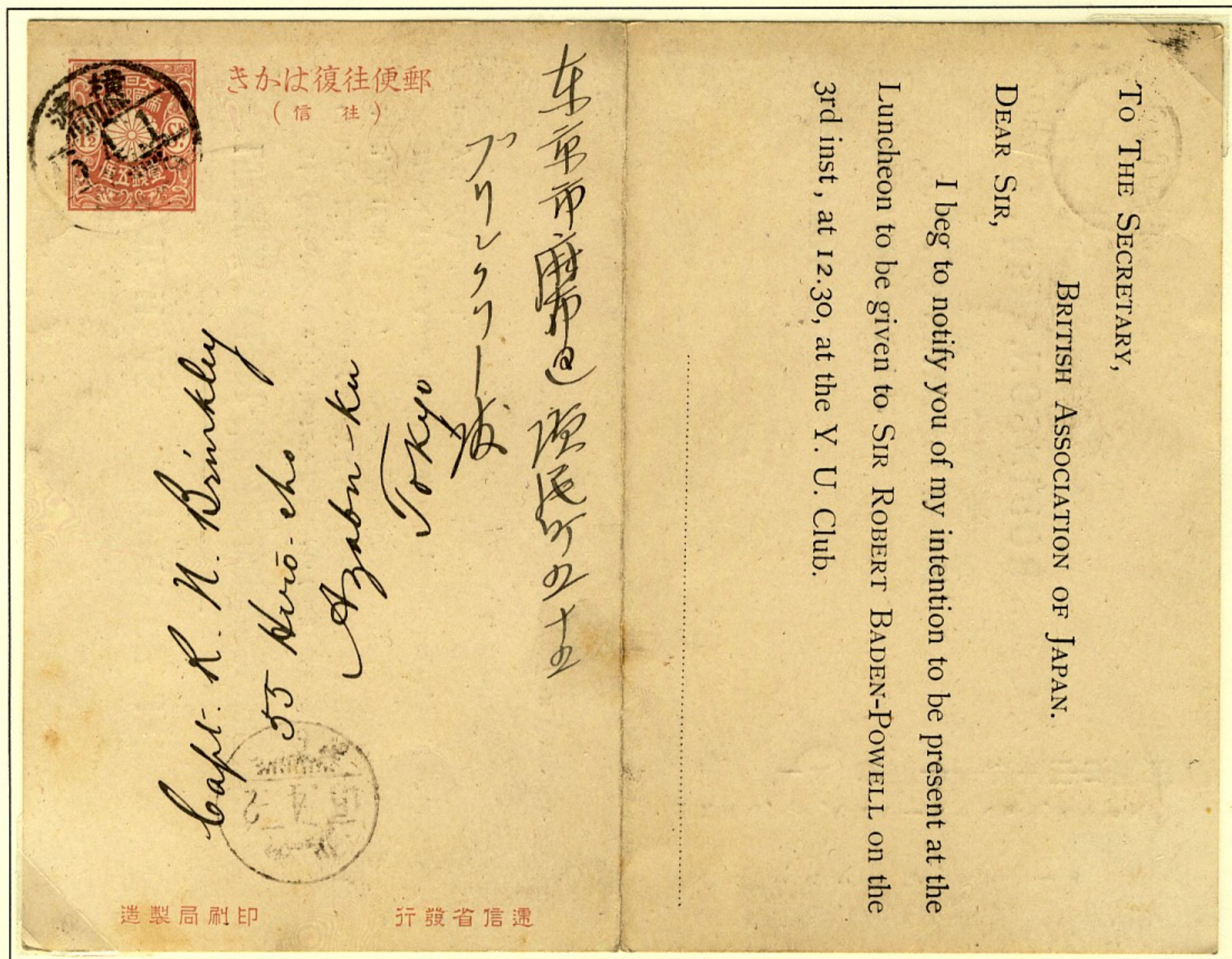
The Czechoslovak Scouts provided a Mail Delivery Service 7-25 November, 1918 in Prague for the National Committee of Liberation, while their country was having a new birth of freedom. The postal card was issued 7 November, 1918 and use ended on 25 November. The card was intended for use between the Scouts themselves and official use for the revolutionary group Czech National Committee of Liberation. The cards were not sold to the general public and are considered official delivery items. Engraver: J. Panenka. Printed by Kollman of Kral Vinohrady in Prague. Embossed blue printing from the same die as the 10 Heller postage stamp. **1,000 cards were printed.**

