

Scouting Norway

– the postal history of Scouting in Norway up to 1957 –



The purpose of this exhibit is to show the early postal history of Scouting in Norway.

The scope is to examine the interaction of the postal system with the Scout and Guide movements in Norway up to 1957, which marks the Golden Jubilee of Scouting. The emphasis is on showing postal usage of all Norwegian Scout postmarks together with all the recorded Scout postal stationeries in the period; this is the first time all these are shown.

Background: Baden-Powell held his first trial camp for boys 1907 on Brownsea Island near Poole, Dorset, and Scouting for boys really took off in England the year after. It quickly spread to other countries and came to Norway 1909. The Norwegian Boy Scout Association was founded 1911, and Girl Guiding / Scouting started 1912. Several other organisations took up Scouting, including the YWCA, the YMCA, the Salvation Army, Methodists, Baptists, etc.

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Personal research: The exhibit contains all Scout and Guide postmarks from Norway up to 1957. It is the first time that all these are present in a collection/exhibit, and as such, this exhibit with many only recorded items cannot be duplicated.

Rarity: Census of rare items is based on the exhibitor's own recording during nearly 60 years of collecting Scout philately.

Important items are marked with thicker red frame.

Main sources:

- Torbjörn Larsson-Fedde and Steinar Halvorsen: *Norsk speiderfilateli 1928-1980* (1981)
- *Phila-Spejd*, journal of the Scout Stamp Club in Denmark (1975 to date)
- Espen Schaaning: *Barneridderne* (2015)



"Norwegian Boy Scout"

Postcard, drawing by Hungarian artist Lojas Martón, 1927,
drawn during the Swedish national camp at Beatelund.

Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

Scouting starts in Norway

The first Scouting activity in Norway took place in 1909. In 1910, Norwegian Boys' Scout Corps was founded as a subgroup under the Norwegian Confederation of Sports, but it only lasted until 1912. Also in 1910, Christian Dons, a businessman, and the Rev. Hans Møller Gasmann formed Scout troops in Kristiania, the then name of Oslo, the capital of Norway. Dons and Gasmann joined forces spring 1911 and founded the Norwegian Boy Scout Association. This was the beginning of the Scout Movement in Norway. The number of Scouts/Guides increased steadily to approx. 20,000 in 1930.

SCOUTS AT CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE 1911



Boy Scouts parading in front of the Royal Palace in Kristiania (Oslo), on Norwegian Constitution Day, 17 May 1911. Postmarked "KRISTIANIA 18 V 11" and sent to Sweden.
Possibly Norway's earliest Scout postcard.

EDVARD ECKHOFF, SECRETARY GENERAL 1915-1917



Postal card from "NORSK SPEIDERGUTFORBUND" (Norwegian Boy Scout Association), written and signed by Edvard Eckhoff. Postmarked "KRISTIANIA 1 VI 15" and sent to Drammen. 5 øre domestic postcard rate 1.7.1877-1.7.1919.

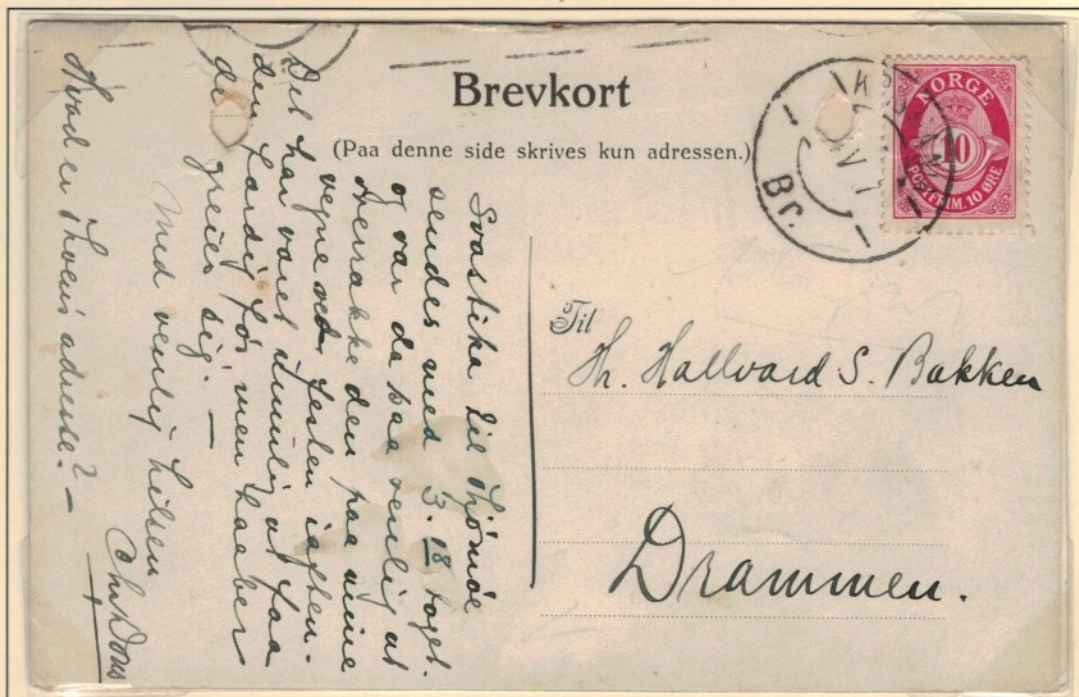
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The Norwegian Boy Scout Association was founded 1911

CHR. DONS, CHIEF SCOUT OF NORWAY 1911-1920

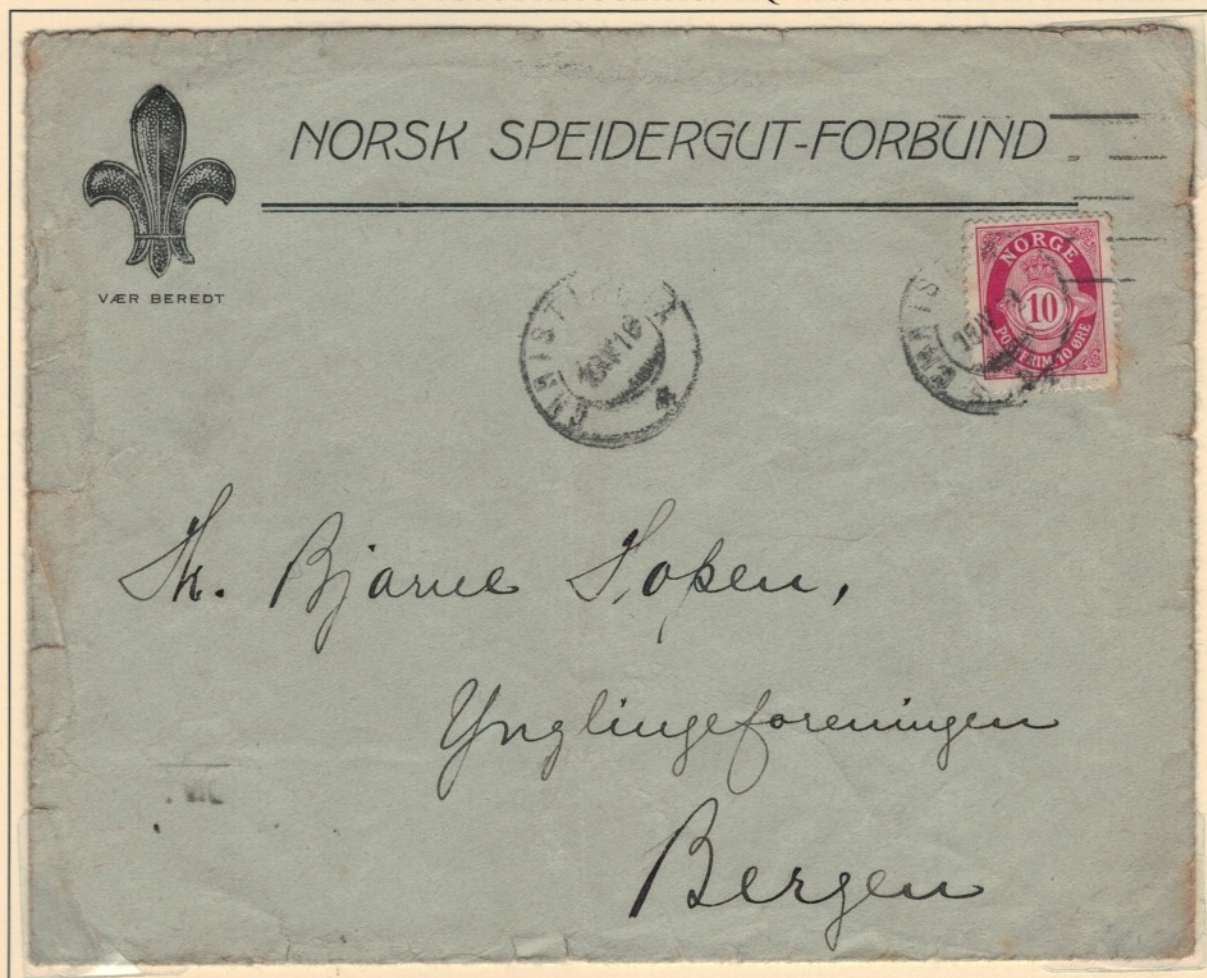
Christian Fredrik Dons (1886-1953) was a Norwegian businessman from Christiania (Oslo). During a stay in England he joined the 1. North London Troop, ran by Lord Kitchener. Upon return to Norway he founded the First Christiania Scout Troop in 1910.

With Hans Møller Gasmann he founded the Norwegian Boy Scout Association 1911, and he was the association's first Chief Scout until 1920.



Scout viewcard written and signed by Chr. Dons. Postmarked "KRISTIANIA ? V 17" and sent to Drammen. Overpaid for the 5 øre domestic postcard rate 1.7.1877-1.7.1919.

THE NORWEGIAN BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION HQ WAS LOCATED IN KRISTIANIA



Cover from "NORSK SPEIDERGUT-FORBUND" (Norwegian Boy Scout Association), "CHRISTIANIA 18 IV 18" to Bergen. The official name of the capital was Kristiania from 1877 until the 1925 name change to Oslo. Old Christiania postmarks were used in parallel with Kristiania postmarks. 10 øre rate for letters first weight-class 1.7.1877-1.7.1919.

The Danish Scout Corps held their second national camp 16-26 July 1919. 1,600 Danish, 50 Norwegian and 50 Swedish scouts participated in the camp at the estate Hindsgavl near Middelfart.

1919, THE HINDSGAVL NATIONAL CAMP



Postcard depicting the Norwegian contingent at the 1919 Hindsgavl camp.

The Danish Y.M.C.A. Scouts held their second national jamboree in 1920 at Skamlingsbanken near Kolding on Jutland. 1,000 Scouts participated, including small contingents from Norway and Sweden.

1920, YMCA SCOUT CAMP AT SKAMLING



Danish Y.M.C.A. Scout postcard written by Scout in camp and sent to Norway. Postmarked "SJØLUND 8.7.20". Overpaid for the 10 øre postcard rate to Nordic countries 1.7.1919 to 1.2.1921. The 5 Pf Plebiscit stamp was superfluous.

Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

1920 U.K. hosting the first World Jamboree

The first World Scout Jamboree was organized by The Boy Scout Association in London and took place in London, England, in the exhibition halls of Olympia from 30 July to 8 August 1920. Around 5,000 Scouts were encamped at the Old Deer Park in nearby Richmond. The Scouts rotated in and out of Olympia to give them all the opportunity to participate in the events there. The Thames flooded the campsite one night and Scouts had to be evacuated. Olympia hosted numerous exhibitions, pageants and contests during the Jamboree event.

The Norwegian contingent to the first World Jamboree counted only 54 Boy Scouts.

1920, THE FIRST WORLD JAMBOREE



The Jamboree did not have its own post office or a special postmark, but a boxed, square cachet was used on mail from the camp.

Postcard issued by The Boy Scouts Association, London:

A Scout is a Friend to all, and a Brother to every other Scout
(Dutch, **Norwegian** and British Scouts)

Boxed cachet:

THE SCOUTS
INTERNATIONAL
JAMBOREE CAMP
1920
OLD DEER PARK,
RICHMOND, SURREY.

Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

1920, National camps and smaller district camps were regularly held

National camps had been held 1914 in Oslo and 1916 in Bergen. The planned 1918 camp was cancelled due to the influenza pandemic (the Spanish flu), and the Norwegian Scout Association's third national camp took place in Trondhjem 5-12 July, 1920. 900 Boy Scouts participated, including for the first time troops from Northern Norway. Again, pre-erected tents were used and the meals were served at a nearby school. A post office is mentioned in the camp report, but it did not have a special postmark.

1920, THE THIRD NATIONAL CAMP



Trondhjem viewcard, postmarked "TRONDHJEM - 7. VII 20". Sender's address "T.F., 3 trop Drammen, Speiderleiren, Trondhjem" (T.F., 3rd Troop Drammen, The Scout Camp, Trondhjem). 10 øre for domestic postcards 1.7.1919-1.2.1921.

300 Norwegian and 21 British Boy Scouts attended the 1921 district camp for the Møre Scouts. The camp was located on the Aarø farm, one hour march from Molde town, where the Scouts had arrived by boat. The Scouts gave a large display in Molde for 1,000 spectators, where all troops plus the camp orchestra participated.

1921, MØRE DISTRICT CAMP



Christiansund viewcard, postmarked "KRISTIANSUND - 6.7.21", addressed to No. 4, tent 26, Kristiansund's Scout camp at Molde. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

Scout Shops supplied uniforms and equipment to Scouts and Scout units

CASH ON DELIVERY PARCEL FROM SPEIDERDEPOTET, KRISTIANIA

Avgangsstedets
poststempel

Ang. verdi kr.

Til
frimerker

Følgebrev
for en postpakke med

postoprav 12 kr. 45 øre

til *Konk Hansen Engestrøm*

poststed *Kongsberg*

Vekt kg.

Ankomst nr.

Ankomstsledets poststempel

Sveiderdepotet
Tordenskjoldsgt.
Kristiania

Februar 1923. H. C.

Parcel dispatch note for cash-on-delivery parcel from Speiderdepotet, from "KRISTIANIA 16 V 23" to Kongsvinger. 70 øre for domestic parcels to 1 kg, 20 øre COD fee and 35 øre postage for postal money order for amount 10-25 kr 1.1.1921-31.5.1932. Kristiania, the capital of Norway, changed name to Oslo from 1 January 2025.

SPEIDERDEPOTET, OSLO WAS NOT THE RIGHT ADDRESSEE

15 øre for domestic
postcards 1.2.1921 to
31.5.1952.

Sjøspeidernes Forlag
(The Sea Scouts' Publishing House was
actually located in
Aarhus, Denmark!

Adressaten kan ikke mangle
Oslo uten angivelse av bopæl
eller nærmere betegnelse.

Avsender _____

Til _____

Spelderdepotet
Rosenkrantzst. 15
OSLO

SKREPP
-61X29
NORGE
15 ØRE
POST

Østseidernes forlag
v/ Pophus E. Johnsen
Orstenberghus
Oslo.

Speer

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Scout Shops supplied uniforms and equipment to Scouts and Scout units

“Speiderdepotet” (The Scout Shop) was operated by the Norwegian Boy Scout Association from 1921 onwards. A shop was located in Oslo, with mail-order service for Scout units. It was replaced by “Speider-Sport” from 1945.

SPEIDERDEPOTET LETTER AND PRINTED MATTER



Above: Cover from Speiderdepotet, from “OSLO 14 X 26”, sent locally.

20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

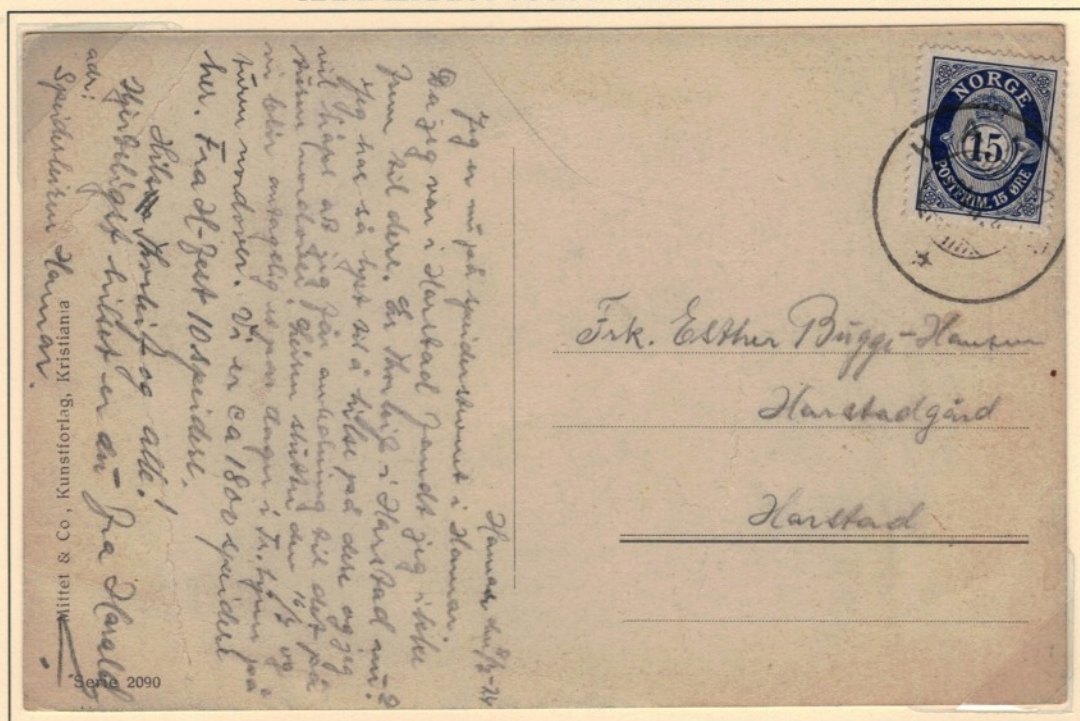


Right: Printed matter postcard from “Speiderdepotet”, postmarked “OSLO 25 XI 30” and sent locally.

7 øre for printed matter to 50g 1.7.1929 to 1.10.1946.

Norwegian Boy Scouts Association's fourth national camp took place 7-16 July 1924 on Storhamar's ground near Hamar, and represented quite a revolution. It was the first large Norwegian Scout camp where the patrol system was implemented, but not yet to a full extent. The Scouts were preparing the food themselves, in groups of 50, successfully! Emphasis was put on development of troop areas, including construction of beautiful portals and spectacular camp facilities. King Haakon VII of Norway visited the camp - and it was the first time the King visited a national Scout camp. The Hamar camp formed the foundation for the Association's future large camps.

HAMMERFEST SCOUT WRITES FROM THE HAMAR CAMP



Scout postcard, written by a Boy Scout from Hammerfest, Finnmark at the 1924 Hamar national camp and sent to Harstad. Postmarked "HAMAR -9 VII 24". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE 1924 NATIONAL CAMP



Camp viewcard, written by a Boy Scout on his way home from the Hamar national camp. He writes to his mother in Bergen: "I have today travelled from the camp by the Special Scout train, and left the train at Lillestrømmen for visiting Olav...". The card is dated Lillestrømmen and postmarked on the train "KONGSVINGERB. POSTEKSP *B* 16 VII 24", arrival postmark "BERGEN 17 VII 24". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

“Scout Weeks” started to become popular in the 1920’s, for good reasons. They gave an opportunity to show the public what Scouting is, and contributed financially to the Scout troops. Bergen district held such a Scout Week in 1925, from 27 March to 5 April, and included in the event was a large Scout Exhibition. The exhibition encompassed Troop exhibits (canoe camp, troop assembly room, scout radio, camp models, field hospitals, etc.) and workshops (shoemaker, carpenter, book-binder, electricians) showing outdoor and indoor Scouting activities.

POSTCARD TO ENGLAND, “HERE IS MUCH OF INTEREST TO SEE...”



Photo viewcard from the opening of the Bergen Scout exhibition, postmarked “BERGEN -1 IV 25” and cachet “SPEIDERUTSTILLINGEN BERGEN 1925” (“Scout Exhibition Bergen 1925”), written by exhibition visitor and sent to England. 10 øre postage stamp has been removed. 30 øre for foreign postcards 1.9.1924-1.1.1926.

POSTCARD TO OSLO



Scout postcard with two cachet strikes “SPEIDERUTSTILLINGEN BERGEN 1925” (“Scout Exhibition Bergen 1925”) and postmark “BERGEN -3 IV 25”, sent to Oslo. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1922.

Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

YWCA Girl Guides are active from 1920

Queen Maud invited in 1917 the Danish Chief Guide to present the Guiding work. Among the guests was Margrethe Parm, national secretary for the YWCA. She took up the idea, and Guiding with the YWCA in Norway started 1920 with Margrethe Parm as Chief Guide.

THE YWCA GIRL GUIDES HQ WAS IN OSLO



Girl Guide viewcard, from the cashier of Norway's YWCA Girl Guides, postmarked "OSLO 11 XI 25" and sent to Elverum. Note special line cachet "Norges K.F.U.K. Speidere". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

The Norwegian YWCA Girl Guides held a leader training camp at Gleodden near Kristiansand 23-31 July 1925. Guide Leaders from the entire country participated in addition to two leaders from U.S.A. and London, U.K. The topics included "Be Prepared", "Discipline", "Guides' Own", "My Ideal of a Woman" and several others.

YWCA GIRL GUIDES LEADER TRAINING CAMP IN KRISTIANSAND



Girl Guide postcard, written by camp participant and sent to Rjukan. Postmarked "KRISTIANSAND S 25 VII 25". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

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The Scout Label raised funds

The 1927 General Assembly of the Boy Scout Association approved the Board's proposal that a special "Scout Label" would be produced and offered for sale. The label was first advertised in their magazine "Speideren" No. 10 1927. Scout Troops could order the labels via the Scout District, and re-sell these to the Scouts or to others and make a profit from the sale. According to the instructions, the label should be affixed on the reverse of covers and on the left (message) side of postcards. Labels were sold for 5 øre; 50% went to the Troop, and 25% each to the District and the Scout Association. Apparently it was not a great success, and reminders to order the Scout Label were repeatedly printed in "Speideren"; for the last time in No. 4 1938 - more than ten years after it was initially put on sale.

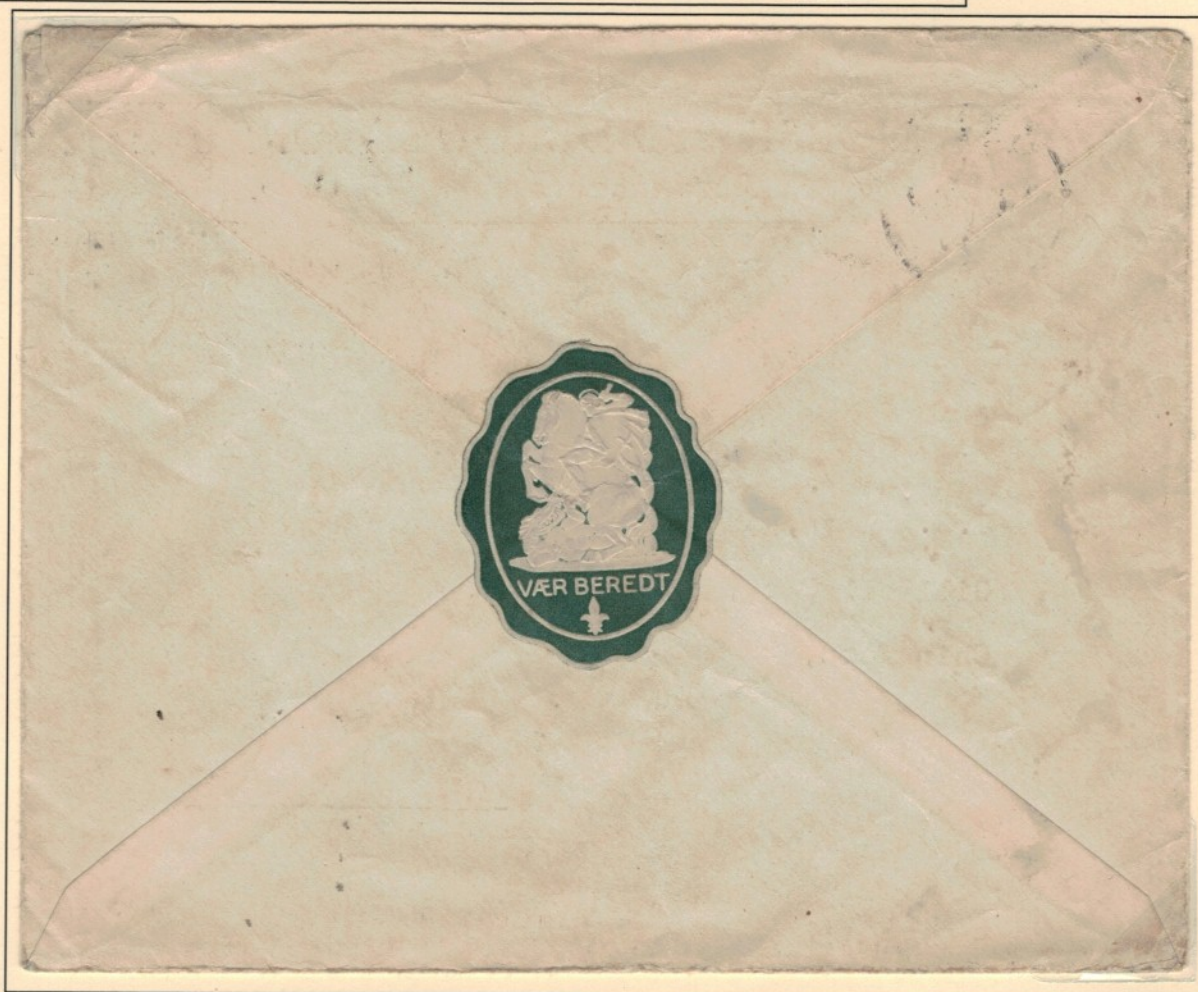
SCOUT LABEL ON DOMESTIC POSTCARD AND FOREIGN LETTER



The 1927 Scout Label depicts St. George and the dragon, with text "VÆR BEREDT" (Be Prepared).

Left: Postcard to Farsund from "OSLO 23 XII 27", with a Scout Label and a 1927 Christmas seal. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

Below: Cover to U.K. from the Norwegian Boy Scout Association, postmarked "OSLO -1 III 28", addressed to J.S. Wilson, Gilwell Park, Chingford. Scout Label on reverse.



Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

1927 YWCA exhibition in Oslo, Sweden National Camp

VISITING THE YWCA GIRL GUIDE EXHIBITION IN OSLO

The YWCA Girl Guides held a national exhibition in Oslo 13-16 March, 1927, 2,000 of the 4,600 Girl Guides in Norway were gathered in Oslo. The exhibition was a gargantuan task for the only 6 years old association, but it was a great success, opened by H.M. King Haakon VII. The exhibition visualised guiding activities.



Special postcard for the YWCA Girl Guide exhibition, postmarked "OSLO 15 II 27" and sent to Moss. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

The Swedish Boy Scout Association marked their 15th anniversary with a jubilee camp at the manor Beatelund, east of Stockholm. Nearly 4,000 Boy Scouts from 15 countries attended the association's fourth national camp, including 170 Boy Scouts from Norway. Baden-Powell visited the camp and stated in a radio broadcast that it was the best Scout camp that he had seen. The jubilee camp post office used Sweden's first official Scout postmark (S-001) 8-19 July, 1927.

WRITING HOME FROM CAMP IN SWEDEN



Scout postcard written by Norwegian Boy Scout in camp and sent to Norway. Postmarked (S-001) "SCOUTLÄGRET STOCKHOLM 16. 7 27". 10 øre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.8.1924-1.4.1948.

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1928 National Camp and Norway's first official Scout postmark

In 1928, Norwegian Boy Scout Association held their fifth national camp near Åndalsnes in Romsdalen, on the northwestern coast of Norway. Following the learnings from the 1924 Hamar camp, the patrol system was now fully implemented. Scouting was on a positive wave, membership numbers soared and as many as 5,200 Boy Scouts attended. 310 troops out of 400 were represented. 200 foreign Scouts came from Denmark, Sweden, Scotland, England, Latvia, Belgium, Poland, France and the U.S.A. The camp post office had for the first time in Norway a special postmark (N-001) which was used 6-15 July.

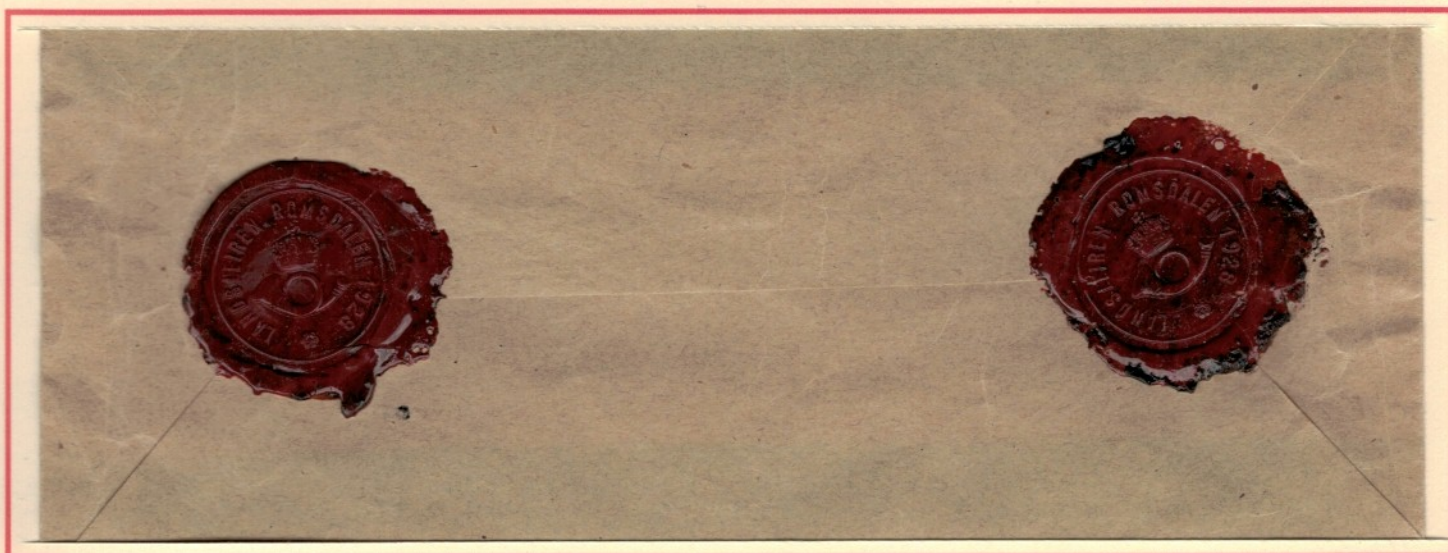
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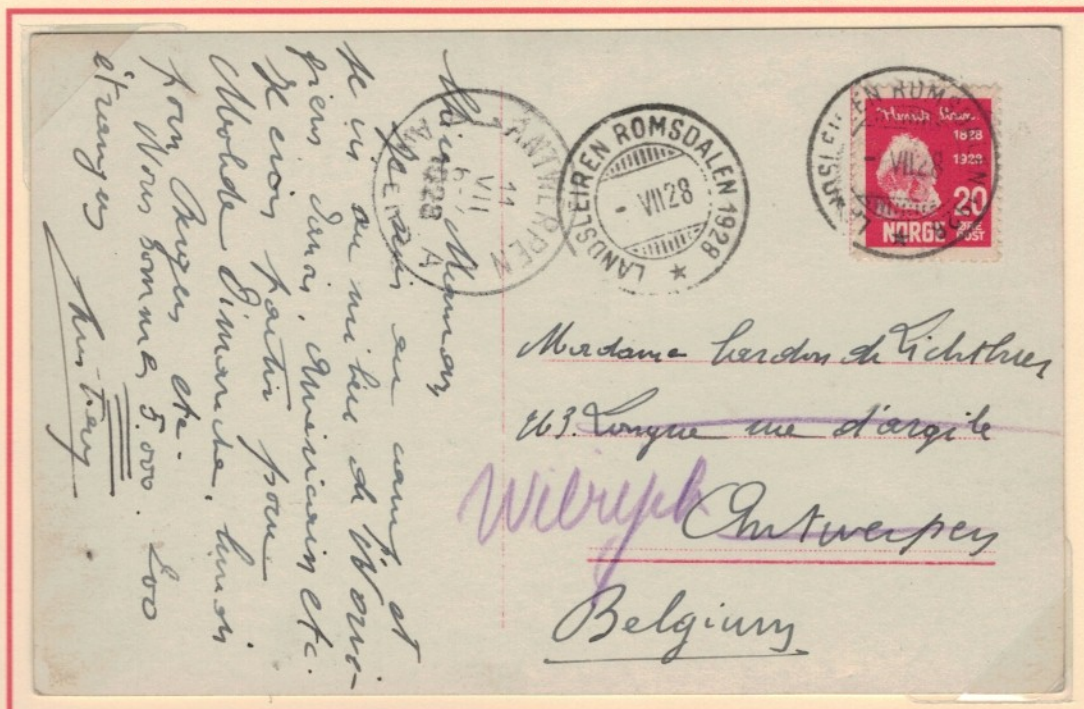
Left: Engraver's trial strike of the postmark, dated 19 V 28.
Believed to be unique.

Below: Official (postal) wax seal, with crown, posthorn and text "LANDSLEIREN ROMSDALEN 1928". The seal was intended to be used for sealing insured mail – **very few Scouts need insured mail to send money home from camp!**

OFFICIAL WAX SEAL



POSTCARD TO BELGIUM WITH NORWAY'S FIRST SCOUT POSTMARK



Romsdalshorn viewcard, written by Scout in camp and sent to Belgium. Norway's first official Scout postmark (N-001) "LANDSLEIREN ROMSDALEN 1928 -? VII 28". Redirected from Antwerp to Wilrijk, transit postmark 11 VII 1928. 20 øre foreign postcard rate 1.1.1927-1.10.1946.

Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

1929 U.K. hosting the 3rd World Scout Jamboree, and Journal "The Scout"

The 3rd World Scout Jamboree was held in 1929 at Arrowe Park in Birkenhead, UK, commemorating the 21st birthday of the Scouting movement. With about 30,000 Scouts and over 300,000 visitors attending, this jamboree was the largest jamboree ever. The Norwegian contingent consisted of 335 Scouts and leaders.

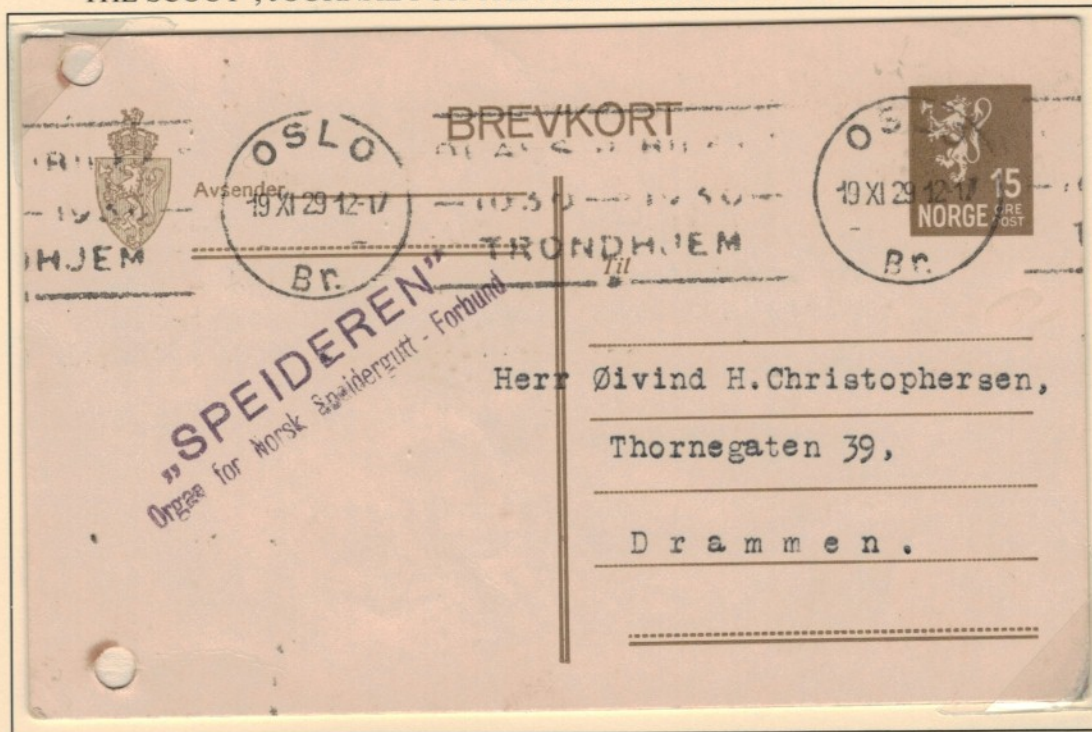
1929, THE LARGEST WORLD JAMBOREE EVER



Photo viewcard depicting the Norwegian Boy Scouts at the 1929 Jamboree opening ceremony. The flag-bearer wears a "bunad", a traditional Norwegian costume.

