

Aspects of Modern Scout Postal History

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20th World Scout Jamboree personalised stamp with the exhibitor depicted on the tab.

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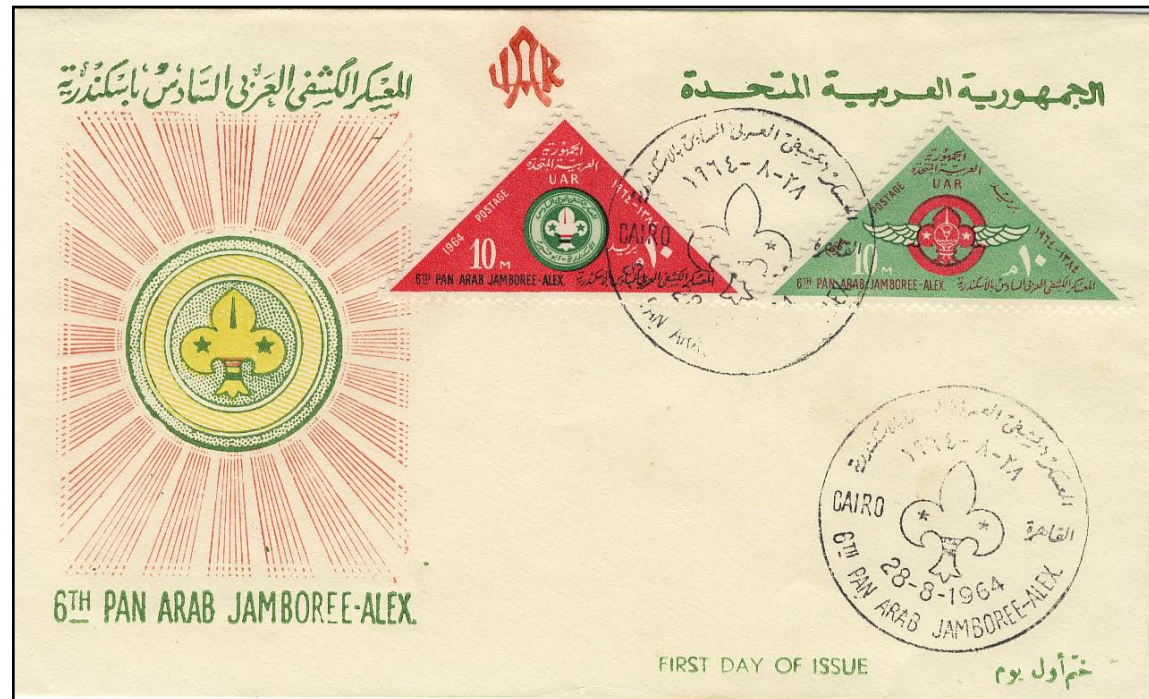
- ✓ **Born 1958 in Stavanger, Norway**
- ✓ **Stamp collector approx 1970, Boy Scout 1971,**
- ✓ **SOSI member since 1979, director 2000 - date**
- ✓ **First stamp exhibit 1990 (“Scandinavian Scout postmarks”)**
- ✓ **“World Scouting” exhibited first time 1992, first FIP gold medal 2001**
 - » **The ideas, principles and activities of Scouting, and its development from a modest start in England, into today’s world wide movement**
 - » **Collect and exhibit all types of related appropriate philatelic material**
 - » **Stamps, sketches, proofs, errors, varieties, perfins, telegrams, postmarks, supplementary markings, free postage, meter slogans, postal stationery, etc.**
 - » **Old and modern items (1787 – 2004)**
 - » **Items from nearly 100 countries**



Aspects of Modern Scout Postal History



- ✓ **Aim: To demonstrate that Scout philately can be a lot more than collecting stamps and special event covers.**



What is “Modern” in Scout philately?

- ✓ **Modern** after 1957, the Golden Jubilee of Scouting
- ✓ **Inter-mediate** 1940 – 1957
- ✓ **Old** 1920 – 1940
- ✓ **Classic**
 - Mafeking 1900**
 - Czechoslovakia 1918**
 - Siam 1920**



What is Postal History?

- ✓ Postal history is not the same as stamp collecting. Postal history is about the usage of postage stamps.
- ✓ Postal history is the study of the development of postal systems, the study of rates charged, routes followed and special handling of mail. The term has also come to refer to collections of covers and other material illustrating episodes in postal history.

In short: Routes, Rates and Postmarks.

- ✓ Most of the items shown here are low-cost.
- ✓ Some are easy to obtain. Some are surprisingly difficult to find, even if they don't cost much when you find them.



