

Scout Rocket Mail – Belgium 1960



Rocket Mail: Rocket mail is the delivery of mail by rocket or missile. Dr. Adam J. de Bruijn from Amsterdam experimented with mail rockets, and he and his co-workers, members of the Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio (Dutch Space Flight Studio), launched more than 100 rockets in Europe from 1936 onwards. The rockets could travel 20 km or more and landed by deploying an internal parachute upon arrival. The mail landed with the rocket. Dr. De Bruijn made an important contribution to the development of rocket mail.

The term **Scout Rocket Mail** describes rocket mail associated with Scouting. Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio launched two mail rockets at Raeren, Belgium on April 27, 1960, in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in the United States. The **purpose** of the exhibit is to show the philately of this Scout rocket mail event.

The **scope** encompasses all aspects of philately from these launching of these two rockets: locally printed astrograms, rocket stamps and presentation cards, including proofs, colour printing varieties, flown covers and cards. Special rocket cachets identify mail from the two mail rockets *Daniel Beard* and *Baden Powell II*, respectively.

Important items have thicker red frame and bold red text.

Rocket *Baden Powell II*

Named after Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell (1857-1941). He was founder of the Scout Movement and Chief Scout of the World.

Rocket *Daniel Beard*

Named after Daniel Carter “Uncle Dan” Beard (1850-1941), an American illustrator, author, youth leader, and social reformer who in 1905 founded the Sons of Daniel Boone. Beard merged his organization into the Boy Scouts of America when it was founded 1910. He later became editor of *Boys' Life*, the BSA magazine.

Main source: *Ellington-Zwisler Rocket Mail Catalog, 1960 (E-Z)*

Plan:

1. Astrograms, Stamps.....	14
2. Rocket <i>Baden Powell II</i>	7
3. Rocket <i>Daniel Beard</i>	8
Total.....	29

1a. Scout Astrograms

Astrogram Type 1, Proof

PROOF OF ASTROGRAM TYPE 1



Astrograms are the rocket equivalent of aerograms or air-letters.

Two different astrograms were prepared for the Scout rocket flights.

Astrogram type 1 has stamp imprint to left, with “ASTROGRAM” above.

**Proof of
astrogram type 1,
brown colour only.
Unlisted by E-Z.**

Signed (in pencil)
by the rocketeer
Dr. J.A. de Bruijn.

1a. Scout Astrograms

Astrogram Type 1, Colour Separation Test Prints

The special Scout astrograms and rocket stamps were typically printed on a Heidelberg "windmill" Platen Press which was introduced 1914 and manufactured until 1985. It is still in wide use for commercial and enthusiast letterpress printing. The machine uses a single inking system and a rotating gripper arm (the "windmill") to feed one sheet and one colour at a time. Thin metal clichés were pre-cast for each colour. For a two-colour job, the first colour is printed on all sheets, then completely wash up the press, lock in the next plate, adjust registration, and run the batch again.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 1, COLOUR SEPARATION, TEST PRINTS OF RED AND BROWN COLOURS



Astrogram type 1 was printed in red and brown colours. Test prints of each colour made at initiation of printing.



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ASTROGRAM TYPE 1



Astrogram type 1, unused, complete as issued. It is not known how many were printed.

1a. Scout Astrograms

Astrogram Type 1, Test Prints, Souvenirs

Surplus astrograms received souvenir cachets and were sold or given away after the event.
Items with this souvenir cachet were not flown by mail rocket.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 1, TEST PRINT OF RED COLOUR. SOUVENIR CACHET



Astrogram type 1, test print of brown colour. Special souvenir cachet in blue:
"SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-'60". Not flown.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 1. SOUVENIR CACHET



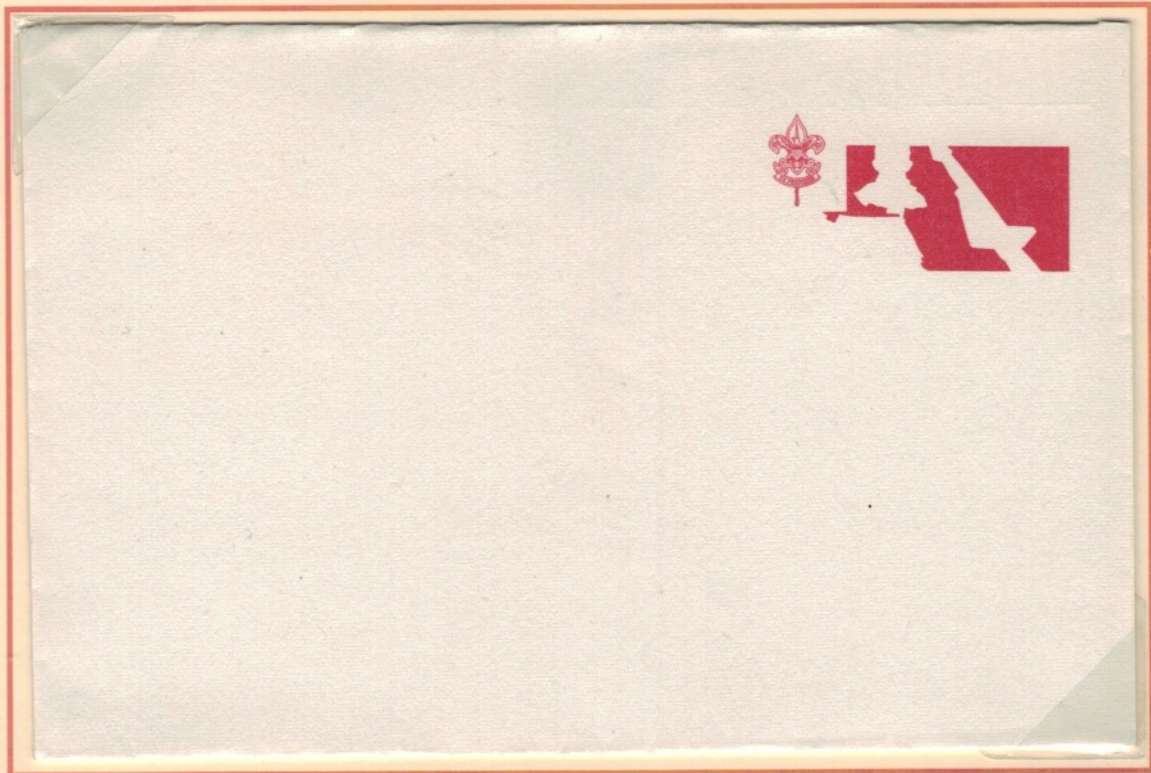
Astrogram type 1. Special souvenir cachet in blue:
"SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-'60". Not flown.