"Speideren" (The Scout) was issued from 1911 onwards by the Norwegian Boy Scout Association. It was issued monthly, later reduced to quarterly, and mailed to all Scouts. The journal still exists.

"THE SCOUT", JOURNAL FOR THE NORWEGIAN BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION



Postal card from "SPEIDEREN Organ for Norsk Speidergutt-Forbund" (The Scout, journal for Norwegian Boy Scout Association), postmarked "OSLO 19 XI 29" and sent to Drammen. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

1930 Etne District Camp – small camp with a special postmark

In 1930, Bergen district of the Norwegian Boy Scout Association held their summer camp in Etne, located some 100 km south of Bergen. 434 Boy Scouts participated, including Scouts from Sweden and Denmark. The field post office which served the camp used a special postmark (N-002) from 29 June to 10 July.

TRIAL STRIKE



Engraver's proof of the postmark, only 3 days before the camp opened.

Believed to be unique.

Cover from Scout in camp to Leirvik, Stord, postmarked "SPEIDERLEIREN ETNE 1930 3 VII 30".
20 øre for domestic letters to 20 g
1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

OUTGOING FROM A SMALL CAMP WITH A SPECIAL POSTMARK



INCOMING LETTER



Cover from Bergen to camp participant. T.P.O. (ship) postmark "HARDANGER-SØNDHORDLAND I - 1 VII 30". 20 øre for domestic letters to 20 g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

Up to 1930: Growth and work during war and peace

1930 Salvation Army Guides in Trondheim and YMCA National Camp in Sweden

1930, SALVATION ARMY GUIDES NATIONAL CAMP IN TRONDHEIM

The Salvation Army took up scouting and guiding early, and corps were founded 1924 for boys and 1925 for girls, with the name Life Saving Scouts/Guides being used until 1941.

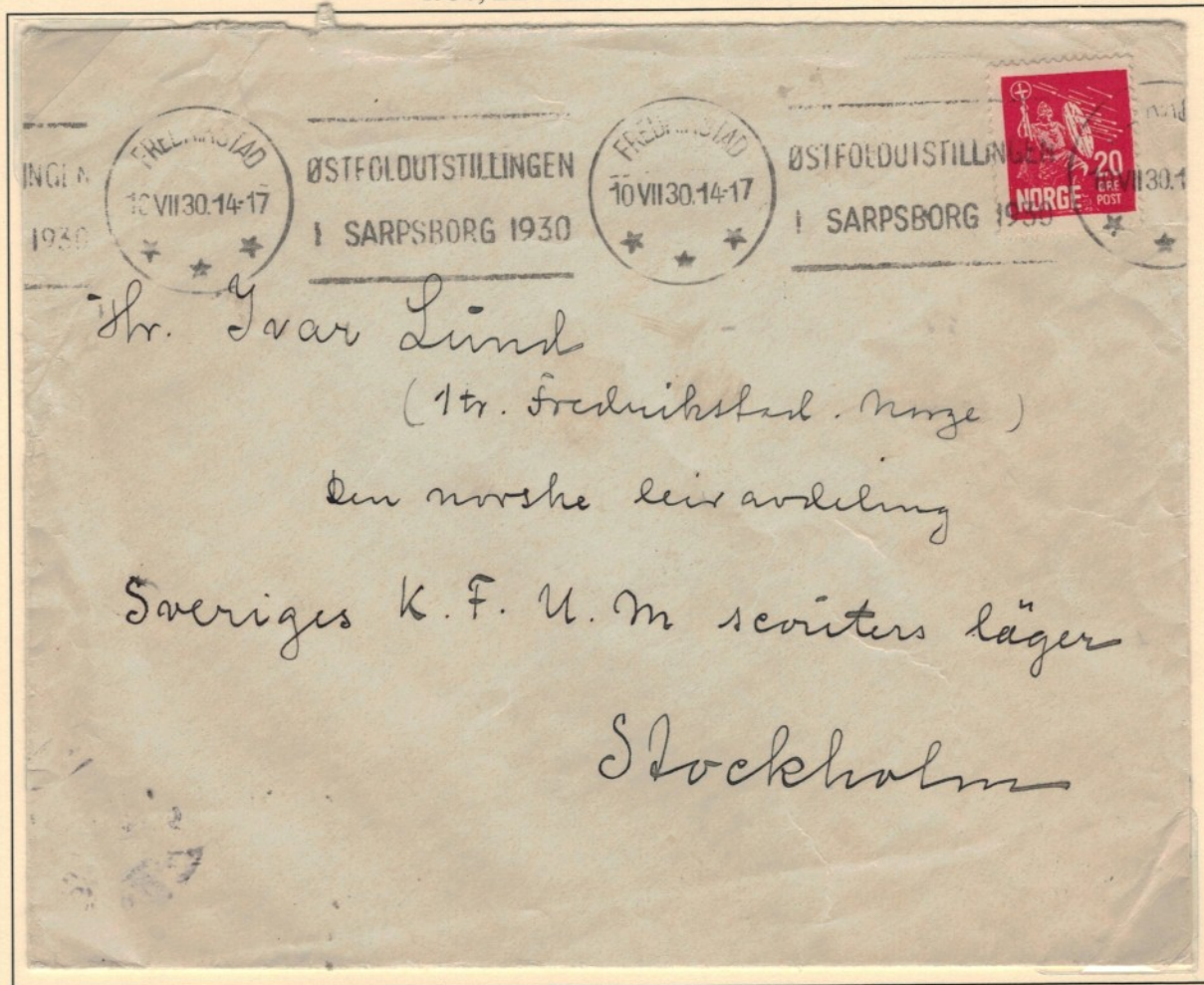
The Life Saving Guides held their second national camp at Strindheim School in Trondheim.

Postcard depicting Life Saving Guides (Salvation Army). The photo is taken at Strindheim School in Trondheim.



In 1930, Swedish YMCA Scout Association held their national camp at Lake Ältasjön, just about 10 km southeast of Stockholm. Several Norwegian troops participated in the camp.

1930, LETTER TO NORWEGIAN SCOUT IN SWEDISH CAMP



Cover sent from Norway to a Norwegian Boy Scout in the Ältasjön camp, postmarked "FREDRIKSTAD 10 VII 30". On reverse "STOCKHOLM 11. 7 30". 20 øre for letters to 20g to Nordic countries 1.7.1920-1.10.1946.

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The Scouts' Sanitary Reserve / Relief Troop is formed and trained

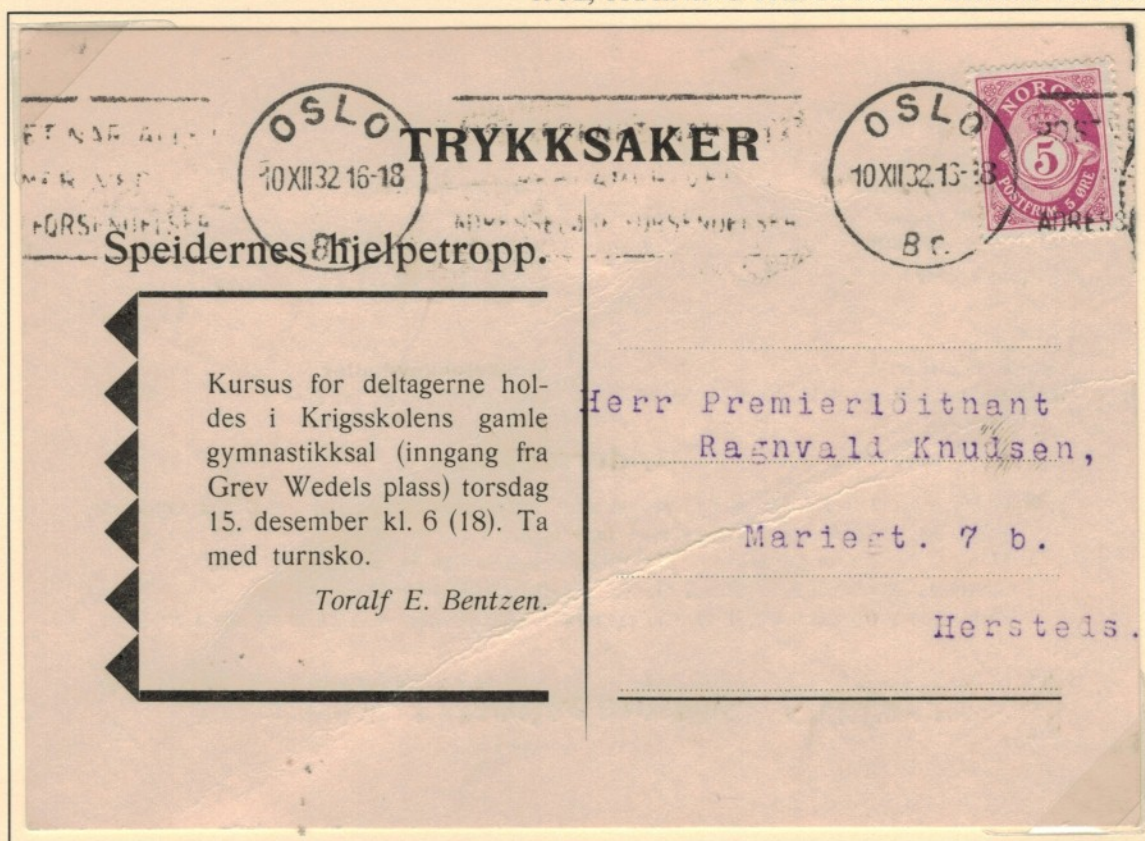
Several Scout Districts formed Relief Troops to act as sanitary reserve units. These assisted with first-aid at public events and was a pre-cursor for the Red Cross Relief Corps. Red Cross took over this activity later in the 1930's.

OSLO DISTRICT FORMS SANITARY RESERVE – THE SCOUTS' RELIEF TROOP



Postal card from Oslo District of Norwegian Boy Scout Association, from "OSLO -2 V 30", sent locally. 10 øre for local post and postal cards 1.7.1929-1.10.46. The message on reverse is call for meeting of the district advisory board to discuss if Oslo District should establish a Sanitary Reserve. It was actually established later same year.

1932, TRAINING THE SCOUTS' RELIEF TROOP



Printed matter postcard calling members of the Scouts' Relief Troop to a training course, postmarked "OSLO 10 XII 32" and sent locally. 5 øre for local printed matter 1.6.1932-1.10.1946.

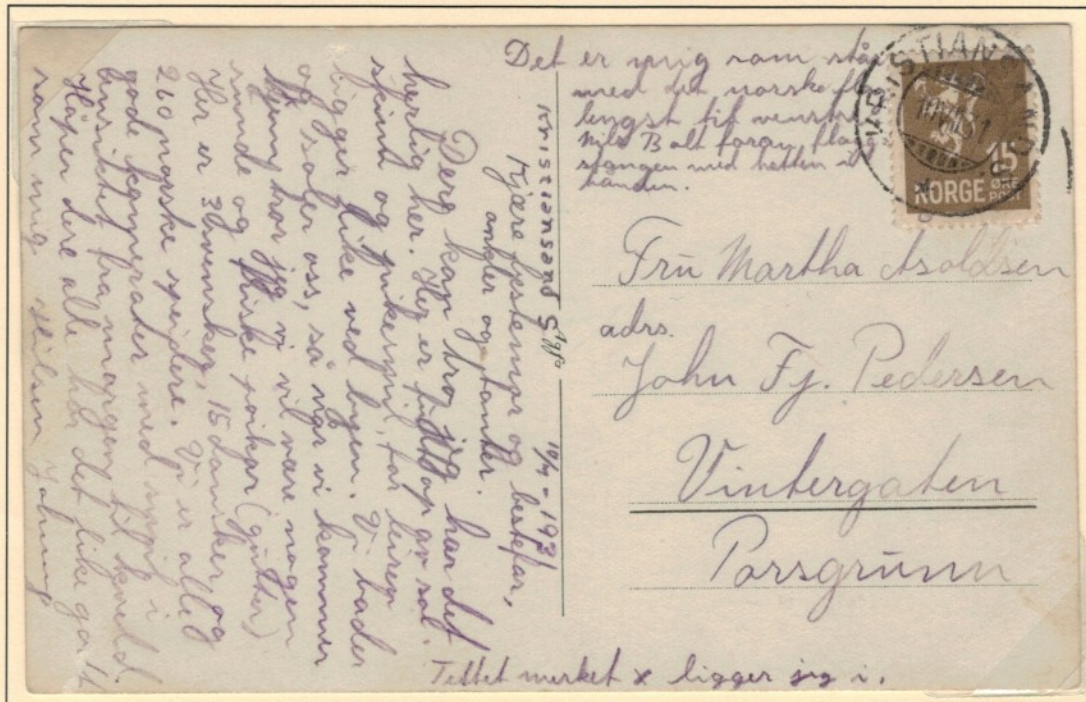
1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

Scouting is well established – camps in Norway and abroad

Scouting was by now well established in Norway, and a rota of national camps every four years, with smaller district camps in-between proved practical. Several religious associations like the YWCA, YMCA, Methodist Church and Salvation Army started their own Scouting groups. The number of Scouts/Guides increased to approximately 30,000 in this period.

In 1931, the Boy Scouts of the Epworth Liga (Methodist Church youth organisation) held their national camp at Gleodden near Kristiansand. **260 Norwegian Boy Scouts participated**, plus three from Sweden and 15 from Denmark.

1931 METHODIST SCOUTS NATIONAL CAMP



Camp viewcard, written by Boy Scout in camp and sent to Porsgrunn.

Postmarked "KRISTIANSAND S 10 VII 31". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

Swedish Scout Association's fifth national camp took place in 1931 at Kulla Gunnarstorp near Hälsingborg. Several thousand Scouts participated, including **55 from Norway**. The special postmark was used 10-21 July, 1931.

55 NORWEGIAN SCOUTS AT SWEDISH 1931 CAMP



Camp viewcard from the Kulla camp to district Scout leader Wilhelm Retz in Stavanger, postmarked "HÄLSINGBORG KULLALÄGRET 17. 7. 31" (S-002). Re-directed to Sauda. 10 øre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.8.1924-1.4.1948.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1932 National Camp in Mandal

The Norwegian Boy Scouts Association's sixth national camp took place in 1932 in Mandal on the southern coast of Norway. The camp motto was "Sun and Sea", and indeed it matched. 5,300 Boy Scouts participated, including guests from many countries. The camp had 12,000 visitors on the Sunday, which is very impressive, considering that Mandal only had 4,000 inhabitants in 1932. A field post office operated in the camp 6-13 July, and used a special postmark (N-003). The postmark shows a small Scout badge at the bottom.

TRIAL STRIKES

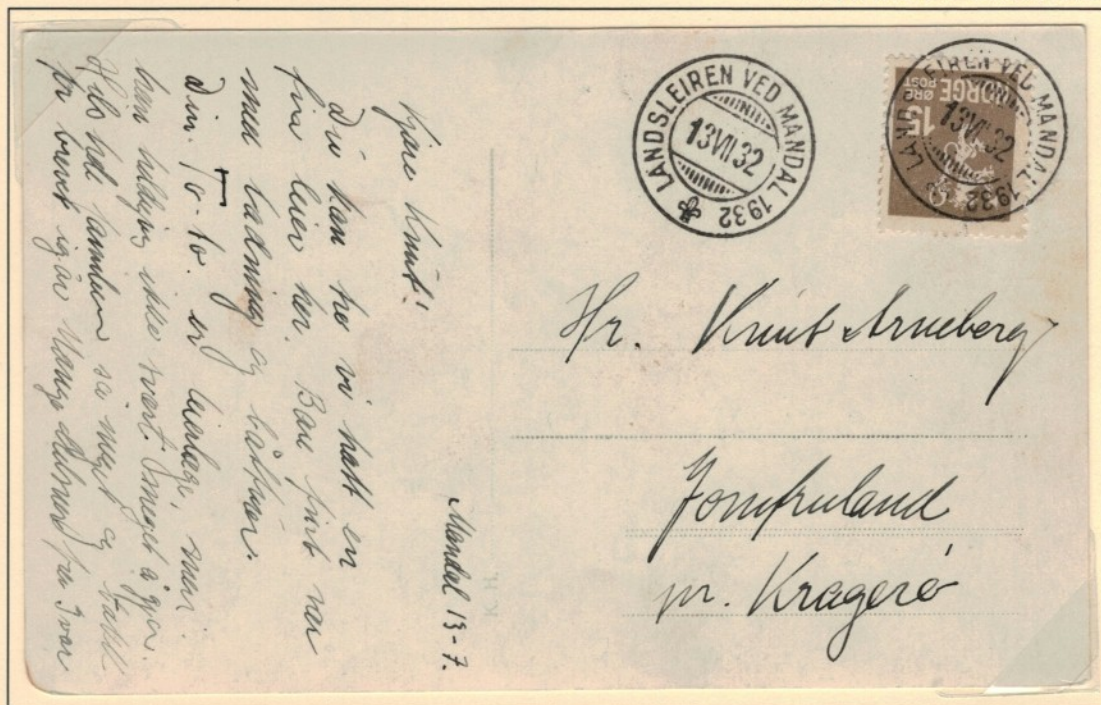


Above: Facsimile from the Norwegian Postal Museum showing a 'National Camp at Mandal 1932' postmark with an asterisk at bottom, engraved 6 June (erroneous month in postmark).

It was not approved, and in the 10 June re-engraving (below) the asterisk was substituted by a small Boy Scout Badge, probably in order to visualise that this was a Boy Scout camp.



OUTGOING POSTCARD



Camp viewcard from "LANDSLEIREN VED MANDAL 1932 13 VII 32" (N-003), written by a Boy Scout in camp and sent to Jomfruland pr. Kragerø. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

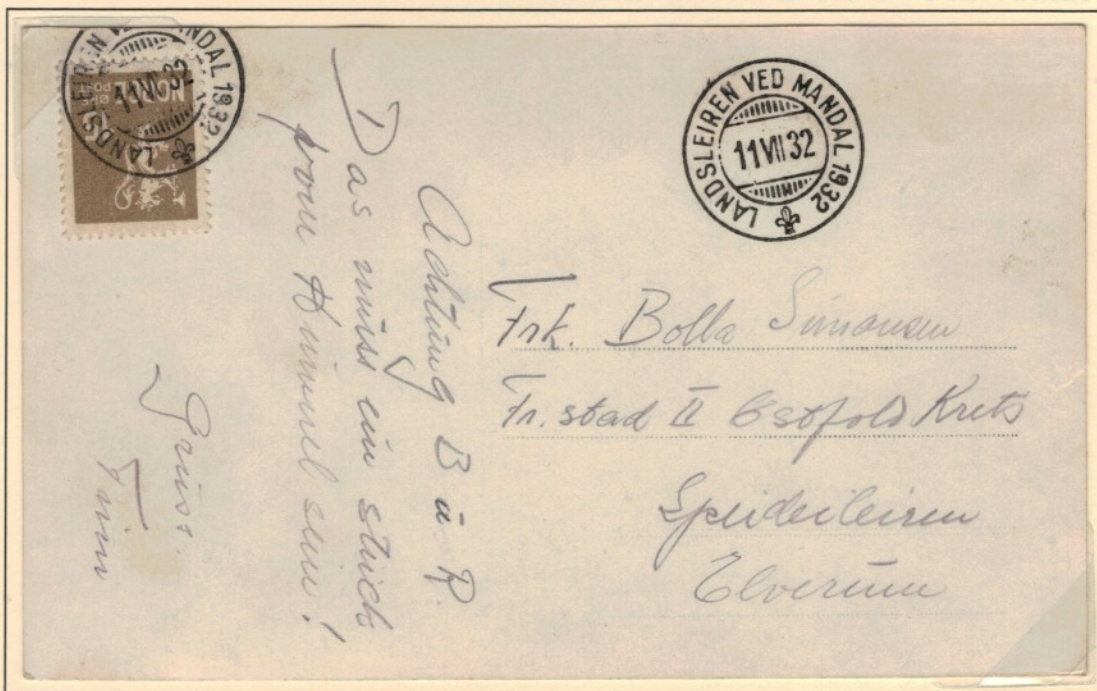
LATE INCOMING POSTCARD, THE CAMP WAS CLOSED



Postcard from "SVARTISEN 12 VII 32" to the Mandal camp. It arrived after the camp closed on 13 July, and is postmarked "MANDAL 16 VII 32" and boxed cachet "Avreist / Parti" (Departed). Return address Lena Station. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

The Norwegian Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides held their fourth national camp 6-13 July 1932 near Elverum. 1,700 Girl Guides participated, including guests from England, Germany, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Sweden, Finland and the United States. The camp did not have its own postmark.

FROM ONE NATIONAL CAMP TO ANOTHER



Postcard from the 1932 national Boy Scout Camp at Mandal "LANDSLEIREN VED MANDAL 11 VI 32" (N-003) to a Girl Guide participating in the Elverum camp. 15 øre domestic postcard rate 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

INCOMING POSTCARD



Postcard from "HEISTADS JERNBANESTASJON 11 VI 32" to a Girl Guide participating in the Elverum camp from her mother. 15 øre domestic postcard rate 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1933 saw Norwegian Girl Guide Association's fourth national camp which was held at Fåberg near Lillehammer. The camp site was on the Army's Jørstadmoen camp area. This was the first real tent camp for Girl Guides in Norway, and the Troops organised cooking of their own food. 1,100 Girl Guides participated, including guests from several countries. This was the first Girl Guide camp in Norway where a special postmark (N-004) was used 3-11 July by the temporary rural post office.

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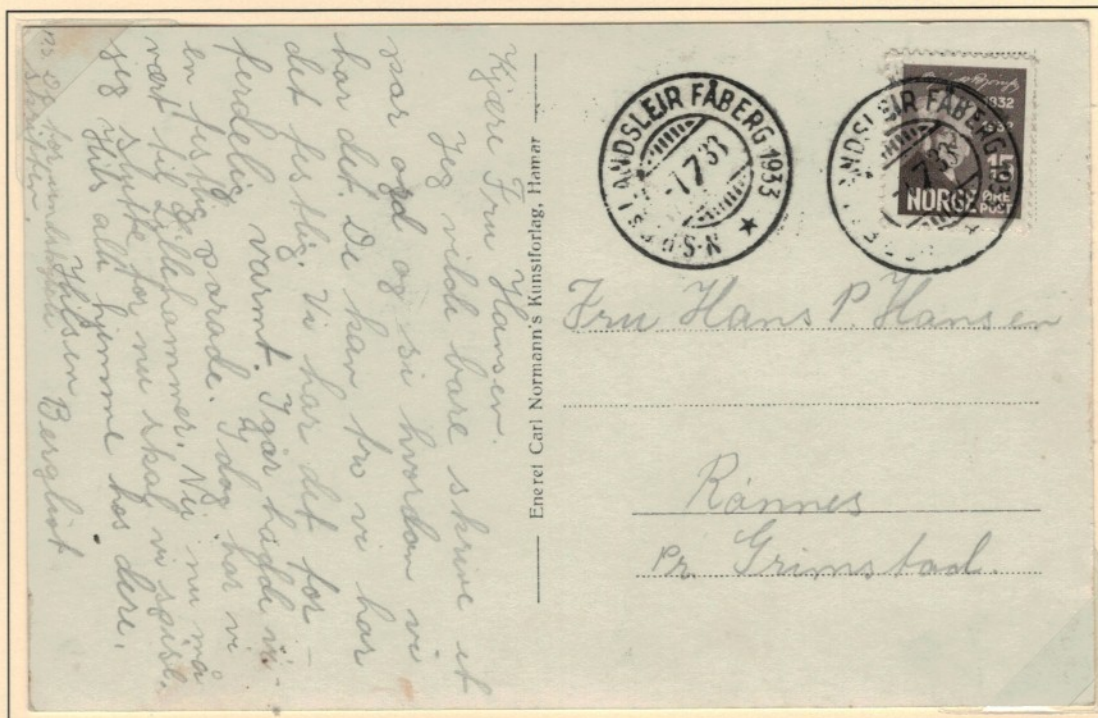


Engraver's trial strikes of the postmark. **Note that the shape of the year "33" in the adjustable date is different in the two postmarks.** Possibly the postmark engraving was completed on 1 June (left postmark), and tested with "33" which for unknown reasons was not approved or used. Then another set of date types "33" were employed on 10 June (right postmark). The types in the postmark to the right seem identical to the types that were actually used. **Both trial strikes are believed to be unique.**



11 7 33 - last day of camp.

DOMESTIC POSTCARD



Follebu viewcard, written by Girl Guide in camp and sent to Grimstad. Postmarked (N-004) "N.S.P.F. LANDSLEIR FÅBERG 1933 - 1 7 33". 15 øre domestic postcard rate 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1935 Hungary hosting the 4th World Scout Jamboree

The fourth World Scout Jamboree took place in Hungary in 1933. The Jamboree was located at Gödöllő. 26,000 Boy Scouts representing 46 countries attended, including 125 Scouts from Norway.

INWARD LETTER, SCOUT AIR MAIL IN HUNGARY

Cover mailed from M.V. "Venus" in the route between U.K. and Norway, postmarked on board "BERGEN - NEWCASTLE POSTEKSP. D - 5 VIII 33" (T.P.O.) and sent by air mail to the jamboree.

Transit postmarks Berlin (on front and reverse) and "MÁTYÁSFÖLD 933 AUG -8".

Scout airmail service from the Mátyásföld airfield outside Budapest (blue crescent cachet) to the jamboree.

Arrival postmark "GÖDÖLLŐ IV JAMBOREE 'I' 933 AUG 8" on reverse.

30 øre letter rate and 15 øre airmail fee 1.4.1932-16.5.1945.



REGISTERED LETTER TO NORWAY



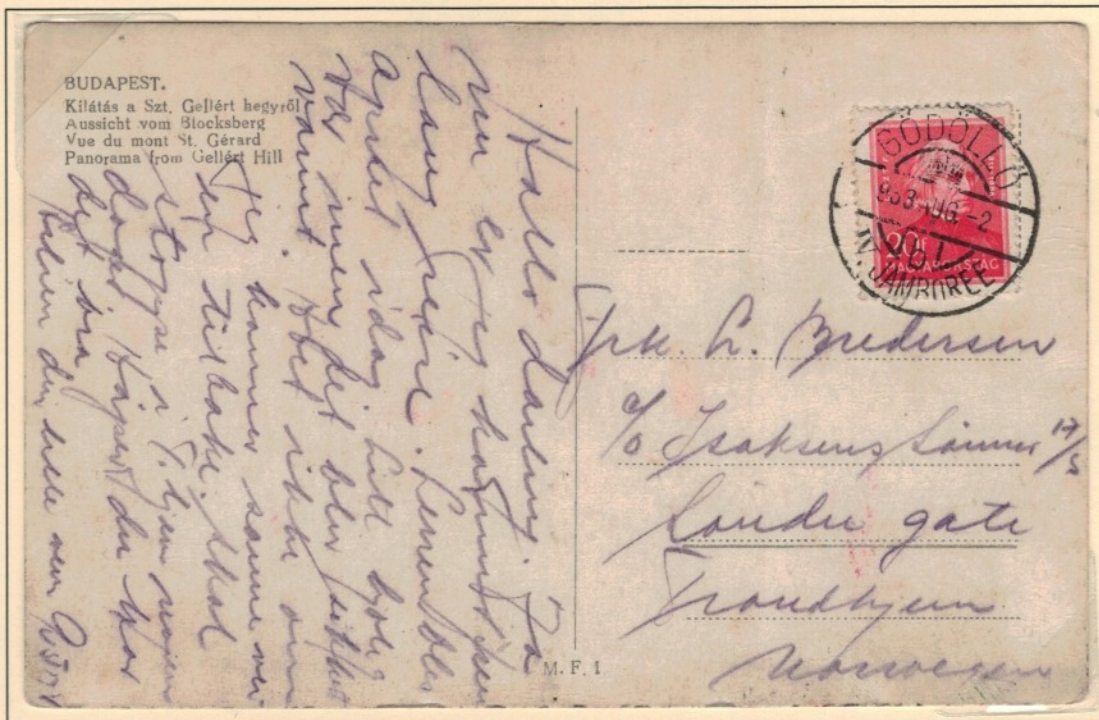
Jamboree photo viewcard (Baden-Powell saluting the Scouts), sent by registered air mail to Norway. Special Jamboree registration label. Postmarked "GÖDÖLLŐ IV JAMBOREE 'm' 933 AUG 13", Scout airmail service from the Jamboree to Mátyásföld airfield outside Budapest (brown crescent cachet). By air mail to Malmö, Sweden "MALMÖ LUFTPOST 14 8 33" and further by train "BUREAU REEXP. OSLO-ED D 15 VIII 33". Redirected from "SKÅTØY 16 VIII 33" to Notodden. Overpaid, the rate was 20f foreign postcard 1926-1941, 30f registration fee 1930-1941, 20f airmail fee.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1935 Hungary hosting the 4th World Scout Jamboree

The white stag of Hungarian mythology was the national symbol of Hungary and the official badge of the Jamboree. The Jamboree Camp Chief was the Chief Scout of Hungary, Count Teleki Pál, a member of the World Scout Committee who had previously been and would later once again become Prime Minister of Hungary.

POSTCARD TO NORWAY, 'b' POSTMARK



Postcard from the 1933 World Scout Jamboree to Norway.
Postmarked "GÖDÖLLŐ IV JAMBOREE 'b' 930 AUG -2".
20f foreign postcard rate 1926-1941.

LETTER TO NORWAY, 'm' POSTMARK



Letter from the 1933 World Scout Jamboree to Norway. Postmarked "GÖDÖLLŐ IV JAMBOREE 'm' 930 AUG 13".
Arrival postmark "FREDRIKSTAD -8 VIII 33 7-9" on reverse. 40f for foreign letters to 20g 1926-1941.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1933 YWCA Guides, 1934 Methodist Scouts

Margrethe Parm, who was national secretary of the YWCA, often met Girl Guides. Several of the troops that were active were connected to local youth associations, and Margrethe Parm clearly saw that this children's work had great potential. YWCA Guiding started 1920 in Norway with Margrethe Parm as Chief Guide.

THE YWCA GIRL GUIDE HQ WAS LOCATED IN OSLO



Cover from Norway's YWCA Guides, "OSLO -6 3 33", sent locally.
20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

1934 EPWORTH LEAGUE SCOUT CORPS NATIONAL CAMP

Founded in 1889, the Epworth League is a Methodist young adult association for people aged 18-35. Their first Scout troop in Norway was started 1910. The Epworth League Scout Corps changed name 1945 to the Methodist Church Scout Corps.



Postcard from the 1934 Jubilee camp for the Epworth League Scout Corps. From left: Corps Secretary Kristian Günther, Chief Scout Nils Bolt and Deputy Chief Scout Monrad Teigland.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

Baden-Powell and Norway

BADEN-POWELL VISITS NORWAY

Baden-Powell visited Norway on several occasions: in 1911, 1912, 1927, 1933 and 1938.

In 1933, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell led a contingent of 650 Guides and Scouts on an "Argosy of Peace", a cruise to the nations of the Baltic. The cruise carried them from England to the Netherlands, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway and home. The Norway stop was in Oslo.

In 1939, Baden-Powell and Olave BP moved to a cottage he had commissioned in Nyeri, Kenya, near Mount Kenya, where he had previously been for recuperation. BP died peacefully there 1941.



Postcard depicting the Frognerstøtten camp fire in the evening of August 25, 1933. Several thousand Scouts and Guides participated, and even Queen Maud of Norway showed up! From left to right: BP, Lady BP, Kari Aas, Josefine Barmann and Hans Møller Gasmann.

LETTER FROM NORWAY TO BADEN-POWELL



Air mail letter from "TØNSBERG 20.8.39", to Baden-Powell at Nyeri, Kenya. Transit "NYERI KENYA 27 AU 39" and re-directed to N'gong. 30 øre /20g foreign letter rate 1.1.1927-1.10.1946 and 50 øre /5g airmail supplement 1.5.1937-9.4.1940.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1934 Lærdal camp for Bergen district

In 1934, Bergen District of the Norwegian Boy Scout Association held a summer camp in Lærdal, a well-known resort in the picturesque Sognefjord. **693 Scouts attended**. The temporary rural post office used a special postmark (N-005) 1-9 July.

INWARD POSTCARD FROM DENMARK, RECEIVING POSTMARK



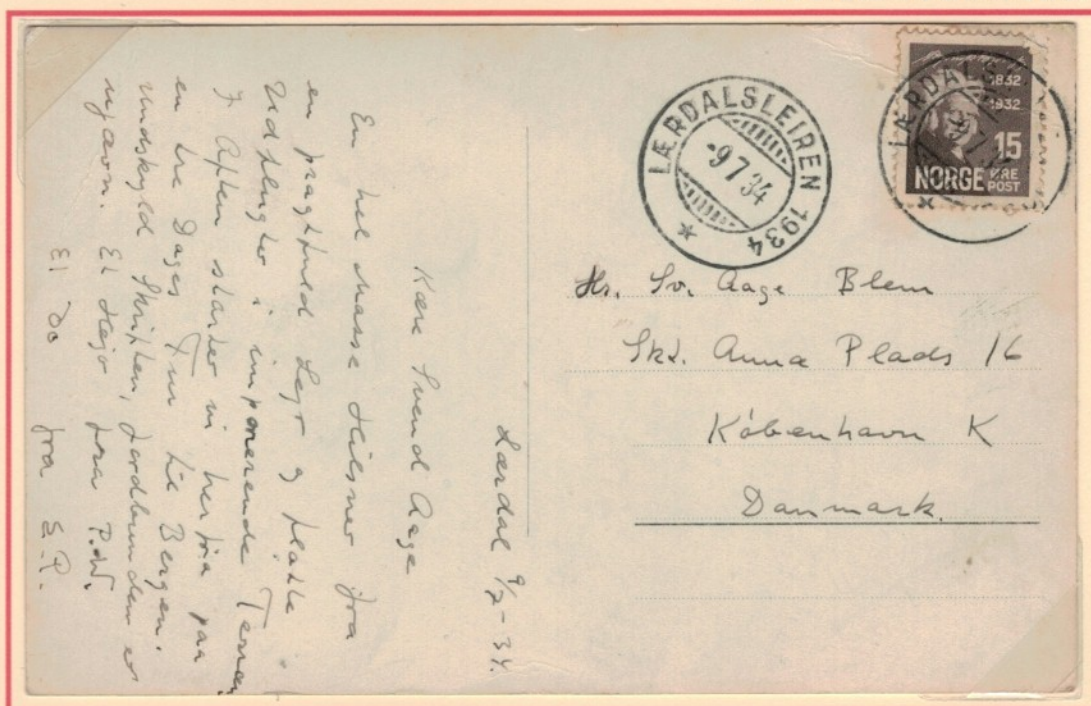
Postcard sent from Copenhagen 3 July 1934, inwards to the Lærdal Scout camp.

Norwegian parents holidaying in Denmark write to their son in the camp.