1912

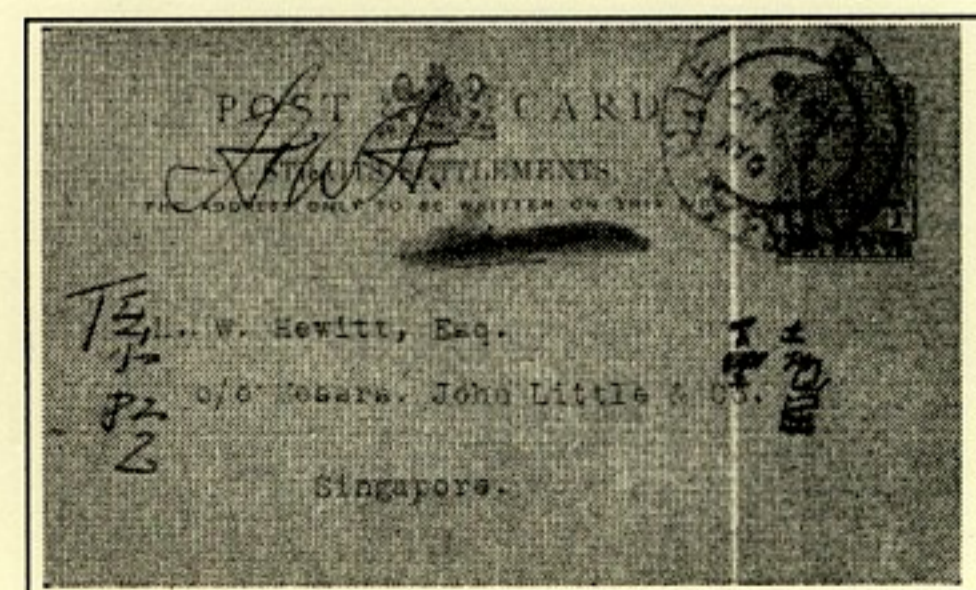
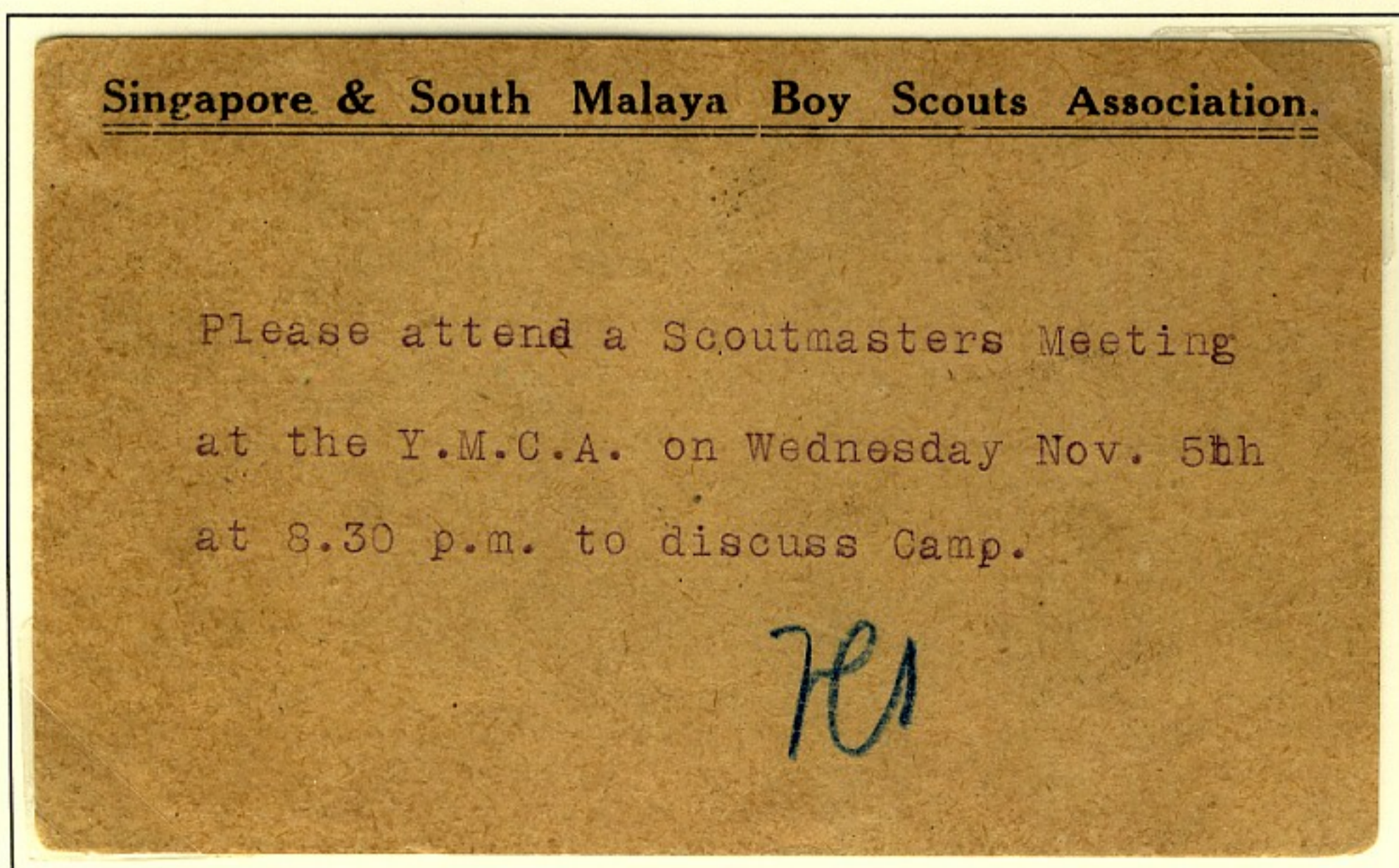
Japan – visit by Baden-Powell

1919 Straits Settlements – Singapore and South Malaya Boy Scouts Association

Baden-Powell undertook many travels all over the world. On 2 April, 1912 he was welcomed to Yokohama, Japan by a cheering boatful of Japanese Scouts and Scouts of the British colony. He met with Scouts and their leaders, attended receptions and promoted Scouting wherever he came. The 1912 world tour was also most important for B-P personally; it was on this trip that he met his future wife, Miss Olave Soames, on board the S/S *Arcadian* en-route from England to the West Indies.



1911 1½ s reply postal card, with privately printed invitation from the British Association of Japan. Cancelled Yokohama, 1 April, 1912 and sent to Tokyo, receiving cancel 2 April. Reply section unused.



Copy of front.

The Boy Scouts Movement (Scouting in Singapore) was inaugurated 1910. Additional printing on postal card. Unknown printing date and quantity. Postmark SINGAPORE 3 NO 1919.

A visit by Baden-Powell to Siam prior to 1920 resulted in the most enthusiastic support of Scouting by King Rama VI, who then became the first president of the Siamese Boy Scouts Association. Stamps and postal cards were overprinted and surcharged. The surcharge went to the Boy Scouts, literally the Tiger Cubs of the Wild Tiger Corps.



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Type 1 overprint by hand, using a rubber handstamp, with the emblem of the “Wild Tiger Corps” Scouting organisation – a tiger head, and “Scout's Fund” in Siamese. The original card was issued 1919. Overprinted by Post & Telegraph Department, Bangkok. Issue date unknown; earliest reported usage 1 February 1920. Quantity printed is unknown. The selling price for this 2 Satang postal card was 5 Satang.

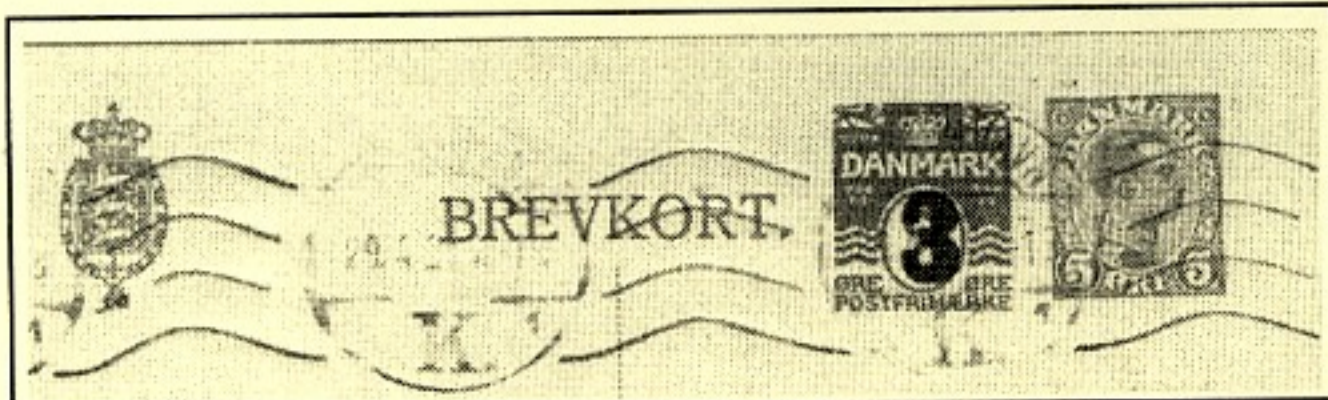


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Type 2 overprint by hand, using a copper handstamp, with the Wild Tiger Corps emblem, the tiger head, and wording “Scout's Fund” in Siamese and English. The original card was issued 1914. Overprinted by Post & Telegraph Department, Bangkok. Issue date unknown; earliest reported usage 26 February 1920. Quantity printed is unknown. The selling price for this 5 Satang postal card was 10 Satang.

1921
1936

Denmark – parade for HRH Princess
Czechoslovakia – on duty at president visit



Official postal card 5 öre King Christian X with additional 2 öre stamp imprint and the 2 öre is surcharged 3 öre.
Postmarked "KØBENHAVN 29.4.21".