1a. Scout Astrograms

Astrogram Type 2, Colour Separation Test Prints

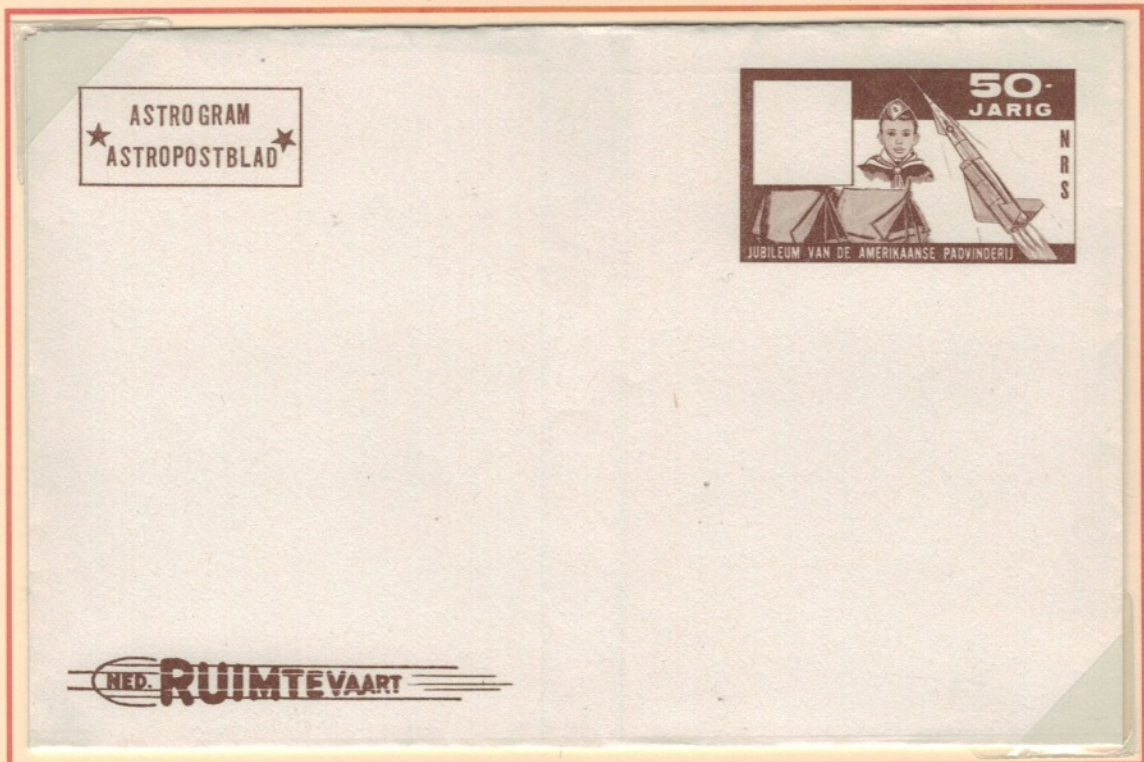
The second type of astrogram has framed "ASTROGRAM / ASTROPOSTBLAD" top left and stamp imprint top right. Both types show the logo of the Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio (Dutch Space Flight Studio). The stamp insignium is similar for astrograms and rocket stamp, and depicts a U.S. Scout Badge top left, a Boy Scout head portrait above two tents bottom left and centre, and a mail rocket to the right.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, COLOUR SEPARATION, TEST PRINT OF RED COLOUR



Astrogram type 2 was printed in red and brown colours.
Test prints of each colour were made at initiation of printing. **Test print of red colour.**

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, COLOUR SEPARATION, TEST PRINT OF BROWN COLOUR



Astrogram type 2 was printed in red and brown colours.
Test prints of each colour were made at initiation of printing. **Test print of brown colour.**

The printing machine used a single inking system and thus printing one colour at a time. The position of the second printing plate (cliché) had to be adjusted to fit the printing from the first plate. Faint or weak impressions of the second colour were used for ensuring alignment prior to locking the exact position of the second plate.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, ALIGNMENT TRIAL PRINT. DOUBLE IMPRESSION OF FAINT BROWN



Astrogram type 2, alignment trial print, from preparation for printing the second colour.
Double impression of the faint brown colour shows it was used for two trials.
Not listed by E-Z.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2



Astrogram type 2, unused, complete as issued. It is not known how many were printed.

Surplus astrograms received souvenir cachets and were sold or given away after the event.
Items with this souvenir cachet were not flown by mail rocket.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, TEST PRINT OF RED COLOUR. SOUVENIR CACHET



Astrogram type 2, test print of red colour. Special souvenir cachet in blue:
"SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-'60". Not flown.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, TEST PRINT OF BROWN COLOUR. SOUVENIR CACHET



Astrogram type 2, test print of red colour with perforated rocket stamp. Special souvenir cachet in blue:
"SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-'60". Not flown.

1a. Scout Astrograms

Astrogram Type 2, Souvenirs

Surplus astrograms received souvenir cachets and were sold or given away after the event.
Items with this souvenir cachet were not flown by mail rocket.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, SOUVENIR CACHET



Astrogram type 2. Special souvenir cachet in blue: "SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-'60". Not flown.

The Scout mail rockets were launched in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in the United States.
The Boy Scouts of America were founded February 8, 1910.

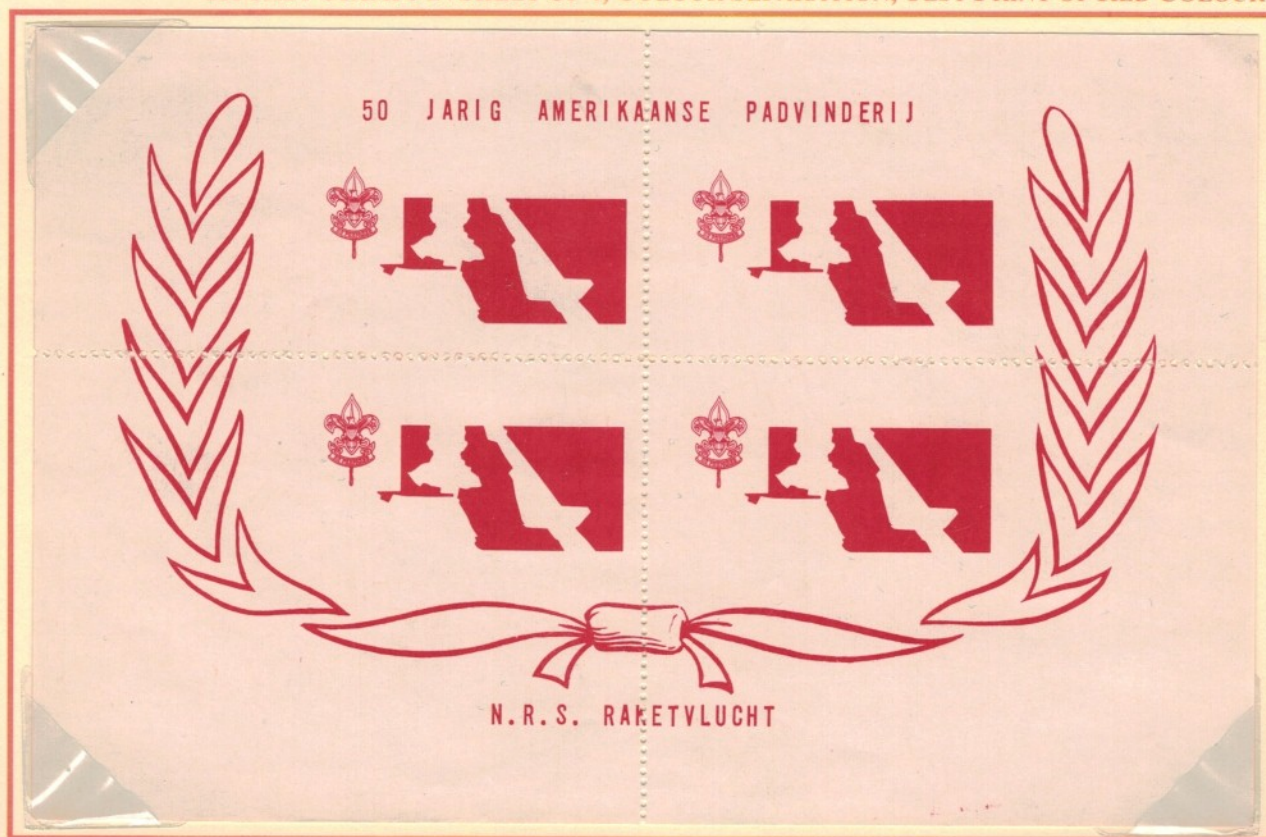
ASTROGRAM TYPE 2 WITH U.S. BOY SCOUT FDC



Astrogram type 2 with U.S. Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC handstamp "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960".
Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn. Not flown.