10 øre postcard rate to Nordic countries 1.1.1927-1.7.1940.

Receiving postmark (N-005) "LÆRDALSLEIREN 1934 -5 7 34".

POSTCARD TO DENMARK



Postcard written by Scout in camp and sent to Denmark, postmarked (N-005)

"LÆRDALSLEIREN 1934 -9 7 34", the last day of usage.

15 øre domestic postcard rate 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1934 Guide district camp and 1935 Guide leader training camp

1934 YWCA Girl Guide district camp for Telemark and Østre Akershus districts, at Sagavoll near Gvarv, Telemark, 28 June - 6 July. **400 Girl Guides participated.**

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Girl Guide postcard, written by camp participant (leader) and sent to Oslo.
She describes in the text that she stayed at Sagavoll a day after the others left.
Postmarked "SKIEN GIMSØY -9 VII 34". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1935 leader training camp for Norwegian Girl Guides Association, at Lyngseidet in Northern Norway; **only 160 participants.** The Association's third general assembly was also held in conjunction with this camp.

FIRST FLIGHT INWARD LETTER



Cover from "HJELLESTAD -5 VII 35" to the leader training camp. First flight Bergen-Trondheim-Tromsø, special red cachet. 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.2.1921-1.10.1946. Domestic airmail fees were cancelled from 1934.

Special Scout jubilee cover (logo on reverse) to Norway, postmarked (DK-003) "DET DANSKE SPEJDERKORPS JUBILÆUMSLEJR KLAMPENBORG 31 7 35". 15 øre for letters to 20g to Nordic countries 1.7.1927-1.7.1940.

In July 1935, the YWCA Girl Guides of Norway held their national camp near Hønefoss, Ringerike, some 80 km northwest of Oslo. The camp site was at Røsholmen, close to the shores of lake Tyrifjorden and with a long bathing beach. 2,127 Girl Guides participated, including 150 foreign guests. King Haakon and Queen Maud visited the camp. The camp post office did not have a special postmark.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Girl Guide postcard, written by Guide in camp, postmarked "HØNEFOSS -6 VII 35" and sent to Lillestrømmen. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

CAMP LABEL ON POSTCARD TO DENMARK

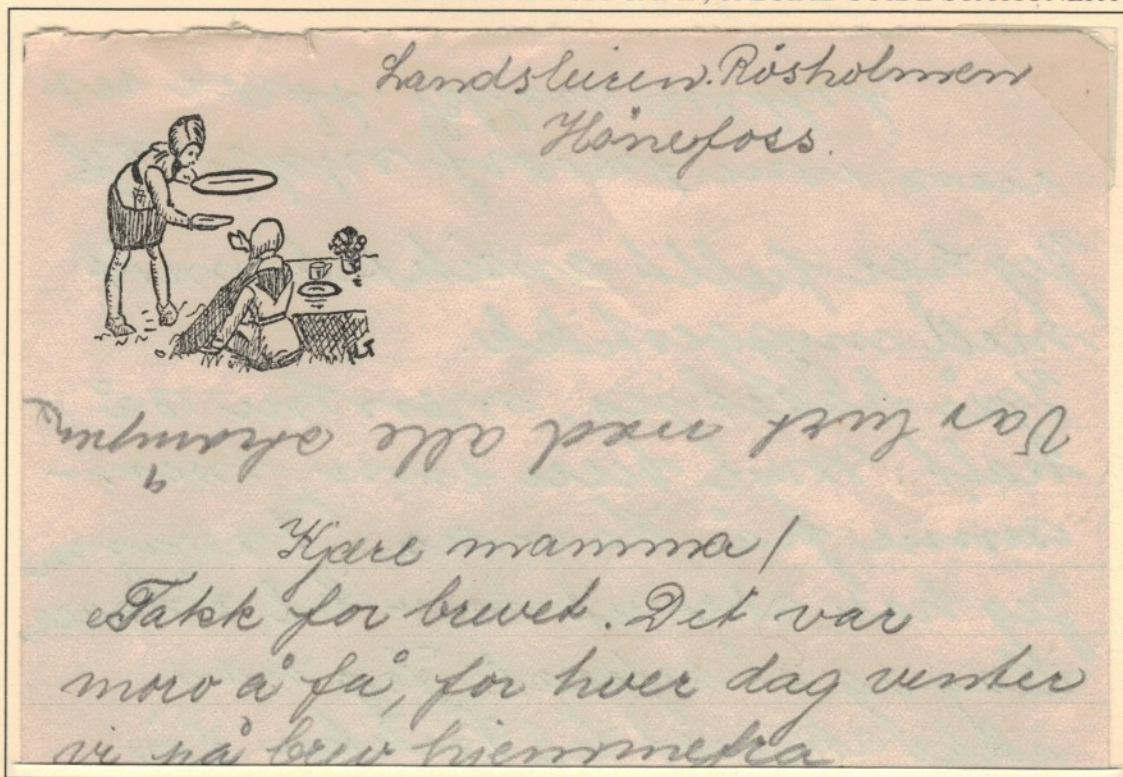


Picture postcard from the camp, written by Guide in camp, postmarked "HØNEFOSS -8 VII 35" and sent to Denmark. 15 øre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

Special camp label in black-and-white.

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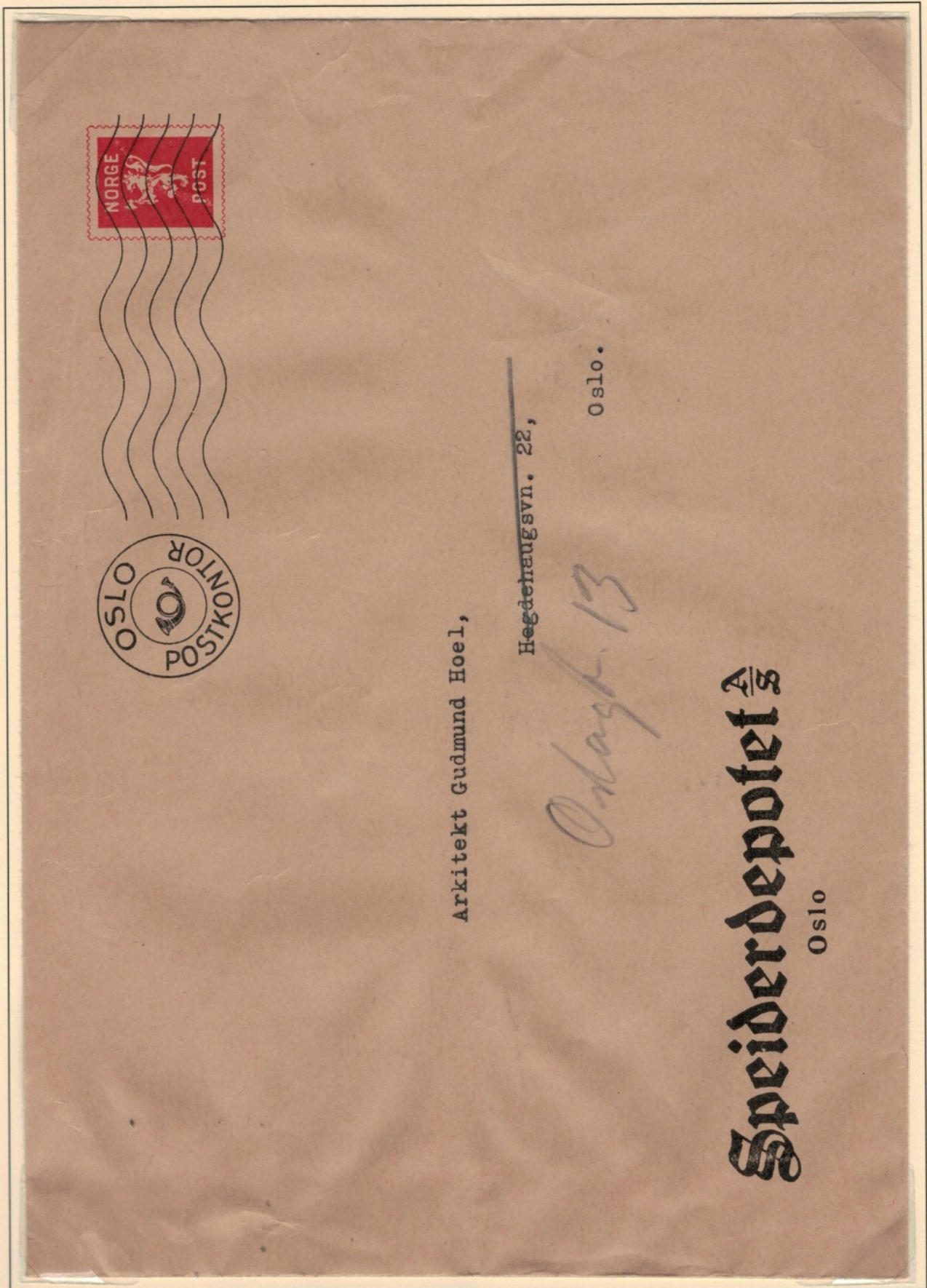
LETTER FROM CAMP, SPECIAL GUIDE STATIONERY



Letter written by camp participant on special Guide lettersheet and YWCA envelope, postmarked "HØNEFOSS -8 VII 35" and sent to Hamar. 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.2.1921-30.9.1946.

Scouting equipment could only be bought from sports dealers until 1914 when the Norwegian Boy Scout Association opened a small outlet in Oslo. In 1919 this business had grown and a limited company was established, "Speiderdepotet A/S". It was in operation until 1941 when Scouting was banned by the German occupation forces.

SECOND CLASS MAIL POSTED IN BULK

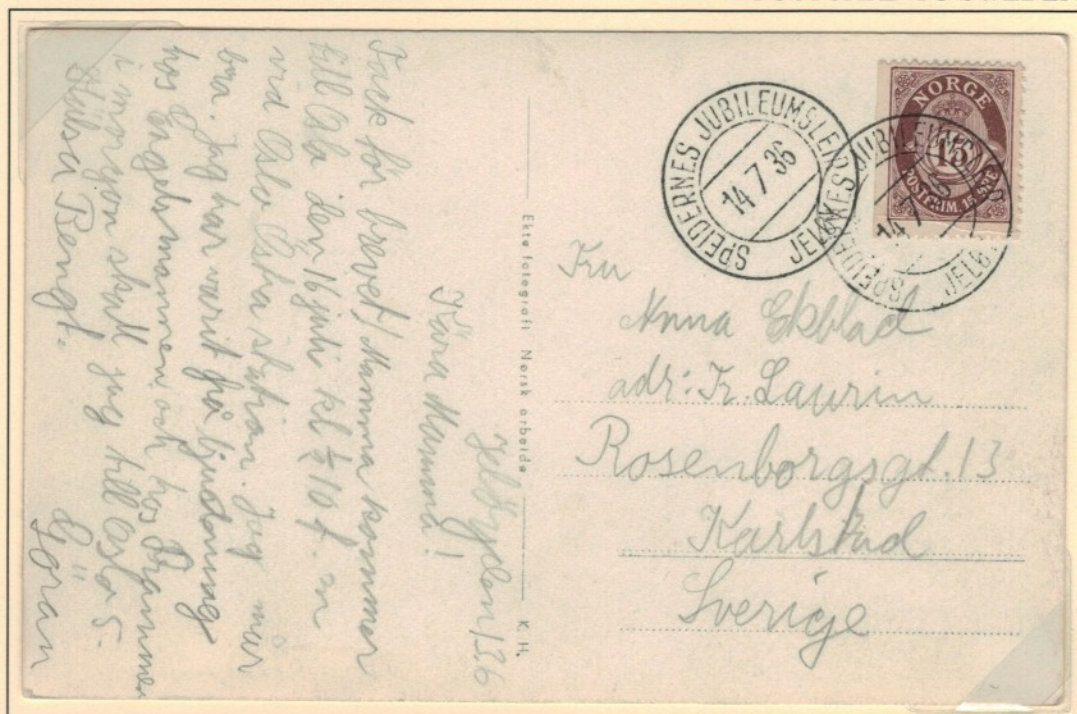


Envelope for second class mail posted in bulk, used by Speiderdepotet in 1936. The only recorded copy.

1936 - Boy Scouts Association Jubilee Camp

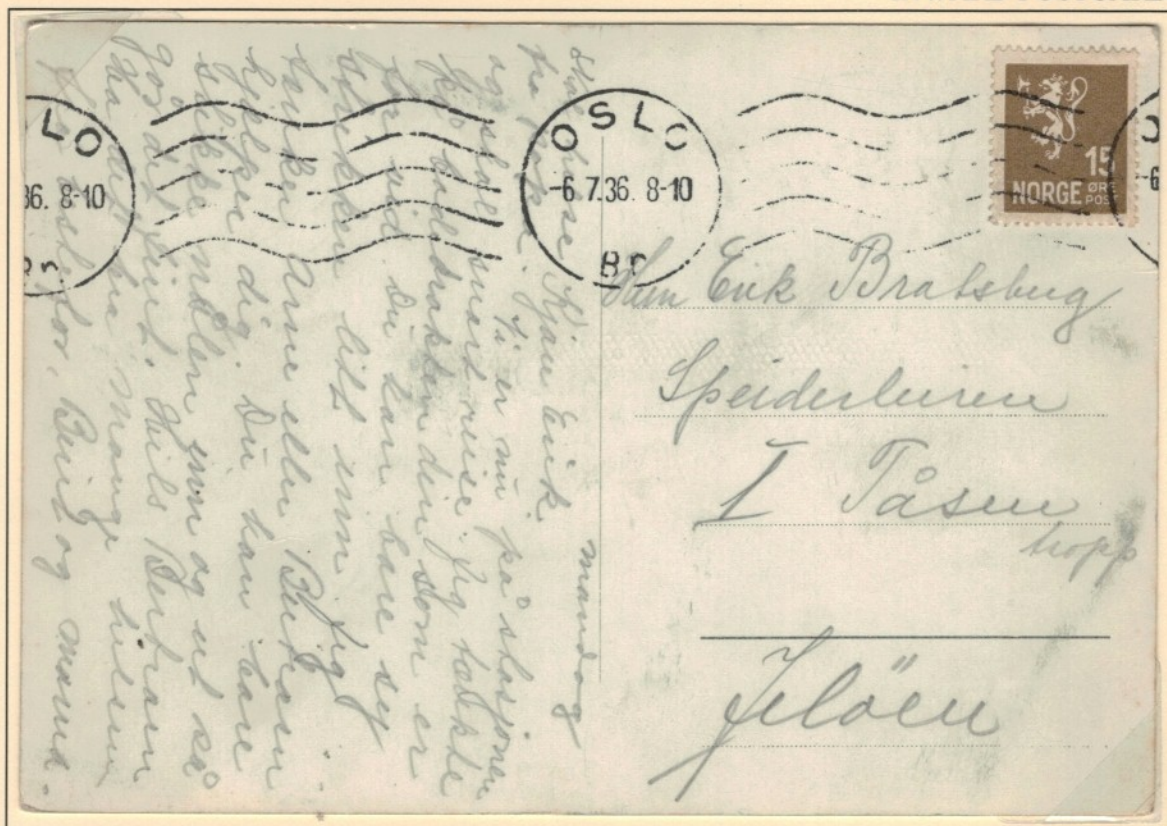
The Norwegian Boy Scouts Association marked their 25th Anniversary in 1936 by staging a Jubilee camp at the Jeløy island, south-east of Oslo. 6,600 Boy Scouts attended the national camp. The post office used a special postmark (N-006) 6-15 July.

POSTCARD TO SWEDEN



Postcard to Sweden, postmarked "SPEIDERNES JUBILEUMSLEIR JELOÿ 14 7 36", written by one of the Swedish Boy Scouts who participated. 15 øre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

INWARD POSTCARD



Inward postcard sent from Oslo to the Jeløya camp. Mommy writes to her son in camp and describes how he can sew the elastic band in his bathing suit which is too wide! 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

PARCEL DESPATCH NOTE

Det norske postvesen.
Bl. nr. **3**

Angitt verdi kr. **Følgebr**
for innenriksk pakke

Ankomst nr.: Til **Gidrun Wold**
11.11.36

Avsenderens navn og adresse: **Speiderne**
Jeløy
Moss

Adressepoststedets navn. **15 7 36**

Takst: **3-** Vekt: **1** kg.
gruppe: **3-**

Postmannens signatur: **M**

Avgangsstedets datostempel. **15 7 36**

12.32. A. 6. Frimerkene må ikke klippes fra følgebrevet.

Parcel despatch note, postmarked "SPEIDERNES JUBILEUMSLEIR JELOY 15 7 36". This was the last day of camp and the card is only number 3, so **very few parcels were sent from the camp!** Name and address has been cut out, probably by the Postal Workers' Association when preparing stamp kiloware. 100 øre postage (83 øre additional postage stamps on reverse) for regular parcels 1-3 kg 15.6.1936-1.10.1946. Unused parcel delivery card as backing.

OFFICIAL WAX SEAL



Official (postal) wax seal, with crown, posthorn and text "SPEIDERNES JUBILEUMSLEIR JELOY". The seal was intended to be used for sealing insured mail.
The only recorded copy.

REGISTERED PRINTED MATTER,



Until 1975, only this camp used specially printed labels for registered mail.

Registered printed matter from the Scout Jubilee Camp to Sweden at 27 øre rate. 7 øre for printed matter to 50 g to Nordic countries and 20 øre registration fee 1.7.1929-1.10.1946.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1937 YWCA Guides district camp at Etne

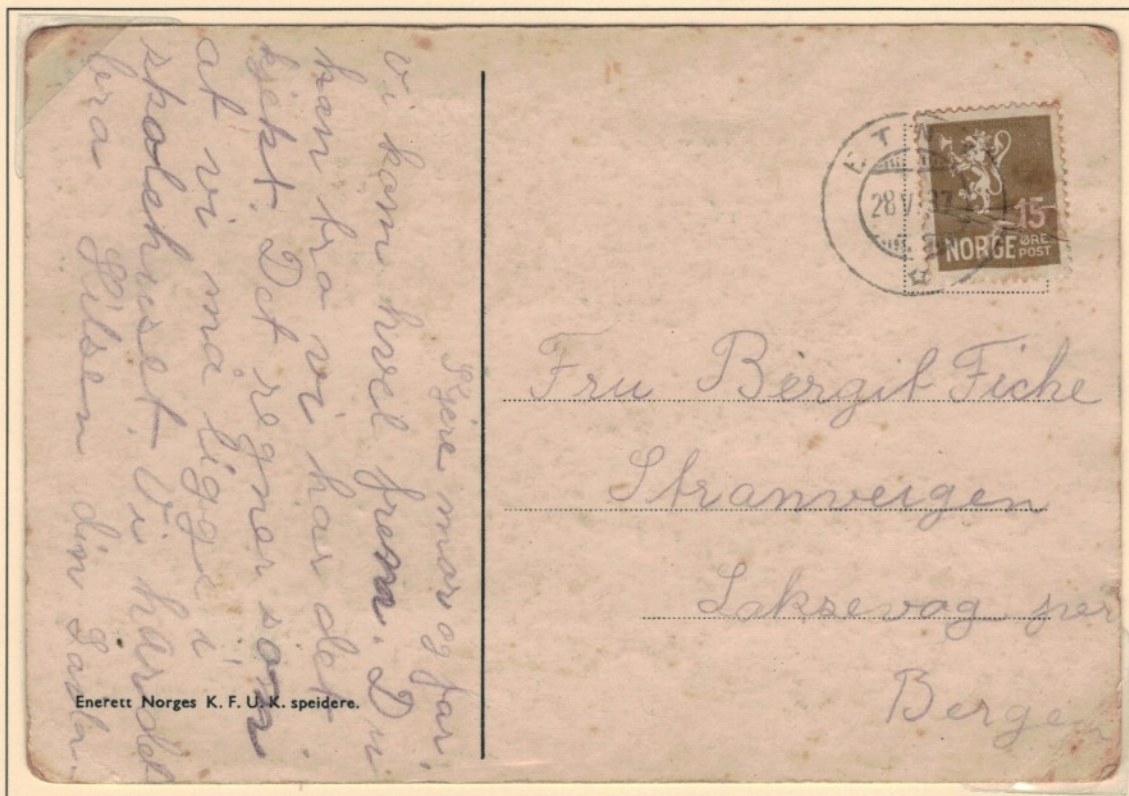
The Bergen District of the Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides held their 1937 camp at Etne. The camp duration was 24 June to 1 July, and the weather was unusually wet, even for the Bergen district (it's "always" raining in Bergen). Many of the participants had to evacuate from their tents and seek shelter in the nearby farm buildings or in the schoolhouse. The sun was only present during the Sunday church service and on the departure day.

CAMP VIEWCARD



Postcard showing Speiderleiren Etne 1937. It was a small camp with 350 Guides from the district plus one foreign guest from the Faroe Islands.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Postcard from "ETNE 28 VI 37", written by Girl Guide in camp to her parents in Bergen. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952. From the written message "...We are having a good time. It is raining so much that we have to sleep in the schoolhouse..."

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1937 the Netherlands hosting the 5th World Scout Jamboree

In the summer of 1937, the Scouts of the world gathered together at Vogelenzang, the Netherlands, for the Fifth World Jamboree. Already the stormy clouds of war were forming. It was to be the last such gathering for ten years. It was also B-P's last jamboree. 28,750 Scouts from 54 countries attended, 400 from Norway.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Beer mat (in fact mineral water mat), used as postcard and sent to the Boy Scout Association headquarters in Oslo, Norway.

Jamboree postmark #4.

7½c foreign postcard rate
1.11.1928-1.11.1946.

The signatures include **Lykken** (Rolf Lykken, Norwegian Jamboree contingent leader and Norwegian Gilwell DCC), **Odd Hopp** (secretary general, DCC and 1975 WJ Camp Chief), **Hubert Martin** (director of the International Bureau of the Boy Scouts Association), **Ton Koot** (author of *Jamboree Logboek 1937*), one more from Holland and one from Mauritius.

POSTCARD FROM THE CONTINGENT LEADER



Specially printed correspondence card for the Norwegian Jamboree Contingent, written by Rolf Lykken, contingent leader.

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1937 the Netherlands hosting the 5th World Scout Jamboree

POSTCARD FROM SCOUT IN CAMP



Baden-Powell postcard sent to Sogn, Oslo, Norway.

Jamboree postmark #4, 7½c foreign postcard rate 1.11.1928-1.11.1946.

VALUE INSURED LETTER TO SCOUT IN CAMP



A Norwegian Jamboree participant needs more money: Value insured (NOK 15, equals \$2), special delivery letter, sent from Stavanger on the Jamboree closing date 9 August. Correct postage NOK 1.60 composed by 50 øre letter rate to foreign destinations 20-40 grammes, 60 øre special delivery fee, 30 øre registration fee and 20 øre insurance for amounts up to NOK 250, the combination was valid 1927-1946. 35 øre additional postage on reverse.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1937 the Netherlands hosting the 5th World Scout Jamboree

POSTAL CARD FROM SCOUT IN CAMP



Postal card to Oslo, Norway. Jamboree postmark #3, 7½c foreign postcard rate 1.11.1928-1.11.1946.

SPECIALLY PRINTED JAMBOREE ENVELOPE



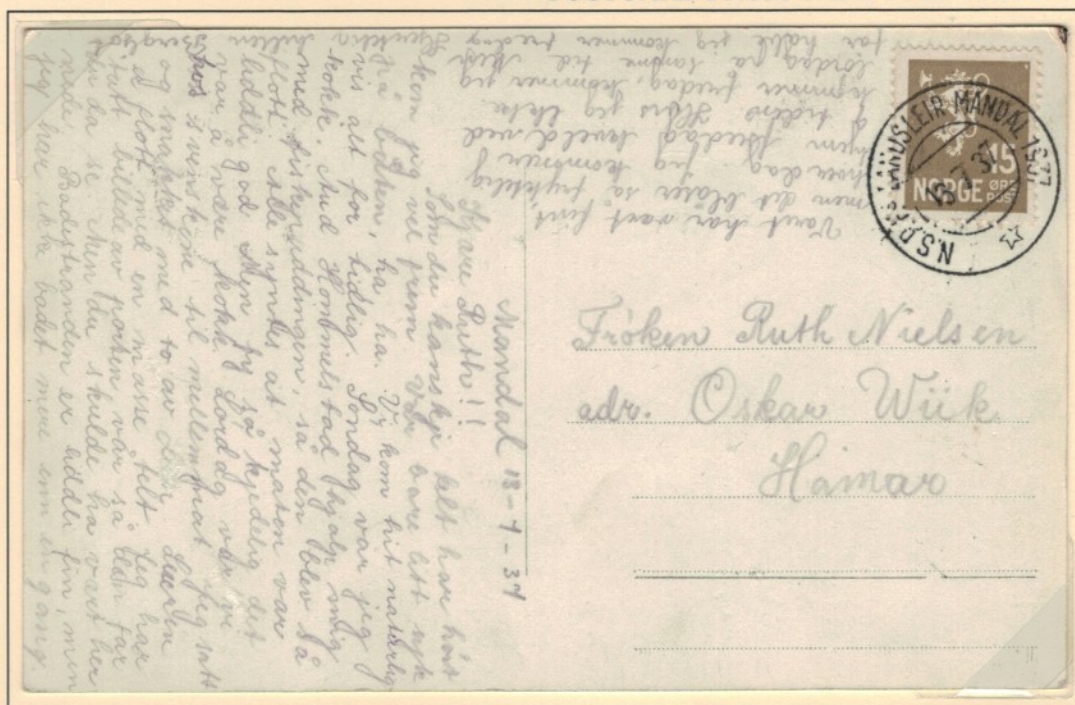
Specially printed Jamboree cover, Jamboree postmark #3, 12½c for foreign letters to 20g 1.11.1928-31.10.1946.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1937 Guide national camp at Mandal

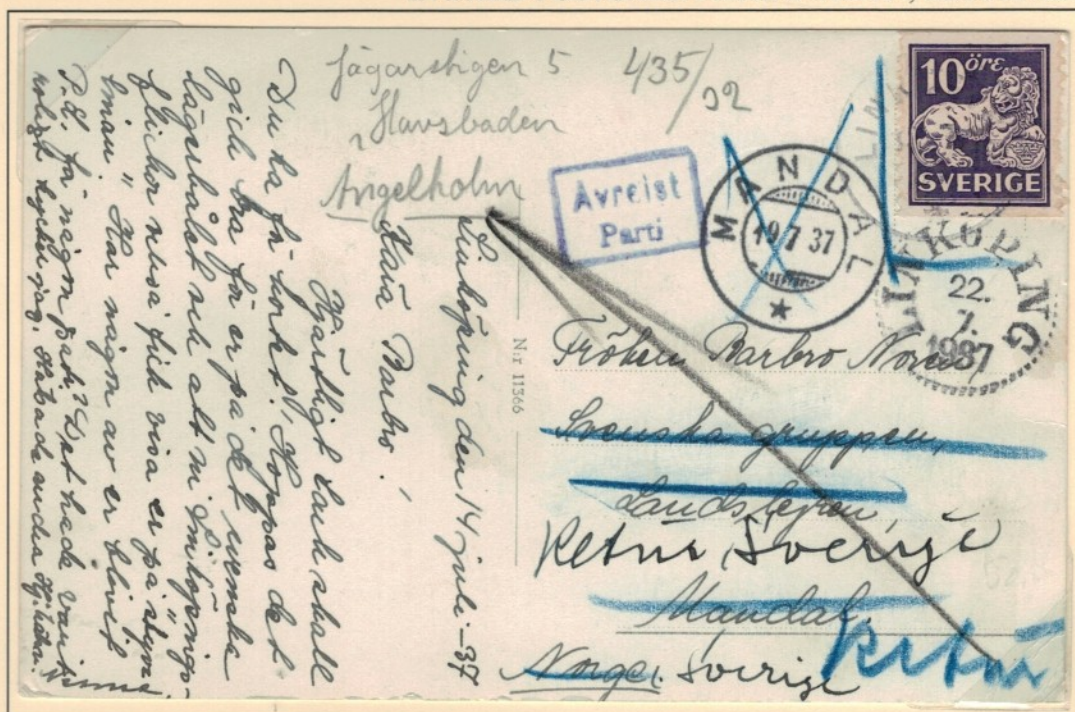
The Norwegian Girl Guide Association held their national camp in Mandal in 1937. This was their largest pre-war camp, with 1,750 participants including many from abroad. The camp was a great success, and among the memories were the icecream in Mandal, the Sjosanden bathing beach (one of the finest in Norway), the strawberries and the campfires. The field post office which operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-007) from 8 to 16 July.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Mandal viewcard, written by Girl Guide in camp and sent to Hamar. Postmarked (N-007) "N.S.P.F.^s LANDSLEIR MANDAL 1937 13 7 37". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

INWARD POSTCARD FROM SWEDEN, RETURNED

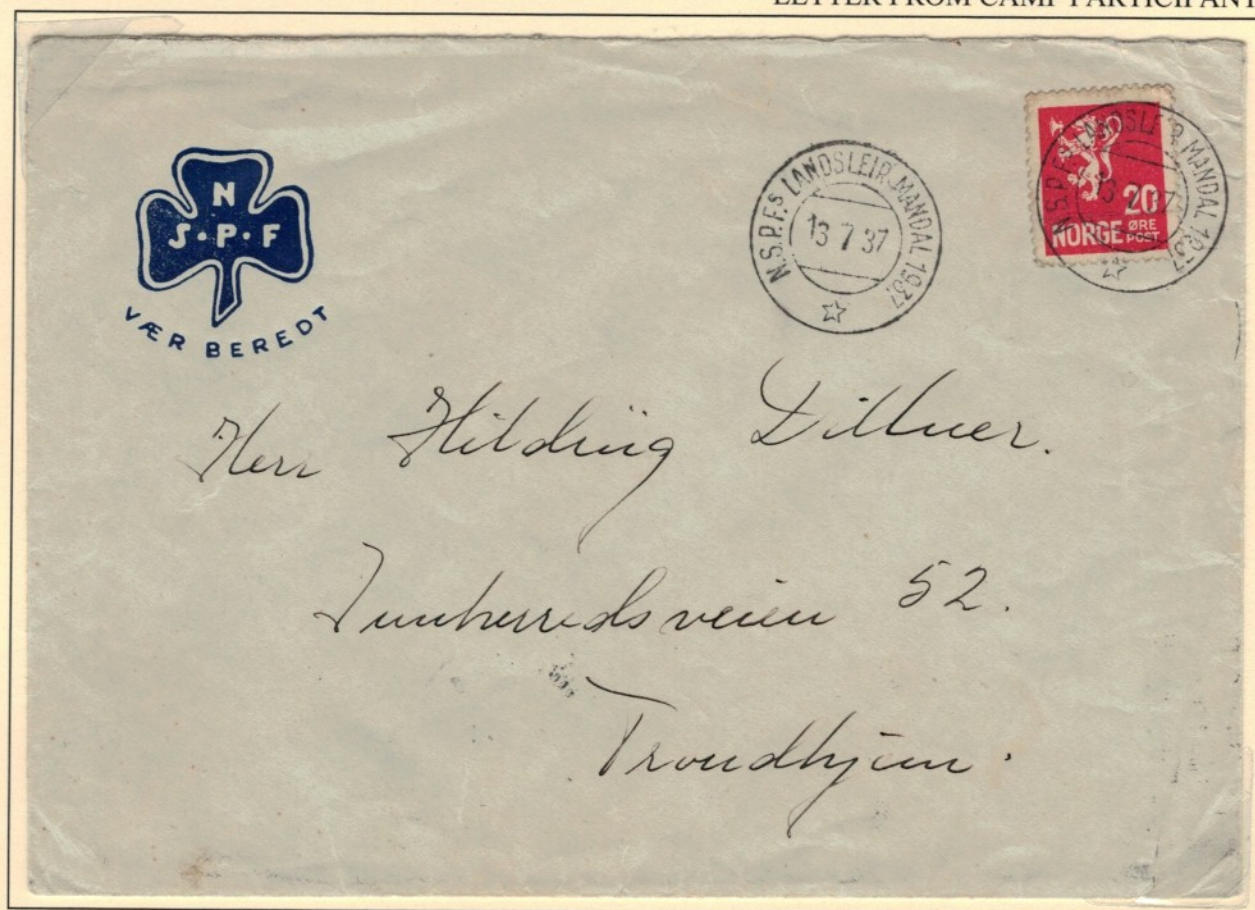


Postcard from Linköping, Sweden sent to a Swedish Girl Guide in the Mandal camp. Arrived too late, boxed cachet "Avreist Parti" (Departed) and manuscript "Retur" (return) in blue crayon and black ink. 10 öre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.8.1924-1.4.1948.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1937 national Guide camp at Mandal and national Scout jamboree in India

LETTER FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Girl Guide cover sent to Trondhjem. "Vær beredt" means Be Prepared. Postmarked (N-007) "N.S.P.F.^s LANDSLEIR MANDAL 1937 13 7 37". 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.2.1921-1.10.1946.

India successfully held a provincial jamboree 1927 in Bombay for 12,000 Scouts. Now, 20,000 Indian Scouts assembled in Delhi February 1937 to hold the first All-India Scout jamboree. With them was Lord Baden-Powell, the World Chief Scout.

POSTCARD FROM INDIA TO NORWAY



Special camp postcard sent to Norway, postmarked "ALL INDIA SCOUT JAMBOREE POST OFFICE DELHI 3 FE 37". The postmark was use don this date only. 2 annas foreign postcard rate Dec.1931-1949.

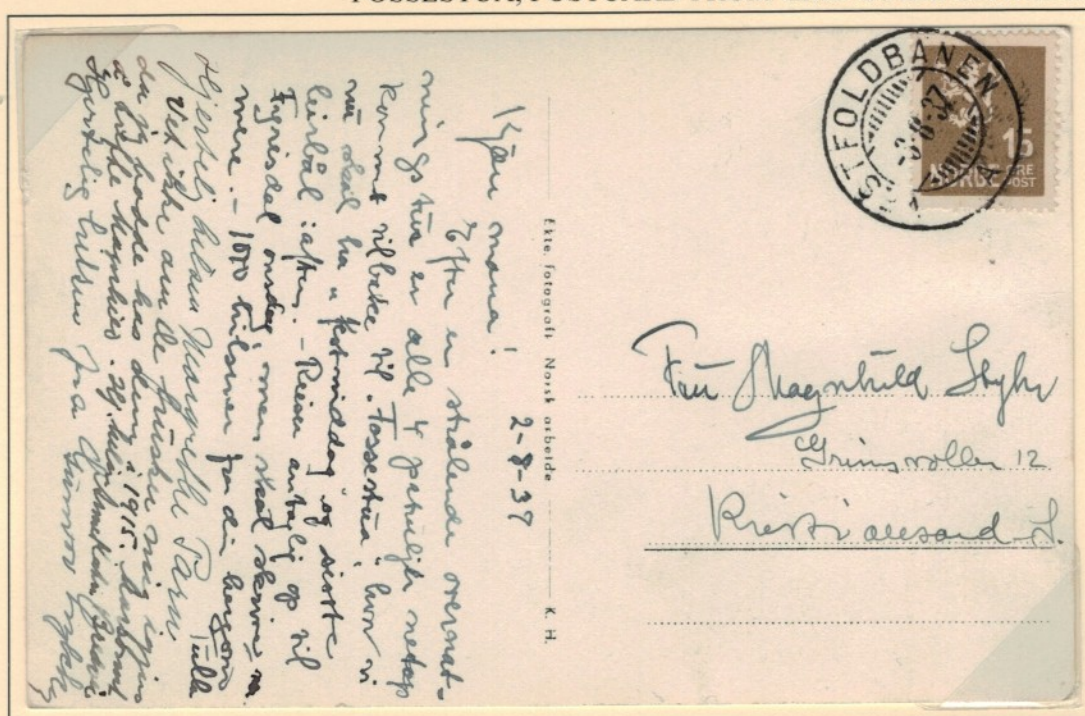
1937 YWCA Guide district camp at Mandal, YWCA Scout cabin

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



The camp post office did not have its own postmark, and mail was handled in Sandefjord. Postmarked "SANDEFJORD 29 6 37". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

FOSSESTUA, POSTCARD FROM GIRL GUIDE LEADERS



Viewcard of Fossestua YWCA Girl Guides cabin (near Larvik), signed by Girl Guide leaders Margrethe Parm, Anne Kathrine Bredvei, Gunvor Lykken. From "VESTFOLDBANEN A -3 8 37" (T.P.O.) to NSPF District Leader Magnhild Styhr in Kristiansand. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1938 Scout district camp at Strandebarm

The 1938 camp of Bergen District of the Norwegian Boy Scout Association was held at Bru, Strandebarm, near the picturesque Hardanger fjord. **538 Boy Scouts participated**, including representatives from Denmark and England. The temporary rural post office which operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-008) from 27 June to 7 July.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT

Hardanger viewcard,
written by Boy Scout in
camp and sent to Bergen.
Postmarked (N-008)
"STRANDEBARM-
LEIREN 1938 30 6 38".
15 øre for domestic
postcards 1.2.1921-
1.6.1952.