Official postal card with private additional printing on reverse, with an invitation to attend the Boy Scouts Association's parade for Princess Margrethe, the honorary Chief Scout. Printed April 1921, unknown quantity.



President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia at the declaration of Peace, Czechoslovak Red Cross, 1932. Boy Scouts are guarding and holding back the crowd outside. Card #9 in a set of 20 postal cards honouring the 85th birthday of president Masaryk. Issued 7 March 1936.

1924
1937

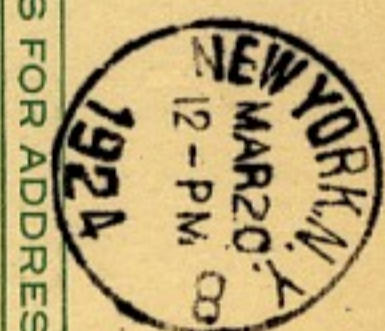
U.S.A – Boys' Life, The Boy Scouts' Magazine

U.S.A. – First National Scout Jamboree

In 1911, George S. Barton, of Somerville, Massachusetts, founded, edited, and published the first edition of Boys' Life magazine, calling it Boys' and Boy Scouts' Magazine. Nearly 100 years later, Boys' Life Magazine is still vital, and has approximately 7 million readers an issue.

GARDNER HILLMAN,
231 PCPE ST.,
NEW BEDFORD, MASS.
B 11 23
45817

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



BOYS' LIFE, The Boy Scouts' Magazine,
200 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Please renew my subscription for BOYS' LIFE. Although my subscription expired with the November number you have already sent me the big December issue, so please go on and finish the year by sending January, February, March and succeeding copies to make up 12 all told. (Where you cannot supply back copies, extend my subscriptions to make up for them).

Send me your bill at the regular yearly subscription price of \$2.00 and I will pay that amount within 30 days from date.

Yours truly,

Signed

Address

Double postal card, where reply part is form for renewing subscription for BOYS' LIFE, the Boy Scouts' Magazine. Private printing on official postal card. Unknown printing date and quantity.

Sent from New York, N.Y. to New Bedford, Mass., 1924. The reply part is unused.

National Jamboree

June 29 - July 9, 1937



Washington, D. C.

Boy Scouts of America



Lloyd M. Schwartz
101 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, N.Y.



Postal stationery envelope with additional private printing, advertising the first U.S. National Scout Jamboree. Unknown printing date and quantity.

Posted on board U.S.S. Cormorant while at Washington D.C. on 4 July 1937. Transit Washington D.C. same day. Arrival BROOKLYN N.Y. JUL 8 1937.

1934

Czechoslovakia – 3rd Czechoslovak Workers' Olympiad

Two postal cards from a set of seven cards issued for the 3rd Czechoslovak Workers' Olympiad held in Prague 1-8 June, 1934. Both cards state "July 5: Day of Cadets and Boy Scouts, Performances of Regions." Issued 1 June 1934. Valid for postage until 31 January 1938.



Above: Women excersising. 60.000 cards were printed.

Below: Men excercising. 100.000 cards were printed.



1934
1936

Canada – The Boy Scout Jamboree
Canada – The Boy Scouts Association

The Boy Scouts Association was formed in the United Kingdom 1910 and its founder, Baden-Powell wrote to the Governor General of Canada, Earl Grey and asked him to organize scouting in Canada. A branch council of the The Boy Scouts Association was established in Canada under The Boy Scouts Association's Overseas Department.

To be honoured by the presence of
His Excellency, the Earl of Bessborough, P.C., G.C.M.G.
Chief Scout for Canada

The Boy Scout Jamboree
Maple Leaf Gardens - May 24th 1934 - 8.15 p.m.

I will be pleased to accept the invitation
to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree ☐

I regret that I will be unable to attend
the Boy Scout Jamboree ☐

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Printed privately on official postal card, with
invitation to join the Boy Scout Jamboree, 1934.
Unknown printing date and quantity.

Copy of front.


CANADA POST CARD

To the Secretary,
The Boy Scouts Association,
57 BLOOR ST. WEST,
TORONTO 5, Ont.



BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
1523 BISHOP STREET
MONTREAL

MONTREAL
JUN 6
1130 PM
1936
P.Q.



Freyseng Cork Company, Limited,
821 St. Paul Street West,
Montreal.

Printed privately on official postal envelope, used 1936. Unknown printing date and quantity.

1935
1943

Argentina – The Argentinian Scout
Canada – Tillsonburg Boy Scouts Association

EL SCOUT ARGENTINO

«Además del valor del timbre se cobrará un gravamen
de DOS CENTAVOS moneda nacional por cada diez fajas».

FAJA POSTAL

IMPRESOS

Cnel.
Saúl Pazos
Sta. Fe 124
Ciudad



Wrapper for printed matter.

Additional print:

“EL SCOUT ARGENTINO”

(The Argentinian Scout).

The magazine was issued from 1913.

Illegible postmark date (c. 1935).

Unknown printing date and quantity.

The Boy Scouts Association, Tillsonburg, Ontario.
Printed privately on official postal card, used 1943.
Unknown printing date and quantity.

Copy of front.



Tillsonburg Boy Scouts Association

THE ANNUAL

A meeting of the executive committee of the Association
will be held in the office of the Tillsonburg Shoe Co. at
8:00 o'clock, on

Thursday, Dec. 9, 1943

Important business relating to Scouting will be discussed.
Be prepared!

SECRETARY



In 1938, the company Agniesz Freres (Agniesz Brothers) of Brussels issued two Publibel cards with denomination 40 c, and advertisement for liver paste. The French card (Publibel 443) has the text “SUPERBES ECHANTILLONS GRATUITS AUX SOCIÉTÉS SCOUTS”. The Dutch card (Publibel 444) has the text “PRACHTIGE KOSTELOOZE STALEN AAN DE PADVINDERSVEREENINGEN”. The text translates to “Superb free samples to Scout units”.

Above: French text. Below: Dutch text. Unknown printing date and quantity.