The stamps were printed in red and brown colours. Test prints of each colour were made at initiation of printing.

ROCKET STAMPS IN SHEET OF 4, COLOUR SEPARATION, TEST PRINT OF RED COLOUR



Test print of red colour, sheet of four Scout rocket stamps, perforated on two sides. Not flown.

ROCKET STAMPS IN SHEET OF 4, COLOUR SEPARATION, TEST PRINT OF BROWN COLOUR



Test print of brown colour, sheet of four Scout rocket stamps, perforated on two sides. Not flown.

1b. Scout Rocket Stamps

Uncut Sheet of Rocket Stamps and Olympic Stamps

The sheets of Scout rocket stamps were printed se-tenant with similar sheets for a rocket mail flight commemorating the VIII Winter Olympics. The Olympic rocket mail flight took place on the same day as the Scout mail rockets.

UNCUT SHEET



Uncut imperforate sheet of four Scout rocket stamps, printed se-tenant with a similar sheet for an Olympic rocket flight. Most sheets were cut prior to use for the Scout and Olympic flights, respectively.

1b. Scout Rocket Stamps

Sheets of Four Rocket Stamps, Imperforate and Perforated

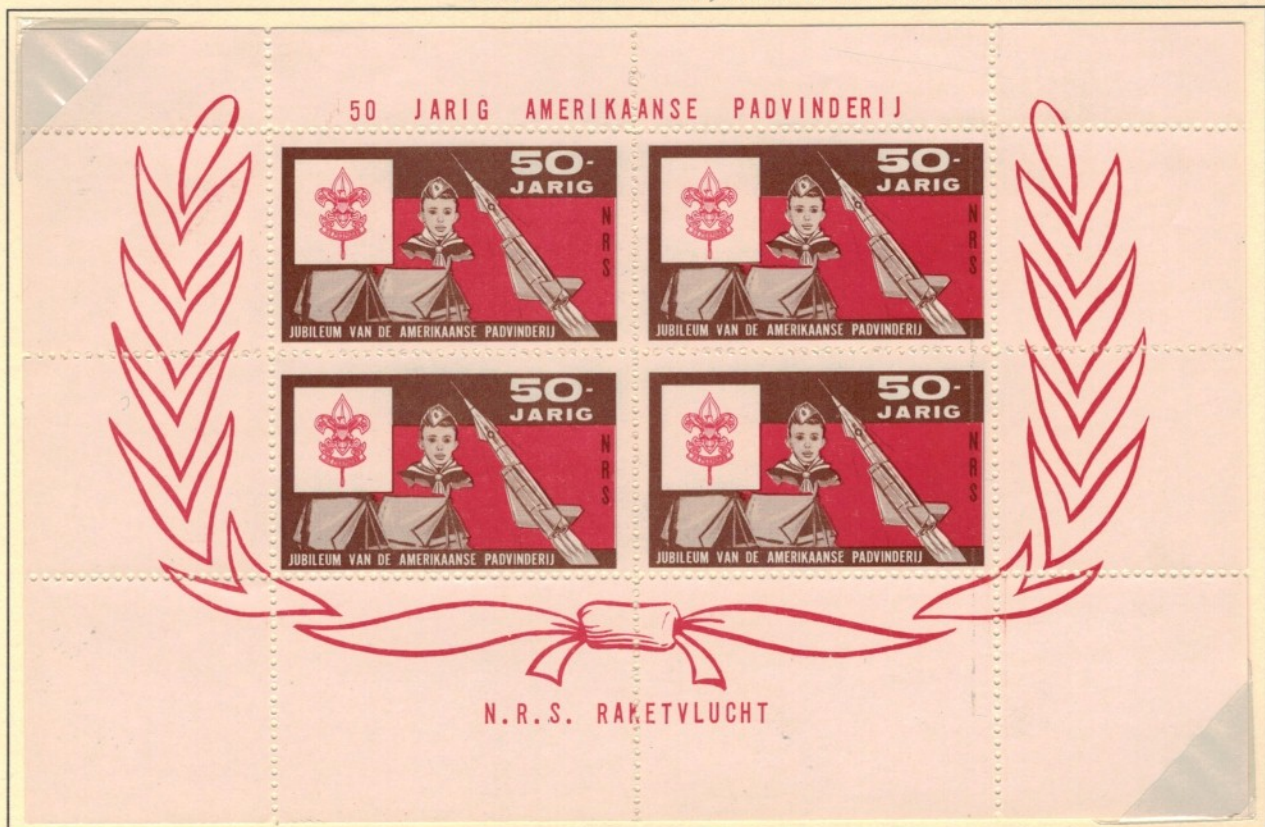
The stamps were issued imperforate or perforated in sheets of four.
The perforations are on all sides for some sheets (three vertical and three horizontal perforation lines),
or only on two sides (one central vertical and one central horizontal perforation line).

IMPERFORATE SHEET



Imperforate sheet of four Scout rocket stamps. Not flown.

PERFORATED SHEET, THE STAMPS ARE PERFORATED ON ALL SIDES



Perforated sheet of four Scout rocket stamps. Three by three perforation lines. Not flown.

1b. Scout Rocket Stamps

Sheets of Four Rocket Stamps, Perforated, Souvenir

Surplus astrograms received souvenir cachets and were sold or given away after the event.
Items with this souvenir cachet were not flown by mail rocket.

PERFORATED SHEET, SOUVENIR CACHET



Perforated sheet of four Scout rocket stamps, three by three perforation lines. Special souvenir cachet in blue: "SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-'60". Not flown.

1b. Scout Rocket Stamps

Souvenir Covers

Surplus covers received souvenir cachets and were sold or given away after the event.
Items with this souvenir cachet were not flown by mail rocket.

SOUVENIR COVER, IMPERFORATE SCOUT ROCKET STAMP



Cover with imperforate Scout rocket stamp and special souvenir cachet in blue:
“SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-‘60”. Not flown, not mailed.