INWARD LETTER



Cover sent from rural post office "SKIFTESVIK" (postmark with crown and posthorn), inwards to the camp. Receiving postmark (N-008) "STRANDEBARMLEIREN 1938 -1 7 38". 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1938 Girl Guide organisations

YWCA Guiding in Norway started 1920. Troops not affiliated to the YWCA concluded they wanted a new organization, more in line with Baden-Powell's scheme. Norwegian Girl Guide Association was then formed 1922. The two Girl Guide associations were recognized internationally through the umbrella organization "Co-operation Committee of Girl Guides in Norway" which was formed 1928.

Right: Cover from Norwegian Girl Guide Association, post-marked "OSLO 27 9 38" and sent to Sweden. 20 øre for letters to 20g to Nordic countries from 1.7.1920 to 1.10.1946.



Below: Cover from the Girl Guide umbrella organisation, sent from "OSLO 23 7 38" to Helgen. 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.



1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1938 Scandinavian Guide leader camp, 1939 Guide district camp

1938 leader training camp for 400 Girl Guide leaders of the Scandinavian countries, arranged by Norwegian Girl Guide Association at Gvarv, Telemark. Mail was handled by the Gvarv p.o.

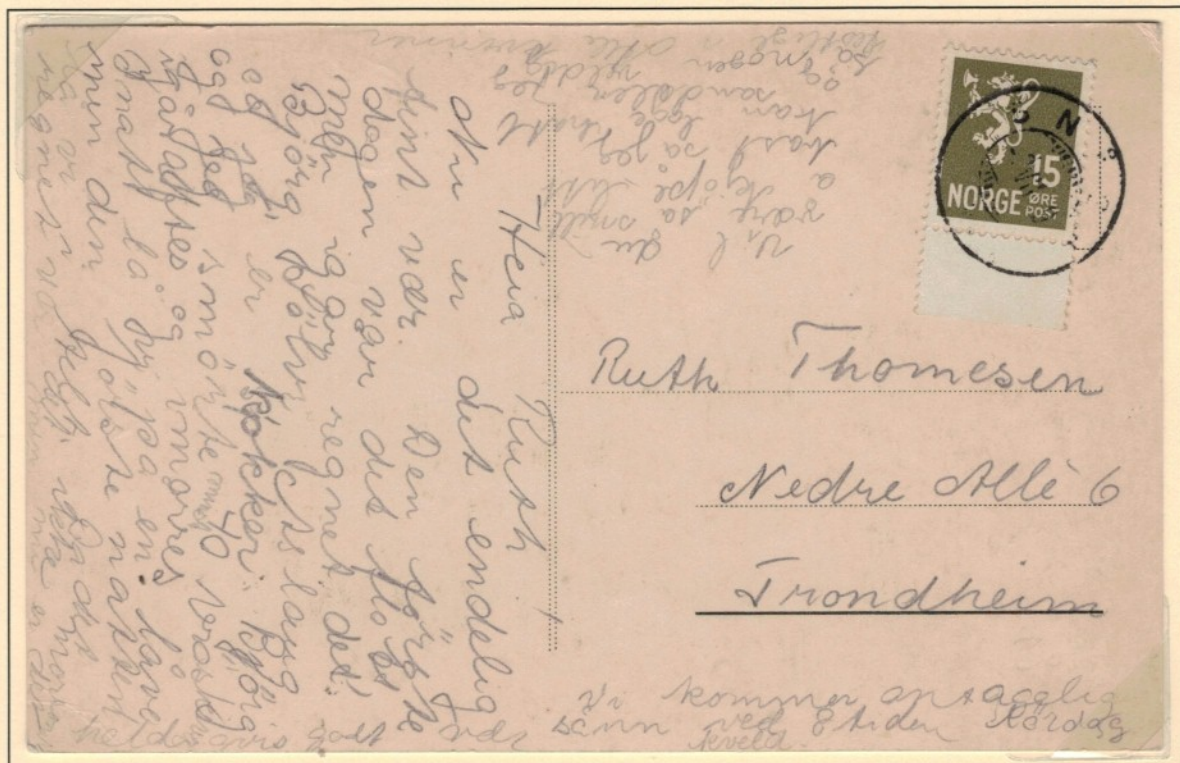
POSTCARD FROM PARTICIPANT IN LEADER CAMP



Girl Guide postcard (drawing by Aase Stig), written by one of the 70 Swedish participants and sent to Stockholm. Postmarked "GVARV 15 7 38". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

The Nord-Trøndelag and Trondheim districts of the Norwegian Girl Guide Association held their 1939 summer camp near Snåsa. The camp post office did not have its own postmark, and mail was handled at the Snåsa post office.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT

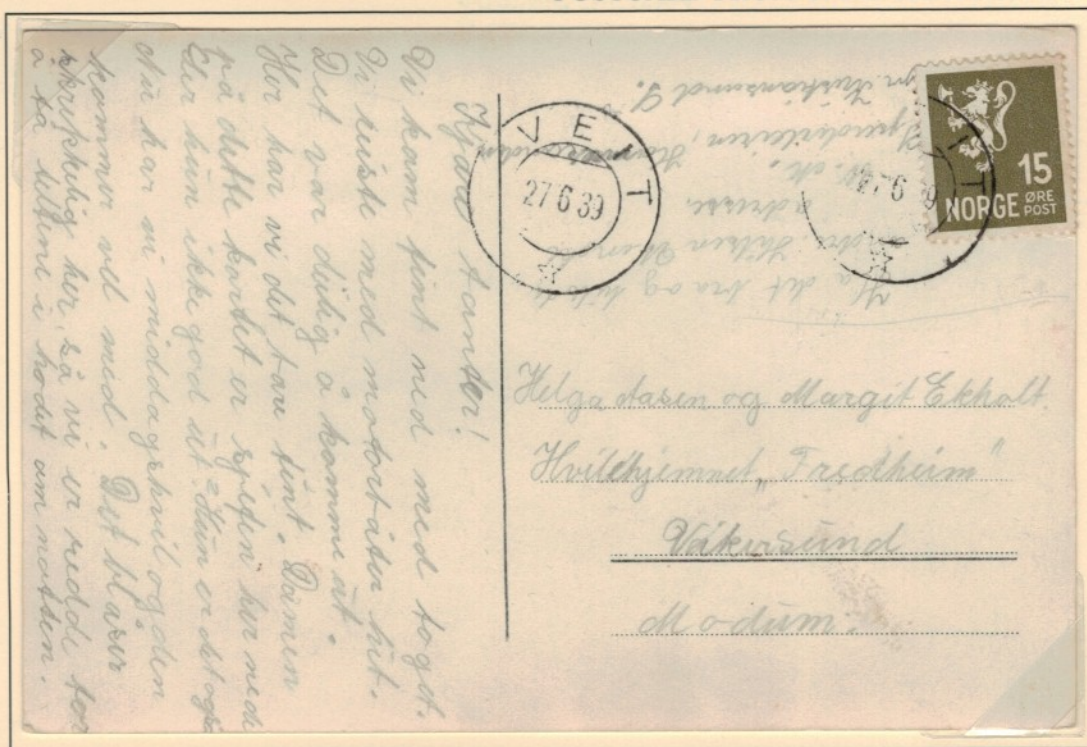


Girl Guide postcard (drawing by Aase Stig), written by camp participant and sent to Trondheim. Postmarked "SNÅSA -3 VII 39". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1939 YWCA Guide leader training and conference

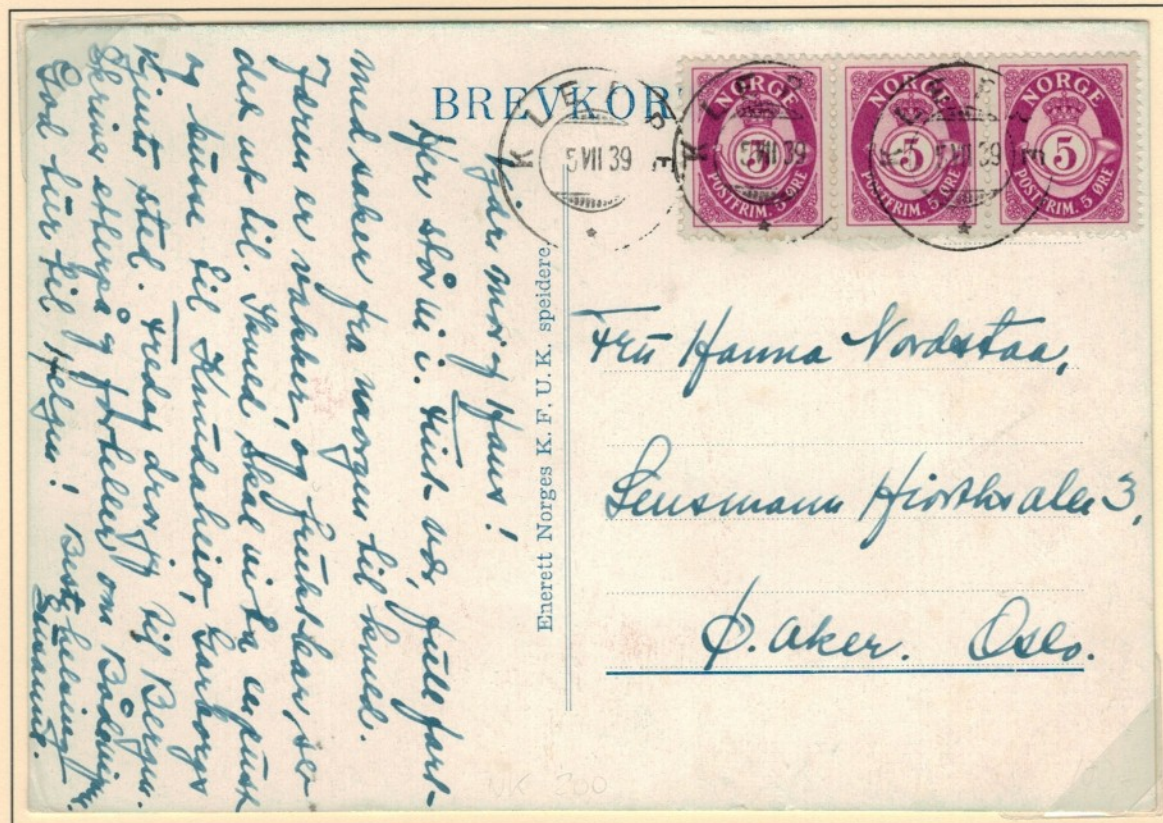
This was a training camp for patrol leaders from Southern Norway, and Ingrid Monsen was Camp Chief.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



The YWCA Girl Guides National Council gathered on Jæren Folk High School near Kleppe in early July 1939. **Approx. 70 delegates attended.** A senior Girl Guide conference followed immediately after the Council meeting.

POSTCARD FROM YWCA GUIDE DIRECTOR



YWCA Girl Guide postcard, written by Susanne Nordstaa, director for the Norwegian YWCA Girl Guides 1939-1951. Postmarked "KLEPPE 5 VII 39". 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

1939 Hungary hosting I Pax Ting – World Jamboree for girls

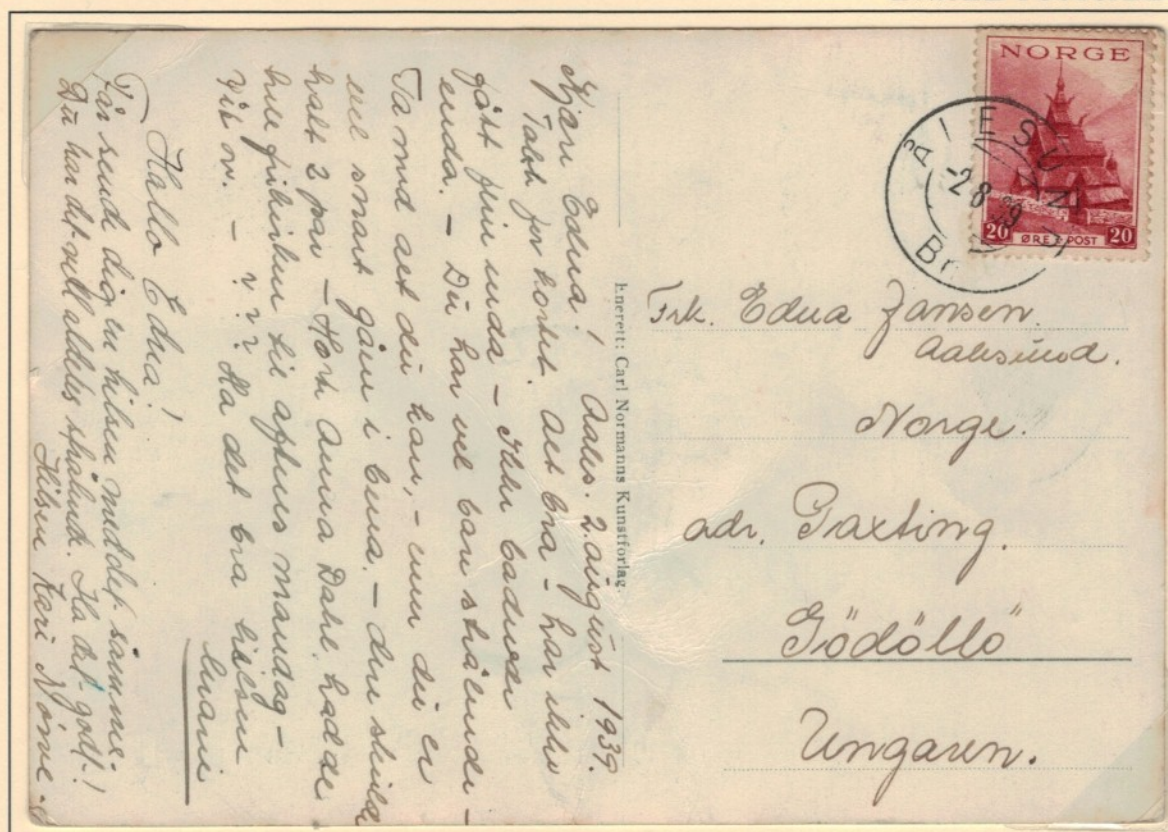
The true international aspect of the Girl Guide movement was demonstrated at the first Pax Ting (which translates to Peace Parliament) in Hungary, 1939. In a world close to outbreak of war, but inspired by hope and confidence, 5,800 girls of 32 nationalities assembled at Gödöllő near Budapest, including 157 Guides and leaders from Norway.

POSTCARD FROM PAX TING PARTICIPANT



Postcard from I Pax Ting in Hungary, 1939 sent to YWCA Guide director Susanne Nordstaa. Postmarked "I. PAX TING GÖDÖLLŐ 39 VII 29 F". 20f foreign postcard rate 1926-1941.

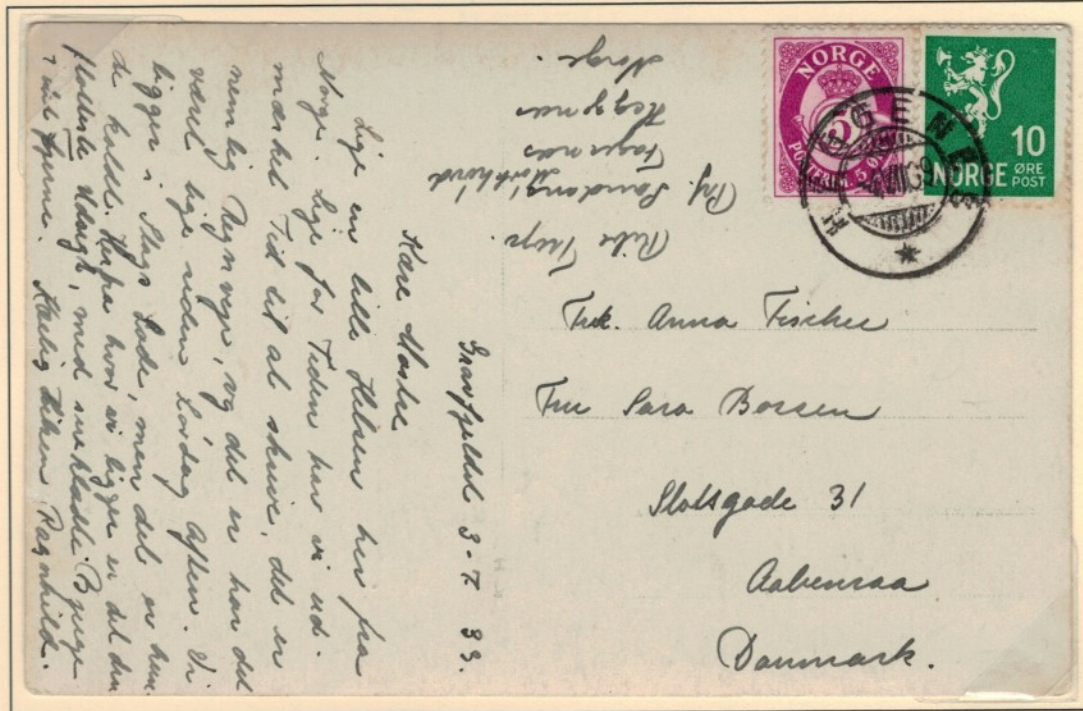
INWARD POSTCARD



Hjørund mountains viewcard from "ÅLESUND -2 8 39" to Pax Ting in Hungary. 20 ore foreign postcard rate 1.1.1927-1.10.1946.

1939 – Danish Girl Guides hiking in the Valdres area. Valdres boasts a large network of hiking trails spread throughout the region. Here they could hike the lush and water rich valleys in the south or venture towards Jotunheimen's spectacular mountain range in the north.

POSTCARD FROM DANISH GUIDE IN VALDRES



Oslo viewcard, written by Danish Girl Guide patrol leader from Gravfjelldal and sent to Aabenraa, Denmark. Postmarked "HEGGENES - 4 VII 39". 15 øre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

The Danish YWCA Girl Guides held their 1939 national camp at Hørhaven near Aarhus. 2,800 Girl Guides attended the camp, including a Norwegian contingent of 180. The special postmark (DK-005) was used 14-24 July.

LETTER FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Cover sent to Oslo, postmarked (DK-005) "AARHUS KFUK-SPEJDERNE HØRHAVEN 18.7.39". 15 øre for letters to 20g to Nordic countries 1.7.1927-1.7.1940.

1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

Scouting was banned during the second world war

The occupation of Norway by Nazi Germany started with the invasion of Norway on 9 April 1940. All forms of Scouting were banned in September 1941. The funds, equipment, banners and even uniform details were to be turned over to the authorities. Scout leaders tucked away what they could, but most of the groups lost much of their equipment and funds. After the war, Scouting was quickly taken up again.

THE 1940 NATIONAL CAMP WAS CANCELLED DUE TO OUTBREAK OF WAR

Bladet for alle
norske gutter,

Speideren

Norges beste og billigste gutter-
blad.

●
Abonner på det, og
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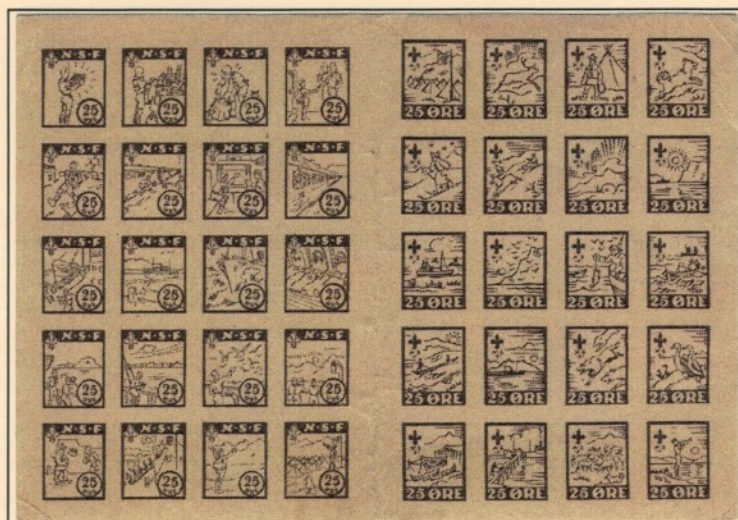
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Landsleiren 1940 – Midnattsolens leir!

NORSK SPEIDERGUTT-FORBUND

Savings booklet for the 1940 national camp – the Camp of the Midnight Sun. The camp participation fee was 18 kr. The Boy Scouts bought savings stamps at 25 øre each and collected them in these booklets. The camp fee was paid when the booklet had been filled.

Postal items related to the canceled 1940 camp are not recorded.

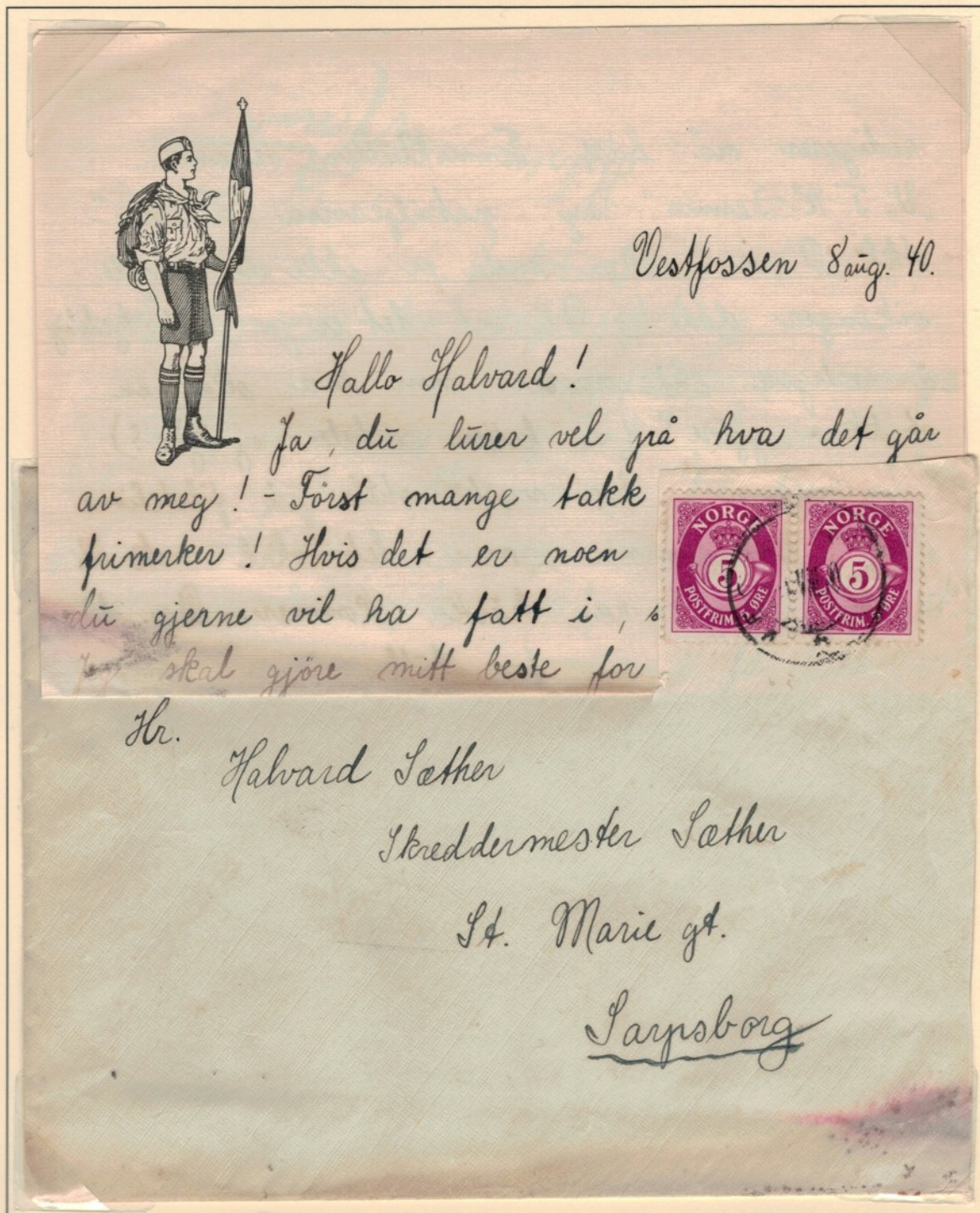


As thunderbolt war came to Norway on 9 April 1940 with the German nazi invasion. For most people it meant radical change, not least because Norway had no experience of war since 1814.

Most activities came to an abrupt halt. Scouts made an effort in terms of assistance to the civilian population, and from the Civil Air Defence came a request for assistance, including cloud warning service. Norway surrendered on 7 June when the King and government left for England to continue the struggle to again liberate the country.

Slowly, Scouting picked up again during the summer and fall. Chief Scout Gasmann recommended in a message that caution should be shown and no provocation.

SCOUT STATIONERY LETTERSHEETS SOLD BY THE SCOUT SHOP



Scout stationery letter from "VESTFOSSEN 10 VIII 40" to Sarpsborg.
10 öre stamps are removed from the cover.

1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1940-1941 Scouting activities are slowly picking up again



Cover from the Norwegian Scout Association Headquarters, postmarked "OSLO HOMANSBY 23 X 1940" to Stavanger. 15 øre domestic postcard rate 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.



Cover from Speiderdepotet (Scout Shop), postmarked "OSLO BR II 24 1 41" to a Scout Troop in Stavanger. 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1941 Scouting continues despite difficulties due to the war

1941, the Chief Guide sends New Year greetings to one of her District Leaders.
Gunvor Maalstad was Chief Guide for the Norwegian Girl Guides Association
1935-1948. Magnhild Styhr was District Leader for Sørlandet District 1939-1940.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM THE CHIEF GUIDE



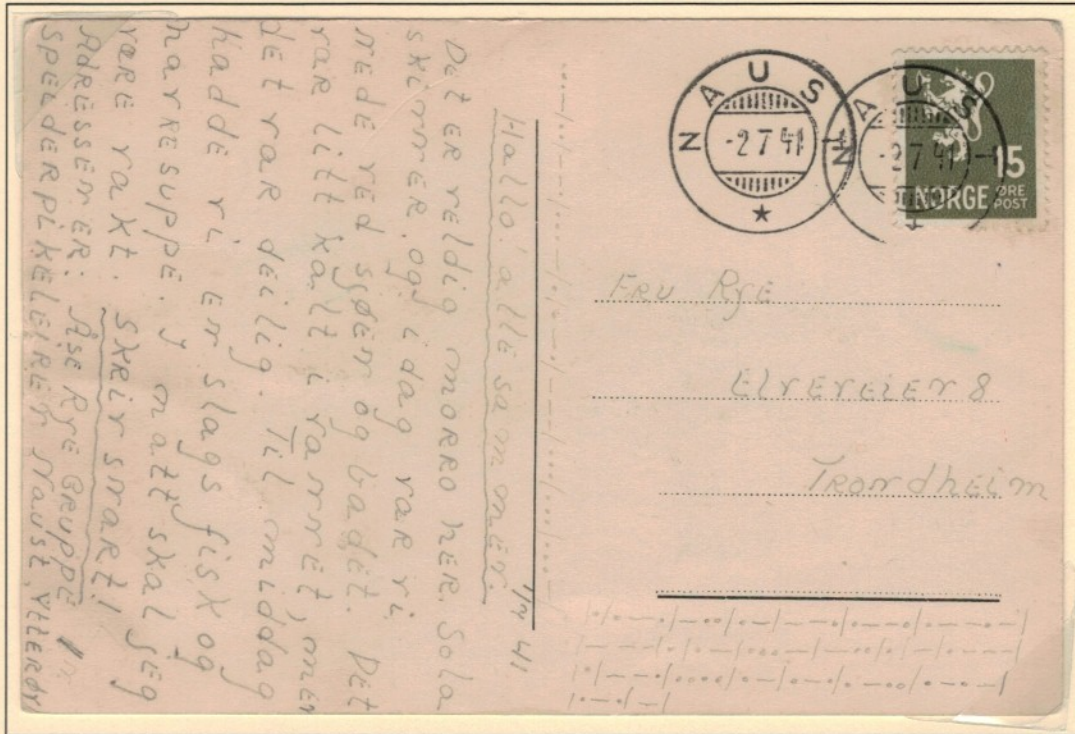
Girl Guide postcard written and sent by Dagmar Maalstad, Chief Guide, from "HOP -8141" to mother and daughter Magnhild Styhr in Kristiansand, the mother was District Leader for Sørlandet District and the daughter was also active as a Guide Leader. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

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1941 Scouting continues despite difficulties due to the war

1941, the Trondhjem and Trøndelag districts of the Norwegian Girl Guide Association held a joint camp at Naust on the Ytterøy island in the Trondheims fjord. This was one of the few larger camps that it was possible to carry out in 1941. The camp motto was "Hold on tight, hold together, hold out".

GUIDE CAMP IN THE TRONDHEIM AREA



NSPF Girl Guide postcard, written by girl in camp and sent to Trondheim. The morse message does not make sense, so is either in code or it is a bluff! Postmarked "NAUST -2 7 41". 15 øre domestic postcard rate 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

In 1941, 2,100 YMCA Boy Scouts were gathered for the Swedish national camp at Olofsborg, Västergötland. Even in neutral Sweden, strict rationing due to the war affected the supplies to the camp. The special postmark (S-007) was used 5-17 July.

EVEN IN NEUTRAL SWEDEN, THE WAR AFFECTS SUPPLIES TO THE CAMP



Cover to Oslo, postmarked (S-007) "OLOFSBORGSLÄGRET 14. 7. 41". German censorship in Oslo, opened and re-sealed on reverse. 15 øre for letters to 20g to Nordic countries 1.8.1924-1.4.1942.

1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1941 the Chief Scout encourages to make the best of the situation

Following the German invasion, all forms of corporate activity, Scouting included, ceased, but the Scouts remained and soon activities picked up again. The Scouts were heartened by a letter sent to them by the Chief Scout of Norway "*Now that the war is here it is no use asking why and for how long. What counts is to make the best of conditions as they are.*". Two months after the invasion many Troops were able to organize summer camps as replacement for the national camp which had been cancelled, and in 1941, even a few district camps were held.

This situation would not last, for Quisling and his followers had founded a youth organisation which they intended would swallow up the Scout Movement. By autumn 1941, it was obvious that persuasion would yield no result and Scouting was suppressed.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT



Letter from the Chief Scout of Norway, postmarked "OSLO 28 8 41" and sent to Bodö.

The 1927 "Be Prepared" Scout Label is affixed to front of the cover - let this be a symbol of the virtues of Scouting. The Nazi authorities banned Scouting less than a month after this letter was sent. 20 øre postage for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

H. MÖLLER GASMANN
SPEIDERHEIMEN, TYRIHANSVN. 37

Facsimile from reverse of cover.

Hans Möller Gasmann, born 1872, was Chief Scout of Norway 1920-1945, and honorary Chief Scout from 1945 until his death in 1961.

Proclamation.

"According to decree of 11 and 12 September this year, the Norwegian Boy Scout Association, the Norwegian Girl Guide Association, the Salvation Army's Life-saving Scouts (divisions for boys and girls), and the Norwegian YWCA Girl Guides are dissolved. All properties shall be handed over to the appointed representative, captain Björn Falchenberg, Stortingsgaten 12, III, Oslo."



Cover sent locally in Trondheim, postmarked "TRONDHEIM 23 9 41", with the sad information (see next page) to Girl Guides regarding the dissolvment of the Scout units. 10 øre postage rate for local letters 1.7.1927-1.10.1946; one 5 øre postage stamp removed.

All the Scouting equipment had to be deposited, and Scouting activities were banned. Funds and properties were confiscated and liquidated.

Luckily, quite some local equipment was successfully hidden away. Many Scouts held concealed meetings, some joined the Home Front resistance movement, others fled to Sweden and England, and it cannot be denied that some joined the Nazi youth organization.

Björn Falchenberg who is mentioned in the decree had been employed as travelling secretary for the Boy Scout Association, but the Association withdrew this position due to strained economy. He was dismissed and left the Association from September 30, 1940.

Mr. Falchenberg had been active in the Nazi party and other Nazi organisations since 1936. When the ban came in 1941, he unfortunately had detailed knowledge of the assets of the various Scout units.

He was sentenced to eight years in prison after the war.



The Aftenposten newspaper reported the ban on Scouting on Friday September 12, 1941. Facsimile.

Trondheim, den 19. september 1941.

Kjære dere.

Jeg har mottatt en skrivelse fra vår tidligere kretsjeff hvor hun gjengir et slikt et brev som hun har mottatt fra de tyske myndigheter. Brevet lyder: *vår landsjeff.*

Til Norsk Speiderpikeforbund
ved fru Maalstad,
Bergen.
Angår Norsk Speiderpikeforbund.

Norsk speiderpikeforbund blir betraktet som politisk organisasjon ifølge § 1, avsn. 1 i forordning av 25/9 40 om forbud mot politiske partier. Forbudet kommer derfor inn under nevnte forordnings bestemmelse og er derfor med øyeblikkelig virkning oppløst. Formuen blir beslaglagt og likvidert, og formuen overlevert tillidsmann herr Bjørn Fachsenberg, bosatt i Oslo. Alle utrustningsgjenstander for medlemmer i Norsk Speiderpikeforbund, uniformer merker, faner, vimpler etc.-skal øyeblikkelig avleveres til tillidsmannen.

Jeg peker særlig på følgene i § 41 forordning om forbud mot politiske partier i Norge.

Der Befehlshaber Der Sicherheitz-
polizei und des SD in Oslo 11.9.41.

På forespørsel har sikkerhetspolitiet opplyst at § 4 inneholder bestemmelser om strenge straffer for den som ikke etterkommer ordren.

Jeg ber dere derfor oppbevare uniformer, merker o.l. til dere hører nærmere fra meg. Da vår kretsjeff her ikke har fått noen beskjed om at dette skal innleveres, men at vi må være forberedt på det. Alt arbeid i patruljen og turer må innstilles da dette er forbudt og vår kretsjeff er ansvarlig for at dette blir overholdt. Så vil jeg takke dere alle for godt kamratskap, vennlighet og tillit og for alle de gode minner som ingen kan ta fra oss. Jeg ønsker dere allt godt i fremtiden og vet at dere vil ta situasjonen på en verdig måte.

Hjertelig hilsen ~~hørs~~

*Du kunde kanskje ta
de andre i din pat.
lue dette? Med hensyn til flagget så har vi lov
å beholde det, men du kan ta av alle merker.*

1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1941 Scouting is banned

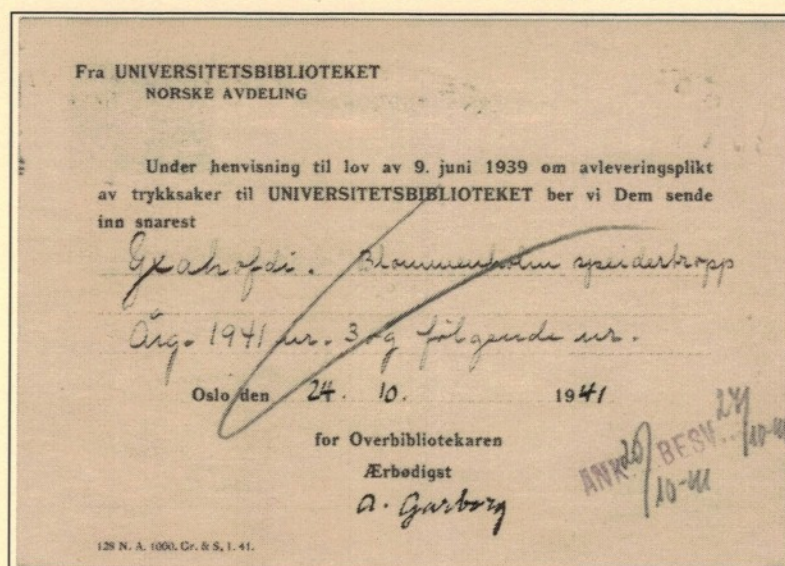
This letter is the content of the cover on previous page. It refers to a letter from the German Security Police in Oslo regarding dissolvment of the Norwegian Girl Guide Association.