Philatelic mail vs. Commercial mail

- ✓ **Philatelic cover. Unaddressed, never sent in the mails.**



- ✓ **Commercially used postcard, written by Scout in camp, and sent to Spain.**



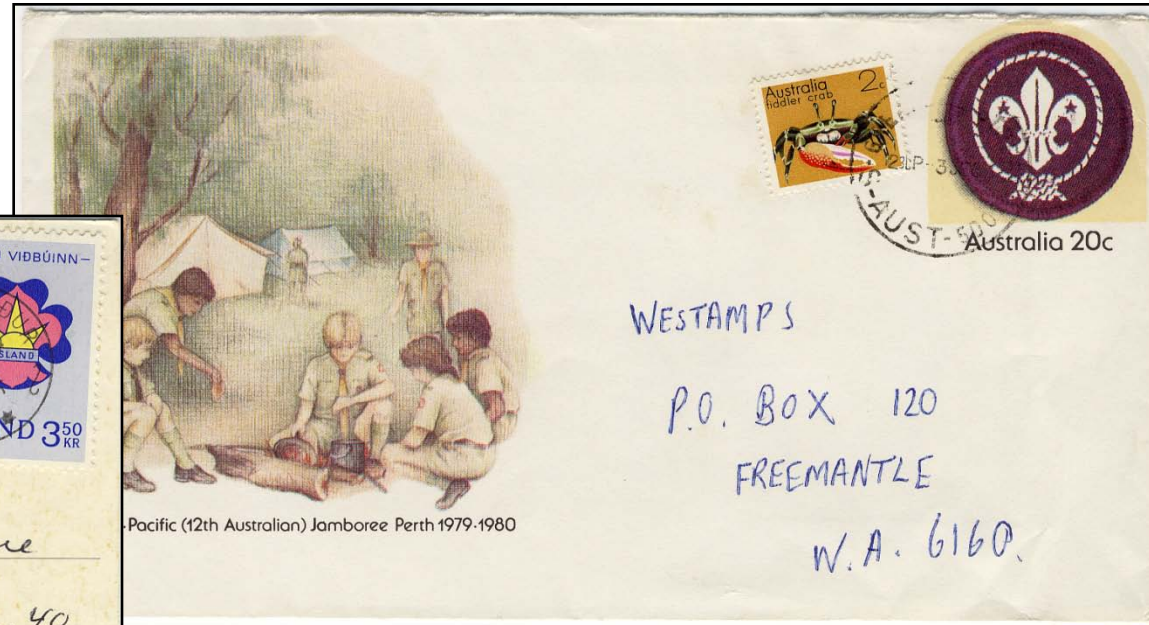
Examples of postal history subjects

- ✓ **1. Pre-adhesive postal services**
- ✓ **2. The development of local, regional, national or international postal services**
- ✓ **3. Postal rates**
- ✓ **4. Routes for transportation of mails**
- ✓ **5. Postal markings (Marcophily)**
- ✓ **6. Military mail, field post, siege mail, POW, civil and military internee camp mail**
- ✓ **7. Maritime mail and/or inland waterway mail**
- ✓ **8. Railway mail**
- ✓ **9. All kinds of Travelling Post Offices**
- ✓ **10. Disaster mail**
- ✓ **11. Disinfected mail**
- ✓ **12. Censorship mail**
- ✓ **13. Postage due mail**
- ✓ **14. Automation of the mails**
- ✓ **15. Forwarding agents markings**
- ✓ **16. Official mail, Free Frank mail**



Commercial use of Scout stamps and Scout postal stationery

- ✓ Australia 1979 postal envelope, commercial usage, with additional postage after rate increase.



Pacific (12th Australian) Jamboree Perth 1979-1980



- ✓ Iceland 1963, Scout stamp on commercially used postcard.



Commercial use of Scout stamps

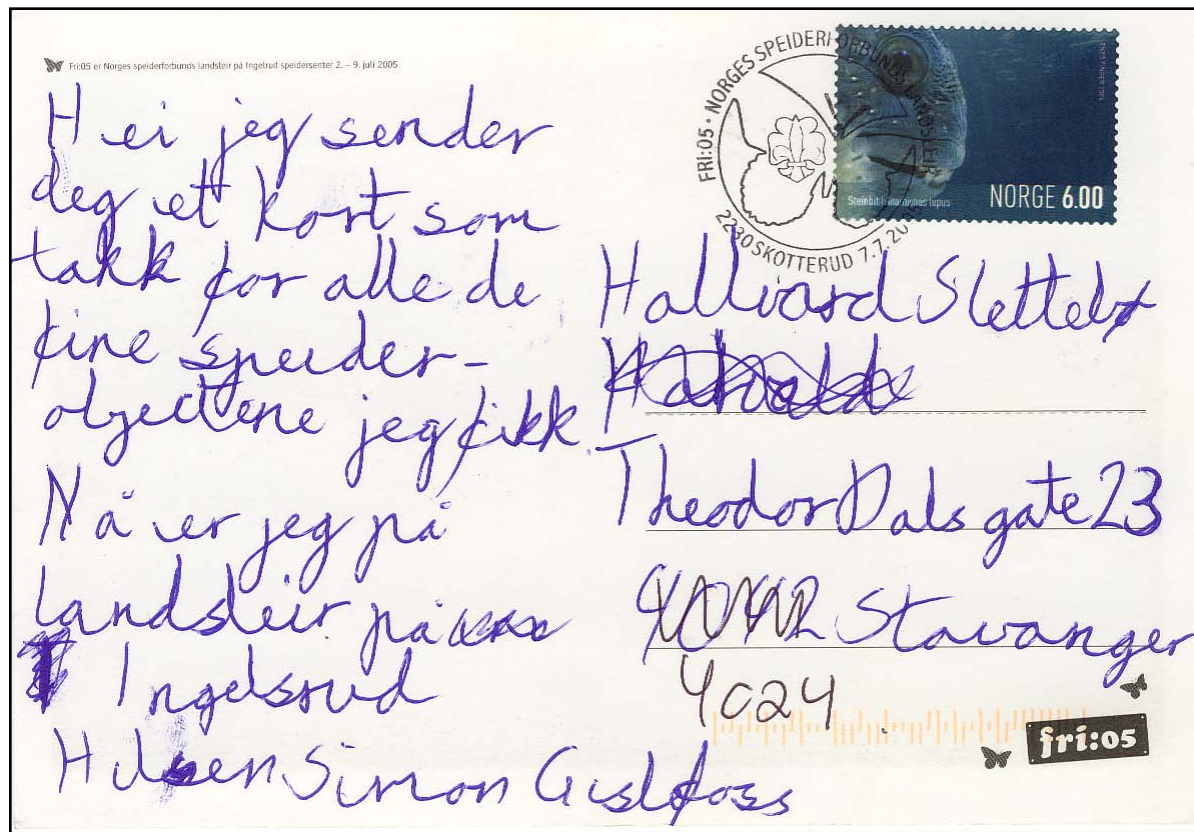
- ✓ April 1982: The Falklands War between Great Britain and Argentina. In addition to warships, the British requisitioned three large ocean liners - the *RMS Queen Elizabeth II*, *SS Canberra* and *SS Uganda*.



Boy Scout stamp on aerogram mailed on board the *RMS Queen Elizabeth II* during its return voyage from the Falklands.