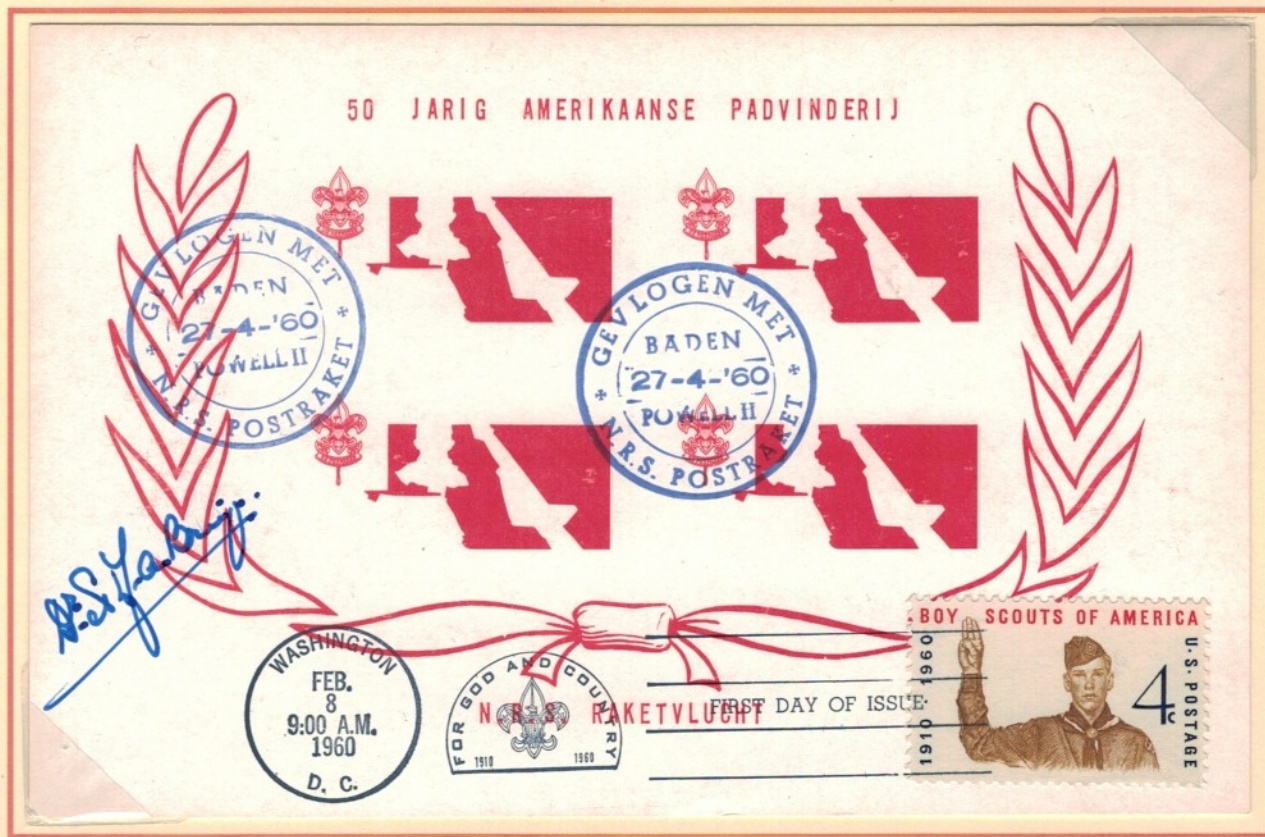
SOUVENIR COVER, PERFORATED SCOUT ROCKET STAMP



Cover with perforated Scout rocket stamp and special souvenir cachet in blue:
“SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-‘60”. Not flown, not mailed.

In addition to regular printing on paper, the stamps were also printed on presentation cards, in red and brown colours. Test prints of each colour were made at initiation of printing.

ROCKET STAMPS PRESENTATION CARD, COLOUR SEPARATION, TEST PRINT OF RED COLOUR



Presentation card test print of red colour, with U.S. Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC handstamp "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960". Flown in rocket Baden Powell II. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A.J. de Bruijn.

ROCKET STAMPS PRESENTATION CARD, COLOUR SEPARATION, TEST PRINT OF BROWN COLOUR



Presentation card test print of brown colour, with U.S. Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC handstamp "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960". Flown in rocket Baden Powell II.

1c. Scout Rocket Stamps Presentation Cards

Prepared for Re-Mailing, Souvenir

Some presentation cards were prepared for re-mailing in the Netherlands, but this did not take place.
Surplus cards received souvenir cachets and were sold or given away after the event.

ROCKET STAMPS PRESENTATION CARD, PREPARED FOR RE-MAILING IN THE NETHERLANDS



Presentation card on thick paper as issued, signed by the rocketeer Dr. A.J. de Bruijn. Not flown.
Prepared for re-mailing in the Netherlands, the 4c would have covered domestic printed matter rate.

ROCKET STAMPS PRESENTATION CARD, SOUVENIR



Presentation card with special souvenir cachet in blue:
"SOUVENIR VAN N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-'60". Not flown.

2. Scout Mail Rocket *Baden Powell II*

Astrogram Type 2

The mail rocket *Baden Powell II* was named after Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell (1857-1941). He was founder of the Scout Movement and Chief Scout of the World. The rocket carried 40 Astrograms, 40 Canal Zone Boy Scout FDCs and an unknown number of U.S. Boy Scout FDCs, presentation cards, and covers with Belgian franking.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, FLOWN ON ROCKET *BADEN POWELL II*



Astrogram type 2. Special rocket flight cachet in blue: “GEVLOGEN MET N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-’60”. The Scout mail rockets were launched in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in the U.S.A. The Boy Scouts of America were founded February 8, 1910. Two Canal Zone Boy Scout postage stamps are postmarked with the small FDC handstamp “BALBOA FEB 8 1960”. Signet by the rocketeer Dr. A.J. de Bruijn. 40 Astrograms were carried.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2 WITH BOTH ROCKET MAIL CACHETS



Astrogram type 2 with U.S. Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC handstamp “WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960”. Special rocket flight cachet in blue: “GEVLOGEN MET N.R.S. POSTRAKET BADEN POWELL II 27-4-’60” and in red: “GEVLOGEN MET N.R.S. POSTRAKET DANIEL BEARD 27-4-’60”. It is not known whether the astrogram was flown by both rockets, or if one cachet was applied in error. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn.

FLOWN COVER, AIRMAIL TO THE UNITED STATES



Air mail printed matter to the United States, flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Imperforate Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn.

3.50F postage stamp postmarked "EUPEN 27-4-60". Received "BROOKLYN N.Y. APR 30 1960" (on reverse).

1Fr foreign printed matter rate and 2.50Fr per 5g airmail fee April 1, 1959 to April 14, 1963.

FLOWN COVER, AIRMAIL TO THE UNITED STATES



Air mail printed matter to the United States, flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Perforated Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn.

3.50F postage stamp postmarked "EUPEN 27-4-60". Received "BROOKLYN N.Y. APR 30 1960" (on reverse).

1Fr foreign printed matter rate and 2.50Fr per 5g airmail fee April 1, 1959 to April 14, 1963.

2. Scout Mail Rocket *Baden Powell II* Covers to the United States and the Netherlands

FLOWN COVER, AIRMAIL TO THE UNITED STATES



Air mail printed matter to the United States, flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Imperforate Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn. 3.50 F postage stamp postmarked "EUPEN 27-4-60". Arrival postmark "BROOKLYN N.Y. APR 30 1960" **on front**. 1Fr foreign printed matter rate and 2.50Fr per 5g airmail fee April 1, 1959 to April 14, 1963.

FLOWN COVER, SURFACE MAIL TO THE NETHERLANDS



Printed matter to the Netherlands, flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Imperforate Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn. 1F postage stamp postmarked "EUPEN 28-4-1960" (**machine cancel**). Postage rate 35c for printed matter to neighbouring countries Nov 1, 1959 to Nov 14, 1963 (1Fr to other countries).