The University Library in Oslo, established in 1811, has taken care of national library functions since the compulsory legal deposit requirement came in 1815. In 1883, the Norwegian department at the University was established as a result of the Norwegian Legal Deposit Act of 1882, revised in 1939.

REQUIREMENT TO DEPOSIT SCOUT JOURNAL



Official service postal card from the Oslo University Library, postmarked "OSLO 24 10 41" to the printers Forstadspostens trykkeri in Oslo. 10 øre for local postcards 1.2.1921-1.10.1946.



Facsimile (reduced) of reverse of card.

The printers of Blommenholm Scout Troop's journal *Yxahofdi* are reminded to submit as soon as possible issues 1941 No. 3 etc. of the journal. It is signed A. Garborg – son of famous Norwegian writer Arne Garborg. *Yxahofdi* (Ox Head) is the 14th-16th century name of a local Blommenholm farm. The name was changed to Blommenholm around 1800.

Note his request is dated after the ban and dissolution of Scouting, and it is thus unlikely that the request was fulfilled – at least there were no further Scout journals issued after September 1941.

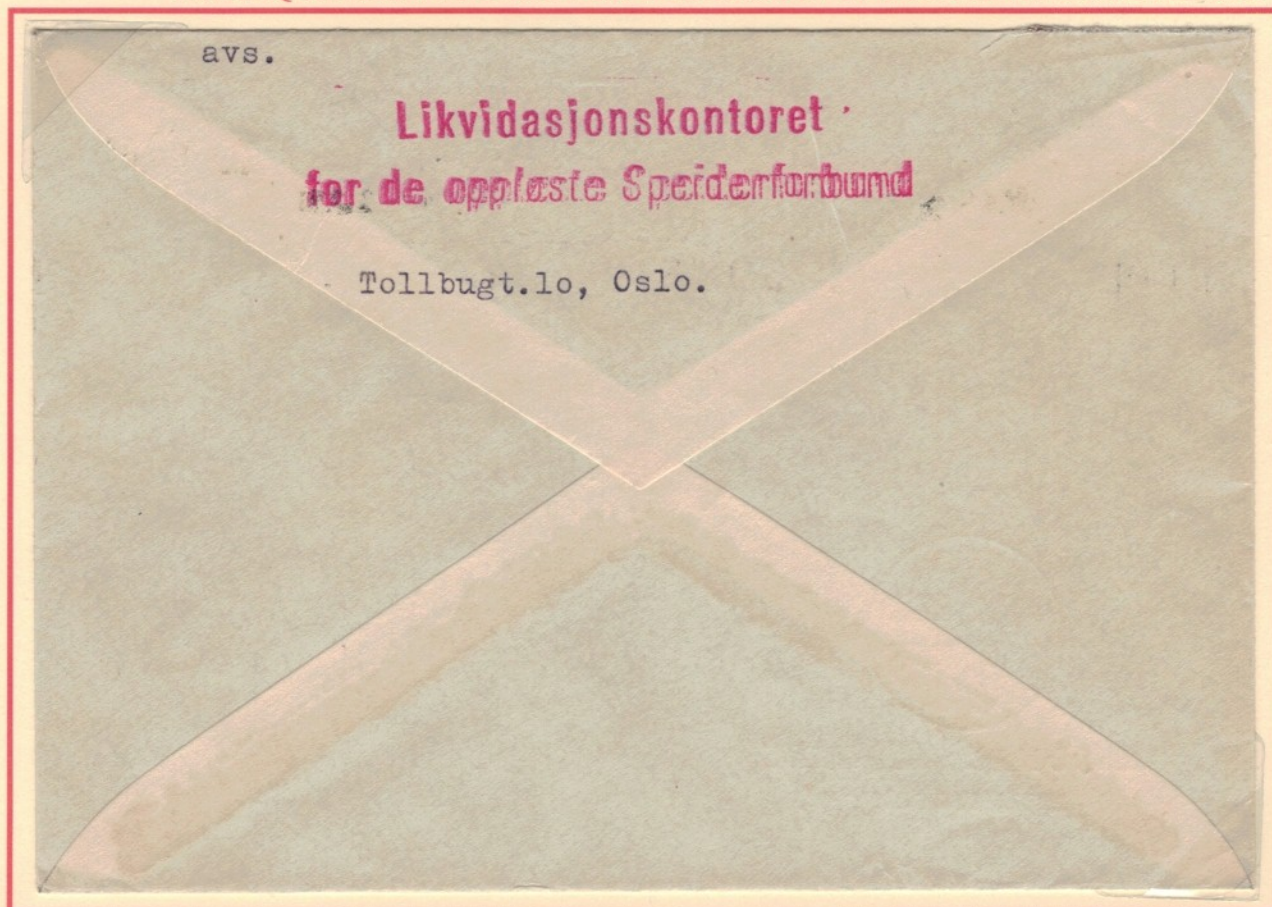
1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1943 Scout properties are confiscated and liquidated

The Nazis dissolved the Scouting associations and took over all their properties and belongings.

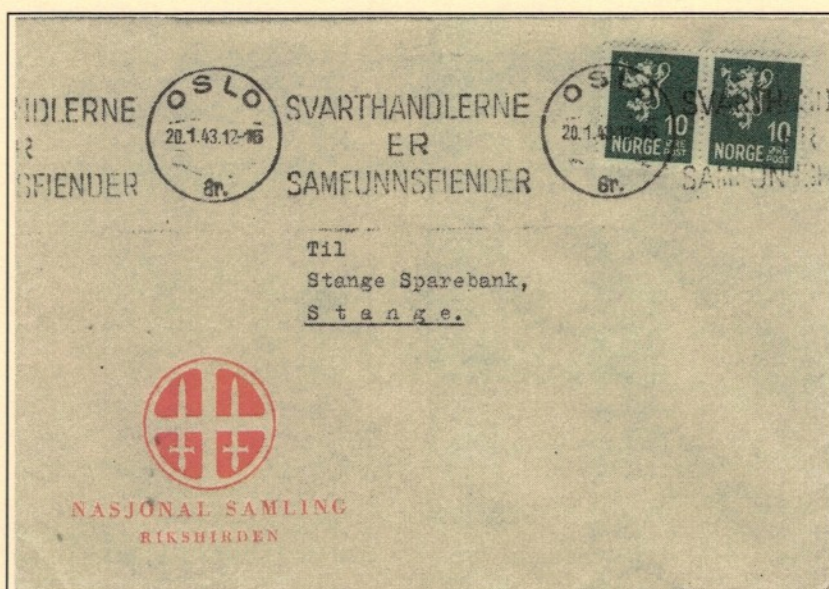
At the same time, the Nazi intention was that the Unghirden youth organisation (young storm troopers) would be the only route to official positions and the only lawful meeting places for youth. It was never a success.

THE LIQUIDATION OFFICE FOR THE DISSOLVED SCOUTING ASSOCIATIONS



Cover postmarked Oslo 20.1.43, sent from "Likvidasjonskontoret for de oppløste Speiderforbund" (The Liquidation Office for the Dissolved Scouting Associations) to Stange Savings Bank. 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

One can only guess that the letter content was about bank accounts belonging to a Scout unit and the funds being confiscated by the Nazis.



1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1943 Norwegian Boy Scout Association in Great Britain

Throughout the war years a number of Norwegians fled the Nazi regime, mostly across the border to Sweden. Many refugees were men of military age wishing to join the Norwegian armed forces abroad. Before the German invasion of Russia a number of them managed to make their way out of Sweden and travel over Russian territory to England.

Quite a few of these had a background in Scouting, and wanted to continue the Scout work in exile. In August 1941 the Norwegian Scout Club in Great Britain was formed, affiliated to the Norwegian Boy Scout Association, with Victor Carlsen as chairman. He had been involved with the armed resistance in Norway 1940, and came to England fall 1940.

COVER FROM THE NORWEGIAN BSA HQ IN G.B. TO ITS CHAIRMAN

When the news of the abolishment of Scouting in Norway reached England, colonel J. S. Wilson, who also was director for the International Bureau, summoned chairman Victor Carlsen and appointed him Chief Scout of Norway and authorised him to act on behalf of the Association.

Thus, the Norwegian Boy Scouts Association operated continuously throughout the war. Mr. Carlsen was former District Chief Scout for Vesterlen district, and he became a director for the Norwegian Boy Scouts Association 1945-1948.



Specially printed envelope from the "Norwegian Boy Scouts Association in Great Britain" (also cachet in Norwegian "NORSK SPEIDERGUTT FORBUND I STORBRITANNIA"), sent to Chief Scout of Norway, Victor Carlsen.

Postmarked "NORSK SKIPSPOST HANDELSFLÅTEN 3 MAR 1943 82". Postmark #82 was used by the vessel SS "Erica" in the Norwegian merchant fleet. Set of six postage stamps issued by the Norwegian government in exile in London, for publicity and as tribute to the Norwegians who made an effort for the country abroad or at home. It was common that letters, regardless of rates, were franked with the full set.

Facsimile (reduced) of cover front.



1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1945 the scout-like YMCA Triangle Boys became YMCA Scouts

YMCA in Norway started a Scout-like branch in 1932, called the Triangle Boys. While regular Scouting was banned by the nazi authorities from 1941, entities that belonged to an organization like the YWCA could continue to operate. The scout-like Triangle Boys became very popular during the war, and the YMCA formed their own Scout association in 1945.

THE YMCA TRIANGLE BOYS BECAME VERY POPULAR



YWCA Triangle Boys postcard, from "BRYNE 16 VII 45" to Oslo. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.



Triangle Boys cover, "BERGENSBANEN L 14 VIII 45" to Vettre. 20 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

1940-1945: War and oppression; keeping the spirit alive

1945 YMCA Scouting begins

The Y.M.C.A. formed their own Scout association from 28 June 1945, based on the Triangle Boys organisation.
The Norwegian YMCA Scout corps joined the Norwegian Boy Scout Association as a branch in 1947.

THE NORWEGIAN YMCA SCOUT CORPS WAS FORMED 1945

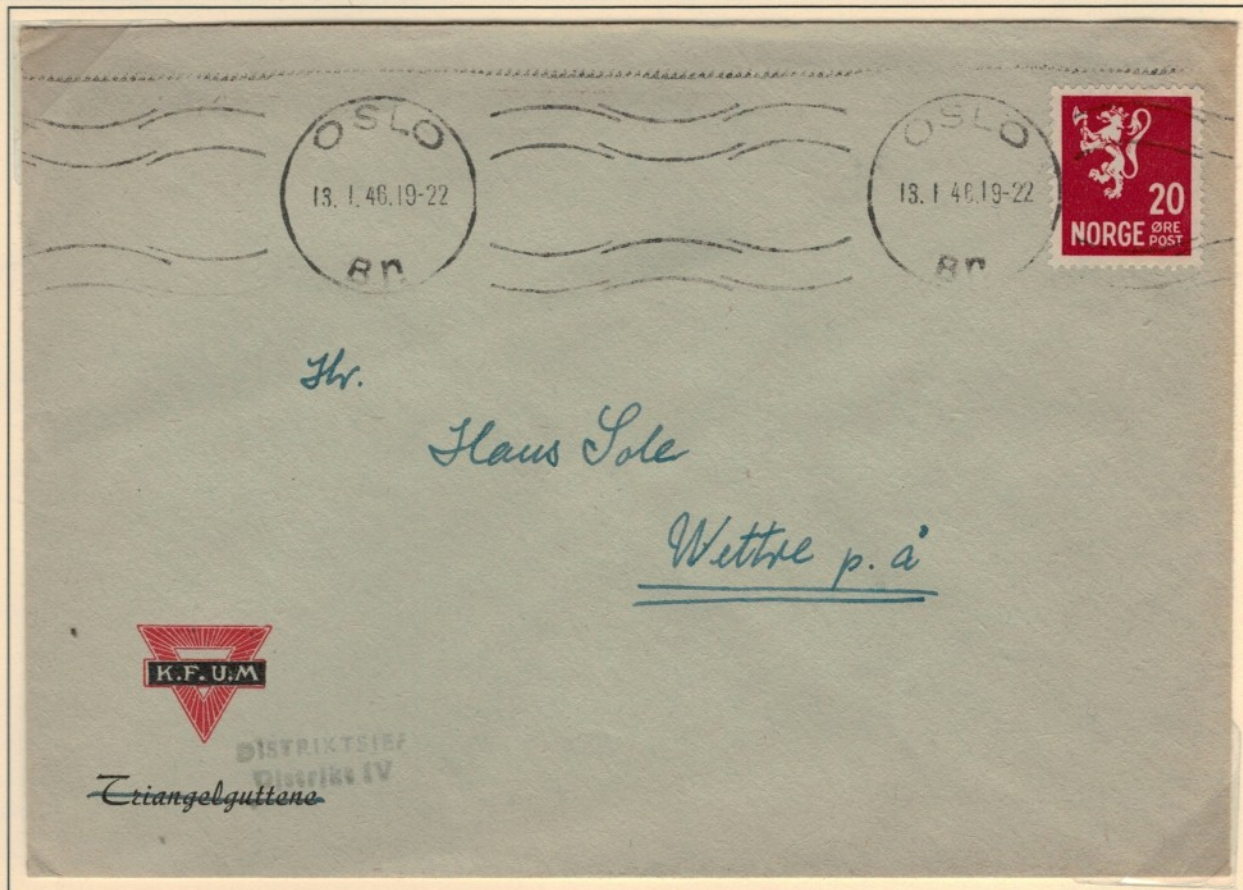


YMCA Scout cover from "LILLESTRØM 19.12.45", sendt locally.

10 øre overpaid for the 20 øre rate for domestic letters 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.

YMCA Triangelguttene cover from "OSLO 13.1.46" to Vetre. Note "Triangelguttene" is crossed over.

20 øre rate for domestic letters 1.1.1921-1.10.1946.



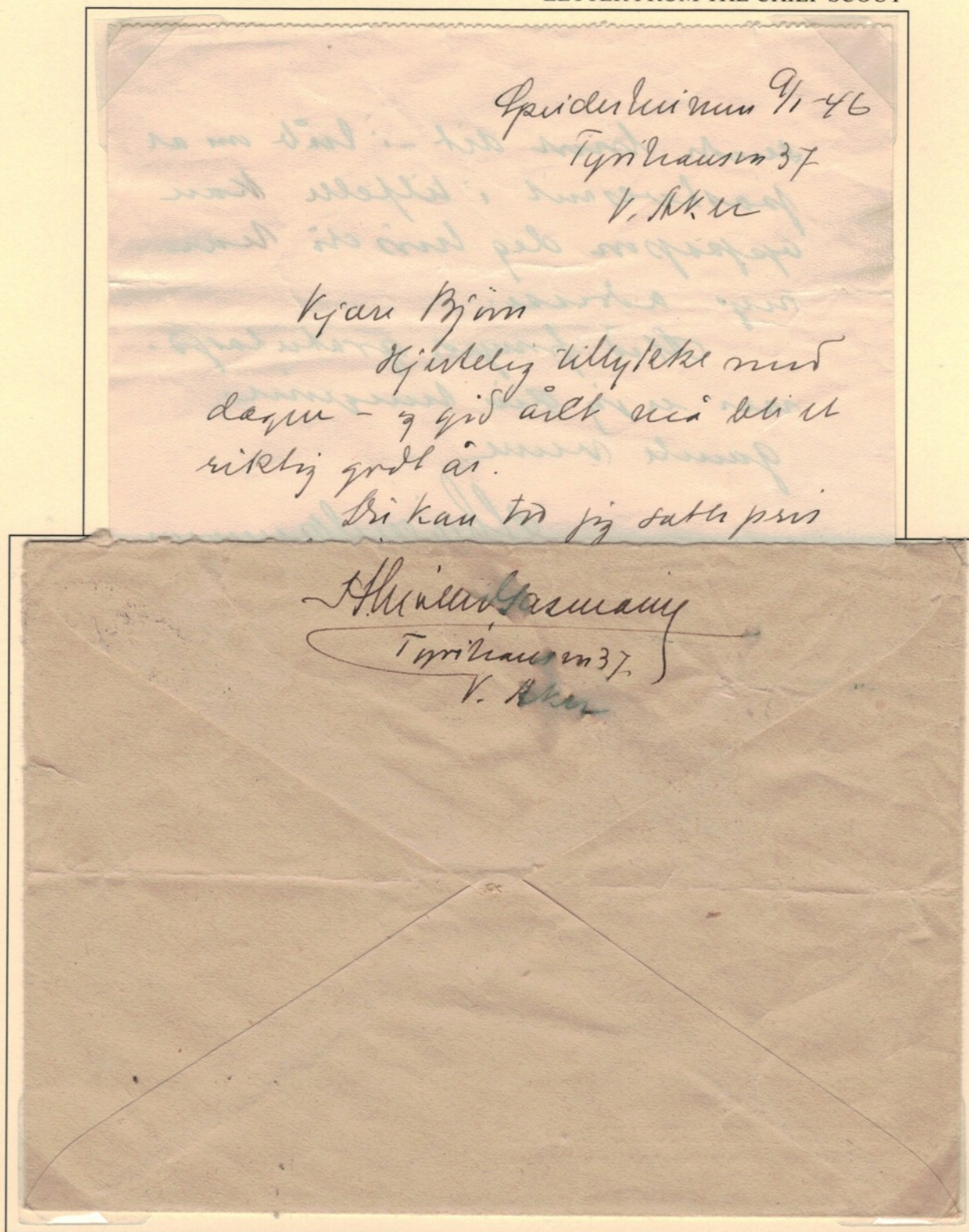
1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

Scouting starts again after the war on a wave of excitement

Scouting started again after the war on a wave of excitement. Boys and girls lined up to become Scouts and Guides. The total membership peaked above 55,000, and this level was maintained for the next 25 years.

Hans Möller Gasmann, born 1872, was Chief Scout of Norway 1920-1945, and honorary Chief Scout from 1945 until his death in 1961. He named his house "Speiderheimen" – the Scout Home.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT



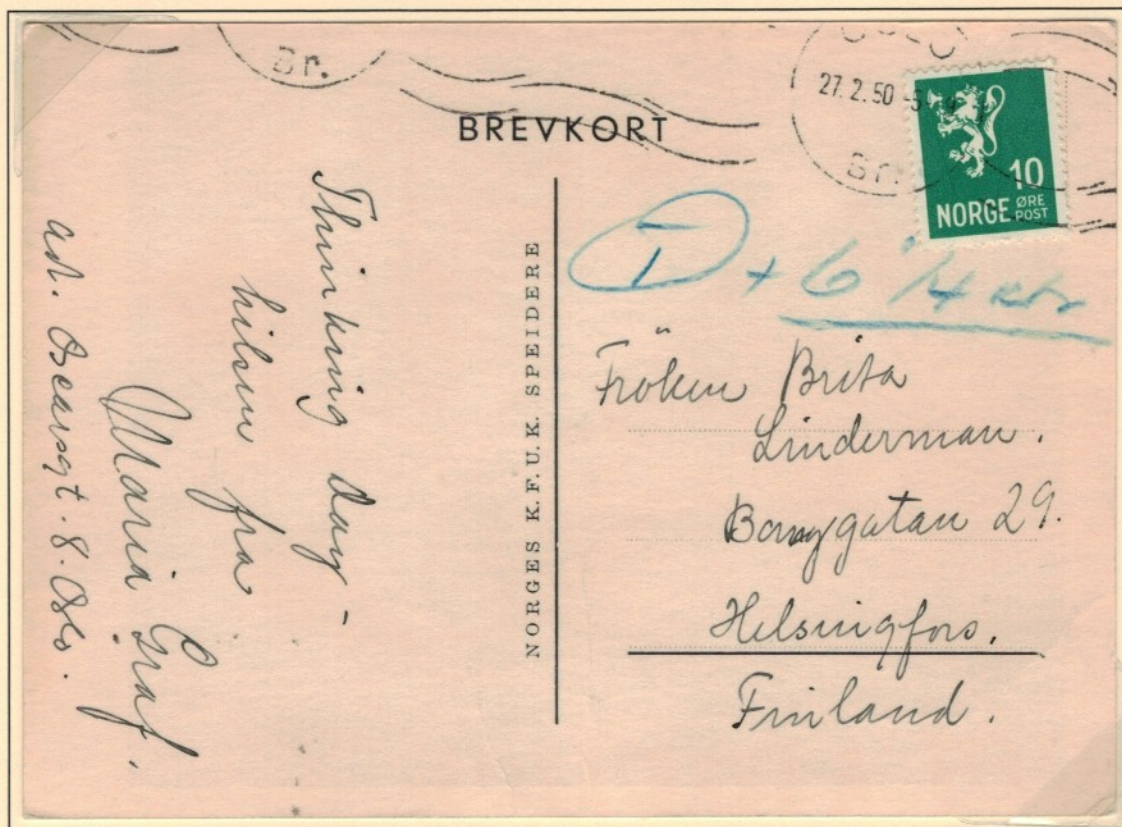
Letter written by Hans Möller Gasmann and sent to Björn Muggerud, Oslo.
The letter is dated at "Speiderheimen" – the Scout Home 9 January 1946.

22 February is the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

CARDS FROM SWEDEN 1948 AND UNDERFRANKED TO FINLAND 1950



Special Thinking Day postcard, from "JÖNKÖPING 20.2.48" (Sweden), to District Commissioner Mossa Lund, Stavanger. 10 öre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.8.1924-1.4.1948.



Thinking Day postcard from "OSLO 22.2.50" to Finland, sent by Maria Graf, YWCA Chief Guide 1957-1966. 5 øre underfranked for the 15 øre postcard rate to Nordic countries 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1946 Methodist Scout camp and Swedish national camp

National camp 2-9 July 1946 for the Methodist Church Boy Scouts on the Jeløya island in the Oslo fjord. Around 1,000 Scouts attended including guests from Denmark and Sweden.

METHODIST CHURCH SCOUTS – CAMP VIEWCARD



Photo viewcard from the opening ceremony of the 1946 national camp of the Methodist Church Boy Scouts.

In 1946, The Swedish Scout Association held their national camp on the island Gränsö in southeastern Sweden. 8,000 participants, including 700 foreign Scouts from 11 nations, made this the until then largest Scout camp in Sweden. The special postmark (S-008) was used 12-22 July.

POSTCARD FROM SWEDISH NATIONAL CAMP



Camp postcard to Oslo, postmarked (S-008) "GRÄNSÖLÄGRET 13 7 46".
10 öre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.8.1924-1.4.1948.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1946 The National Aid Lottery

The Norwegian National Aid Fund for the Victims of the War (Nasjonalhjelpen) was in operation during the war 1940–1945 and in the first post-war years, for collecting and distributing aid to war victims.

After the liberation, the National Aid set up the so-called H7 Lottery (named for HM King Haakon VII) for the benefit for distressed and war victims. Buyers of lottery tickets would submit the ticket number on a postcard franked with a semi-postal stamp for the benefit of the National Aid. The lottery was a success.

YWCA GUIDE POSTCARD TO THE NATIONAL AID LOTTERY



YWCA Guide postcard (drawing by Kirsten Thorsen) to the National Aid Lottery in Oslo, postmarked "MOSS 15 10 46".

Both cards are franked with 15 øre semi-postal stamp for the benefit of the National Aid. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

NSPF GUIDE POSTCARD TO THE NATIONAL AID LOTTERY



Postcard from the Norwegian Girl Guide Association (drawing by Karl Dahl) to the National Aid Lottery in Oslo, postmarked "BØVERBRU 19 X 46".

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1946 Guide Jubilee Camp at Inderøy

In 1946, Norwegian Girl Guide Association held the first large camp after the war, to celebrate their 25th anniversary. The jubilee camp on the Inderøy island was for 450 Guide Leaders and Ranger Guides. On the agenda was a visit to Stiklestad, famous for the 1030 battle where King Olaf "the Big" Haraldsson was killed. He was later canonized as Saint Olaf. The field post office in the camp used a special postmark (N-009) from 29 July to 5 August.

THE FIRST LARGE CAMP AFTER THE WAR, POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT

Trondheim photo
viewcard to Dröbak,
postmarked (N-009)

"N.S.P.F.

JUBILEUMSLEIR

1946 30 7 46".

The card is written by
Elisabeth "Tupsi"
Thunæs to her mother –
Tupsi was District
Commissioner for Follo
District of NSPF - the
Norwegian Girl Guide
Association.

15 øre for domestic
postcards 1.2.1921-
1.6.1952.



POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT, INCORRECT YEAR IN POSTMARK

Guide postcard sent to
Farsund, postmarked
(N-009) "N.S.P.F.
JUBILEUMSLEIR
1946 31 7 57".

**Note the year is
incorrectly set to 57 –
should have been 46.**



1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1946 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

John Giæver (1904-1970) was a pharmacist at Lena, later at Eidsvoll, Scout Troop Leader, Ombudsman for P.R. and Director for the Norwegian Boy Scout Association 1936-1958. It is understood that Mr. Giæver was responsible for the preparation and printing of postal stationery cards for Christmas and New Year greetings at least from 1946 to 1963.

1946 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



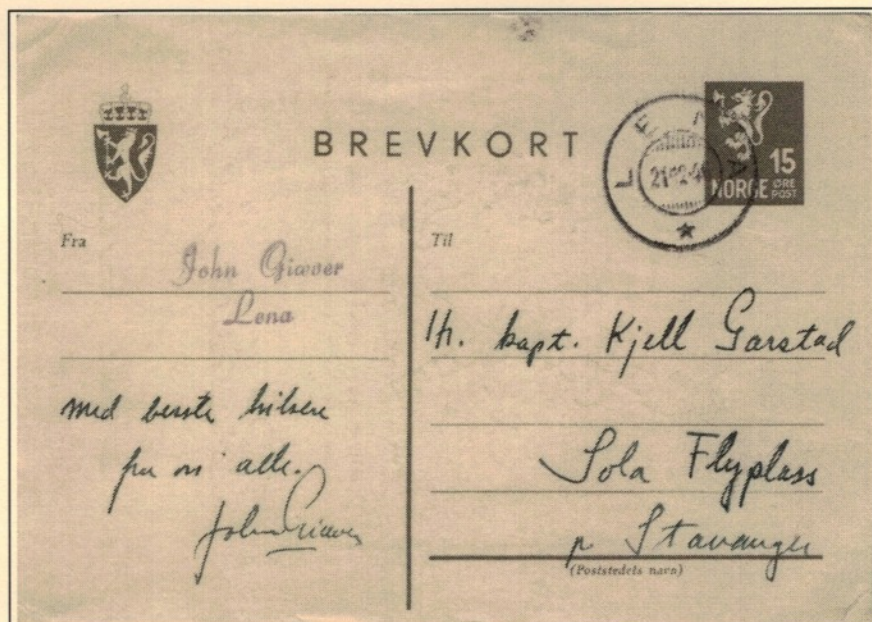
1946 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Drawing by Thor Wiborg, first time published in Speideren 1926/3.

Postal card BK 112C, printed 1945-1946, with additional private printing 1946.

Sent from "LENA 21-12-46" to Sola Flyplass.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1947 Scout District camp at Sandane

Bergen District of the Norwegian Boy Scout Association held their 1947 camp in Sandane, Nordfjord for around 1,000 Scouts. The Scouts had to endure quite a lot of rain, but Bergen is “the City of Rain”, so they managed fine. The rural post office in the camp used a special postmark (N-010) 1-8 July.

PROOF STRIKE



Above: Engraver’s proof strike of the postmark (N-010), two weeks prior to camp start.
Believed to be unique.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Right: Gloppen view-card, written by camp participant and sent to Vadheim. Postmarked “SANDANELEIREN - 4 7 47”. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.



Cover sent to Tromsø, postmarked (N-010) “SANDANELEIREN 1947 -7-7-47”.
25 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.10.1946-1.10.1951

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1947 YWCA national Guide camp at Eidskog

YWCA was the first association to hold a full national camp after WW II. The camp was located at Eidskog northeast of Oslo, and 7,000 Girl Guides participated. The field post office in the camp used a special postmark (N-011) 2-10 July.

PROOF STRIKE



Engraver Rui's proof strike of the postmark (N-011), two weeks prior to opening of camp.

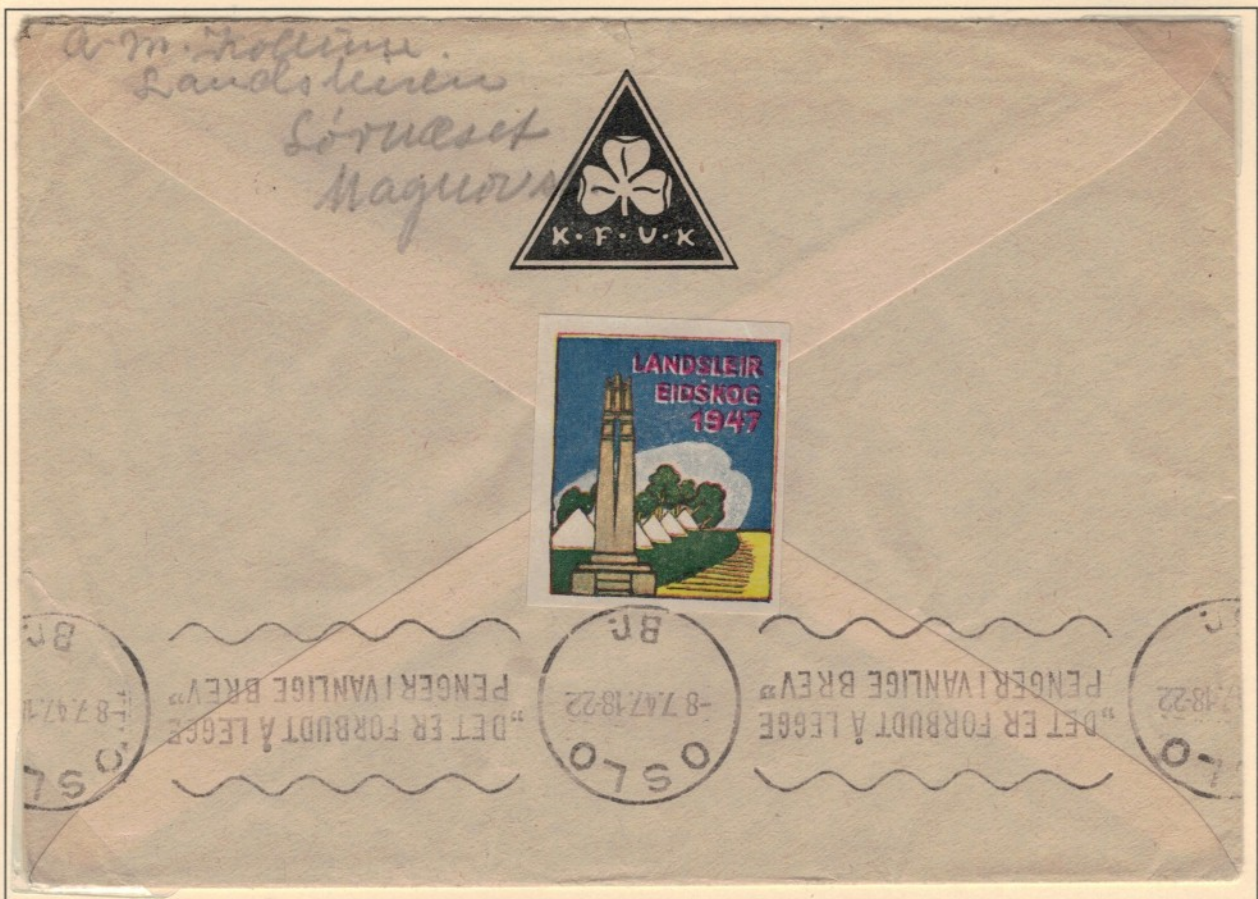
The only recorded proof strike.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP



YWCA Guide postcard to Trysil with (N-011) "K.F.U.K. SPEIDERNES LANDSLEIR 1947 10-7-47". The postcard rate was 15 öre, but postcards with not more than five words message could be sent for 10 öre printed matter rate. 5 öre underfranked for domestic printed matter to 50g 1.10.1946-30.6.1957. Postage due not annotated or collected.

COVER FROM CAMP



Cover to Jar and re-directed to Skreia. Special camp label on reverse.
Postmarked (N-011) "K.F.U.K. SPEIDERNES LANDSLEIR 1947 -6-7-47".

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TO SAILOR IN MADAGASCAR AND BACK



Cover to Oslo postmarked (N-011) "K.F.U.K. SPEIDERNES LANDSLEIR 1947 -7-7-47", domestic postage 25 øre. Add'l franking 1.35 kr and air mail label, postmarked OSLO 10 7 47, forwarded to Diego Suarez (now Antsiranana), Madagascar. Postmarked in Madagascar TANANARIVE 17 & 18 July, TAMATAVE 18 July, DIEGO SUAREZ 21 July, TAMATAVE 13 August and manuscript "retour à l'envoyer" (return to sender). Correct total 160 øre for airmail 5-10g 30.6.1945-1.2.1948.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1947 France hosting the 6th World Scout Jamboree – The Jamboree of Peace

The 6th World Scout Jamboree was held at Moisson France in 1947. 24,152 Scouts from 40 countries were present, of these 150 from Norway. Following the devastation of World War II, this event was aptly named the Jamboree of Peace.

LETTER TO SEA SCOUT PARTICIPANT



Letter written by a Norwegian Girl Scout to participant in the Danish Jamboree Contingent, from "SKIEN 28-7-47". Manuscript "Camp Marin", this was the subcamp for the Sea Scouts. 40 øre for foreign letters to 20g 1.10.1946-15.11.1949.

AIR MAIL LETTER WITH NEWS FROM THE JAMBOREE



Airmail letter sent to newspaper in Stavanger, Norway.

Machine cancel and hand cancel (both were used 2-18 Aug. 1947)

"JAMBOREE
DE LA PAIX 11 VIII
1947".

The news article from the Jamboree was printed in the newspaper Friday Aug. 15, 1947.

15c correct postage:
10F foreign letter, 5c/5g
airmail supplement to
Europe 18.3.1946-
16.2.1948.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1947 National Scout camp in Finland, 1948 YWCA Guide Shop

POSTCARD FROM ONE OF THE 20 NORWEGIAN SCOUTS

The 30th anniversary of
Finlands Svenska
Scoutförbund (Swedish
speaking Scouts in
Finland) was marked by
a jubilee camp at
Westend 18-28 July,
1947. 20 Scouts from
Tromsø and Harstad in
Norway participated.

Camp postcard written
by Scout in camp and
sent to Nesna, Norway.
Postmarked (FIN-004)
"SCOUTLÄGRET
WESTEND 1947" and
"HELSINKI HEL-
SINGFORS 26-7-47".

6 mk postcard rate to
Nordic countries plus
2 mk airmail fee
1.1.1947-31.12.1947.



Speiderpikenes Utsalg, the shop operated by the Norwegian YWCA Girl Guides, is mentioned
from 1922 onwards as "the Depot", soon renamed "Speiderpikenes Utsalg" and later "Sporty".