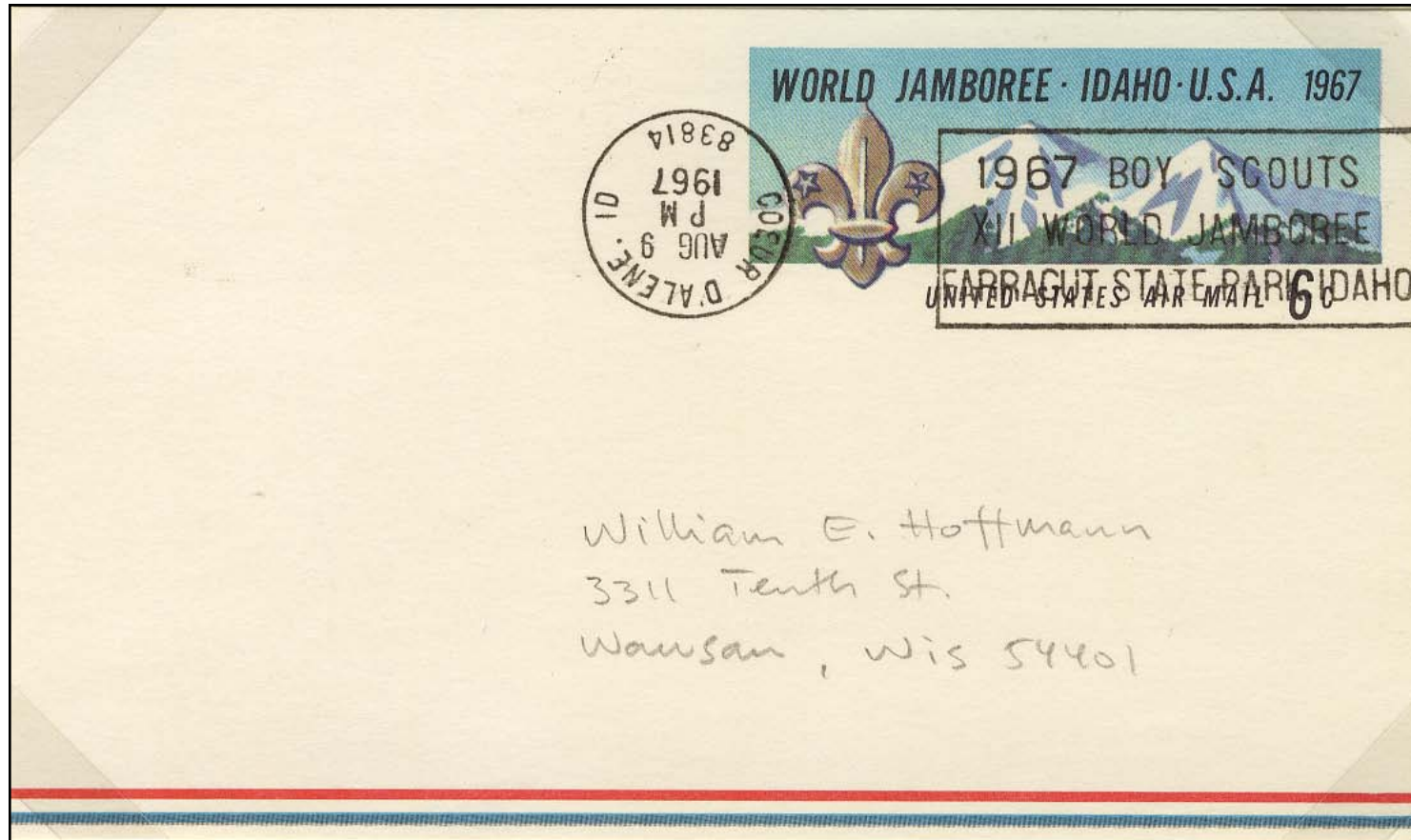
Scout postmarks

- ✓ Postcard from the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in Norway.



Machine cancellations

- ✓ 1967 World Scout Jamboree, inverted left part of machine cancel.



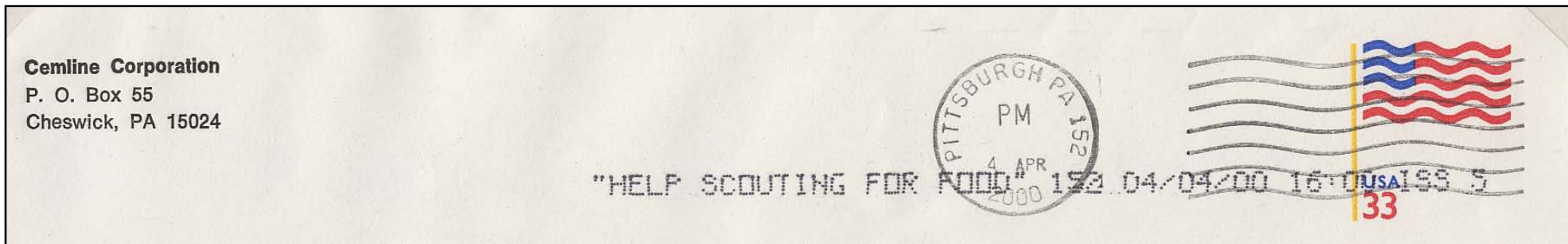
Machine cancellations

- ✓ **U.K. 1957: Publicity slogans were used on mail canceling machines at about 30 of the larger G.P.O. sorting offices between 1st and 31st July.**
- ✓ **For use on printed matter with reduced rate, the town and date slugs were replaced by a triangular die with a number representing the post office. '449' is Leicester.**



Spray-on cancel

- ✓ Each year Scouting for Food mobilizes community businesses and organizations and focuses the resources of more than 300,000 people to collect food for 120,000 hungry people throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Spray-on cancel “HELP SCOUTING FOR FOOD”, used in Pittsburgh, PA in 2000.



Precanceled mail

- ✓ **Precanceled (and post-canceled) SALINAS, CALIF., used by Boy Scouts of America, Monterey Bay Area Council, 1985.**

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MONTEREY BAY AREA COUNCIL, INC.
55 SAN JOAQUIN STREET
P. O. BOX 2161 • SALINAS, CALIF. 93904



Mr. Ambrose Cowden
230 Walnut Street
Santa Cruz, California



Precanceled Scout stamps



*EIGHT MILE
ALA.*



*FAIRFAX
AL*



*SHAWMUT,
AL*



*ALTOONA
AL*



*LINCOLN,
ALA.*



*EIGHT MILE
ALA.*

Postal services - parcels

- ✓ Parcel dispatch note from Switzerland, sent to Nordjamb 75

Schweiz Suisse Svizzera

Platz für die Aufgabennummern
Emplacement réservé au n°
Posto riservato per il n°

512 3053 Münchenbuchsee

Begleitadresse
Bulletin d'expédition
Bolle

Frankatur
Affranchissement

10 20

CP 2

Absender / Expéditeur / Mittente
Fam. W. Gasser
Lindenweg 17
3053 Münchenbuchsee

Empfänger / Destinataire / Destinatario
Reto Gasser
Trupp 01/63 Schw. Infanteriebund
Unterlager 06 Skane Nordjamb 75
N- 2600 Lillehammer, Norwegen

Wertangabe in Worten / en lettres / in lettere
Valeur déclarée
Ziffern / chiffres / cifre
dreissig 11.30.-

Nachnahmebetrag in Worten / en lettres / in lettere
Montant du remboursement
Ziffern / chiffres / cifre

Postcheckkontonummer und Postcheckamt / Numéro du compte courant postal et bureau de chèques / Numero del conto corrente postale e ufficio dei conti correnti

Inhaber der Postcheckrechnung
Titulaire du compte courant postal
Titolare del conto corrente postale

Goldfranken / Francs-or / Franchi oro

4017 Basel 17
NORDJAMB-75
2600 LILLEHAMMER
5-8-1975

Stempel der Aufgabestelle / Timbre du bureau d'origine / Bollo dell'ufficio d'origine

Münchenbuchsee
30-7-75
36

ANK.NR. 0107

Zollgebühren / Dro. / Imposti doganali

Anzahl Nombre de Numero di	Art der Verpackung Nature de l'emballage Natura dell'imballaggio	Gewicht (brutto) Poids (brut) Peso (lordo)
1	Paket Tollfritt Lillehammer tollstasjon	kg 4.600 g

1) Kiste, Paket, Schachtel usw.
Caisse, paquet, carton, etc.
Cassa, pacco, scatola, ecc.