FLOWN COVER, PERFORATED SCOUT ROCKET STAMP, EUPEN MACHINE CANCEL



Printed matter to the Netherlands, flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Perforated Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn.

1F postage stamp postmarked "EUPEN 28-4-1960" (**machine cancel**).

Postage rate 35c for printed matter to neighbouring countries Nov 1, 1959 to Nov 14, 1963 (1Fr to other countries).

FLOWN COVER, PERFORATED SCOUT ROCKET STAMP, EUPEN HAND CANCEL



Printed matter to the Netherlands, 1 F postage, flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Perforated Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn.

1F postage stamp postmarked "EUPEN 28-4-60" (**hand cancel**).

Postage rate 35c for printed matter to neighbouring countries Nov 1, 1959 to Nov 14, 1963 (1Fr to other countries).

2. Scout Mail Rocket *Baden Powell II*

Covers to the Netherlands, unfranked

FLOWN COVER, UNFRANKED TO THE NETHERLANDS, POSTAGE DUE CHARGED AND PAID



Printed matter to the Netherlands, flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Perforated Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue.

Lacking postage, postmarked "EUPEN 28-4 1960" and cachet "T" for Tax (postage due).

Meter mark with 10c postage due paid by the addressee in Amsterdam May 4, 1960.

FLOWN COVER, UNFRANKED TO THE NETHERLANDS, NO POSTAGE DUE



Printed matter to the Netherlands, flown on rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960.

Perforated Scout rocket stamp, and special rocket flight cachet in blue.

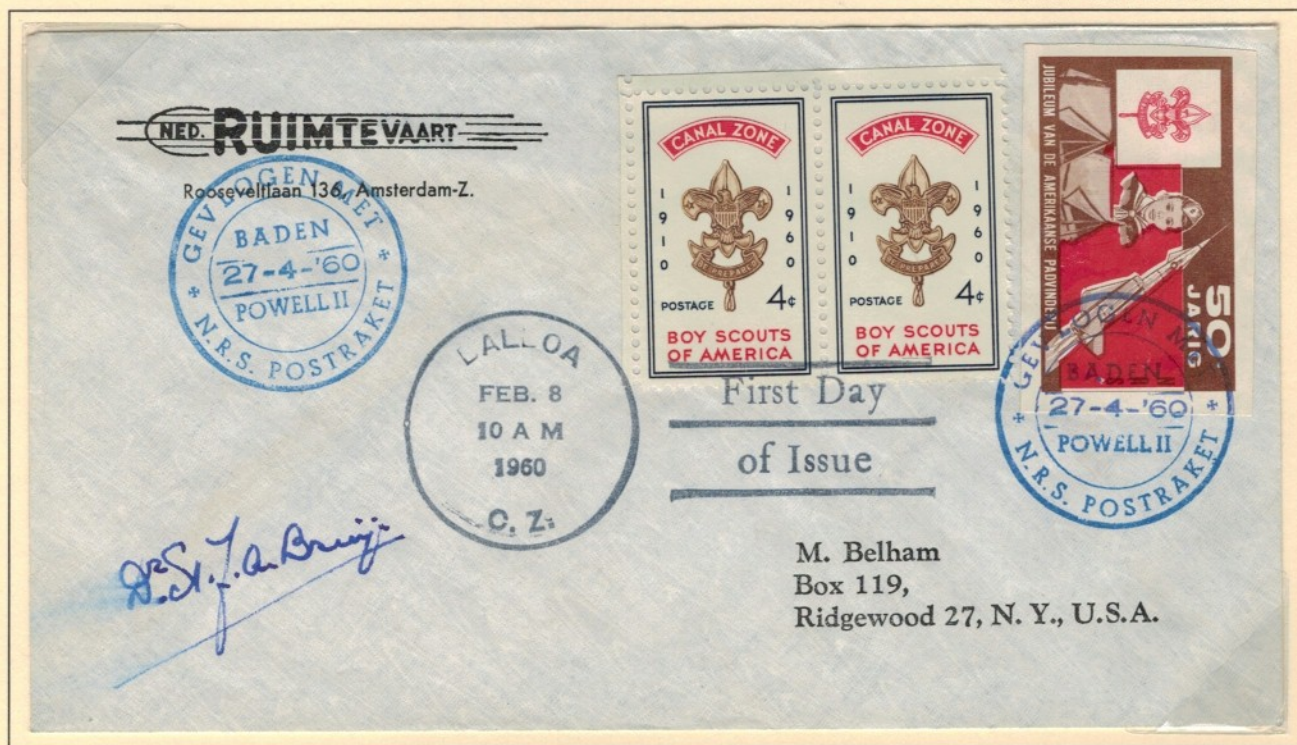
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2. Scout Mail Rocket *Baden Powell II*

Canal Zone FDCs, Black Rocket Flight Cachet

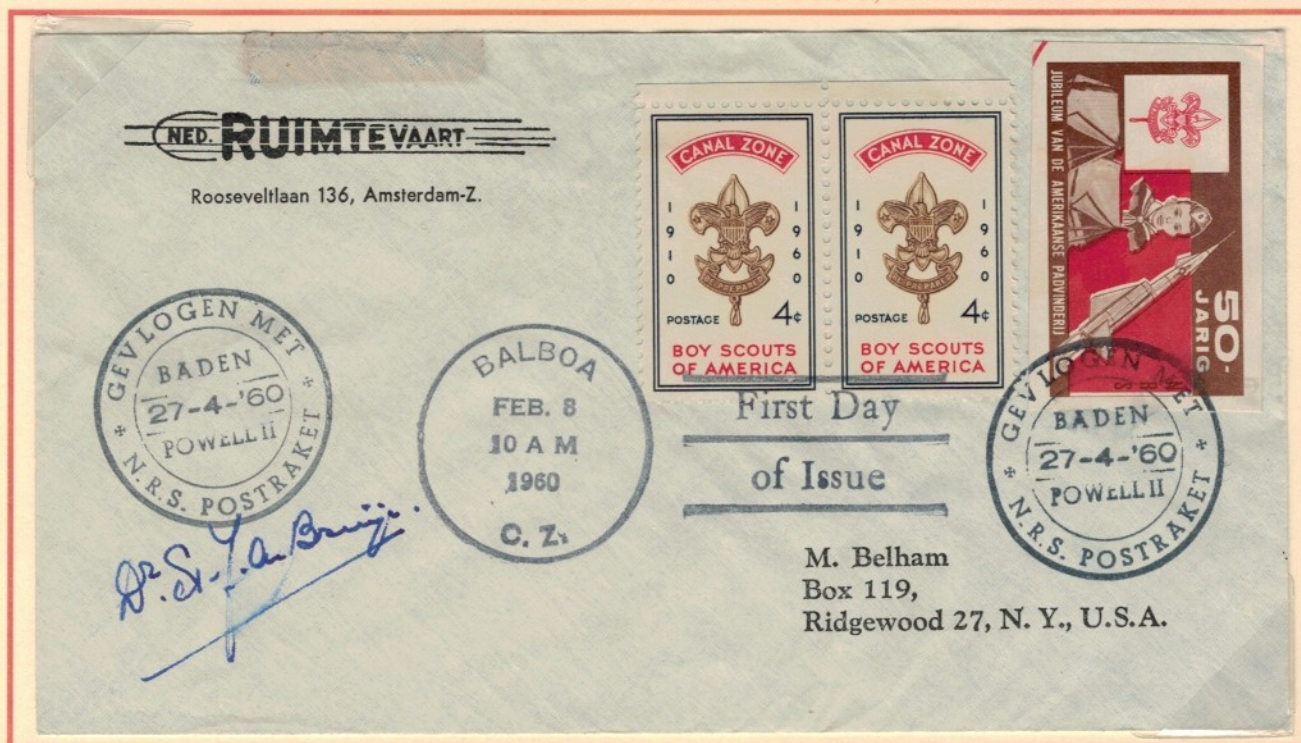
The Scout mail rockets were launched in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in the United States. The Boy Scouts of the Panama Canal Zone were founded in 1947, and had close ties to the Boy Scouts of America.