YWCA GUIDE SHOP POSTCARD



Postal card from the Guide shop Speiderpikens Utsalg. Postmarked "OSLO Br. 24.2.48"
and sent locally. 15 øre domestic postcard rate 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

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1947 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



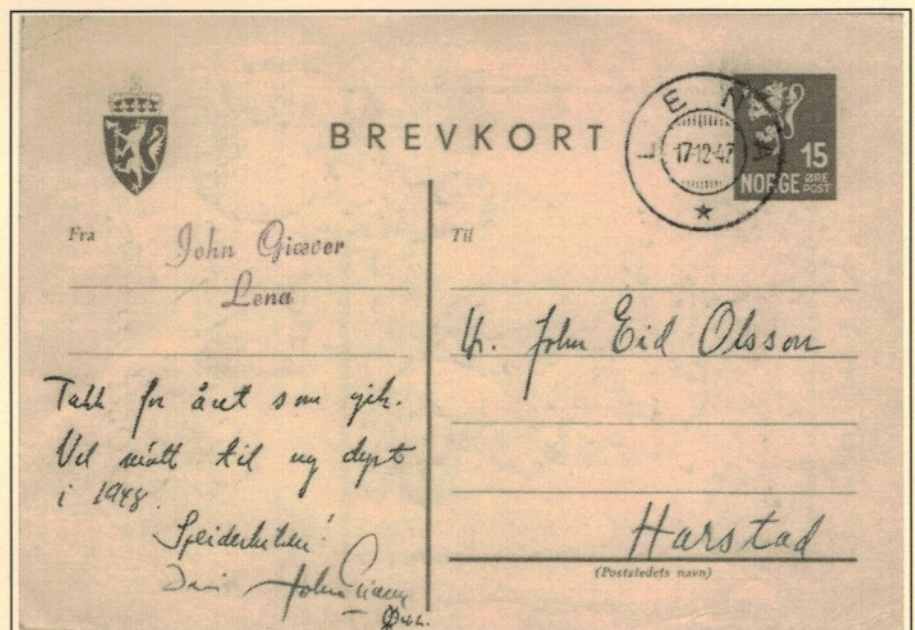
1947 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Drawing by Thor Wiborg, first time published in Speideren 1936/8.

Postal card BK 112C, printed 1945-1947, with additional private printing 1947.

From "LENA 17 12 47" to Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1948 National Scout camp at Mandal – the camp was named the Scout Town

Scouting saw a boost in membership numbers after WW II, and with its 12,000 participants the 1948 camp of the Norwegian Boy Scout Association was the largest Scout camp in Norway prior to Nordjamb in 1975. The camp was called “Speiderbyen” (The Scout Town). The field post office in the camp used a special hand cancel (N-012) 2-12 July and for the first time a machine cancel with camp slogan (N-013) 3-12 July. In addition the field post office also was equipped with an official signet or seal; use of this is not recorded.

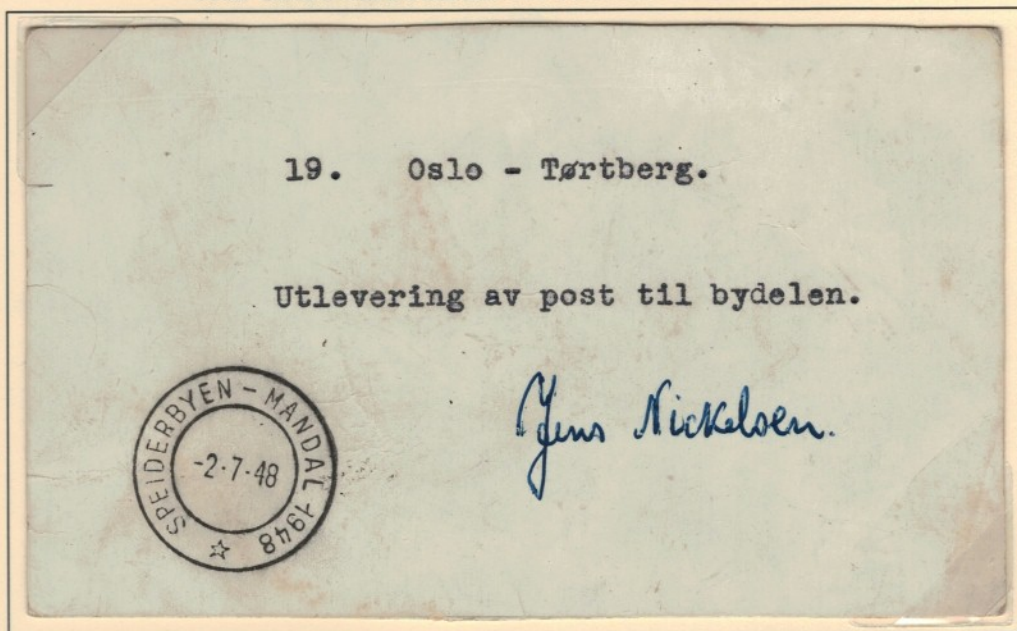
PROOF STRIKE



Engraver's proof strike of the handstamp (N-012), two weeks prior to camp start.

Believed to be unique.

THE ONLY RECORDED AUTHORISATION TO COLLECT MAIL



Authorisation for Scout Einar Arnulf to collect mail for Scouts in subcamp Oslo-Tørtberg, signed by subcamp postmaster Jens Nickelsen. Postmarked (N-012) “SPEIDERBYEN - MANDAL 1948 -2-7-48”.

ONLY FOUR REGISTERED ITEMS ARE RECORDED



Registered printed matter to Sweden. Blank registration label. Postmarked (N-012) “SPEIDERBYEN - MANDAL 1948 -7-7-48”. 13 øre additional postage on reverse, total 55 øre, composed by: 10 øre printed matter to 50g, 30 øre registration fee, 15 øre airmail fee to 20g. Airmail crossed over.

Only four registered items are recorded, and the highest R-number is 00021.

CERTIF. FOR PARCEL



Certificate for posting a parcel. Postmarked (N-012) “SPEIDERBYEN – MANDAL 1948 10-7-48”.

The only recorded.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights
1948 National Scout camp at Mandal – the camp was named the Scout Town

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT

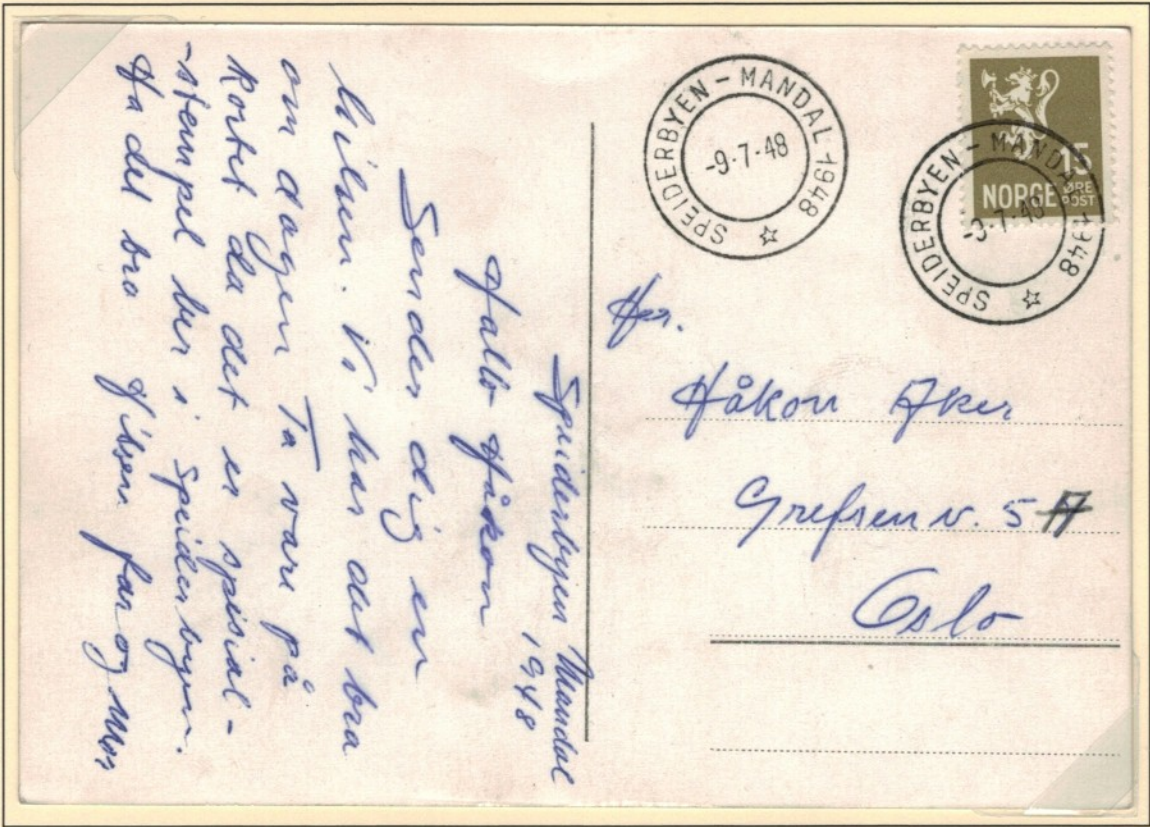


Photo viewcard of the camp, sent to Oslo. Postmarked (N-012) “SPEIDERBYEN - MANDAL 1948 -9-7-48”.
15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

CAMP LABELS



Camp labels – Spiderbyen Mandal

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

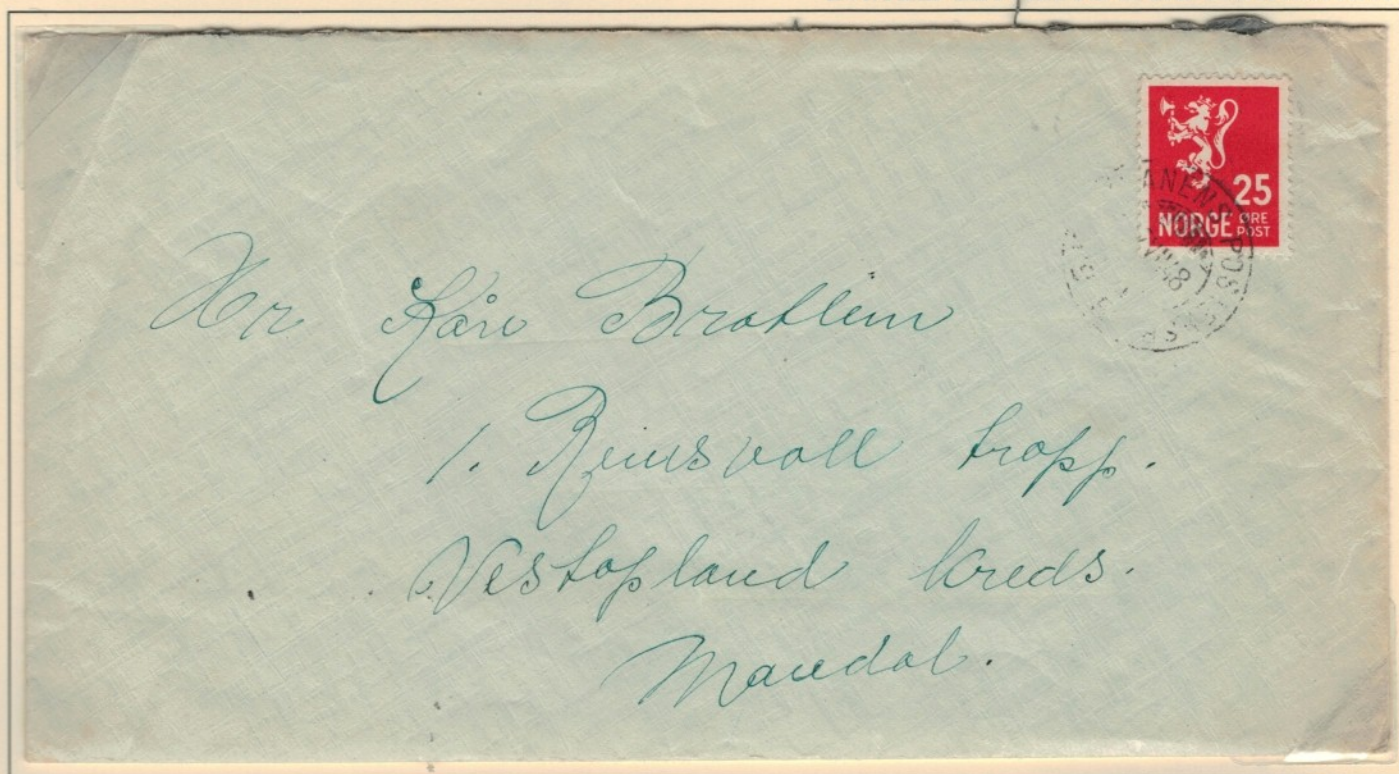
1948 National Scout camp at Mandal – the camp was named the Scout Town

1948 FIRST MACHINE CANCEL USED AT A SCOUT CAMP IN NORWAY



Mandal post office received June 1948 a new cancelling machine. The old machine was used at the field post office in the Scout camp with a special slogan (N-013) "SPEIDERBYEN" (the Scout Town). Cover to Kristiansand, postmarked with the camp machine cancellation "SPEIDERBYEN MANDAL 10 VII 48". 25 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.10.1946-1.10.1951.

INWARD LETTER TO CAMP PARTICIPANT



Incoming cover to the camp, dated Reinsvoll 6.7.48, postmarked "GJØVIKBANENS POSTEKS. B -7 VII 48" (railway T.P.O.). 25 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.10.1946-1.10.1951.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1948 National Guide camp at Borre

In 1948, the Norwegian Girl Guides Association held their largest national camp ever, at Borre in Vestfold. With 5,000 participants it was only matched by the 1976 national camp which was the last before the merger with the Boy Scouts Association. The field post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-014) 7-15 July.

PROOF STRIKE



Above: Engraver's proof strike of the handstamp, three weeks prior to camp start.

Believed to be unique.

Right: Postal card, "N.S.P.F. LANDSLEIR - BORRE 1948 -8-7-48".
15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

Below: Girl Guide cover, 10 øre for printed matter to 50g 1.10.1946-1.6.1952.

POSTAL CARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



PRINTED MATTER, GUIDE ASSOCIATION COVER



1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1948 small YWCA Guide camp in Selbu, Nordic Guide leader camp in Denmark

SMALL YWCA GUIDE CAMP, ONLY 24 ATTENDEES!

1948 YWCA Girl Guide camp at Tömra, Selbu.

Only 24 participants, probably a troop camp. No further details are available.

Guide postcard, written by girl in camp and sent to Verdal. YWCA Guide label tied by postmark.

From the written message: "We are 24 Guides here", and address given as The Guide Camp, Tömra, Selbu.

Postmarked "HELL 8 7 48", some 15 km from the camp and near Trondheim airport. 15 øre for domestic post-cards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.



Representatives for the Norwegian Girl Guide Association and the Norwegian YWCA Guides participated August 1948 in a Nordic Guide Leader camp in Jutland, Denmark. Total 400 attendees.

NORDIC GUIDE LEADER CAMP



Special camp postcard to Norway, postmarked "AABENRAA 9 AUG 1948".

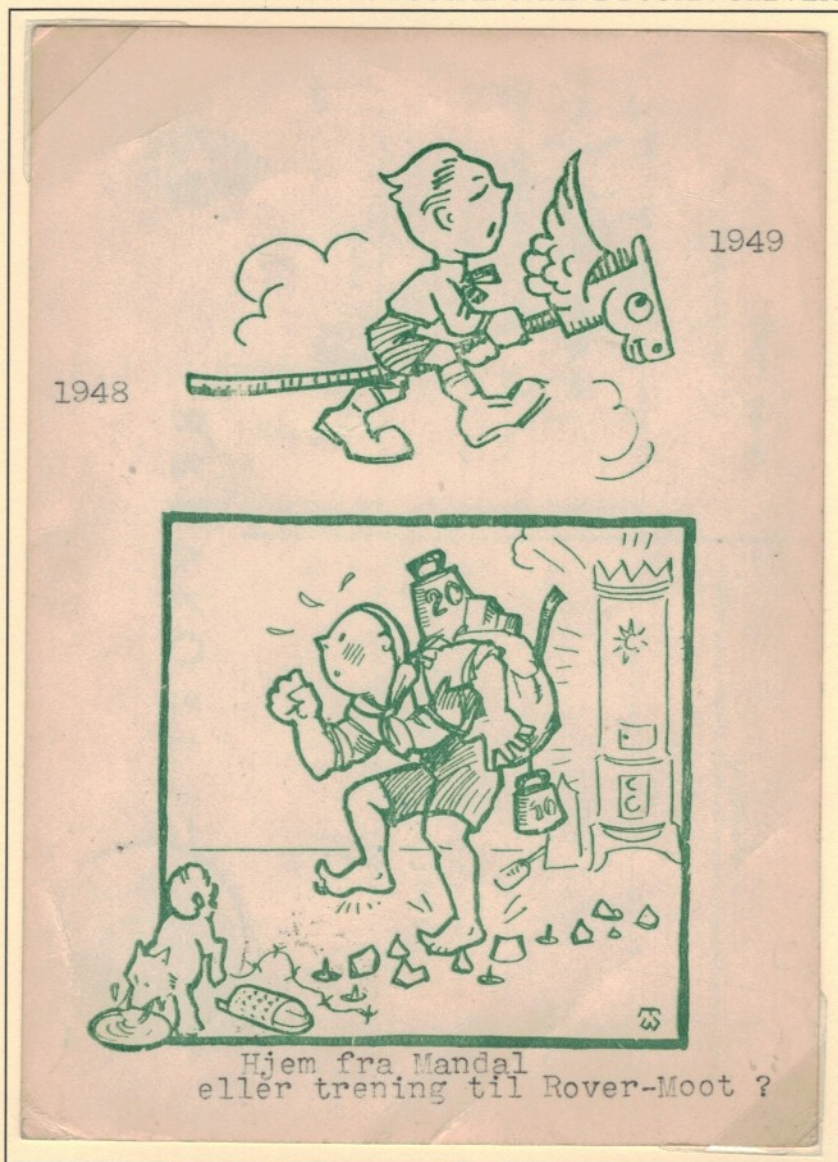
15 øre postcard rate to Nordic countries 1.7.1940-1.7.1952.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1948 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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1948 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



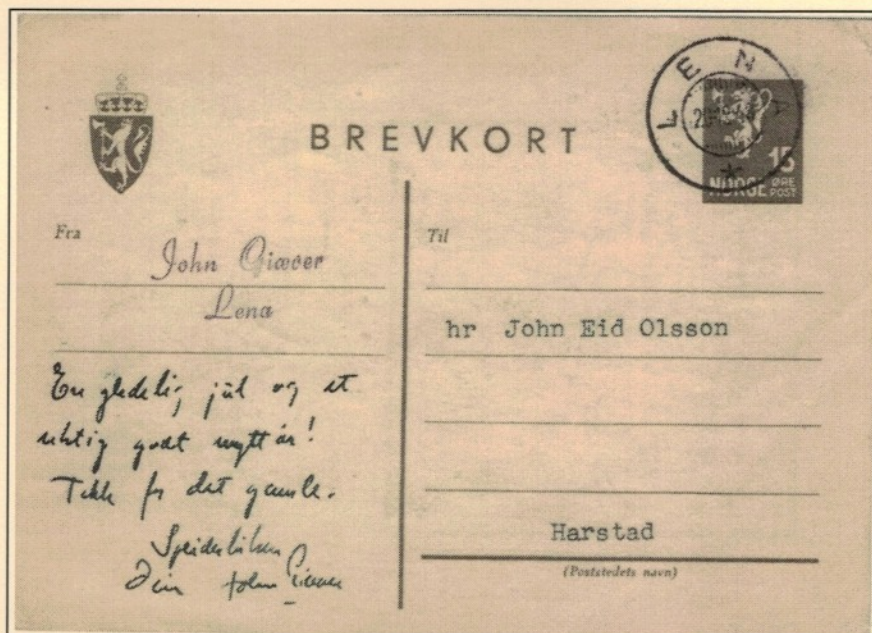
1948 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Top drawing by unknown artist (possibly Thor Wiborg), first time published in Speideren 1947 no. 9. Bottom drawing by Tor Wiborg, first published in Speideren 1936 no. 7.

Postal card BK 112E, printed 1945-1948, with additional private printing 1949.

Sent from "LENA 20-12-48" to Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1949 Norway hosting the 4th World Rover Moot

World Rover Moot is a special event held every four years for Scouts aged 18-25, traditionally called Rovers. In 1949, the 4th World Rover Moot was held in Skjåk. 2,500 Rover Scouts from 40 countries participated. The field post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-015) 2-12 August.

46 REGISTERED COVERS WERE SENT, SIX ARE RECORDED

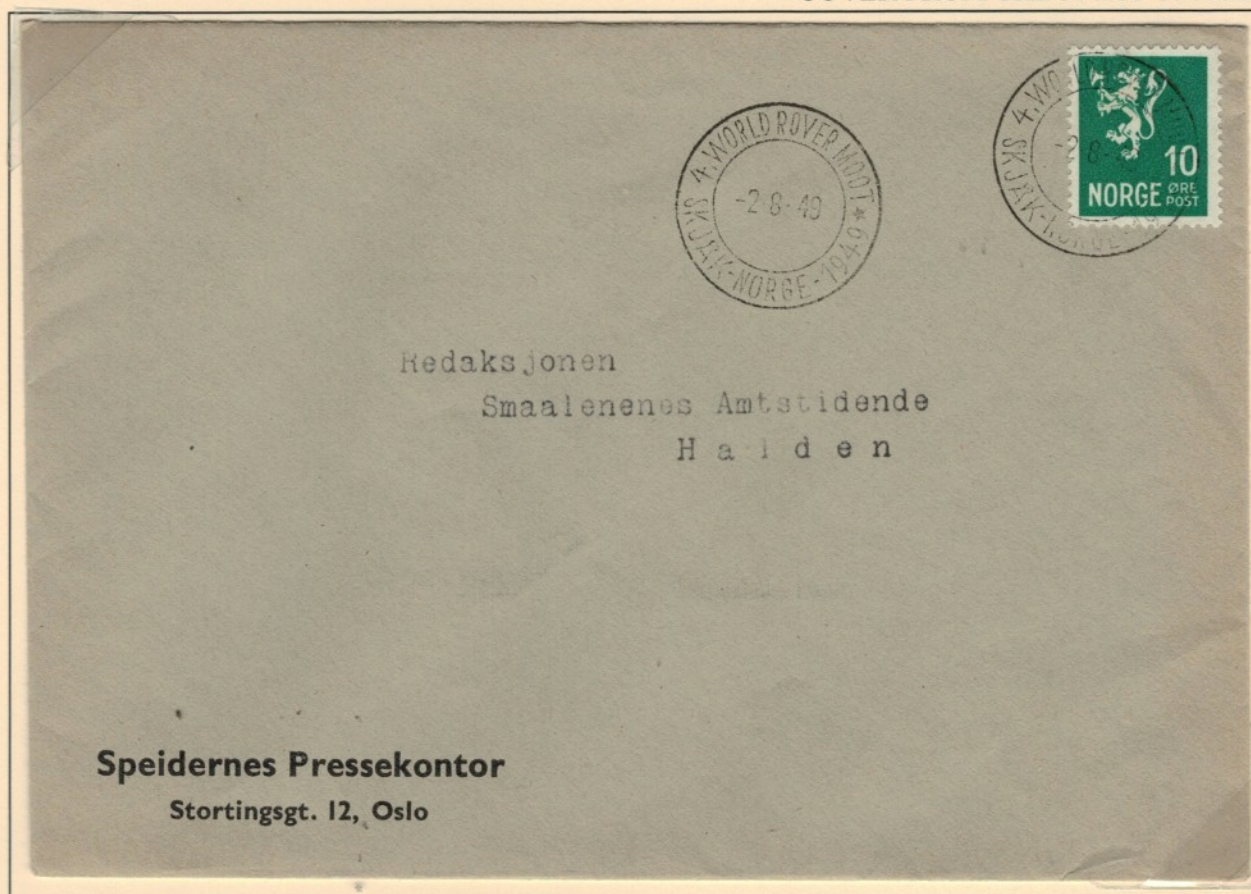
The Moot was marketed under the slogan "it never rains in Skjåk", but pride goes before a fall, and vast amounts of rain were experienced during the Moot!

Registered airmail letter to Denmark.
94 Rover Scouts from Denmark attended.
"4. WORLD ROVER MOOT SKJÅK NORGE 1949 -7-8-49".

25 øre for letters to
20g to Nordic countries, 15 øre airmail fee per 5g, 30 øre registration fee 1.10.1947-1.10.1950.



COVER FROM THE PRESS OFFICE



Printed matter sent to a newspaper in Halden, sender is "The Scouts' Press Office". Postmarked (N-015) "4. WORLD ROVER MOOT SKJÅK NORGE 1949 -2-8-49". 10 øre for domestic printed matter to 50g 1.10.1946-1.6.1952.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1949 Norway hosting the 4th World Rover Moot

DESTINATION TURKEY, BUT TURKEY HAD NO PARTICIPANTS



Skjåk viewcard sent to Ankara, Turkey, re-directed to Beyoğlu, Istanbul. Postmarked (N-015) "4. WORLD ROVER MOOT SKJÅK NORGE 1949 -5-8-49". 25 øre foreign postcard rate 1.10.1946-1.10.1951.

OFFICIAL ROVER MOOT ENVELOPE



Official envelope sent to Lena. Postmarked (N-015) "4. WORLD ROVER MOOT SKJÅK NORGE 1949 -2-8-49". 25 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.0.1946-1.10.51.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1949 National Guide camp in Finland, 1950 YWCA Guide jubilee in OSLO

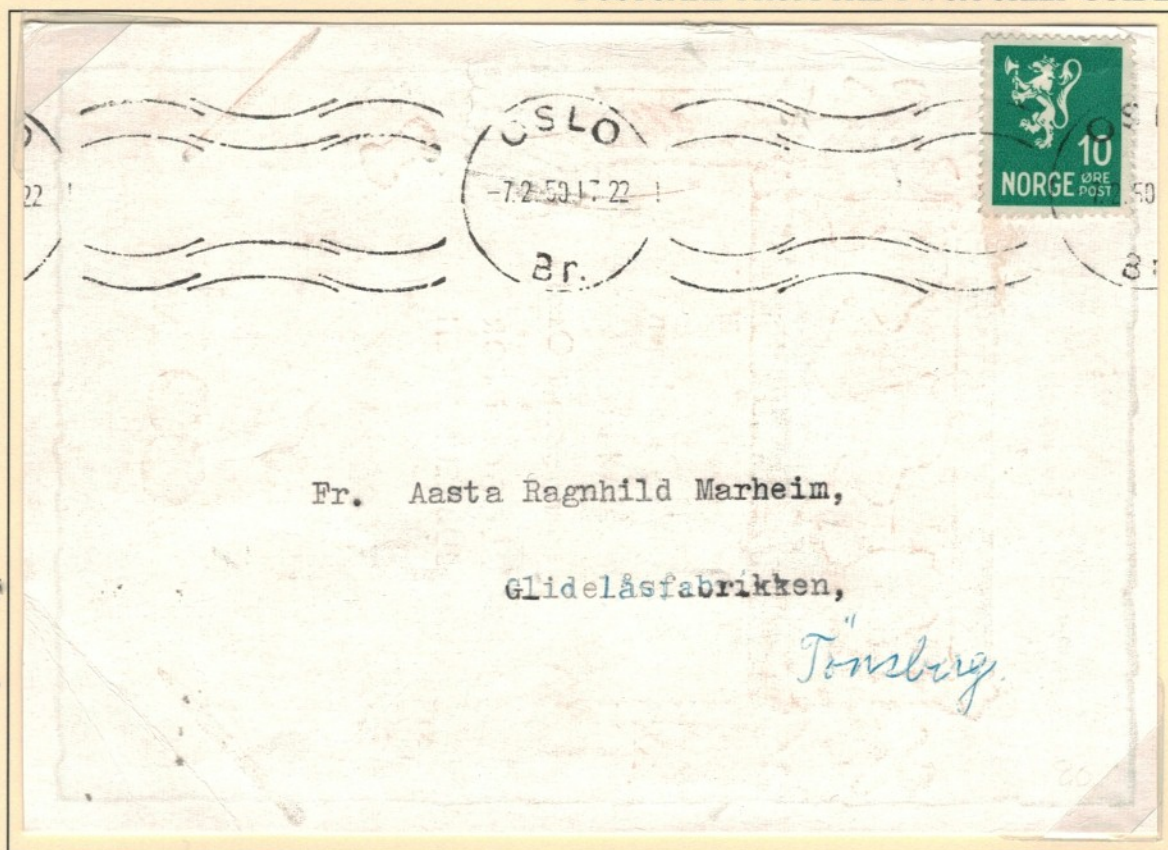
Suomen Partiotyttöjärjestön - SPTJ (Finnish Girl Guide Union) was formed in 1943 in a merger between four Girl Guide organisations. SPTJ held their first national Girl Guide camp at Loilanniemi (Kolho in Swedish) 4-14 July, 1949. A small contingent from Norway participated.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



Special camp postcard to Norway, postmarked (FIN-006) "LOILANNIEMI KOLHO 13-7-49".
9 mk for postcards to Nordic countries 1.12.1948-30.6.1950.

POSTCARD FROM THE YWCA CHIEF GUIDE



The Norwegian YWCA Girl Guides were founded 1920. The 30th Anniversary was celebrated 1950 and a Guide fair in Oslo was one of the jubilee activities.

Special postcard for the YWCA Guide fair, on front signed by YWCA Chief Guide Inger-Johanne Ameln. She was Chief Guide 1948-1957.

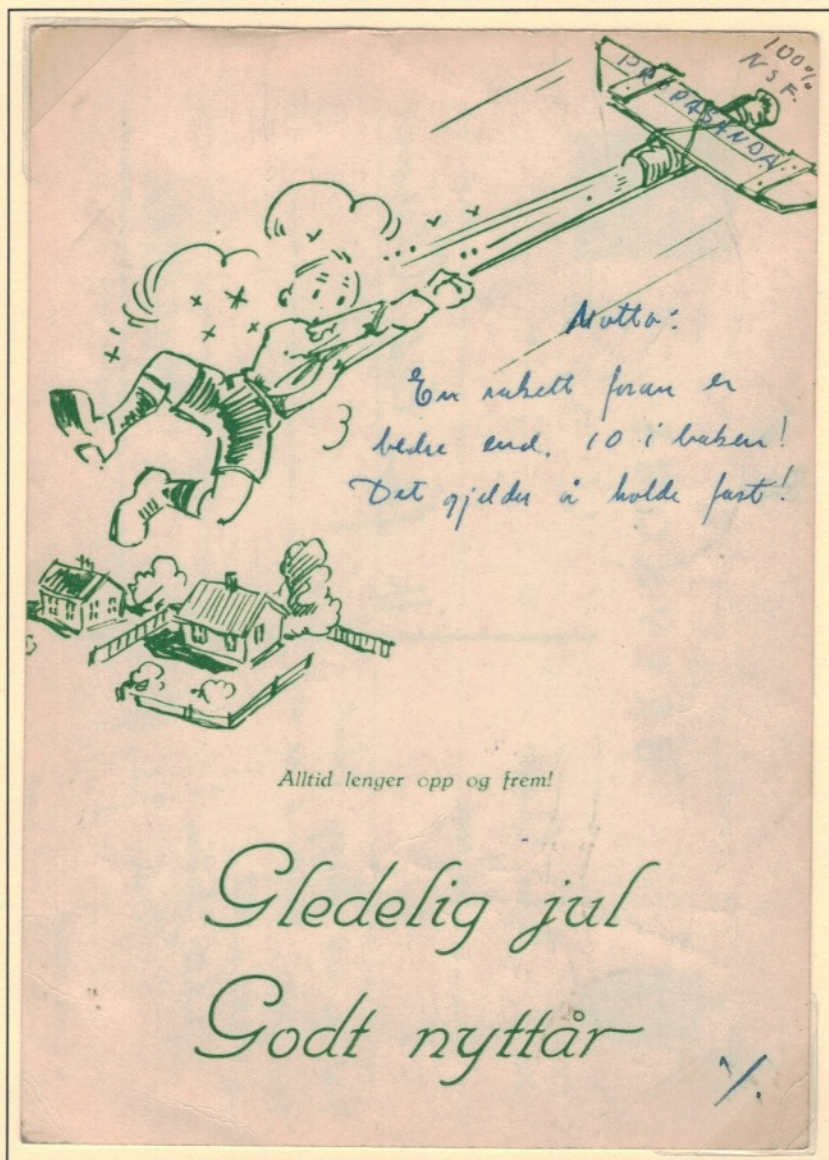
From "OSLO -7 2 50" to Tønsberg.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1949 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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1949 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



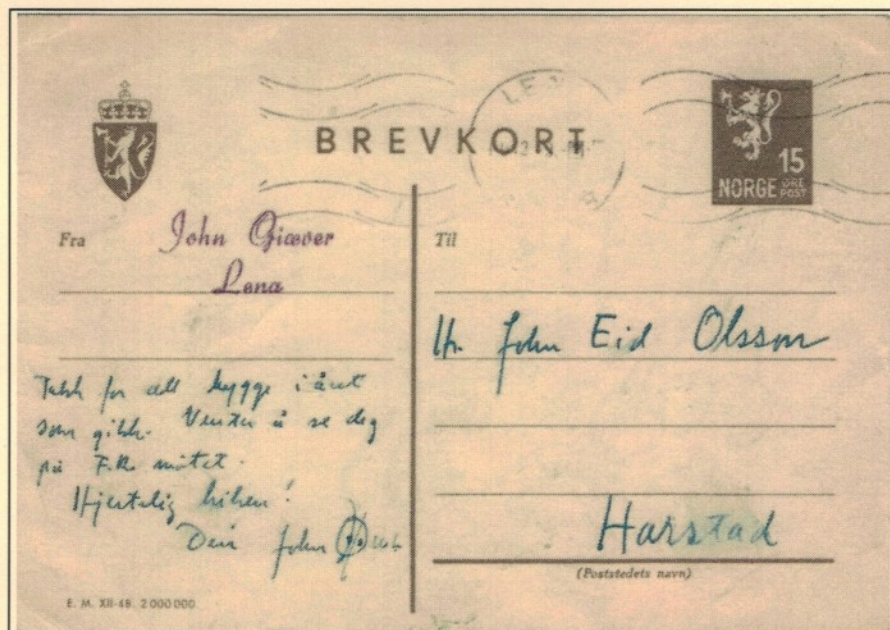
1949 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

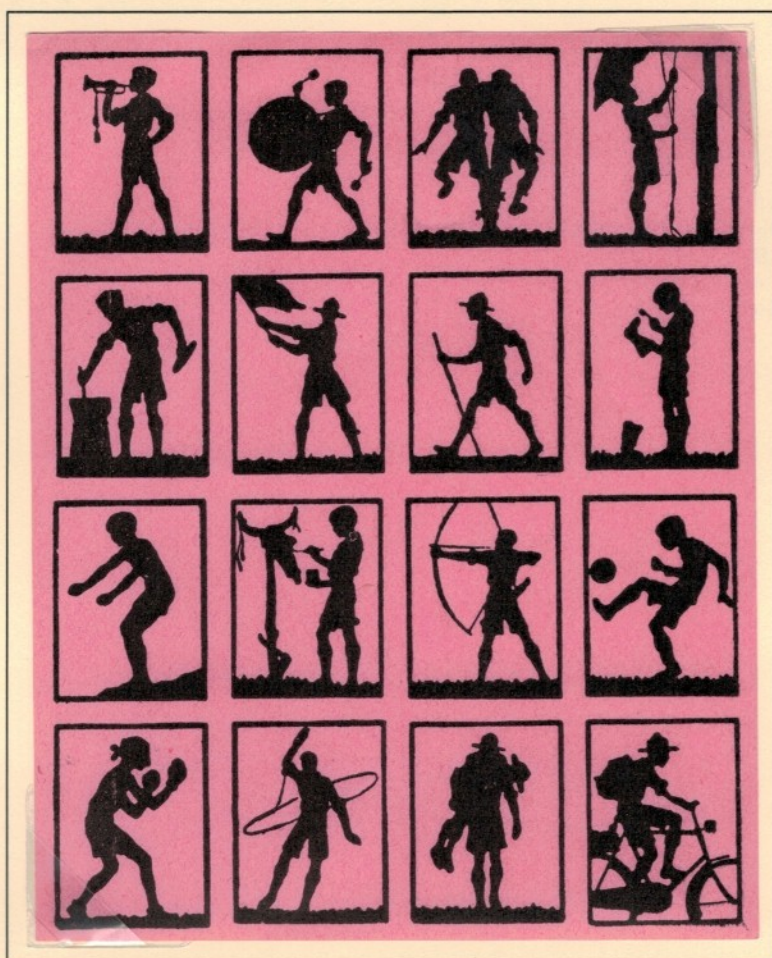
Drawing by Thor Wiborg, first time published in Speideren 1946/10.