OSLO 4-8-75

POST-TÅLK

PTT 318.40 IX 70 A5 K 180

Postal services – Express / Special Delivery

- ✓ Dispatch note for special delivery parcel sent from a Scout Shop in Stockholm, Sweden on 4 Aug 1972. Arrived and collected next day. Perhaps some urgently needed camping equipment?

PAKET

Nr 4509

STOCKHOLM BAN

04.8.72

Från ej utskrivs med blyerts- eller färgpenna
 Frankeringen görs här bredvid / I fråga om paket, men annars på försändelsen

Plats för frankering och datumstämpel

ore 905 ore

SVERIGE

ADRESSKORT inrikes postförskott Redovisning över postgälden Anvisningar, se baksidan

Försändelsemottagare
 Herr Per Blomström
 c/o Cox
 Karl Johans Torg 13
 703 41 ÖREBRO

Till

Försändelsens innehåll eller beskaffenhet
 Scout-, friluftsbokartiklar

Försändelsen kvitteras (ej med blyerts- eller färgpenna)
 Mottagarens namnteckning
 Budets namnteckning (endast betr. ass eller rek)
 Budets adress

Datum 5/8 1972

ÖREBRO 1

72.08.05

7950-0229

Urgent
 Ilpaket

ÖREBRO 7

ÖREBRO 5.8.72

119.20

5720

Assbelopp, kr resp. "rek"

Leg.sätt (för ass eller rek)

Vikt i kg (för paket)



Postal services – Cash-on-delivery

- ✓ Dispatch note for parcel sent cash-on-delivery from the Scout shop Friluftsmagasinet in Stockholm, Sweden, 1972.

95 521		Utskrift för endast göras med skrivmaskin, bläck eller kulpenna		Plats för frankering och datumstämpel	
Stockholm Ban		Från Friluftsmagasinet - Scout Varor har äkta grejer		öre 765 öre	
inrikes postförskott		SVENSK SCOUTFÖRBUNDETS UTRUTNINGSSERVICE		SVERIGE	
Redovisning över postgiron		6417			
Anvisningar på blankettens baksida					
Försändelsemottagare			Ankomstnr		
KFUM-Örebro Kristina Ekholm			1348		
Postutdelningsadress (gata, nr, uppg, tr, box, fack etc)			Assbelopp kr resp »Rek»		
V. Bangatan 7					
Ortsadress			Legsätt (för ass eller rek)		
Till 703 54 ÖREBRO					
Försändelsens innehåll (behöver inte anges)			Förrens		
Program-sats					
Försändelsen kvitteras (med bläck eller kulpenna)		Datum		Vikt i kg (för paket)	
		26/1 1972			
Mottagarens namnteckning		Utlämningsdag		Förs ankdag	
Kristina Ekholm					
Budets namnteckning (endast beträffande ass eller rek)		Sign			
Budets adress					



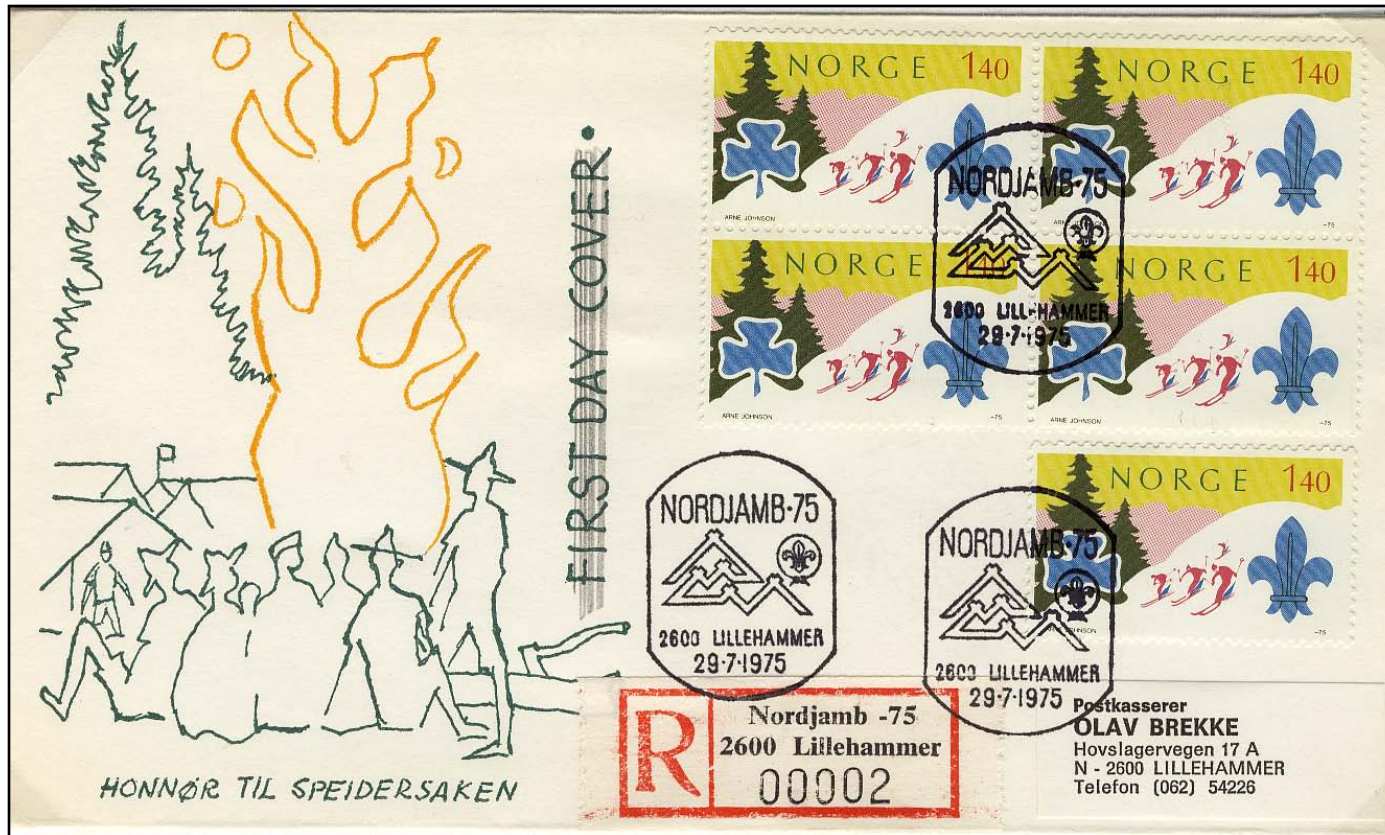
Postal services – registered mail

- ✓ Registered mail, 1963 World Scout Jamboree.
Manuscript registration annotation (R number 1, Marathon).