FLOWN CANAL ZONE FDC



Canal Zone Boy Scout FDC, large hand cancel "BALBOA FEB 8 1960", flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960. Imperforate Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in blue. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn. 50 of the covers flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* were Boy Scout FDCs from the Canal Zone dated February 8, 1960. These had been sent to the addressee in Ridgewood, N.Y. in February.

FLOWN CANAL ZONE FDC, BLACK ROCKET FLIGHT CACHET



Canal Zone Boy Scout FDC with large hand cancel "BALBOA FEB 8 1960", flown in rocket *Baden Powell II* April 27, 1960. Imperforate Scout rocket stamp and **special rocket flight cachet in black (not listed by E-Z)**. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A. J. de Bruijn.

2. Scout Mail Rocket *Baden Powell II* Presentation Cards, Black Rocket Flight Cachet

Some test prints for the presentation cards were flown by mail rocket, and some even were used as FDCs.

ROCKET STAMPS PRESENTATION CARD, BROWN TEST PRINT, FLOWN IN ROCKET *BADEN POWELL II*



Presentation card test print of brown colour, with U.S. Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC handstamp. Flown in rocket *Baden Powell II*, regular blue rocket flight cachet. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. A.J. de Bruijn.

ROCKET STAMPS PRESENTATION CARD, BLACK *BADEN POWELL II* CACHET



Presentation card test print of brown colour, with U.S. Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC handstamp. Flown in rocket *Baden Powell II*, **rocket flight cachet in black (unlisted by E-Z)**. Signed by the rocketeer.

3. Scout Mail Rocket *Daniel Beard* Astrogram T2 USA FDC, Black Cachet

Rocket *Daniel Beard* was named after Daniel Carter "Uncle Dan" Beard (1850-1941), an American illustrator, author, youth leader, and social reformer who founded the Sons of Daniel Boone 1905. Beard merged his organization into the Boy Scouts of America when it was founded 1910. He later became editor of Boys' Life magazine, the BSA official magazine.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2 ALIGNMENT TEST PRINT, U.S. FDC



Astrogram type 2 (**alignment test print**) with U.S. Boy Scout FDC dated February 8, 1960, flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. The flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn. Short FDC machine cancel with circular datestamp above "For God and Country".

40 Astrograms were flown in rocket *Daniel Beard*.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, BLACK ROCKET FLIGHT CACHET, U.S. FDC



Astrogram type 2 with U.S. Boy Scout FDC dated February 8, 1960, flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. **Special rocket flight cachet in black (not listed in E-Z)**. The flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn. Short FDC hand cancel with circular datestamp above "For God and Country".

3. Scout Mail Rocket *Daniel Beard*

Astrogram Type 2 USA FDC

Flown in the *Daniel Beard* rocket: 40 astrograms, an unknown number of Canal Zone Boy Scout FDCs, 190 covers with US Boy Scout FDCs, an unknown number of covers with Belgian franking and 25 presentation cards.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, SHORT FDC MACHINE CANCEL



Astrogram type 2 with U.S. Boy Scout FDC dated February 8, 1960, flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. The flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn. **Short FDC machine cancel** with circular datestamp above "For God and Country".

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, LONG FDC HAND CANCEL



Astrogram type 2 with U.S. Boy Scout FDC dated February 8, 1960, flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. The flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn. **Long FDC hand cancel** with circular datestamp to the side of "For God and Country".

3. Scout Mail Rocket *Daniel Beard* Astrogram T2 CZ FDC, Presentation Card US FDC

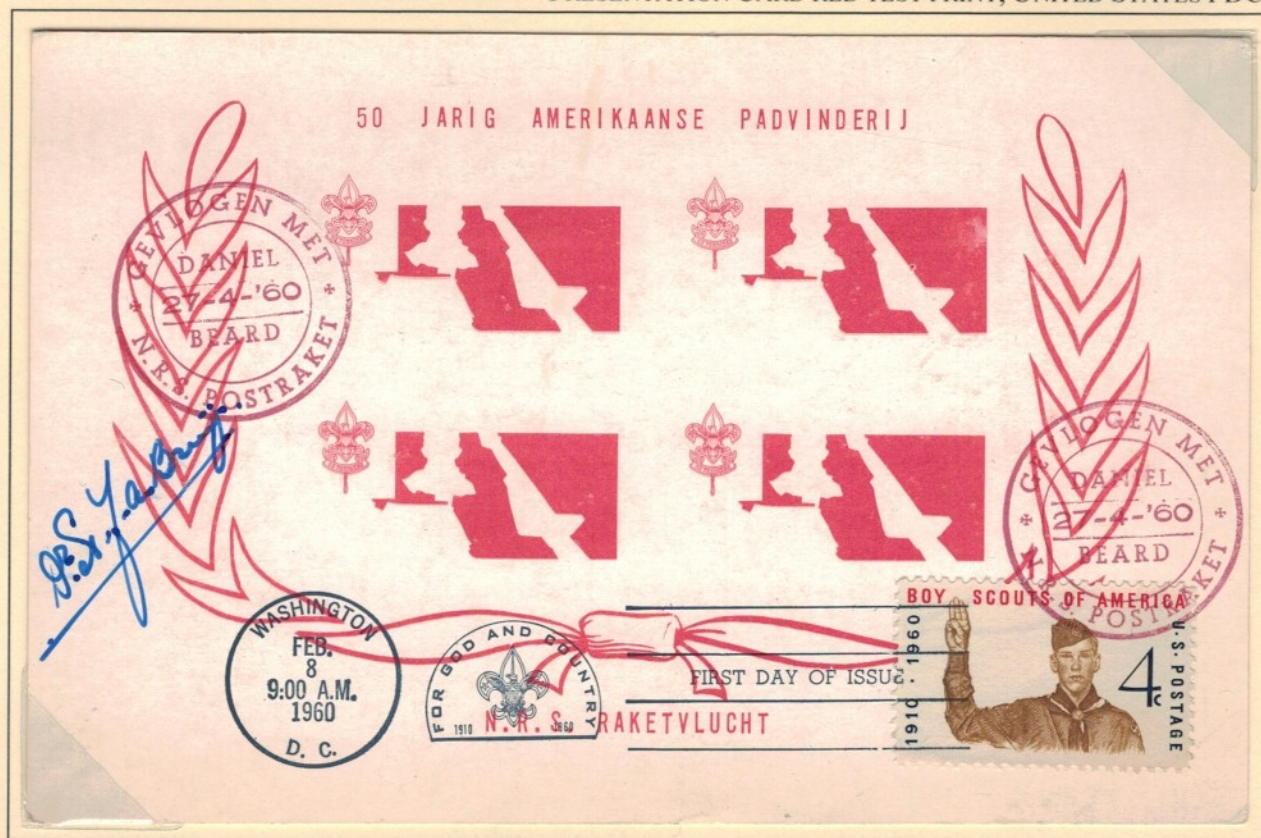
The Scout mail rockets were launched in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in the United States. The Boy Scouts of the Panama Canal Zone were founded in 1947, and had close ties to the Boy Scouts of America.