1939

France – Eclaireurs de France

Hommage
des
Eclaireurs de France
JUIN 1939

1939

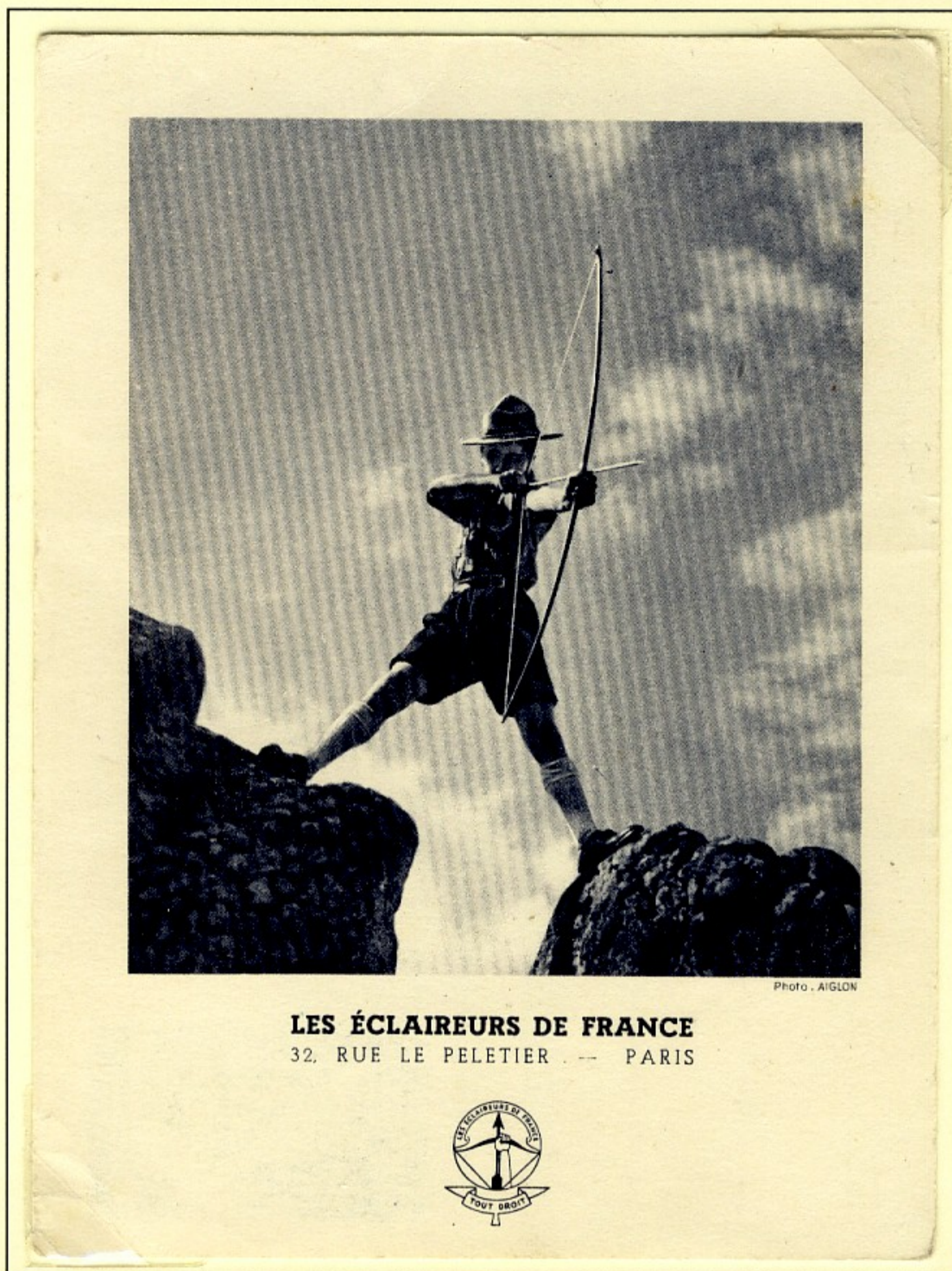
France – Eclaireurs de France



Proof for postal card stamp imprint. Proofs are recorded in blue, green and red.

1939

France – Eclaireurs de France

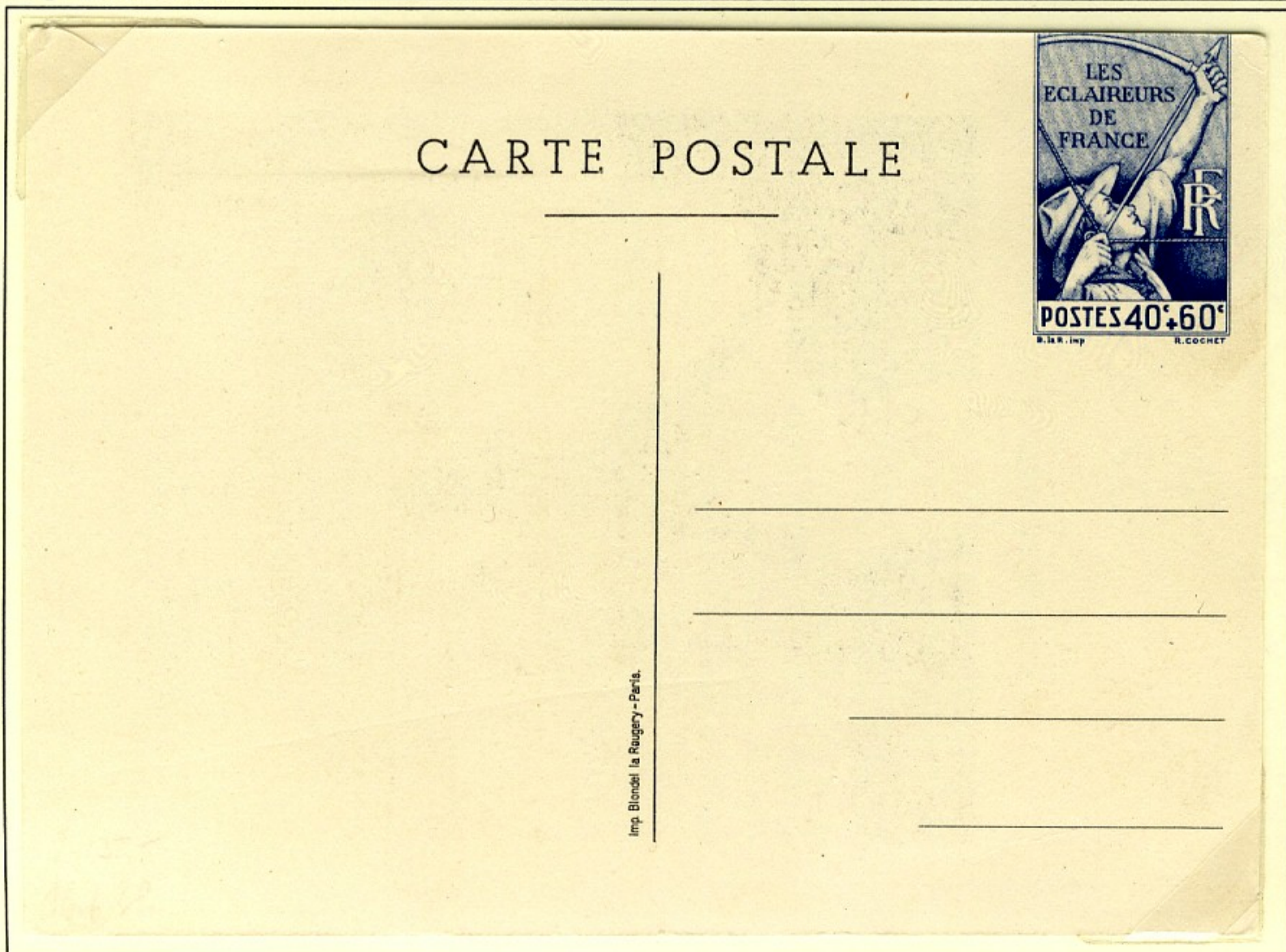


100,000 postal cards were printed, honouring Les Eclaireurs de France (The Scouts of France). Issued 16 June 1939.

Value 40c + 60c; the 40c was postage and the 60c surcharge was for the benefit of French Scouts.

Below: Variety stamp imprint shifted 9 mm.