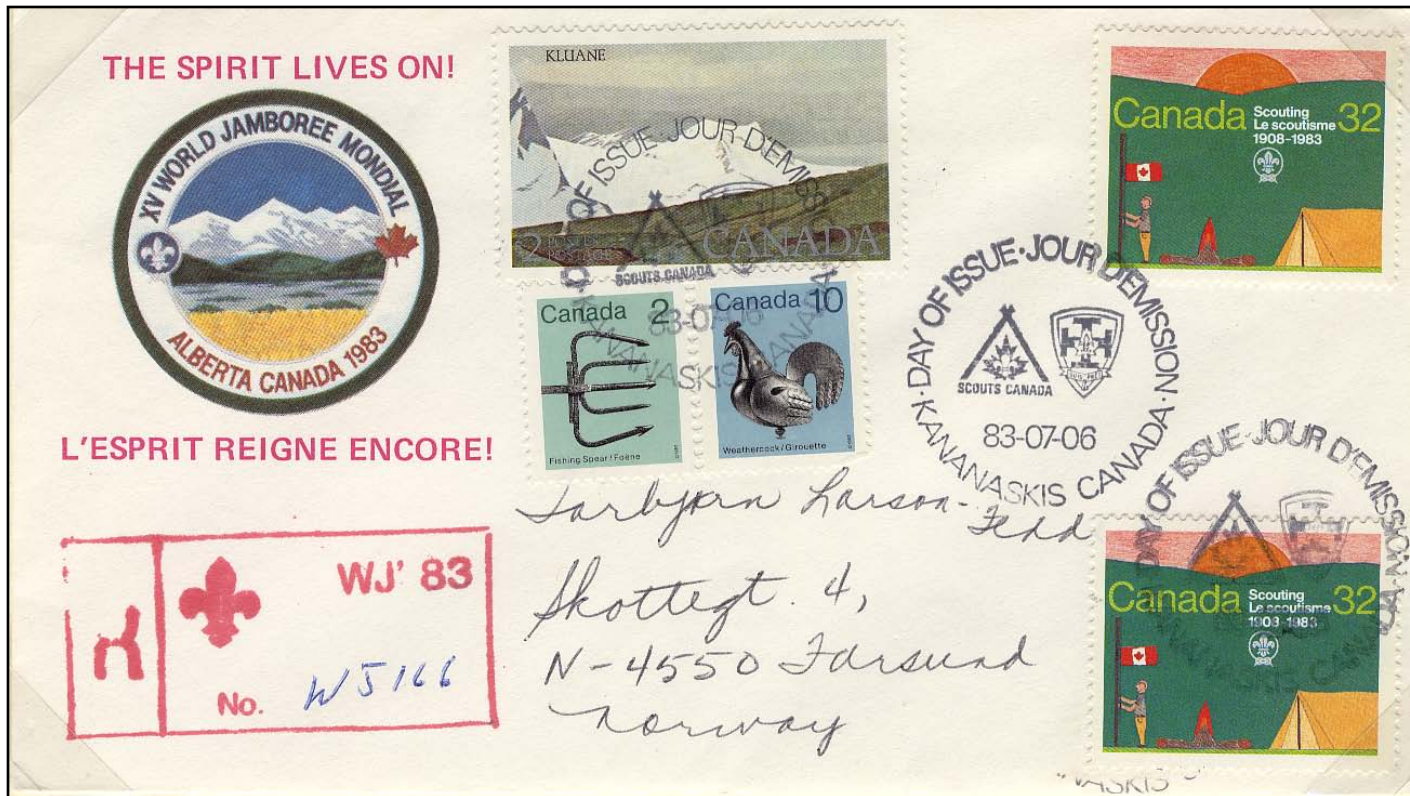
Postal services – registered mail

- ✓ Registered mail, 1975 World Scout Jamboree.
Specially printed registration label.



Postal services – registered mail

- ✓ Registered mail, 1983 World Scout Jamboree.
Note the special registration handstamp.



Postal services – registered mail


- ✓ Registered mail, 1987/1988 World Scout Jamboree.
Blank registration label with manuscript “Cataract Scout Park”.



Postal services – insured mail

Special postmarks on unusual items

- ✓ Certificate for posting a value insured letter, Swedish camp 1963.
- ✓ Guess how many Scouts needed insured mail to send money home from camp?


 Kvitto på inlämnat assbrev eller rek

Adressat <i>Björn Hermansson</i>		Inlämningsnummer <i>125</i>	
Adresspostanstalt <i>Göteborg C</i>		Postavgift, öre <i>105</i>	
Assbelopp ¹ Kr _____ öre _____		Särskilda ant. (x, flyg, mb m.m.) ²	
Postförskottsbelopp Kr _____ öre _____		Stämpel för inlämningsdag	

Förvara detta inlämningskvitto, till dess visshet vunnits, att försändelsen kommit adressaten tillhanda.
Vid reklamation skall inlämningskvittot företes.
Ersättning för ett inrikes rek, som förkommit eller skadats, kan i intet fall utgå med högre belopp än 50 kronor. I fråga om ersättning för försändelse till utlandet gälla särskilda föreskrifter. Upplysningar om sätt och tid för framställning om ersättning meddelas av postanstalterna.