ASTROGRAM TYPE 2, CANAL ZONE FDC



Astrogram type 2 (brown colour separation test print) with large hand cancel "BALBOA FEB 8 1960", flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. The flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

PRESENTATION CARD RED TEST PRINT, UNITED STATES FDC



Presentation card on thick paper, red test print, with U.S. Boy Scout FDC, long hand cancel with datestamp to the left of "God and Country", "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8, 1960", flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. The flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

PRESENTATION CARD, UNITED STATES FDC



Presentation card on thick paper, with U.S. Boy Scout FDC, long hand cancel with datestamp to the left of "God and Country", "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8, 1960", flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. Flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

PRESENTATION CARD, UNITED STATES FDC, BLACK ROCKET FLIGHT CACHET



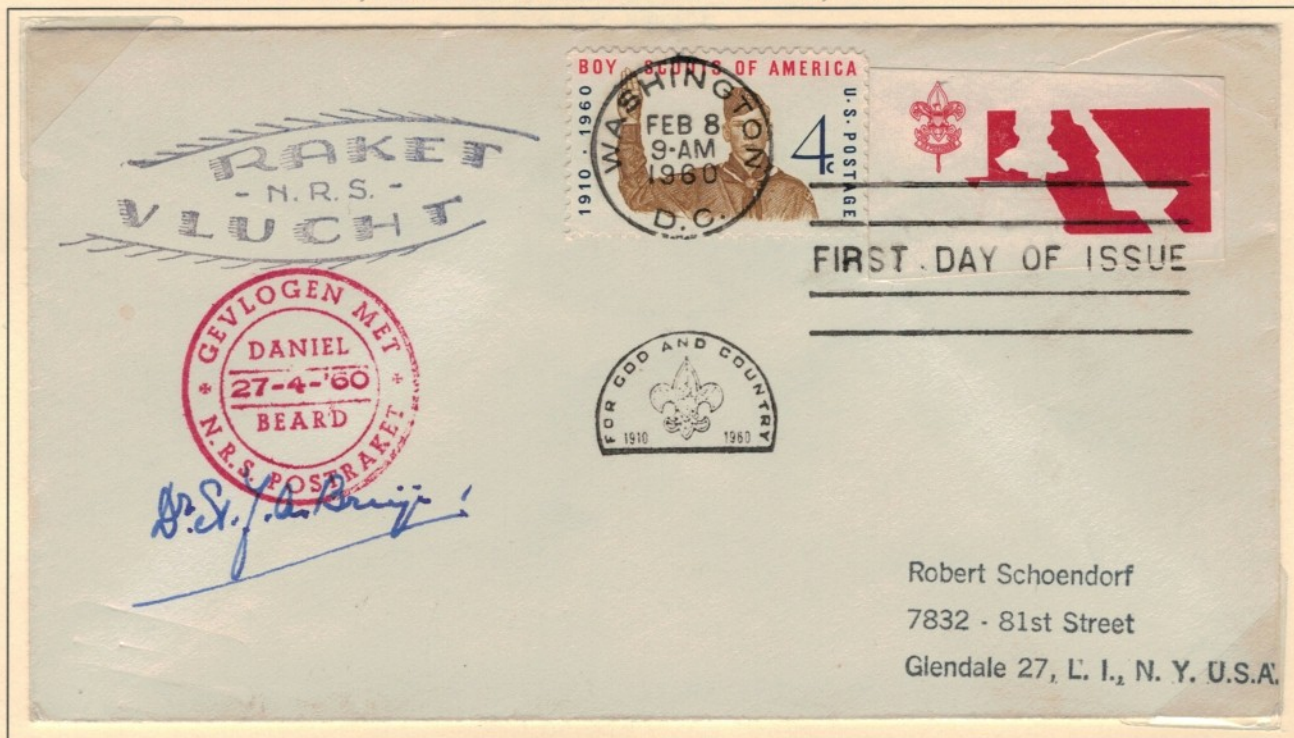
Presentation card on thick paper, with U.S. Boy Scout FDC, long hand cancel with datestamp to the left of "God and Country", "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8, 1960", flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in black (not listed in E-Z). Flown covers were signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

3. Scout Mail Rocket *Daniel Beard*

United States First Day Covers, Test Prints

190 Boy Scout First Day Covers from the United States were flown in rocket *Daniel Beard*. The Boy Scouts of America were founded February 8, 1910. The FDCs had been sent to New York in March.

FLOWN COVER, IMPERFORATE SCOUT ROCKET STAMP, RED COLOUR SEPARATION TEST PRINT



United States Boy Scout postage stamp, short FDC hand cancel "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960", on cover with special cachet "RAKET N.R.S. VLUCHT" (Rocket Flight, Dutch Space Studio). **The only recorded cover with this cachet. Imperforate Scout rocket stamp, red colour separation test print.** Flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

FLOWN COVER, IMPERFORATE SCOUT ROCKET STAMP, BROWN COLOUR SEPARATION TEST PRINT



United States Boy Scout postage stamp, short FDC hand cancel "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960", on blank cover. **Imperforate Scout rocket stamp, brown colour separation test print.** Flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

3. Scout Mail Rocket *Daniel Beard*

United States First Day Covers, two FDC cancels

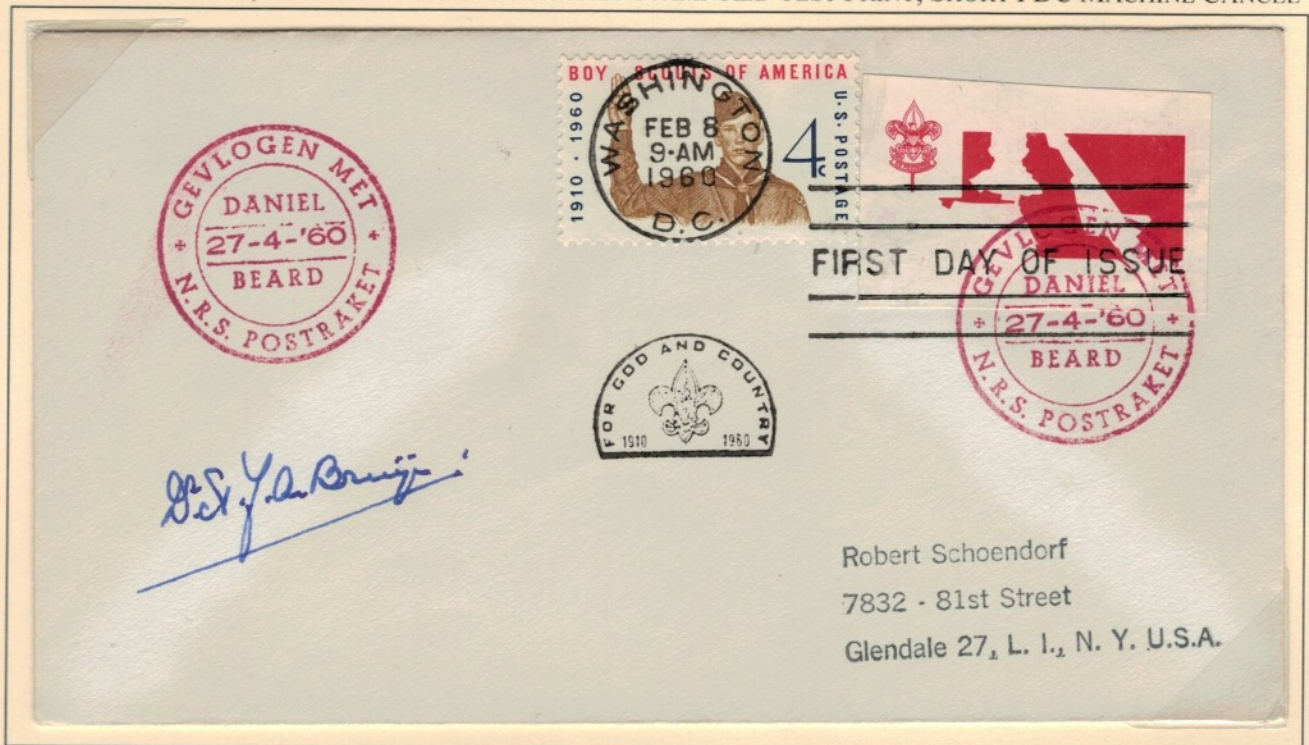
190 Boy Scout First Day Covers from the United States were flown in rocket *Daniel Beard*. The Boy Scouts of America were founded February 8, 1910. The FDCs had been sent to New York in March. Two types of official FDC cancels were used.