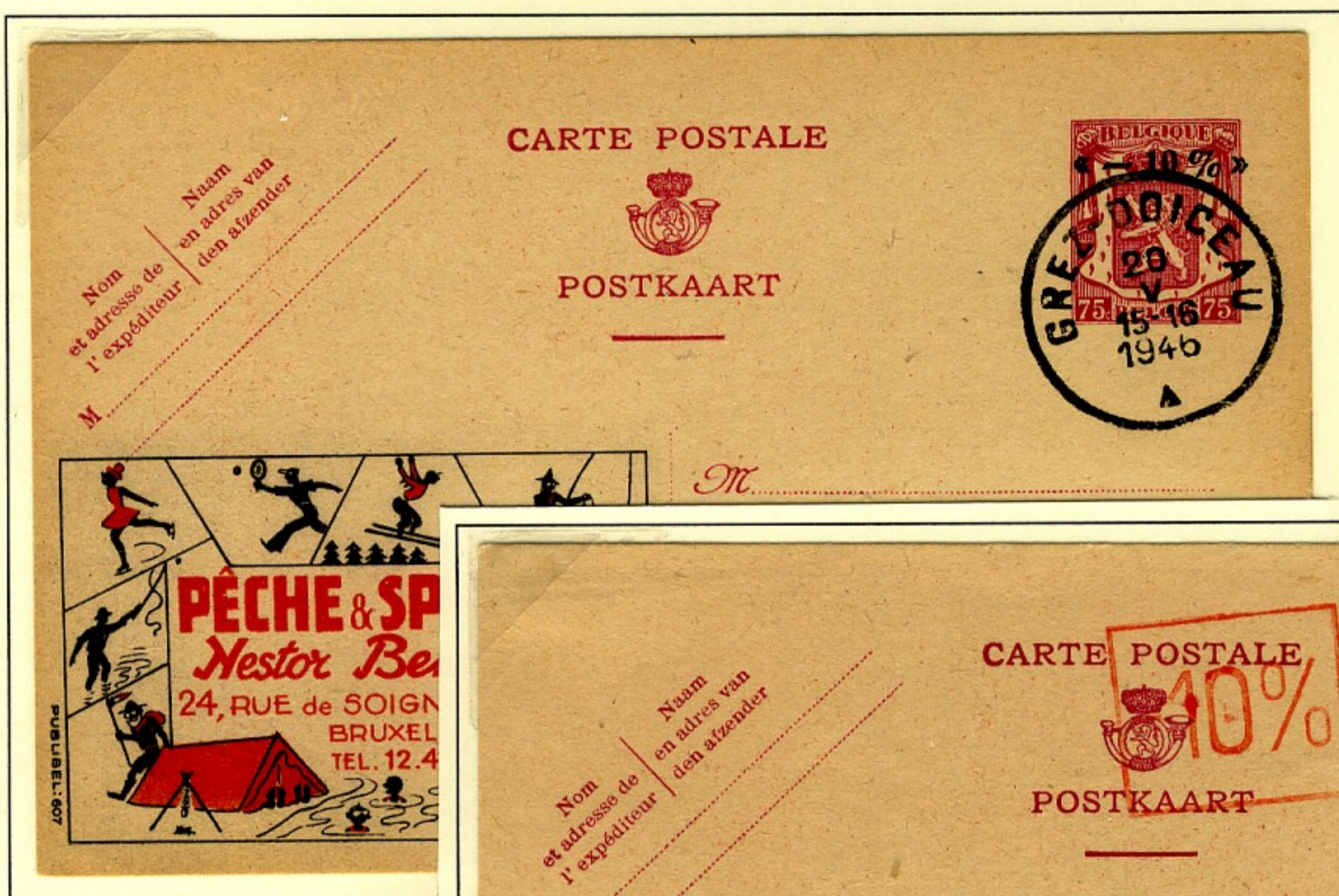
Normal card.



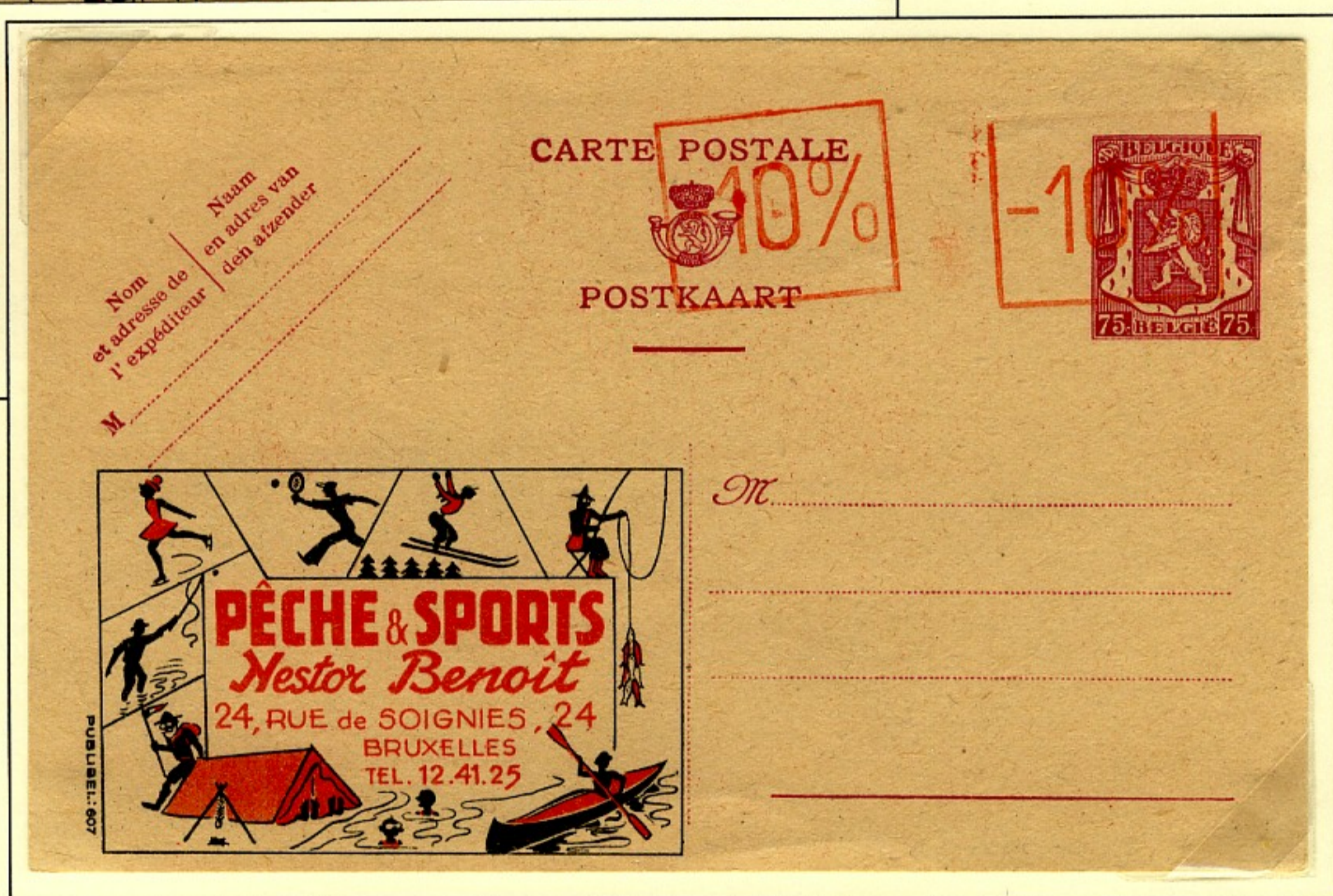


In 1945, the company Nestor Benoit of Brussels issued two Publibel cards with denomination 50c and 75c, and advertisement for fishing and sports equipment. Both cards are Publibel 607. A Boy Scout is seen in the lower left corner. Unknown printing date and quantity.