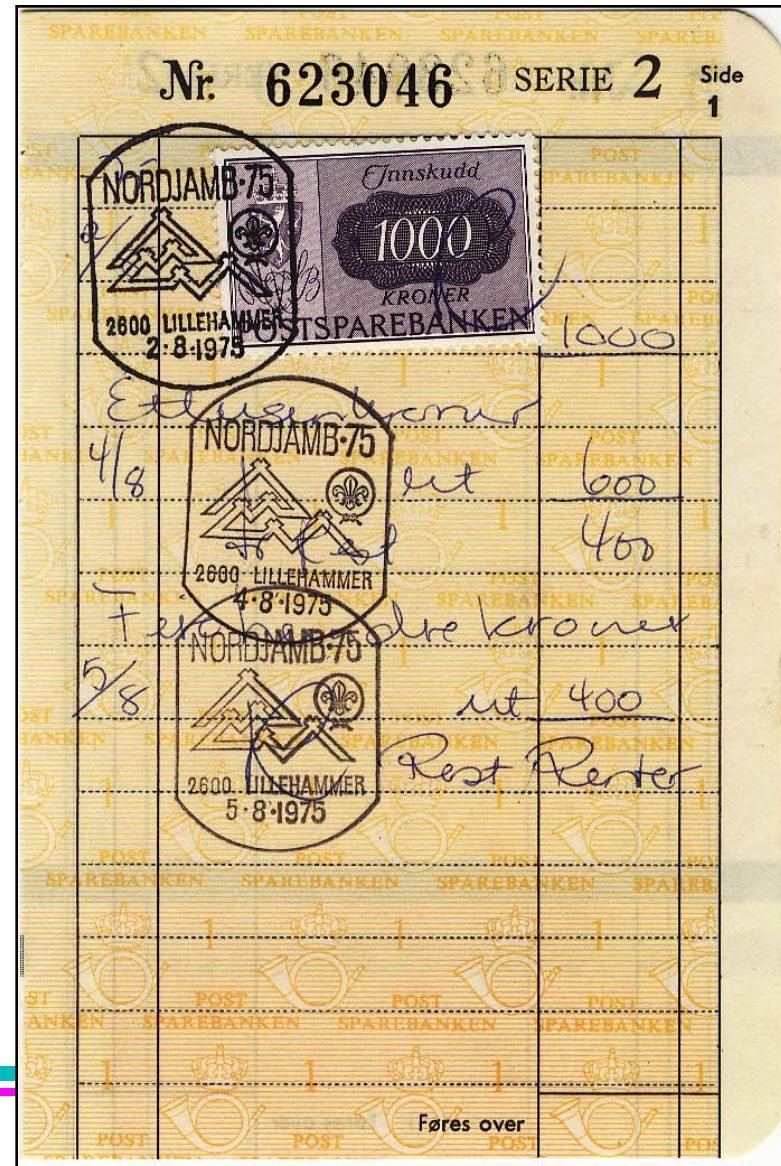
¹ Om assbelopp ej angivits, är försändelsen rekommenderad.
² X = expressutdelning, flyg = flygbef. mot tilläggsavgift, mb = mot-tagningsbevis.

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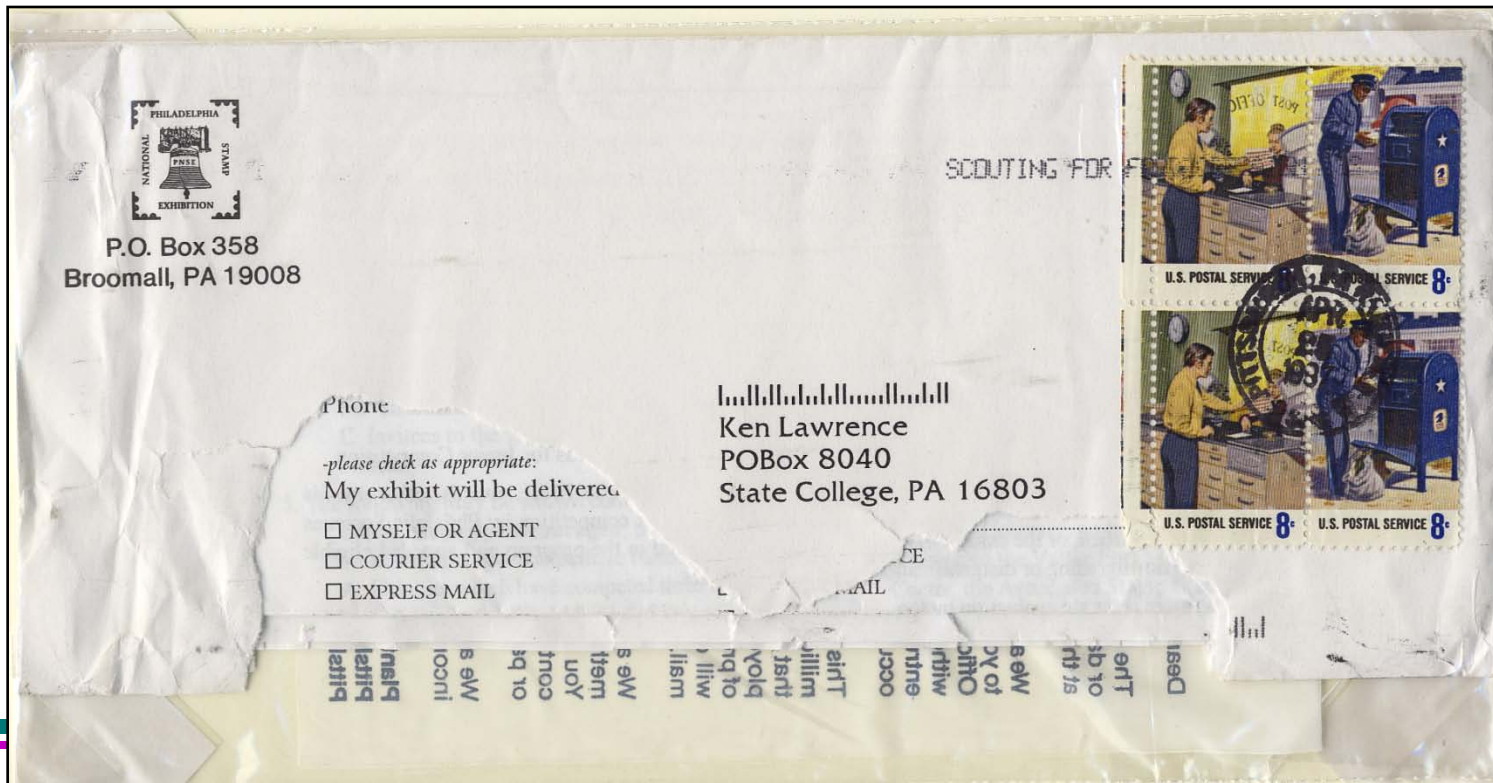
Postal services – Postal Savings Bank

- ✓ 1975 World Scout Jamboree, page from Norwegian Postal Savings Bank book.
- ✓ NOK 1000 (\$150) deposit stamp and postmark, also two postmarks for cash withdrawal.



Damaged in the mechanical mail handling

- ✓ “Scouting for food” spray-on postmark on cover from Pittsburgh, PA, Apr. 25, 1997 to State College, PA.
- ✓ Damaged in the mechanical mail handling, and placed in official apology bag from United States Postal Service, Pittsburgh, PA.