FLOWN COVER, IMPERFORATE SCOUT ROCKET STAMP RED TEST PRINT, LONG FDC HAND CANCEL



United States Boy Scout postage stamp, **long FDC hand cancel** "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960", with datestamp to the left of "God and Country". Imperforate Scout rocket stamp, red colour separation test print. Flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

FLOWN COVER, IMPERFORATE SCOUT ROCKET STAMP RED TEST PRINT, SHORT FDC MACHINE CANCEL



United States Boy Scout postage stamp, **short FDC machine cancel** "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960" with datestamp above "God and Country". Imperforate Scout rocket stamp, red colour separation test print. Flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

3. Scout Mail Rocket *Daniel Beard*

United States First Day Covers, Corner Card

The organization behind these mail rocket flights was the Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio (Dutch Space Flight Studio). Special covers with printed corner card were used for some of the mail. The Scout rocket stamps were issued imperforate and perforated on two or four sides.

UNITED STATES FDC, IMPERFORATE SCOUT ROCKET STAMP, CORNER CARD



United States Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC hand cancel "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960", NED. RUIMTEVAART corner card. **Imperforate Scout rocket stamp.** Flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960. Special rocket flight cachet in red. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

UNITED STATES FDC, PARTIALLY IMPERFORATE SCOUT ROCKET STAMP, CORNER CARD



United States Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC, hand cancel "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960", NED. RUIMTEVAART corner card. **Scout rocket stamp perforated on two sides.** Flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960 with special rocket flight cachet in red. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn.

3. Scout Mail Rocket *Daniel Beard*

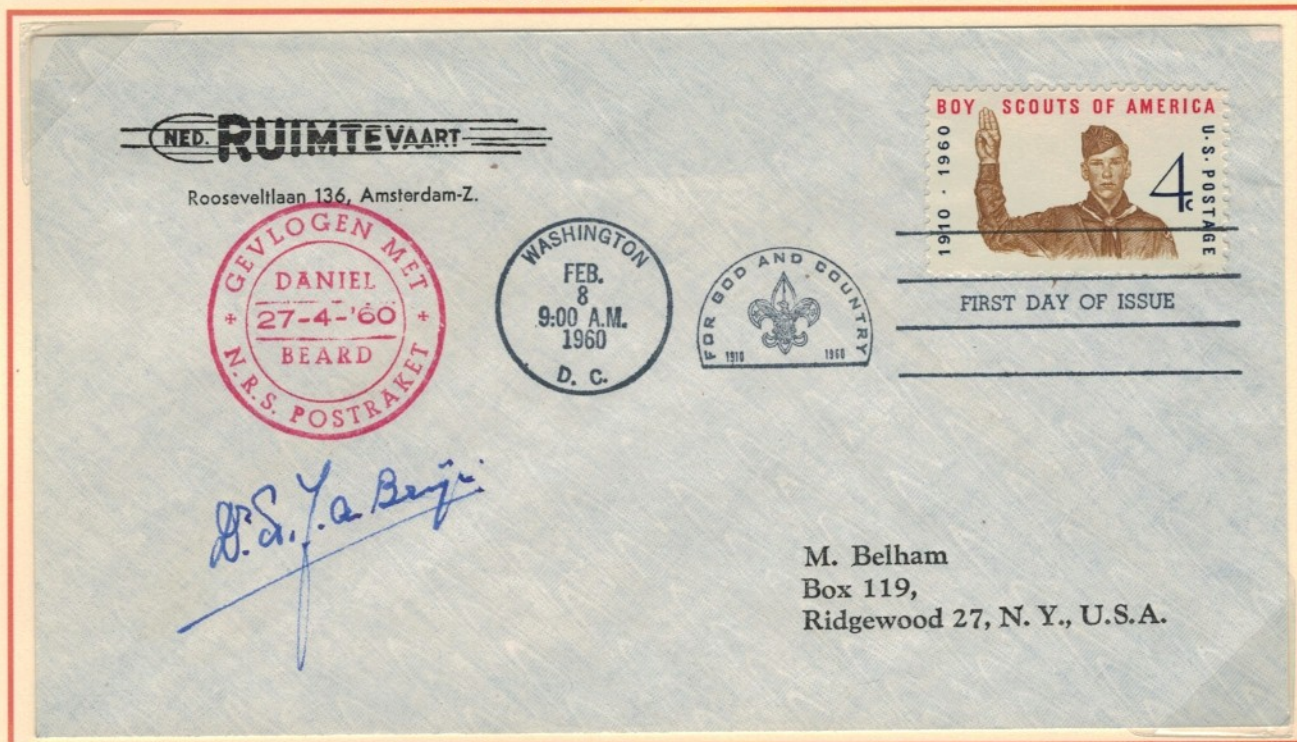
Mail to NL, flown mail without rocket stamp

COVER TO THE NETHERLANDS



Printed matter to the Netherlands, flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960 (mail from this rocket flight to the Netherlands is not recorded in E-Z). Imperforate Scout rocket stamp and special rocket flight cachet in red. 1F postage stamp postmarked "EUPEN 28-4-60". Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn. Rate 35c for printed matter to neighbouring countries Nov 1, 1959 to Nov 14, 1963 (1Fr to other countries).

UNITED STATES FDC, FLOWN COVER WITHOUT A SCOUT ROCKET STAMP



United States Boy Scout postage stamp, long FDC hand cancel "WASHINGTON D.C. FEB 8 1960". Flown in rocket *Daniel Beard* April 27, 1960, special rocket flight cachet in red. Signed by the rocketeer Dr. J. A. de Bruijn. Flown mail without a Scout rocket stamp is not recorded in E-Z.

This concludes the philatelic story of the two Scout mail rockets from Belgium 1960.