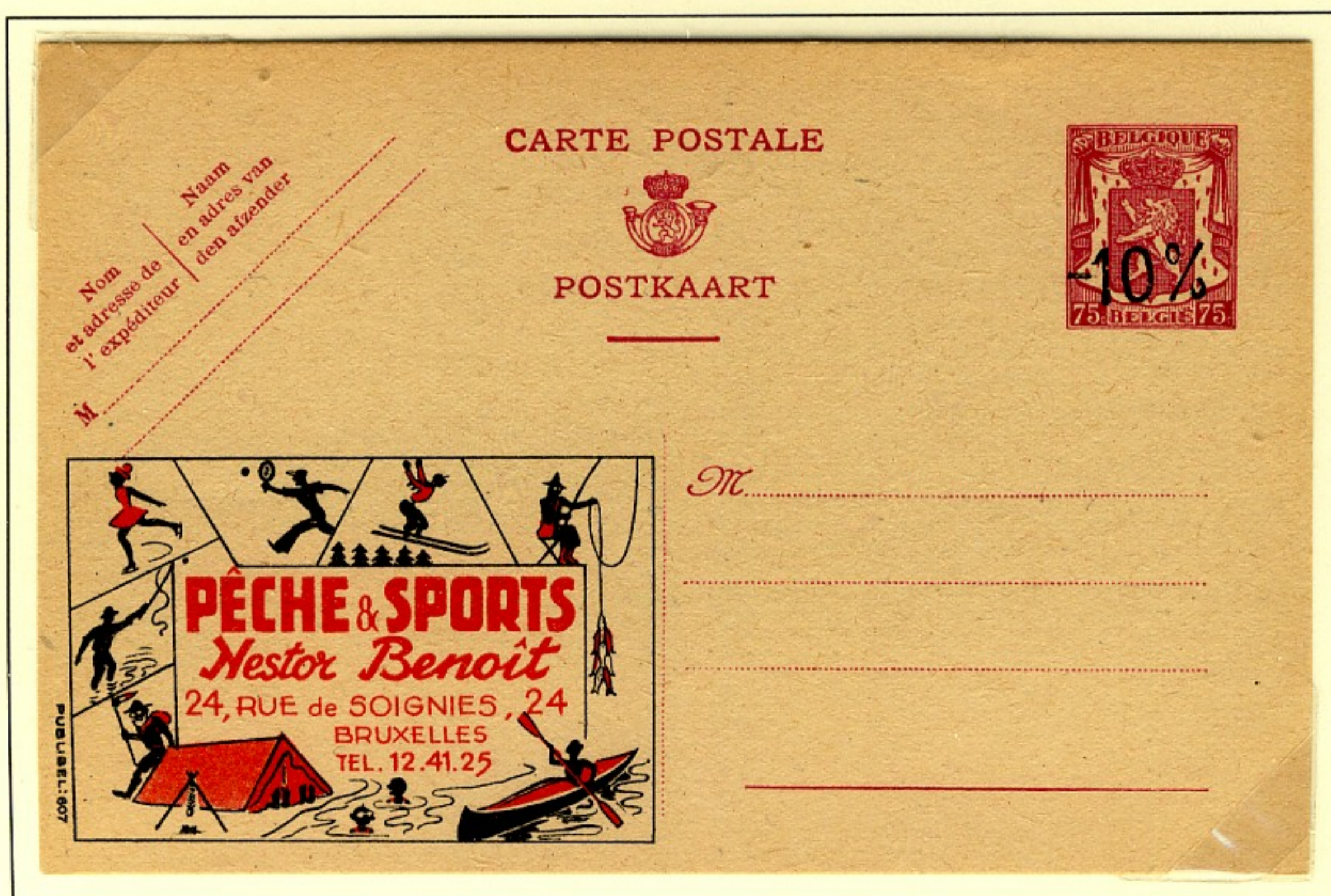


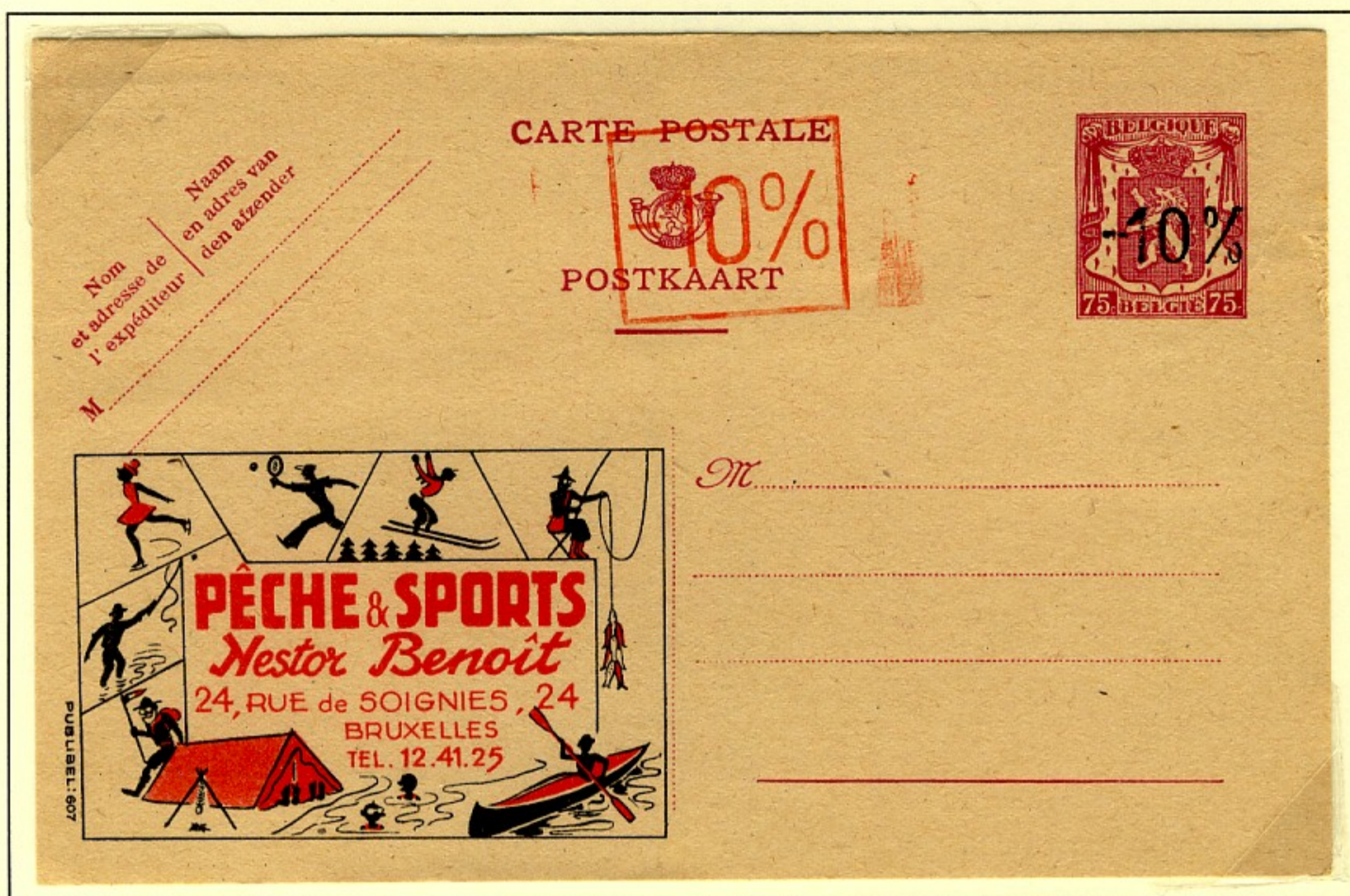


The remaining stock was overprinted locally “-10%” in connection with a reduction of the postage rates from 20 May 1946. Five different overprints are recorded.



Small overprint (top), boxed overprint (middle), and larger overprint (below).





Variety with two types of “-10%” overprint.

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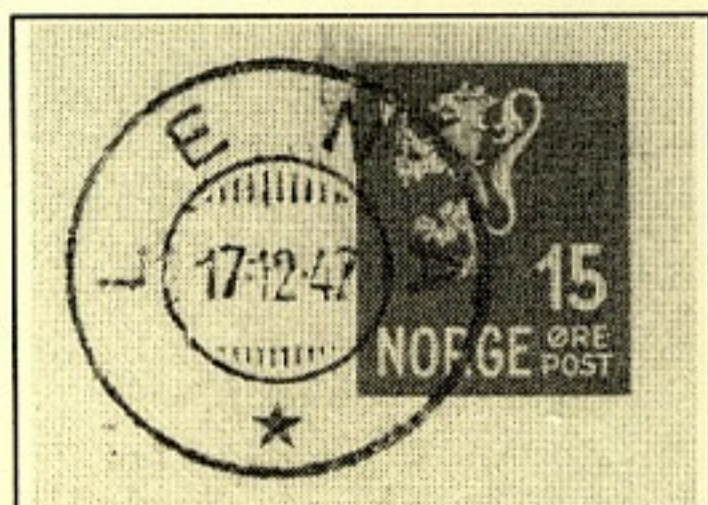