Postal card BK 112E, printed Dec. 1948, with additional private printing 1949.

Sent from "LENA 19 12 49" to Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.





In 1950, Bergen district of the Norwegian Boy Scouts Association held a camp on Tvildemoen near Voss. 673 Scouts participated, including guests from Denmark, Sweden and the U.S.A. The camp motto was "Brotherhood".

The rural post office which operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-016) 1-10 July. The postmark was of the crown-and-posthorn type without date, and postal items should according to regulations be postmarked with a datestamp when the items arrived at a post office with such postmark, in this case Voss post office. This was often neglected.

Savings stamps for the 1950 Voss camp. The Boy Scout could buy savings stamps collect them in a booklet. The camp fee was paid when the booklet had been filled.

SCOUT DISTRICT PRINTED ENVELOPE



Cover sent to Oslo, postmarked (N-016) "VOSSELEIREN 1950". Date postmark "VOSS -8.-7.-50" was correctly applied at the Voss post office. 25 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.10.1946-1.10.1951.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1950, 1952 the Scout shop Speider-Sport

The Norwegian Boy Scout Association operated the Scout shop "Speiderdepotet" as a limited company until 1941 when Scouting was banned by the Nazis, and all assets were confiscated. In 1945, after the war had ended, a new company "Speider-Sport" was established, with a physical shop in Oslo, and mail order service for Scout units all over Norway.

COVER FROM THE AIDE-DE-CAMP TO H.R.H. THE CROWN PRINCE



Above: Cover sent by the aide-de-camp to H.R.H. The Crown Prince addressed to Odd Bjørnstad who was department mgr. for Speider-Sport, and re-addressed to the Scout Shop. "OSLO 22.11.50" and "OSLO 24.11.50. 25 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.10.1946-1.10.1951.

POSTCARD TO NARVIK



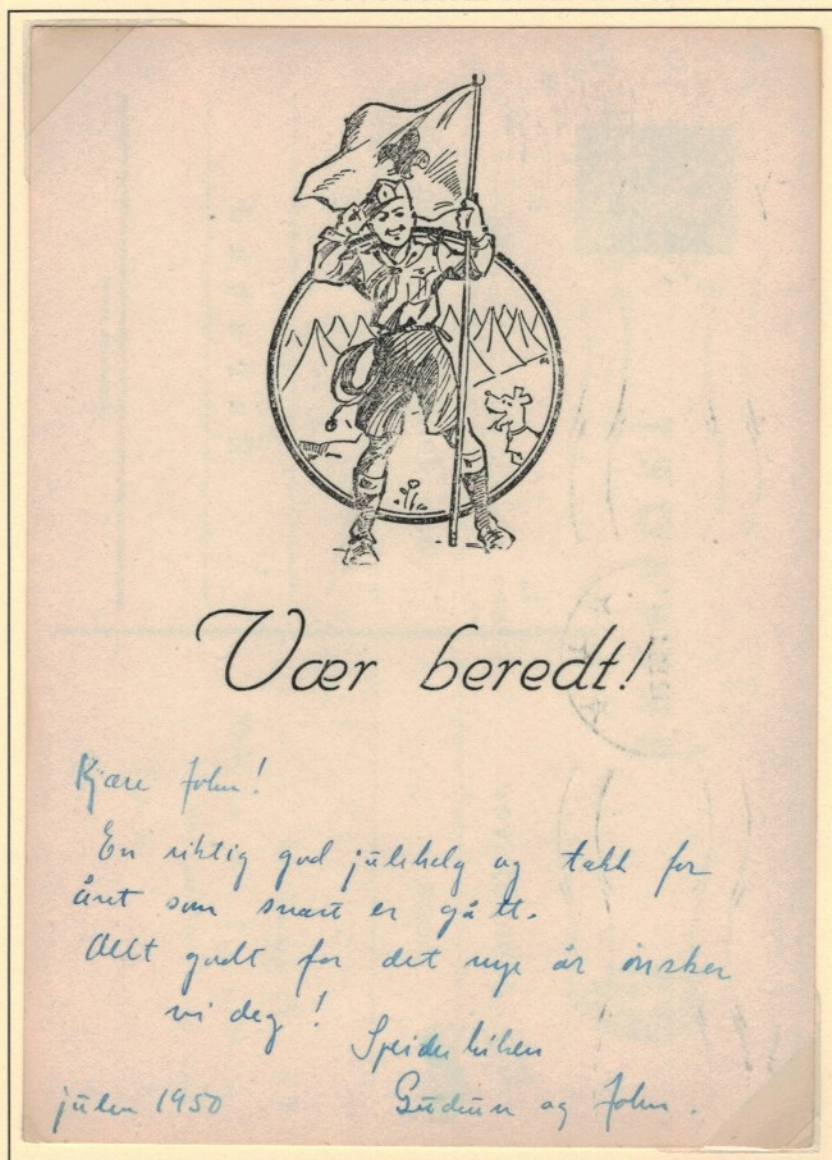
Right: Speider-Sport postcard from "OSLO 10.7.52" to Narvik. 15 øre for domestic postcards 1.2.1921-1.6.1952.

1946-1950: In joy of freedom towards the great heights

1950 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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1950 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



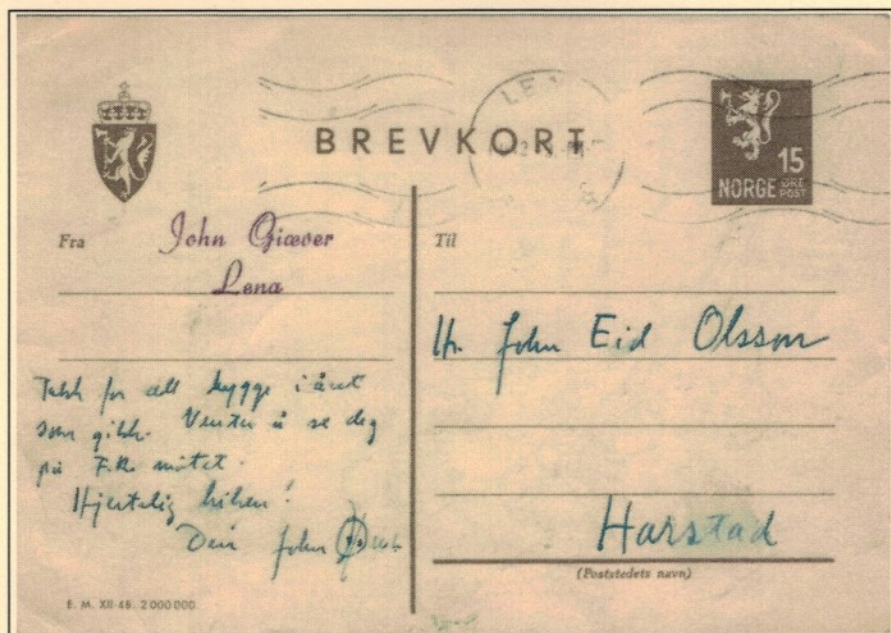
1950 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Drawing by Thor Wiborg, first time published in Speideren 1936/7.

Postal card BK 112D, printed 1945-1949, with additional private printing 1950.

Sent from "LENA 19 12 50" to Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

Modernising Scouting and getting ready for the next 50 years

Society had changed, and most of the problems arising from the war had been remediated. Scouting was modernised, and leader training became even more important. Scouting and Guiding organisations in good shape could celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in 1957 with a bright view on the future.

LETTER FROM U.S.A. TO "A CUB SCOUT IN NORWAY"

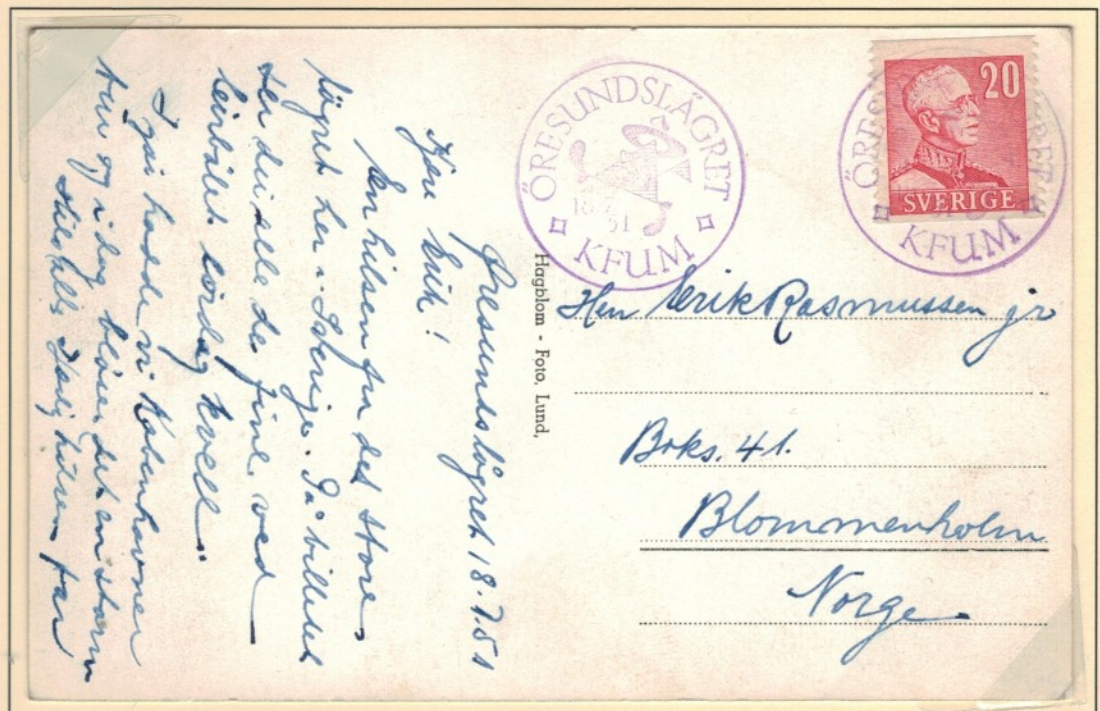


Registered letter from "NATICK, MASS. 31.1.1951", "To a Cub Scout in Norway" and addressed to Odd Bjørnstad (Scout leader) in Oslo. 15c per ½ oz for airmail letter to Europe, 25c foreign registry, 10c return receipt, 1.1.1949-1.10.1952.

ERIK RASMUSSEN WAS SECRETARY GENERAL FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS

In 1951, Swedish YMCA Boy Scout Association held their national camp in Barsebäck just by the Öresund strait which separates Sweden and Denmark. The special postmark (S-018) was used 13-23 July, 1951.

Postcard to Norway, postmarked (S-018) "ÖRESUNDSLÄGRET KFUM 18-7 51", written by Erik Rasmussen, Secretary General for the Norwegian Boy Scouts Assoc. 1922-1951. 20 öre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.6.1951-1.7.1962.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1951 Austria hosting the 7th World Scout Jamboree

Scouting in Austria started in 1912 and was one of the founding members of the World Organization in 1922. Scouting ceased to exist in 1938 with the occupation of the Nazis who banned all Scouting activities. In 1946, at the conclusion of the war, Austria was again admitted into the World Organization. The national organisations combined to form the Pfadfinder Österreichs, which hosted the 7th World Jamboree in Bad Ischl in 1951 with 12,884 participants from 61 countries. The Norwegian contingent consisted of 153 Scouts and Scouters.

POSTCARD TO NORWAY

The special postmark was used 3-12 August. It depicts a Jew's harp which was the symbol of the Jamboree.

Special Jamboree postcard to Norway, written by Scouter Ole Færøvik.

Postmarked
"JAMBOREE 1951
BAD ISCHL
ÖSTERREICH
7.VIII.1951".

1S for foreign postcards
1.1.1950-31.8.1951.



COVER TO NORWAY

Cover to Norway, sent by Knut Enger (Chief Scout for Norway 1968-1976), "JAMBOREE 1951 BAD ISCHL ÖSTERREICH 4.VIII.1951".

1.70S for foreign letters to 20g
1.1.1950-31.8.1951.



1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

1951 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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1951 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



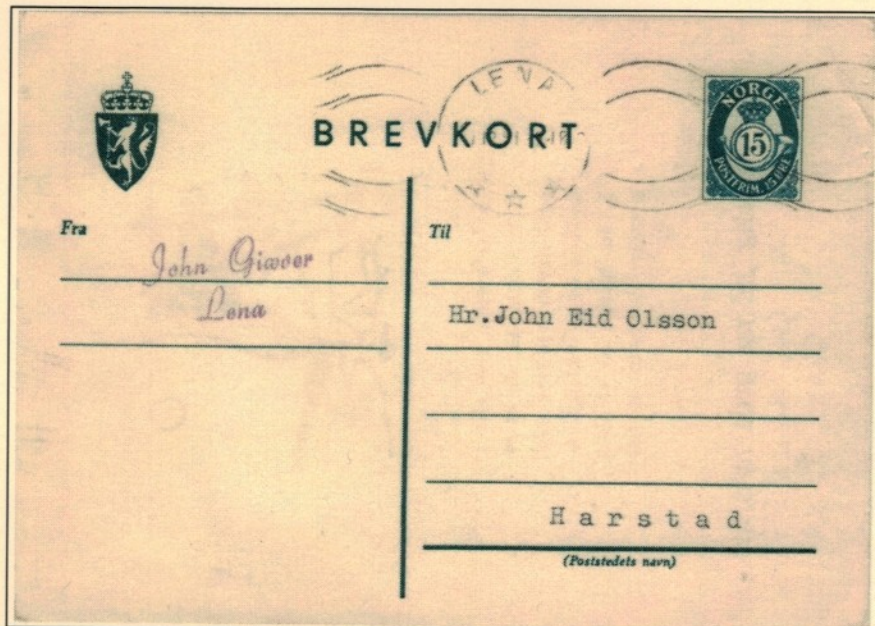
1951 Christmas card by John Giæver,
additional private printing on official
postal cards.

Drawing by unknown artist and from
unknown source.

Postal card BK 116 I,
printed 1951,
with additional private printing 1951.

Sent from "LENA 17 12 51"
to Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1952 National Scout camp in Verdal

The 1952 national camp of the Norwegian Boy Scout Association took place at Trones in Verdal. 4,300 Scouts attended, including many foreign guests. The field post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-017) from 31 July to 6 August.

THE ONLY RECORDED REGISTERED ITEM FROM THIS CAMP



Registered cover to Trondheim, postmarked (N-017) "SPEIDERLEIREN TRONES-VERDAL -2-8-52", FDC for the King Haakon stamp. 30 øre for domestic letters to 20g and 40 øre registration fee 1.6.1952-1.1.1956. 5 øre overfranked.



Special camp cover sent to Finland. Postmarked (N-017) "SPEIDERLEIREN TRONES-VERDAL -2-8-52". Arrival postmark "LAAJOSALO DEGERÖ 12.8.52" on reverse.

30 øre for letters to 20g to Nordic countries 1.10.1951-1.1.1956.

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Viewcard of Stiklestad Church sent to Sulitjelma, postmarked (N-017) "SPEIDERLEIREN TRONES-VERDAL -2-8-52". From the message: "I am doing fine. Nice weather so far. I have bathed twice in the sea. It was cold.". 20 øre for domestic postcards 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

CAMP VIEWCARD



Photo viewcard of the camp. The campsite was on the Trones farm, close to the Trondheims fjord. The famous Stiklestad battlefield was only 7 km from the camp. At Stiklestad, King Olaf "the Big" Haraldsson of Norway was killed in 1030 A.D. He was later canonized.

1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

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1952 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Drawing by unknown artist, first time published in Speideren 1928/4.

Postal card BK 117, printed 1951-1952, with additional private printing 1952.

Sent from "LENA 17 12 52" to Harstad (above) and Lena (below).

1952 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

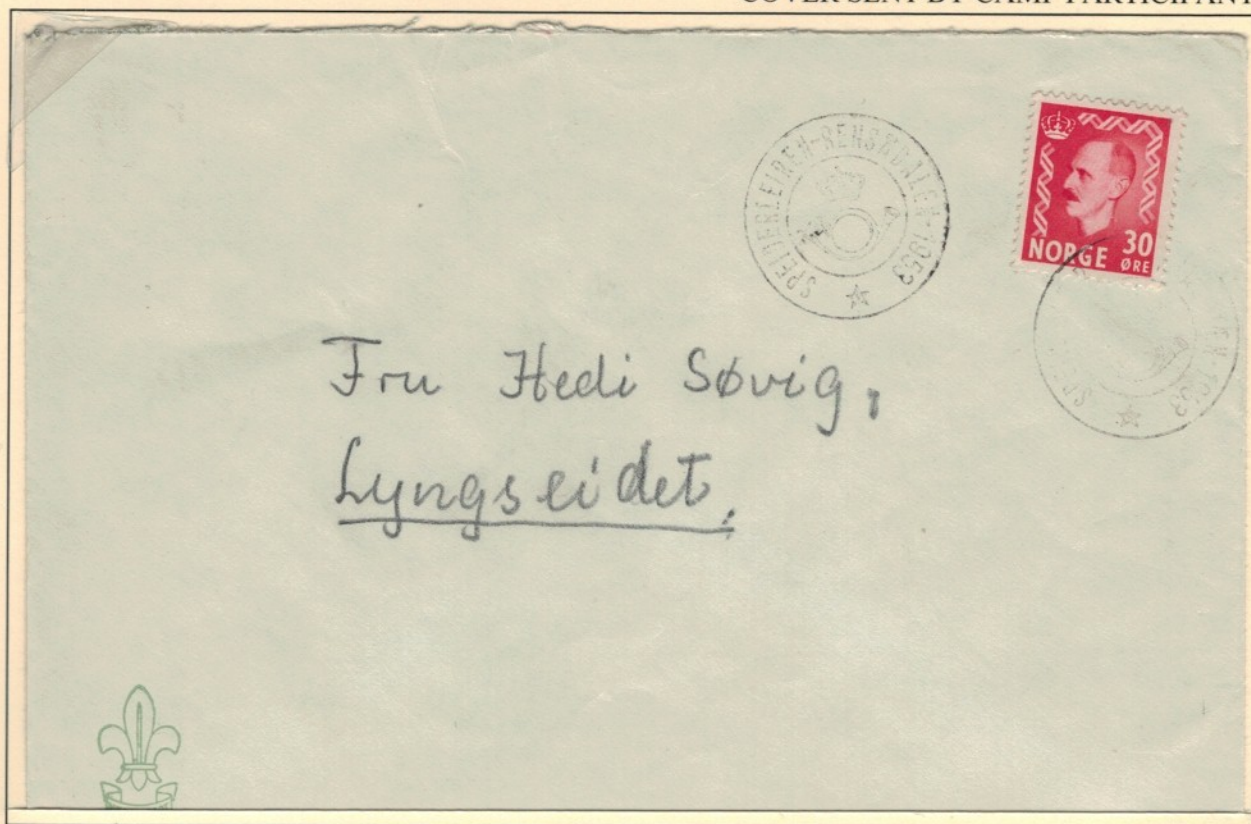


1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1953 National Scout patrol leader camp in Rensådal

In 1953, the Norwegian Boy Scouts association held a national patrol leader camp in Rensådal between Harstad and Narvik in northern Norway. 275 patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders attended. The camp was called "The camp where the sun never sets" due to its location north of the Arctic Circle. The camp's rural post office that operated 9-15 July used a special postmark (N-018) of the crown-and-posthorn type without date.

COVER SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Cover sent to Lyngseidet, postmarked (N-018) "SPEIDERLEIREN-RENSÅDALEN-1953".
30 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.10.1951-1.1.1956.

COVER TO NAVAL VESSEL ABROAD



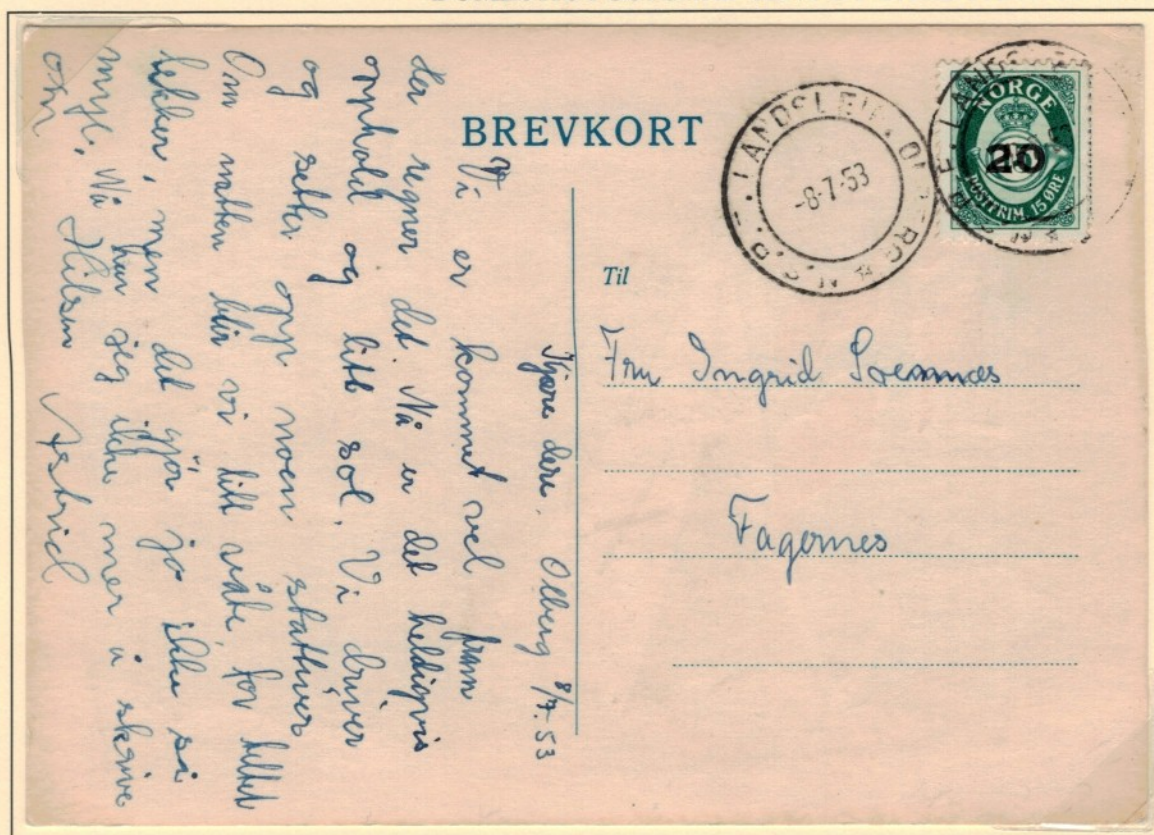
Cover to Oslo, postmarked (N-018) "SPEIDERLEIREN-RENSÅDALEN-1953". The Nidaros Church Jubilee stamp was issued on the last day of camp. Redirected to naval vessel vessel KNM "Trondheim" and 25 øre additional postage was paid. 30 øre for domestic letters to 20g, uprated to 55 øre for foreign letters to 20g 1.10.1951-1.1.1956.

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1953 National Guide camp at Olberg near Lake Krøderen

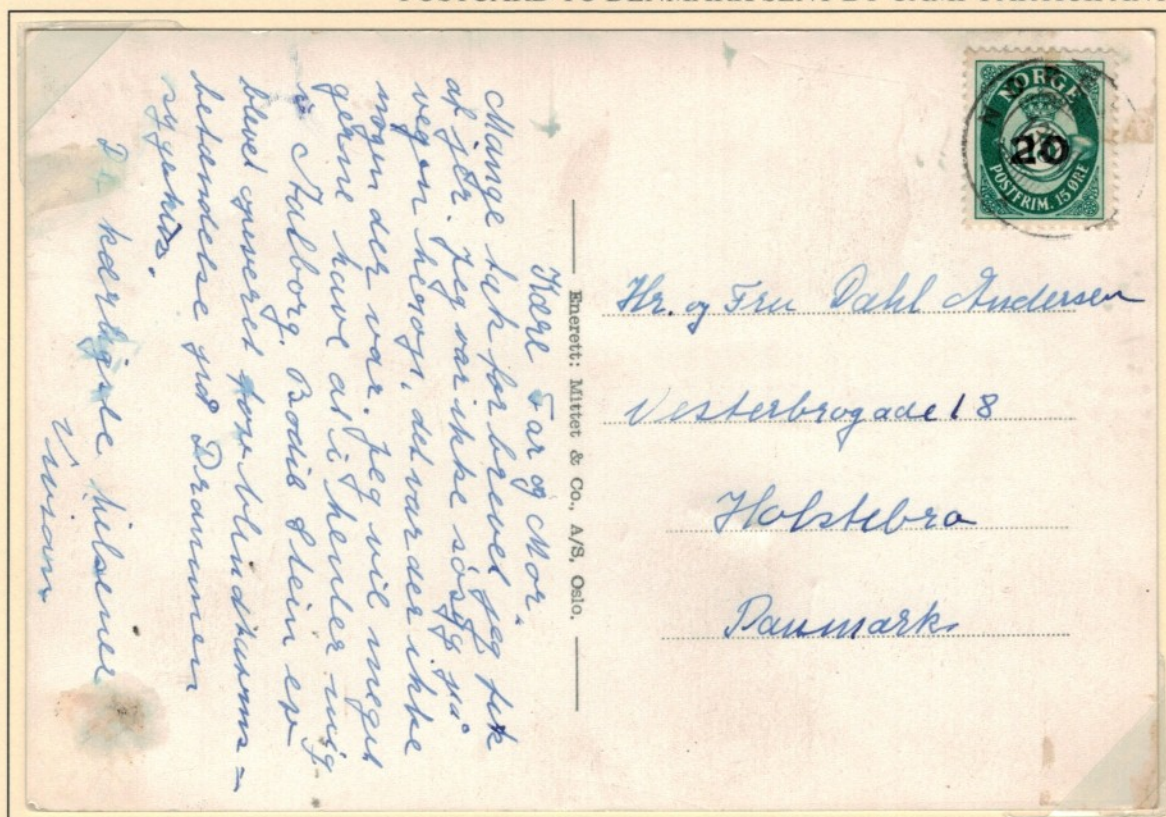
The 1953 national camp of the Norwegian Girl Guides Association took place at Olberg near Lake Krøderen. 1,600 Guides attended the camp. The field post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-019) 8-16 July.

DOMESTIC POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Girl Guide postcard, written by girl in camp and sent to Fagernes. Postmarked (N-019) "N.S.P.F. LANDSLEIR OLBERG -8-7-53". 20 øre for domestic postcards 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

POSTCARD TO DENMARK SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Camp photo viewcard, written by girl in camp and sent to Holstebro, Denmark. Postmarked "NORESUND 13-VII-53", just about a mile from the camp site. 20 øre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1953 National YWCA Guide camp in Verdal

In 1953, the Norwegian YWCA Girl Guides gathered on the Trones farm in Verdal, where the NSF Boy Scouts had their 1952 national camp. 3,000 Girl Guides attended, including 96 guests from 11 foreign countries. The field post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-020) from 28 July to 5 August.

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



YWCA Girl Guide postcard, written by Girl Guide in camp and sent to Oslo. From the message: "We have become good friends with the Danish.". Postmarked (N-020) "K.F.U.K. LANDSLEIR 1953 -4-8-53". 20 øre for domestic postcards 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Cover sent from "FLEKKEFJORD 28-7-53" to the YWCA Girl Guide camp. 60 øre for domestic letters 20-125g 1.10.1951-1.1.1956.

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1953 Switzerland hosting the 5th World Rover Moot

The Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland has a long history of camps, starting 1926 with the 50th Gilwell Scout course and the 1st World Rover Moot with 2,500 Rover Scouts from 23 countries in 1931. After the war, in 1953, the 5th World Rover Moot was back in Kandersteg with 4,000 Rovers from 22 countries, and in 1992 again the 9th World Moot saw nearly 2,500 people from over 50 countries.

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT, BLACK POSTMARK



38 Rover Scouts represented Norway at the 1953 World Rover Moot in Switzerland. The special postmark was used from 29 July to 8 August. Postcards sent by Moot participants to Norway, with postmark in black (above) and violet (below). 0.25Fr for foreign postcards 1.3.1948-1.4.1959.

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT, VIOLET POSTMARK



1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

1953 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



En ekte speider på turer går
med buksekanten over knærne.
Fra tidlig sommer til sent på år
med buksekanten over knærne.

En gledelig jul og godt nytt år!

med speideren John Eid Olsson.

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1953 Christmas cards by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Drawing by unknown artist, first time published in Speideren 1951/5-6.

Postal card BK 117, printed 1951-1953, with additional private printing 1953. Sent from "LENA 18 12 53" to Lena (left) and to Harstad (below).

LENA 18 12 53



BREV KORT



Fra *John Giæver*
Lena

Til *herr*
kretsleder John Eid Olsson
Harstad

(Poststedets navn)

The Haugaland district of the Norwegian Boy Scout Association held their 1954 camp at Valen in Sunnhordland, set in a beautiful fjord landscape in Western Norway. 500 Boy Scouts attended, including 100 foreign guests. The rural post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-021) 26 June - 5 July.

ONLY TWO REGISTERED ITEMS ARE RECORDED, R-NUMBERS 00061, 00062



Registered printed matter to Sweden, postmarked (N-021) "SPEIDERLEIREN VALEN 1954. -3-7-54". Regular registration label from the nearby Valen i Sunnhordland post office. 20 øre for printed matter to 50g to Nordic countries plus 40 øre registration fee 1.6.1952-1.1.1956 (15 øre overfranked).



Valen viewcard written Boy Scout in camp and sent to Denmark, "...it is windy, rainy and very cold...". Postmarked (N-021) "SPEIDERLEIREN VALEN 1954. -3-7-54". A dash or a black square was used in front of one-digit day. 10 øre overpaid for the 20 øre postcard rate to Nordic countries 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

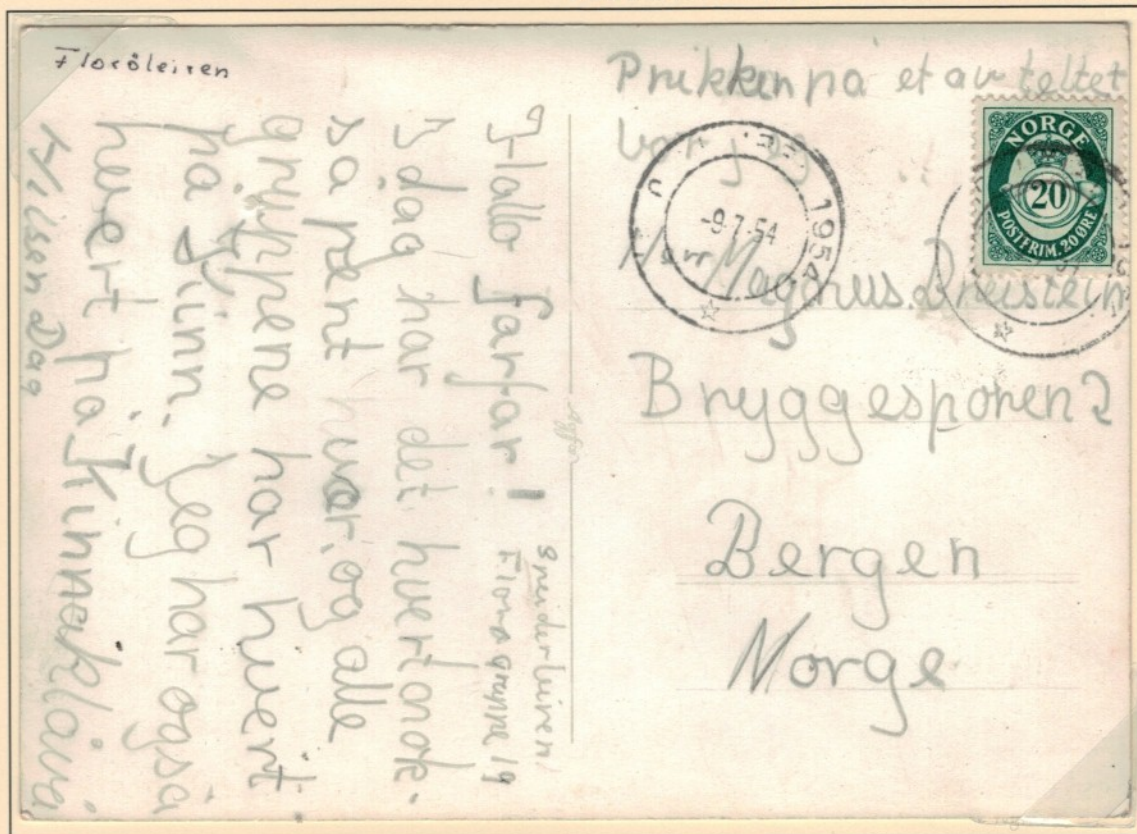
Bergen district of the Norwegian Boy Scouts Association held their 1954 camp at Bjørkum near Florø, the westernmost town of Norway. The rural post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-022) 1 - 12 July.

THE ONLY RECORDED REGISTERED COVER FROM THIS CAMP



Registered cover sent to Sweden, postmarked (N-022) "FLORØLEIREN 1954. 12-7-54". The camp post office sorted under Florø post office, however, a Bergen registration label was used.. 20 øre for printed matter to 50g to Nordic countries plus 40 øre registration fee 1.6.1952-1.1.1956 (15 øre overfranked).

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Camp viewcard to Bergen, written by Scout in camp, postmarked (N-022) "FLORØLEIREN 1954. -9-7-54". 20 øre for domestic postcards 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1954 Salvation Army Girl Scouts international camp at Sjøstrand

The Salvation Army commenced Scouting activities for boys and girls in 1922, under the name Life Saving Boy Scouts and Life Saving Girl Guides.

In 1953, the Girl Guides were hosts for a Salvation Army world camp for leaders, held at Sjöstrand Bath, a well-known beach towards the Oslo fjord. The camp was called "Concordia", which is Latin for "harmony".

The rural post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-023) 3 - 13 August.

Right:
Special camp postcard.