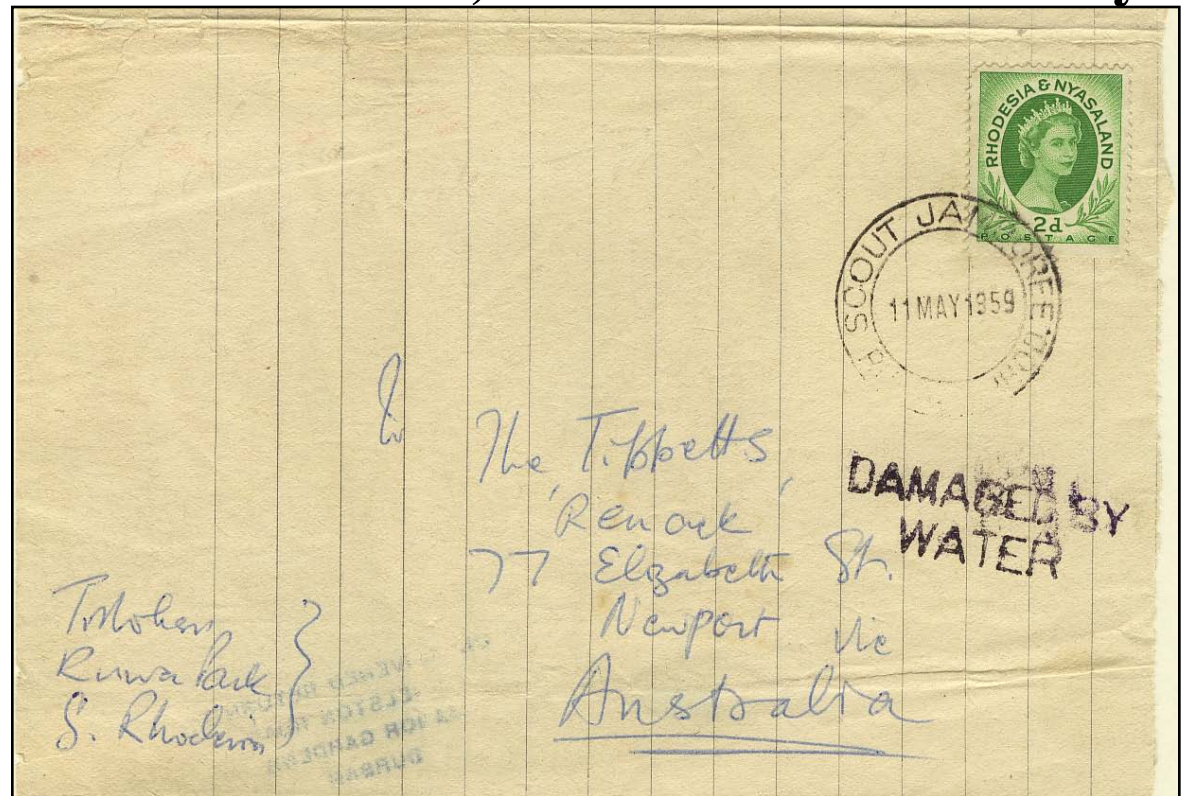
Damaged by fire

- ✓ Printed matter sent from the Philippines to the Netherlands, 1969. Stamp issued May 16, 1969 for the 4th National Boy Scout Jamboree. Cachet “DAMAGED BY FIRE” from unknown incident.



Damaged by water

- ✓ Wrapper, sent from the Ruwa Park Scout Jamboree to Australia, cancelled “SCOUT JAMBOREE / RUWA, S. RHOD. 11 MAY 1959”, on the last day of the Jamboree, which started on 4 May.
- ✓ Two-line postal cachet “DAMAGED BY / WATER” from unidentified incident.



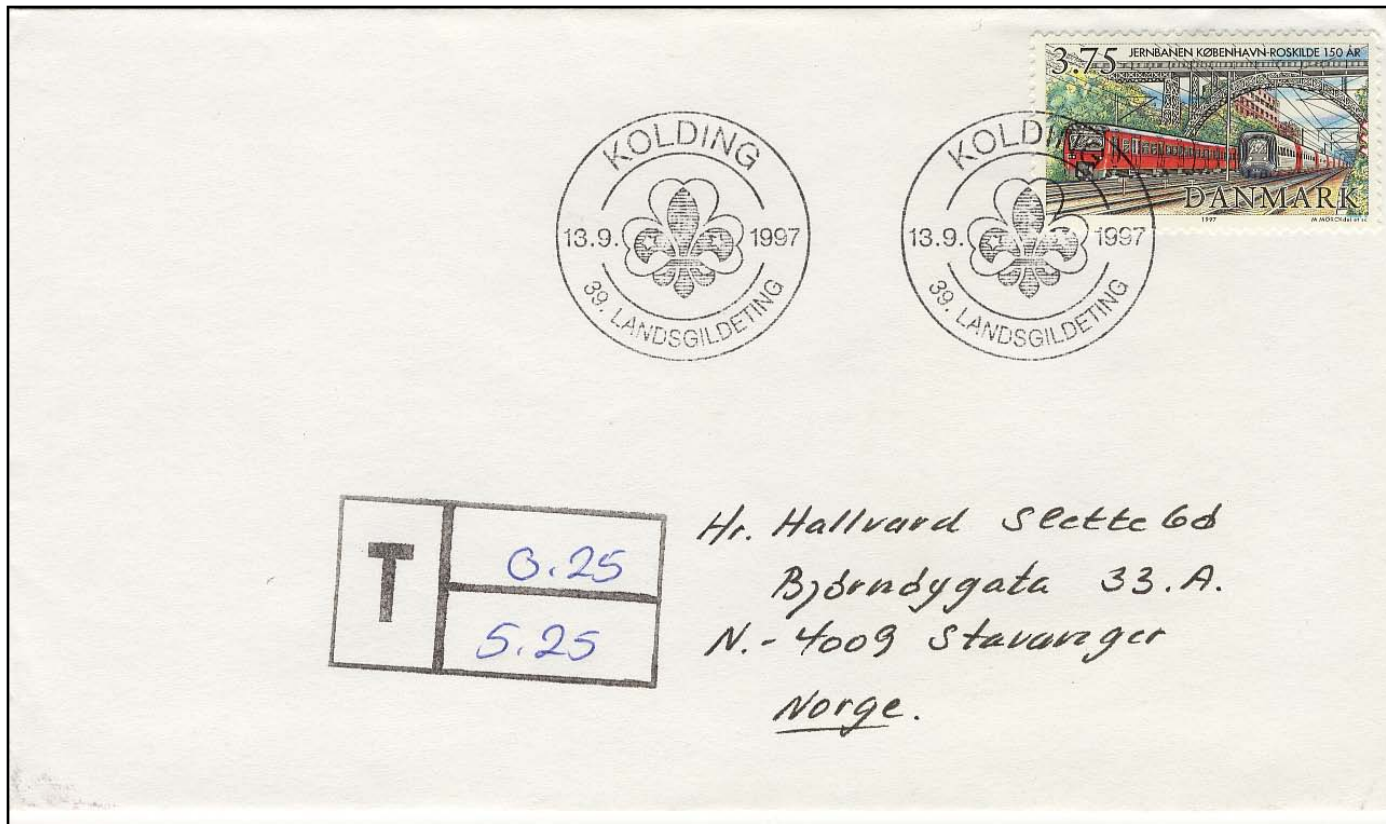
Mail-carrying Scouts

- ✓ Boy Scouts were entrusted with carrying mail during the East Pakistan / Bangladesh civil war in 1971.