75c with large overprint “10%” (note the overprint does not say “-10%”).

1947, 1948

Norway – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

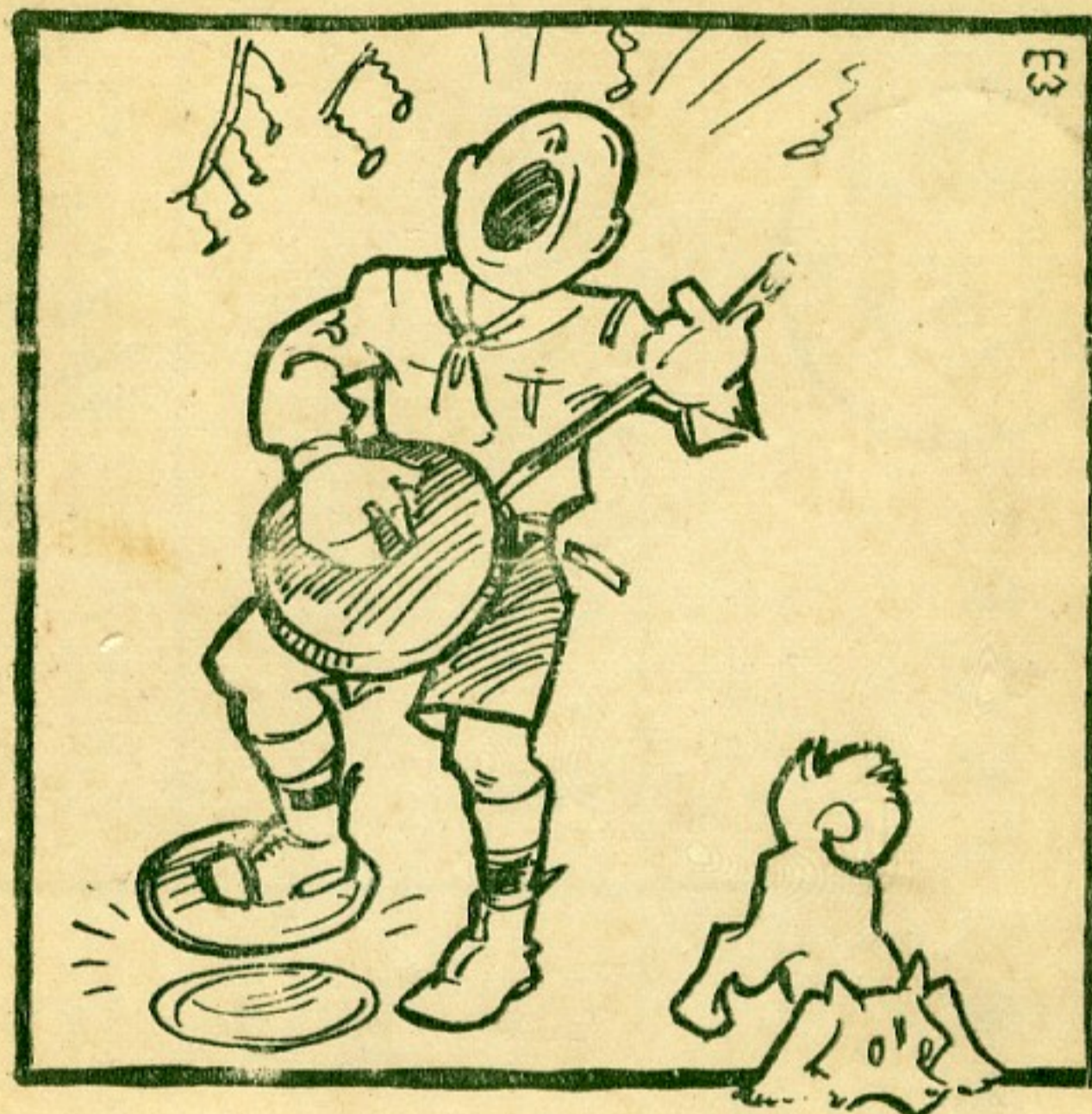
1947, 1948. Christmas cards issued by Norwegian Boy Scouts Association.

Additional private printing on official postal cards. Unknown quantity.



Postal card BK 112 C, printed 1945-1949.
Sent from "LENA 17-12-47" to Harstad.