Below:
Sjöstrand viewcard sent to
Langesund.
Postmarked (N-023)
"SJØSTRAND -
CONCORDIA OSLO 13-8-54"
20 øre for domestic postcards
1.6.1952-1.1.1956.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1954 YWCA Guide council meeting and leader camp in Østfold

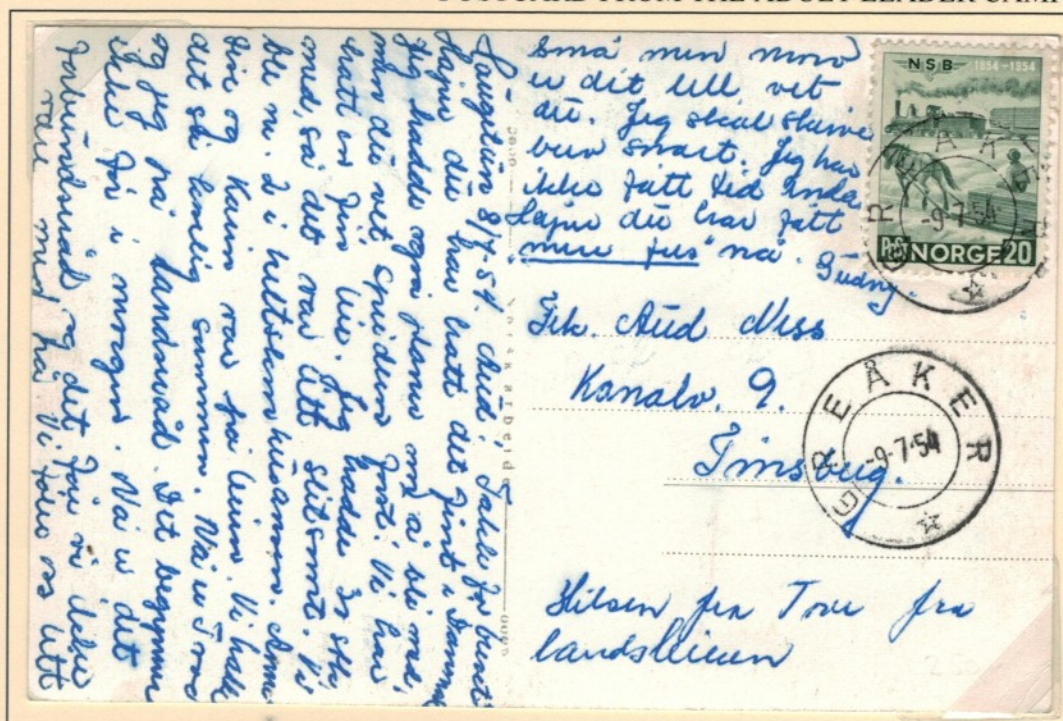
Norwegian YWCA Girl Guides held their 1954 national council meeting at Haugetun, a Christian folk high school in Fredrikstad. Immediately following the meeting, about 80 adult leaders camped in Berby, at the head of the Idde fjord, not far from Halden. The camp took place on YWCA Girl Guide founder Margrethe Parm's leisure estate in Berby.

POSTCARD FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



YWCA Girl Guide postcard, written by Girl Guide in camp and sent to Tønsberg. Dated "Haugetun 8/7 54" and postmarked "GREÅKER -9-7-54". 20 øre for domestic postcards 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

POSTCARD FROM THE ADULT LEADER CAMP



YWCA Girl Guide postcard, written by Girl Guide in camp and sent to Moss. Dated "Berby" and postmarked "HALDEN 16 VII 1954". 20 øre for domestic postcards 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1954 Small Scout district camp at Tengesdal, Swedish NTO national guide camp

The Vesterlen district of the Norwegian Boy Scouts Association held their 1954 camp on the Tengesdal farm near Egersund. Many of the 304 Boy Scouts who attended remember the same two things; that it was raining all the time, and that there was a total eclipse of the sun on 30 June. The rural post office which operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-024) from 26 June to 3 July.

ONLY 304 PARTICIPANTS, COVER TO DENMARK



Printed matter sent to Denmark. Postmarked (N-024) "SPEIDERLEIREN TENGESDAL 27 6 54".
20 øre for printed matter to 50g to Nordic countries 1.6.1952-1.1.1956. 5 øre stamp missing.

The 1954 Swedish national camp of the NTO Girl Guide Association (National Temperance Order) took place in Skåne in southern Sweden. The special postmark (S-022) was used 27 July - 5 Aug.

Norwegian viewcard written by one of the few Norwegian Guides in camp, to Molde, Norway and postmarked (S-022) "SKÅNELÄGRET NTO.s FLICKSCOUT-FÖRBUND 27.7.54". Norwegian postage was not approved by Sweden Post, Swedish postage due label. Re-addressed to Stören and Norwegian stamps paid the due fee, "MOLDE -6-8-54".

POSTCARD FROM SWEDEN INCORRECTLY FRANKED WITH NORWEGIAN STAMP



1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

1954 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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1954 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



1954 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Drawing by Thor Wiborg, from unknown source.

Postal card BK 117,
printed 1951-1953,
with additional private printing 1954.

Sent from "EIDSVOLL VERK
19 12 54" to Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1955 Salvation Army Scouts national camp near Åndalsnes

In 1955, the Norwegian Boy Scouts of the Salvation Army were gathered at Setnesmoen near Åndalsnes for their national camp. The rural post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-025) from 8 to 18 July.

SCOUT COVER SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Scout cover sent to Oslo. Postmarked (N-025) "F.A. KORPSLEIR 1955 -9-7-55".

30 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

THE ONLY RECORDED REGISTERED ITEM FROM THIS CAMP



Registered printed matter
sent to Sweden.

Postmarked (N-025)
"F.A. KORPSLEIR 1955
-9-7-55".

Regular ÅNDALSNES
registration label.

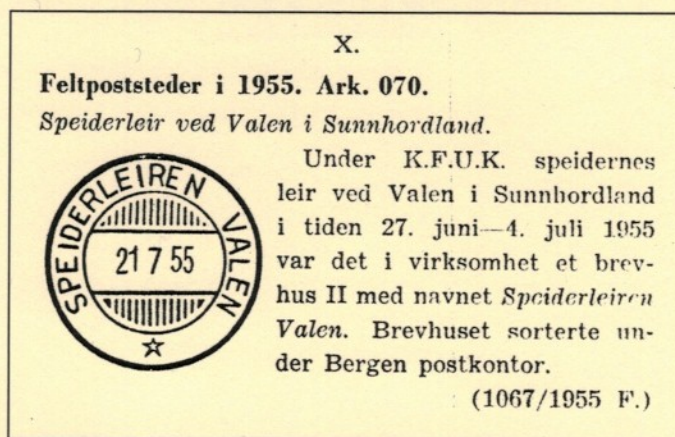
20 øre for printed matter
to 50g to Nordic countries
and 40 øre registration fee

1.6.1952-1.1.1956
(55 øre overpaid).

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1955 YWCA Guide district camp, late announcement of postmark

560 YWCA Girl Guides of the Rogaland and Haugaland districts held their 1955 camp at Valen in Sunnhordland, set in a beautiful fjord landscape in Western Norway. The newspapers report of happy campers despite lots of heavy rain and wind. The rural post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-026) from 27 June to 4 July.



Announcement in the official Postal Circular No. 16, 9 July 1955. **The announcement was after camp**, and says that a rural post office operated in the camp. Thus collectors could not prepare mail to be cancelled here.

POSTCARD TO DENMARK BY CAMP PARTICIPANT: IT IS BEAUTIFUL HERE!



Valen viewcard written by Girl Guide in camp and sent to Denmark. Postmarked (N-026) "SPEIDERLEIREN VALEN 21 7 55". **The only recorded complete item with this postmark.** 20 øre for postcards to Nordic countries 1.6.1952-1.1.1956.

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1955 Canada hosting the 8th World Scout Jamboree, YWA Guide camp at Hvaler

The 8th World Scout Jamboree was held in 1955 and was hosted by Canada at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. This was the first World Jamboree to be held in the Western Hemisphere, and the first outside of Europe. More than 11,000 Scouts from 71 countries and colonies attended this gathering, however **only four from Norway**.

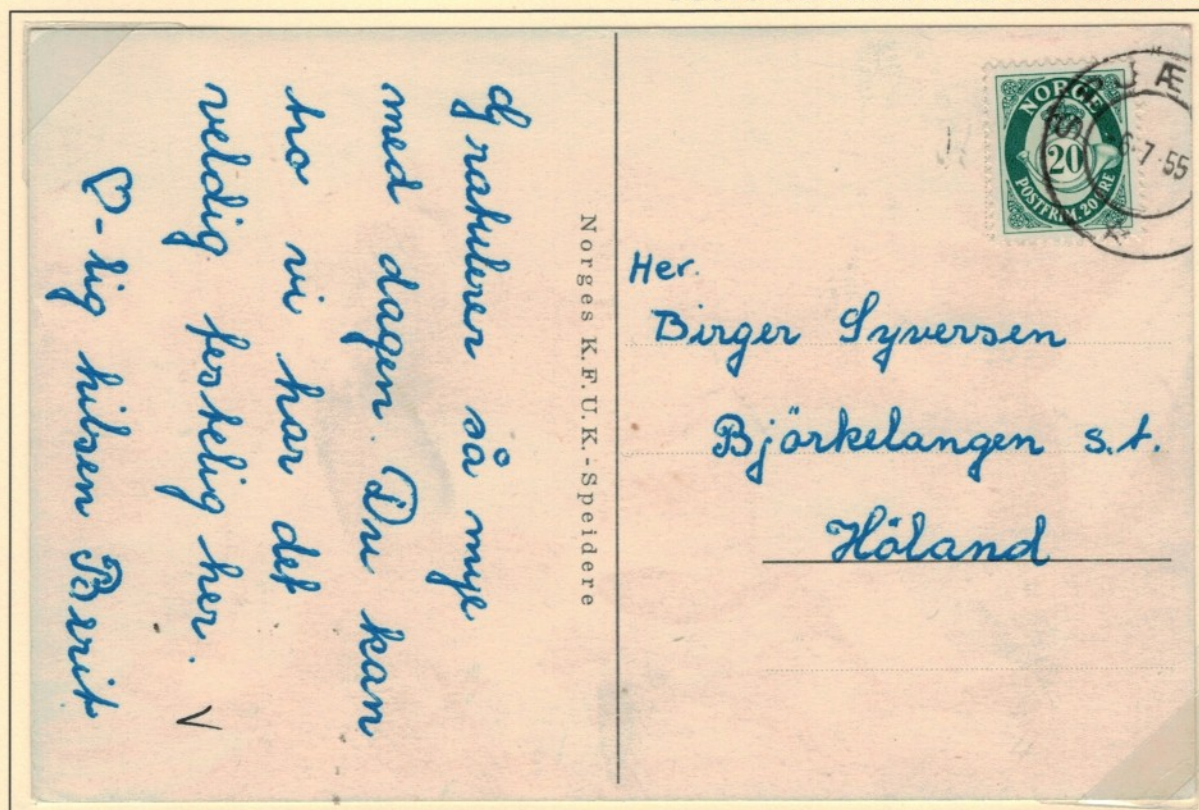
POSTCARD FROM THE NORWEGIAN CONTINGENT LEADER



Niagara Falls viewcard to Norway, written by the Norwegian contingent leader. Franked with three Jamboree stamps and postmarked "NIAGARA-ON-THE-FALLS 8TH BOY SCOUTS WORLD JAMBOREE VIII 22 1955". Overfranked for the 4c postcard rate to non-British Empire UPU countries 1.4.1954-1.11.1963.

Vestre Østfold district of the Norwegian YWCA Guides held their 1955 camp at Tjellholmen in the Hvaler archipelago. The Tjellholmen camp site is still owned by the YWCA/YMCA.

POSTCARD FROM CAMP PARTICIPANT



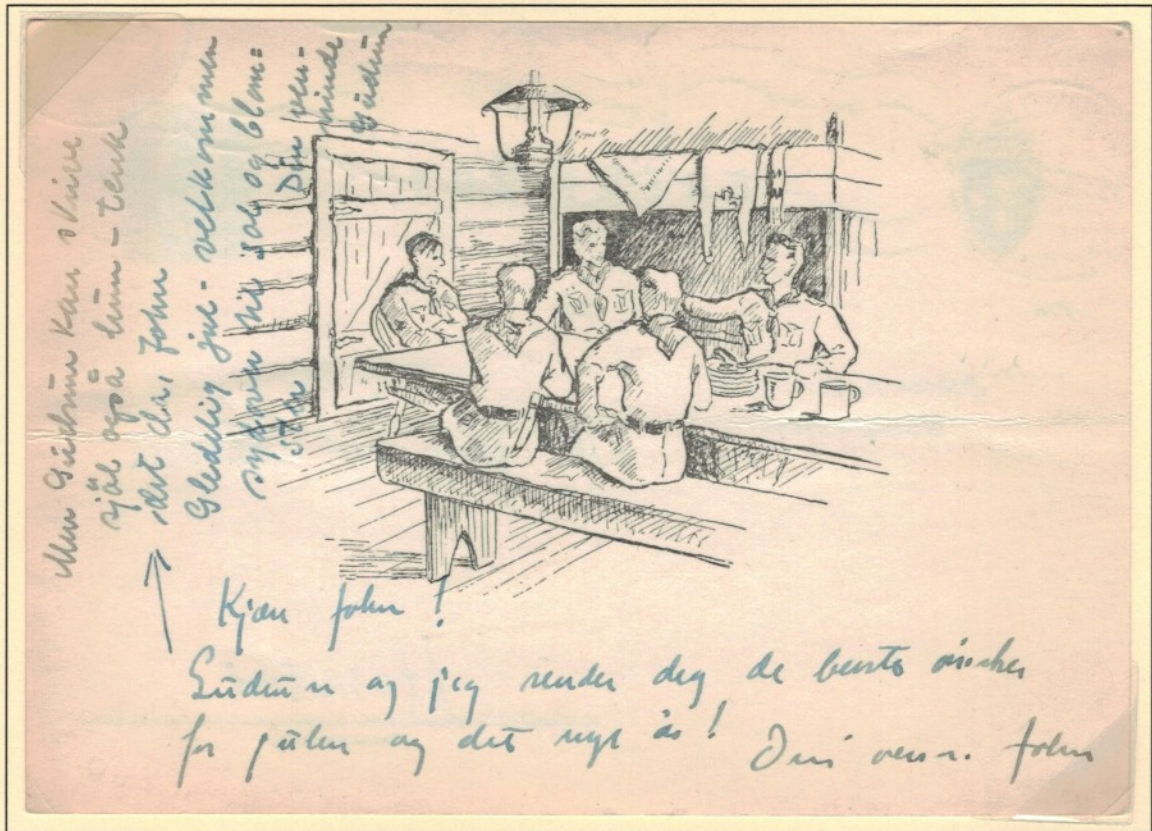
YWCA Guide postcard written by guide in camp and sent to Høland. Postmarked "SPJERØY -6-7-49". 20 øre for domestic postcards 1.6.1952-1.1.1956,

1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

1955 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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1955 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



1955 Christmas card by John Giæver,
additional private printing on official
postal cards.

Drawing probably by Jens R. Nilsen,
first time published in Speideren
Christmas 1946,

Postal card BK 117,
printed 1951-1953,
with additional private printing 1955.

Sent from "EIDSVOLL 18.12.55" to
Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1956 Salvation Army national Guide camp in Åndalsnes

The 1956 national camp of the Norwegian Life-Saving Girl Guides (Salvation Army Girl Guides) took place in Åndalsnes, and 600 girls attended. The rural post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-027) from 4 to 13 July.

THE ONLY RECORDED REGISTERED ITEM WITH THREE-DIGIT LABEL



Registered printed matter sent to Sweden. Postmarked (N-027) "L.R.S.-LEIREN ÅNDALSNES 11-7-56".
25 øre for printed matter to 50g and 45 øre registration fee 1.1.1956-1.4.1958 (20 øre overfranked).

These are the only two recorded registered items from this camp.

THE ONLY RECORDED REGISTERED ITEM WITH FIVE-DIGIT LABEL



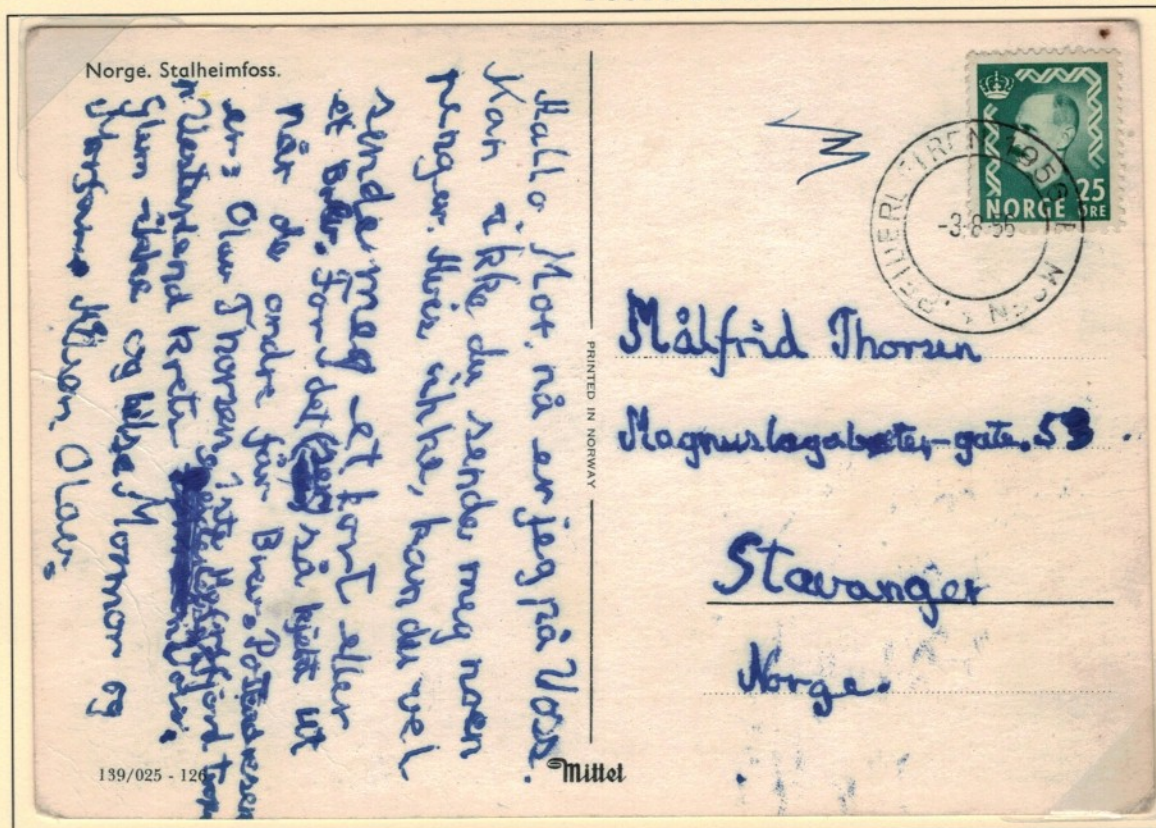
Registered printed matter to Sweden. Postmarked (N-027) "L.R.S.-LEIREN ÅNDALSNES 11-7-56".
25 øre for printed matter to 50g and 45 øre registration fee 1.1.1956-1.4.1958 (10 øre overfranked).

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1956 National Scout camp in Voss

In 1956, the Norwegian Boy Scouts Association held their tenth national camp on Bømøen near Voss, not far from Bergen. 6,000 Boy Scouts came to the camp. The field post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-028) 1-9 August.

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Postcard written by Boy Scout in camp and sent to Stavanger. Postmarked (N-028)
 "SPEIDERLEIREN 1956 BØMOEN -3-8-56". 25 øre for domestic postcards 1.1.1956-1.7.1962.



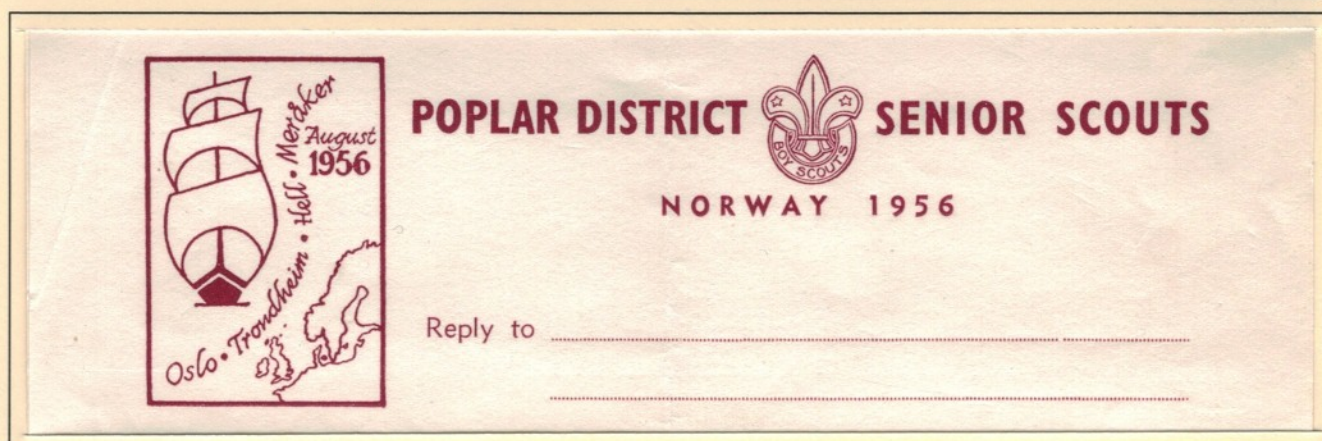
Photo viewcard of the Bømoen camp, sent to Tyssedal.

In August 1956, Senior Scouts of the Poplar District of London, U.K. toured along the Norwegian coast from Oslo to Meråker east of Trondheim.

Right: Cover sent from "TRONDHEIM -6-8-56". 65 øre for foreign letters to 20g 1.1.1956-1.4.1959.

Below: Specially printed stationery for the tour.

Far bottom: Cover sent from "MERÅKER -8-8-56". 65 øre for foreign letters to 20g 1.1.1956-1.4.1959.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1956 Saint George is the Patron Saint of Scouting

Labels depicting St. George fighting the dragon. Issued by the Norwegian Cancer Society approximately 1956.



Landsforeningen mot Kreft — Pris kr. 25,00 pr. ark.

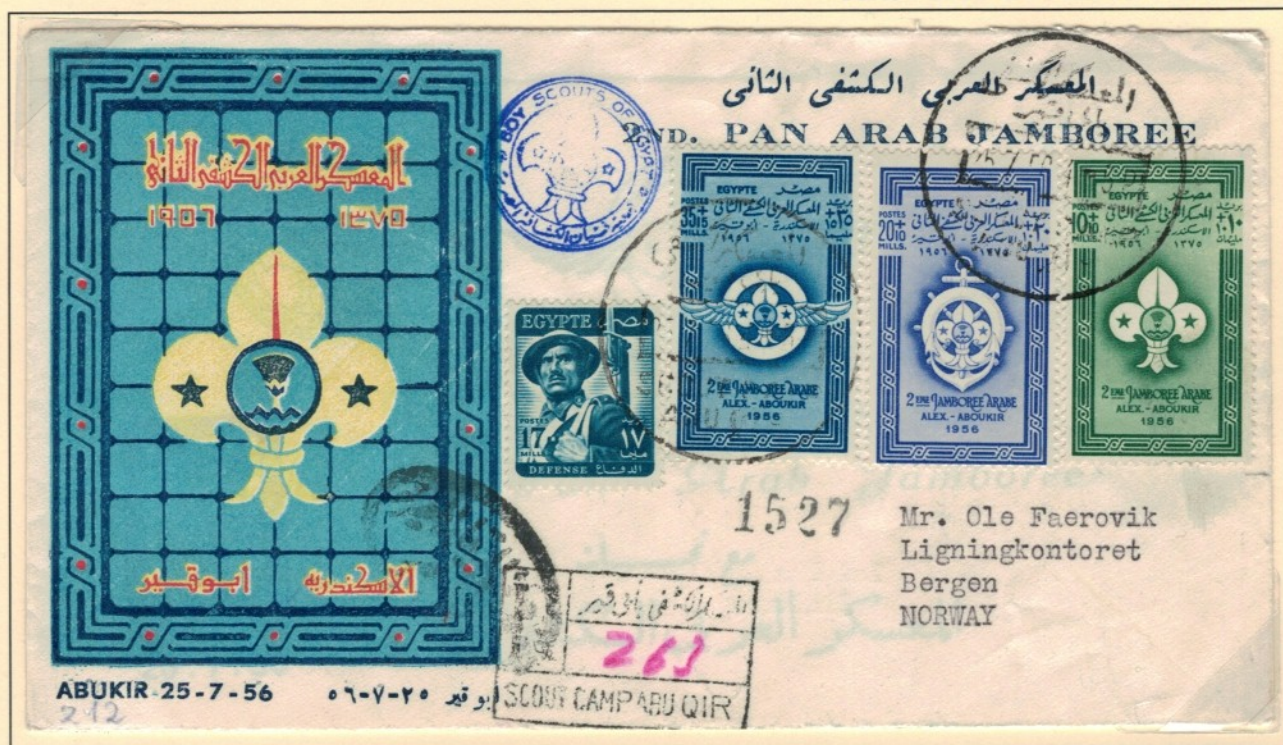
1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1956 2nd Pan-Arab Scout Jamboree, 1957 YWCA Guide district camp at Freng

Stamps and souvenir sheets were issued 25 July 1956 for the 2nd Pan-Arab Scout Jamboree.

The Jamboree took place in Aboukir near Alexandria, Egypt in July-August 1956.

FIRST DAY COVER TO NORWAY



Registered FDC postmarked "SCOUT CAMP ABU QIR 25 7 56", special registration cachet. Censored and sent to Norway. Overfranked.

1957 YWCA Guide district camp at Freng, south of Lillehammer.

Sør-Oppland YWCA Guides, 160 participants from six troops.

CAMP VIEWCARD



"Speiderleiren 1957. Freng pensjonat" (The 1957 Scout Camp, Freng boarding house).

1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

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1956 Christmas cards by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards. Drawing by unknown artist and from unknown source.

Postal cards BK 119, printed 1956, with additional private printing 1956.

Sent from "EIDSVOLL 18.12.56" to Harstad (above) and Sarpsborg (below).

1956 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Hva vi vil? Vi vil streve og være
sanne mennesker etter Guds sinn.
Bringe landet og hjemmet vårt ære
lokke smil frem på sorgtynget kinn.
Ta opp kampen for det gode,
støt ondskapens åndehær ned.
Leve livet med opplyftet hode
og i hjertet samvittighets fred.



En gledelig jul og godt nytt år!

Ønsker Gudene og folk.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1957 Thinking Day Service in Westminster Abbey, YWCA Guide camp at Hvitsten

1957 marked the Golden Jubilee of Scouting. 50 years ago in 1907
Baden-Powell held the first experimental camp on Brownsea Island.



Lady B-P picture postcard, written by the Norwegian Girl Guide representative for the Thinking Day service in Westminster Abbey, and sent to the Netherlands. Postmarked "LONDON 21 FEB 1957". Overfranked for the 2d foreign postcard rate 1.5.1940-1.10.1957.



1957 YWCA Girl Guide camp at Hvitsten near Drøbak, on the east side of the Oslo fjord.
YWCA Girl Guide postcard, written by camp participant and sent to Oslo.
Postmarked "HVITSTEN 25-6-57". 25 øre for domestic postcards 1.1.1956-1.7.1962.

1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1957 U.K. hosting the Jubilee Jamboree and 16th World Scout Conference

The 9th World Scout Jamboree – the Jubilee Jamboree – took place in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire in 1957. The Jamboree was located in Sutton Park. 33,000 Boy Scouts representing 90 countries attended, including 341 Scouts from Norway.



Mail posted within the camp was handled in the temporary sorting office adjacent to the main sorting office in the yard of Sutton Park Station. First Day Covers were also handled here.

The mail cancelling machine was furnished with a special Jamboree slogan.

First Day Cover sent to Norway, postmarked "SUTTON COLDFIELD WKS. 1 AUG 1957".

Overfranked for the 2½d foreign letter rate 1.5.1940-1.10.1957.

POSTCARD FROM THE CONFERENCE

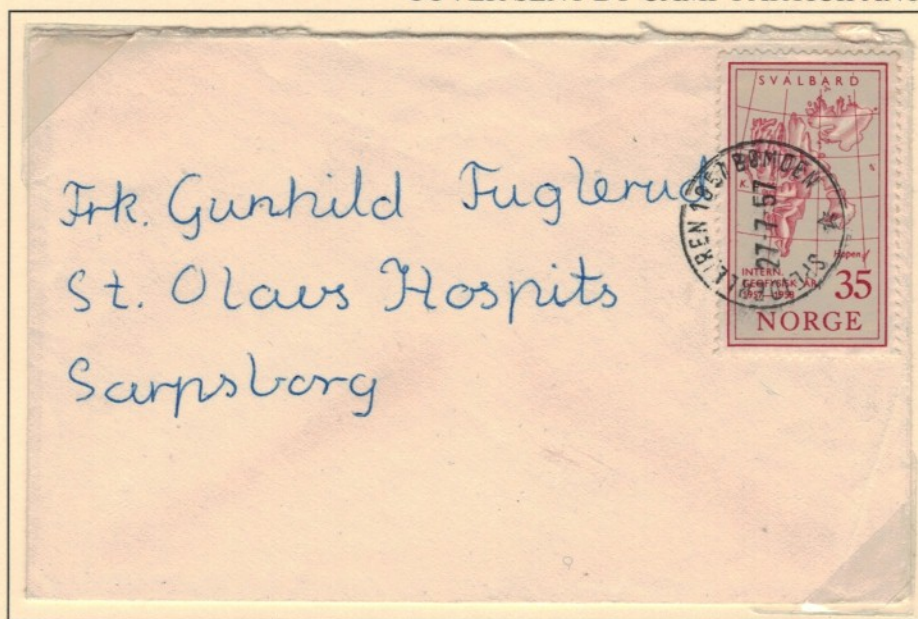


52 member countries were represented at the 16th World Scout Conference which was held in Cambridge immediately after the Jubilee Jamboree. Cambridge viewcard to Norway, signed by the Norwegian delegation to the conference, postmarked "CAMBRIDGE 15 AUG 1957".

Overfranked for the 2d foreign postcard rate 1.5.1940-1.10.1957.

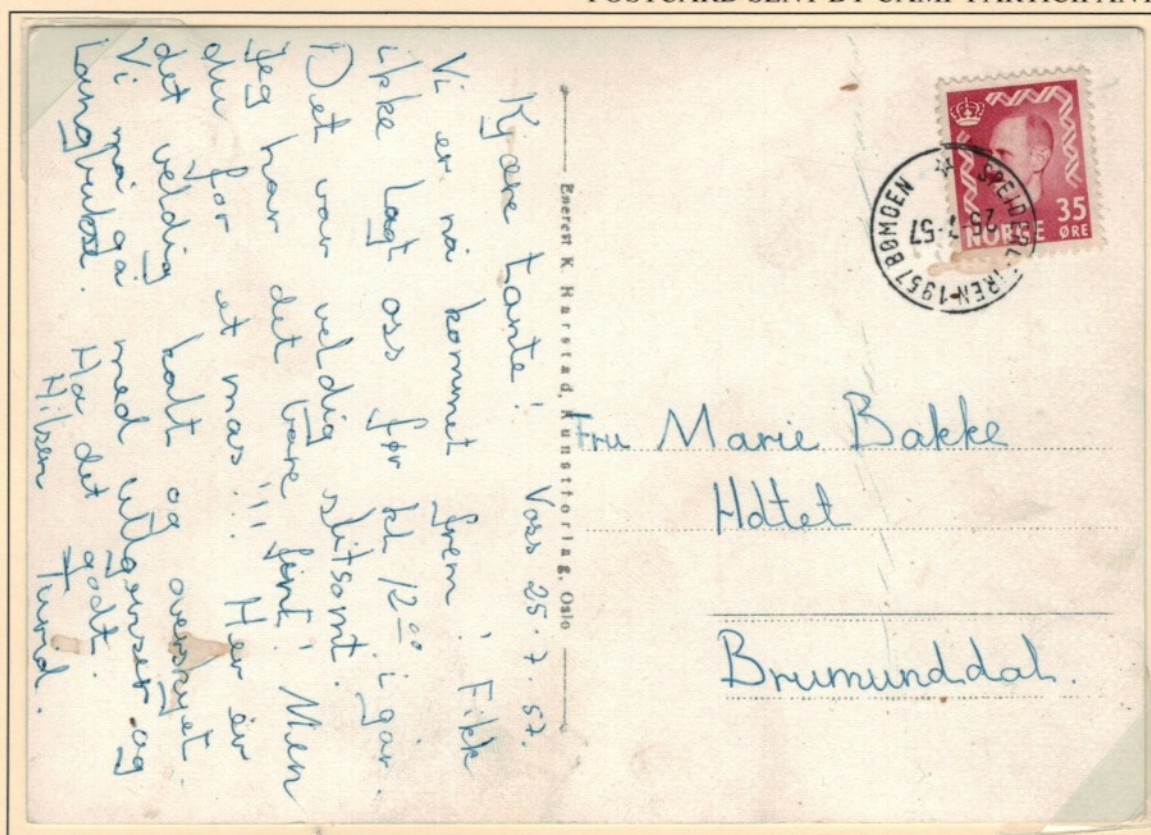
The Norwegian Girl Guides Association held their national camp 1957 on Bømoen near Voss, not far from Bergen. 3,200 Girl Guides attended. The field post office that operated in the camp used a special postmark (N-030) from 24 July to 1 August.

COVER SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Domestic cover, written by camp participant and sent to Sarpsborg.
Postmarked (N-030) "SPEIDERLEIREN 1957 BØMOEN 27-7-57".
35 øre for domestic letters to 20g 1.1.1956-1.4.1958.

POSTCARD SENT BY CAMP PARTICIPANT



Postcard written by Girl Guide in camp and sent to her aunt in Brumunddal,
"...it is very busy here. It is cold and cloudy, and we need to wear wool sweaters...".
Postmarked (N-030) "SPEIDERLEIREN 1957 BØMOEN 29-7-57".
25 øre for domestic postcards 1.1.1956-1.7.1962.

1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

1957 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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1957 POSTAL CARD BY JOHN GIÆVER



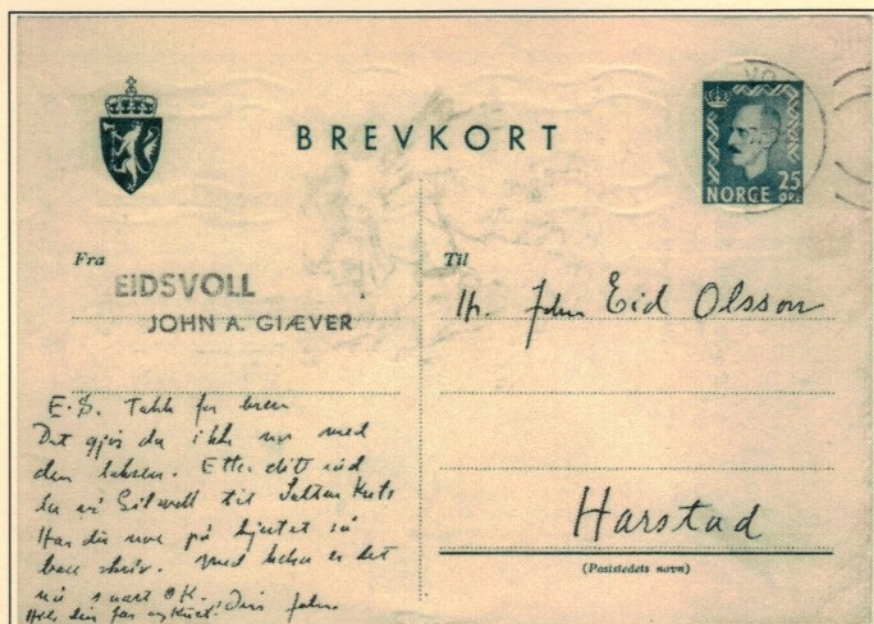
1957 Christmas card by John Giæver, additional private printing on official postal cards.

Drawing by Thor Wiborg, first time published in Speideren Christmas 1956.

Postal card BK 120, printed 1952-1956, with additional private printing 1957.

Sent from "EIDSVOLL ?? ?? 57" to Harstad.

Facsimile (reduced) of address side.



1950-1957: Better Scouting for more Boys and Girls

1957 The Golden Jubilee of Scouting concludes this exhibit

In 1957, Norway Post took part in the 50th anniversary celebration of Scouting, and a special slogan was used in a mail cancelling machine at the Oslo main post office. The slogan postmark (N-029) was used 15-28 February.

AIR MAIL TO THE UNITED STATES



“Speiderarbeidet 50 år” (Scouting 50 Years) machine cancellation (N-029).

“OSLO 28.2.57” – the last days of usage.

65 øre for foreign letters to 20 g plus 35 øre airmail fee per 5g 1.1.1956-1.4.1959, total 135 øre for 5-10g.

This concludes our Norwegian journey through 50 years of Scouting.

**Scouting continues in Norway and around the world,
but that is another story.**