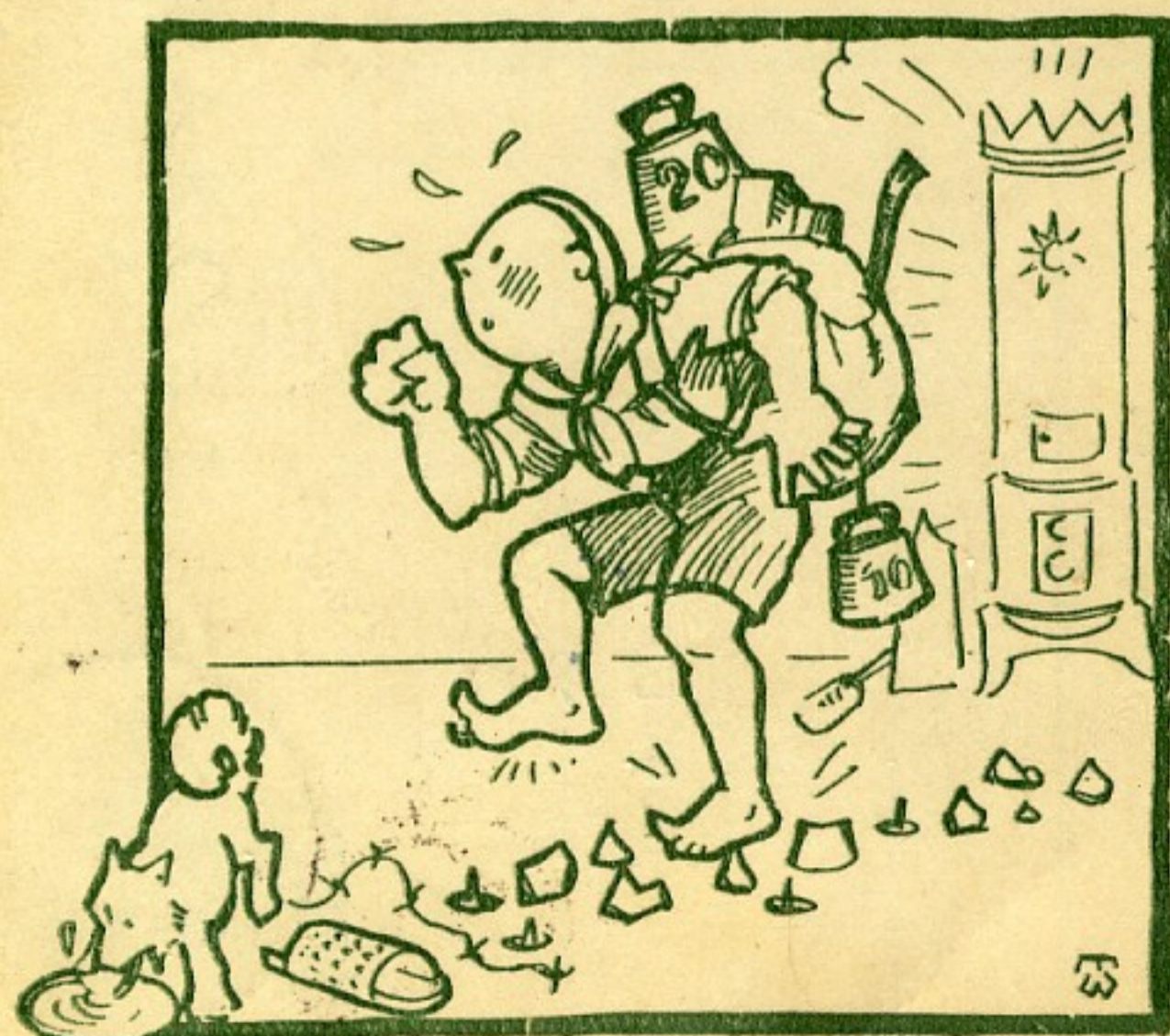
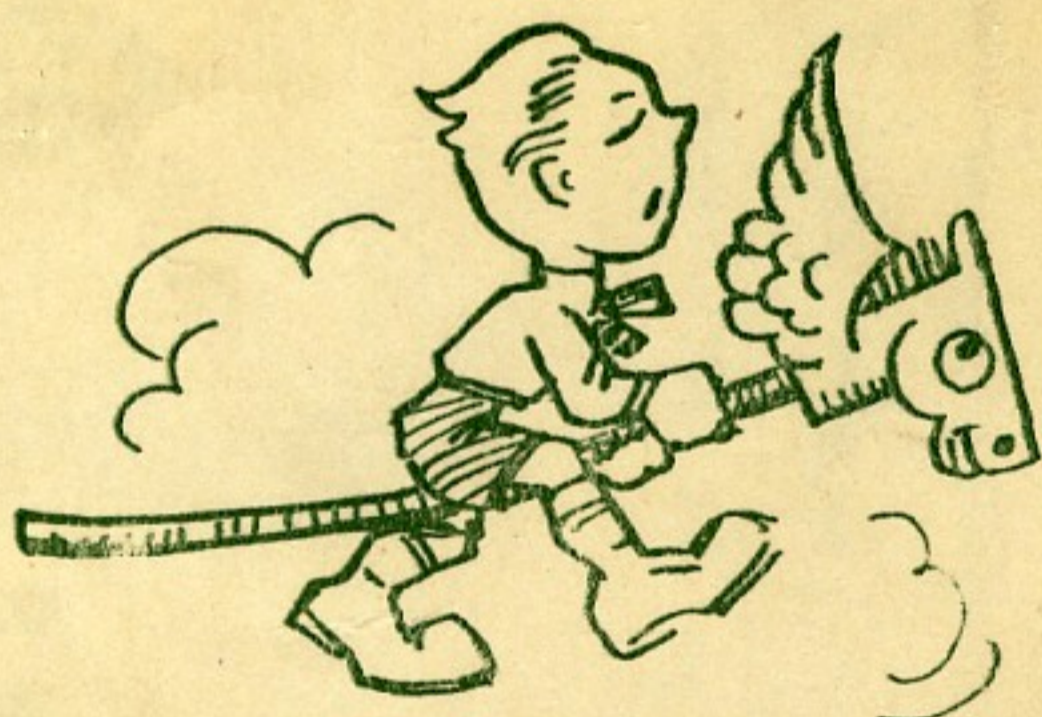
Til Mandal 1948



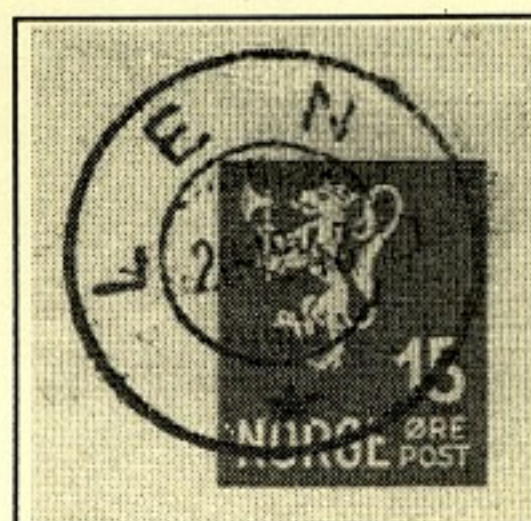
*Gledelig jul!
Godt nytt år!*

1949

1948



Hjem fra Mandal
eller trening til Rover-Moot ?



Postal card BK 112 C, printed 1945-1949.
Sent from "LENA 20-12-48" to Harstad.