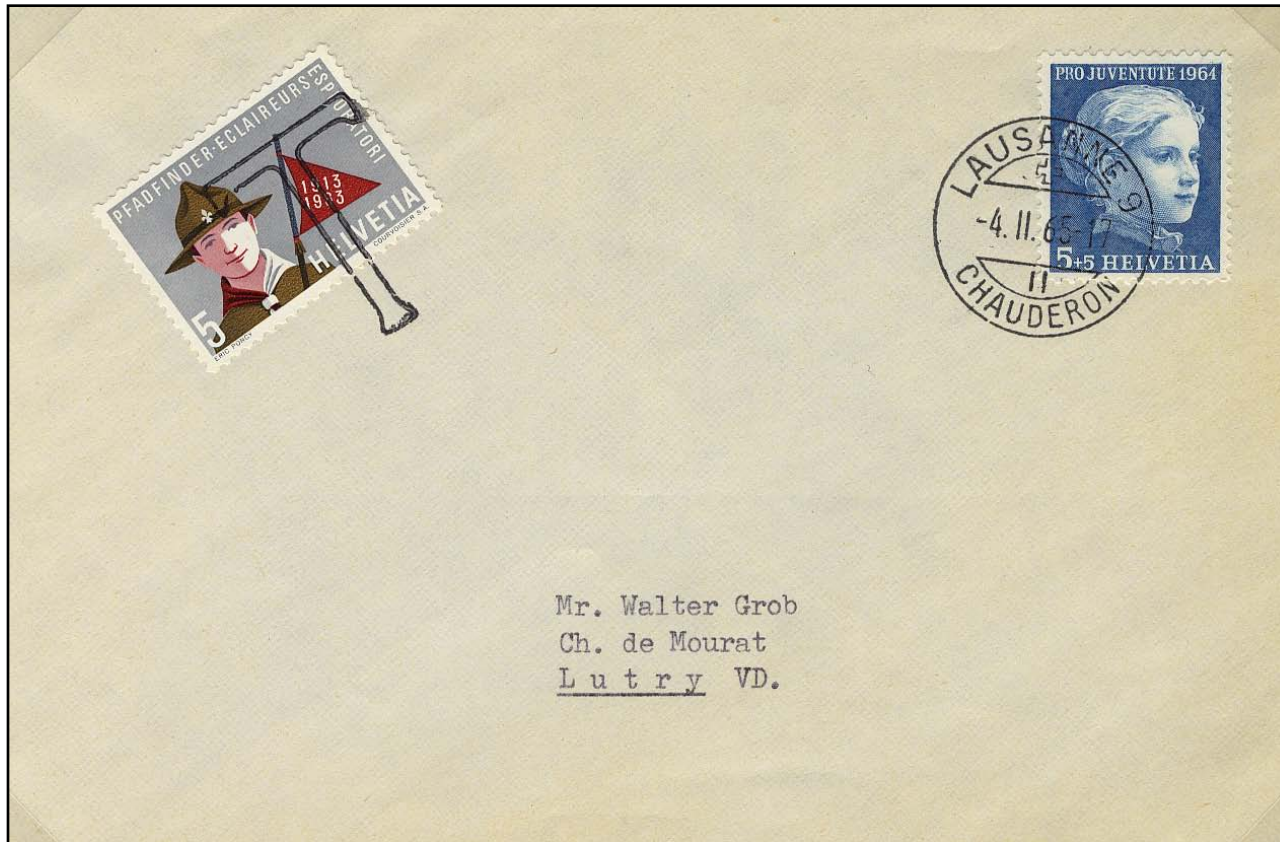
Postage due mail

- ✓ Insufficient postage on cover sent to Norway from Scout conference, Denmark, 1997.



Postage due mail

- ✓ Boy Scout stamp used as payment for the due amount, Switzerland, 1963.



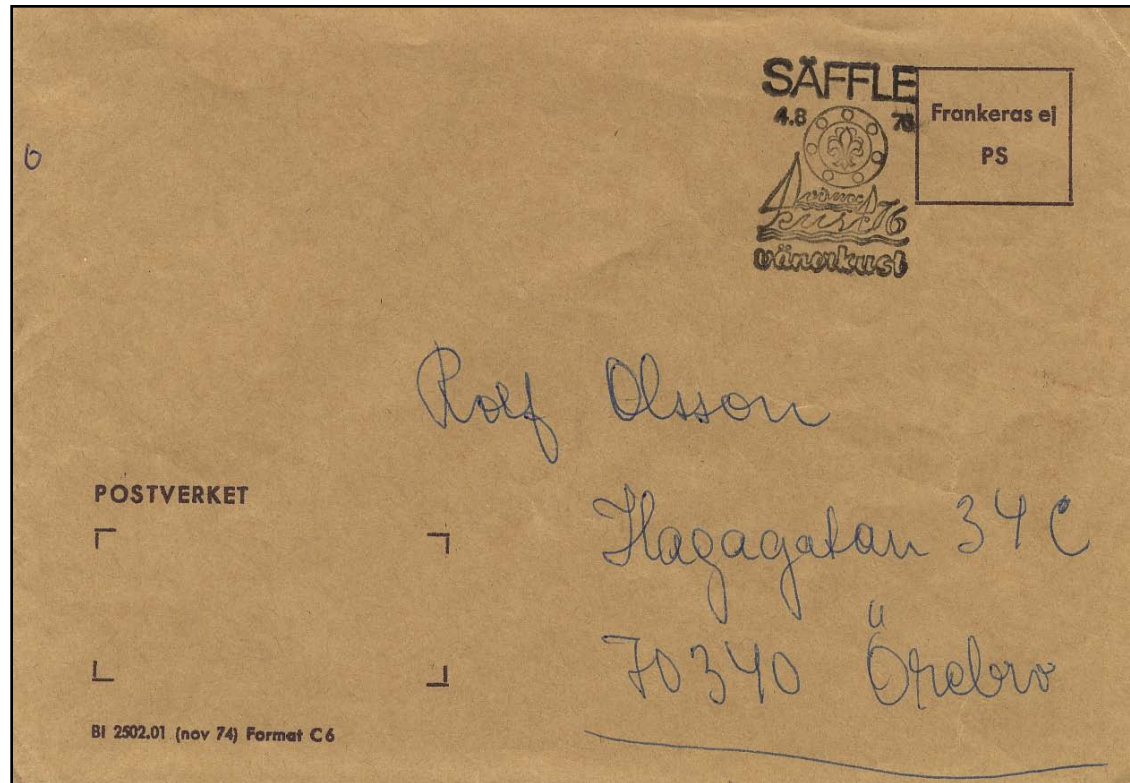
Automation of the mails

- ✓ Bar codes for automatic sorting of the mails, Sweden 1992.



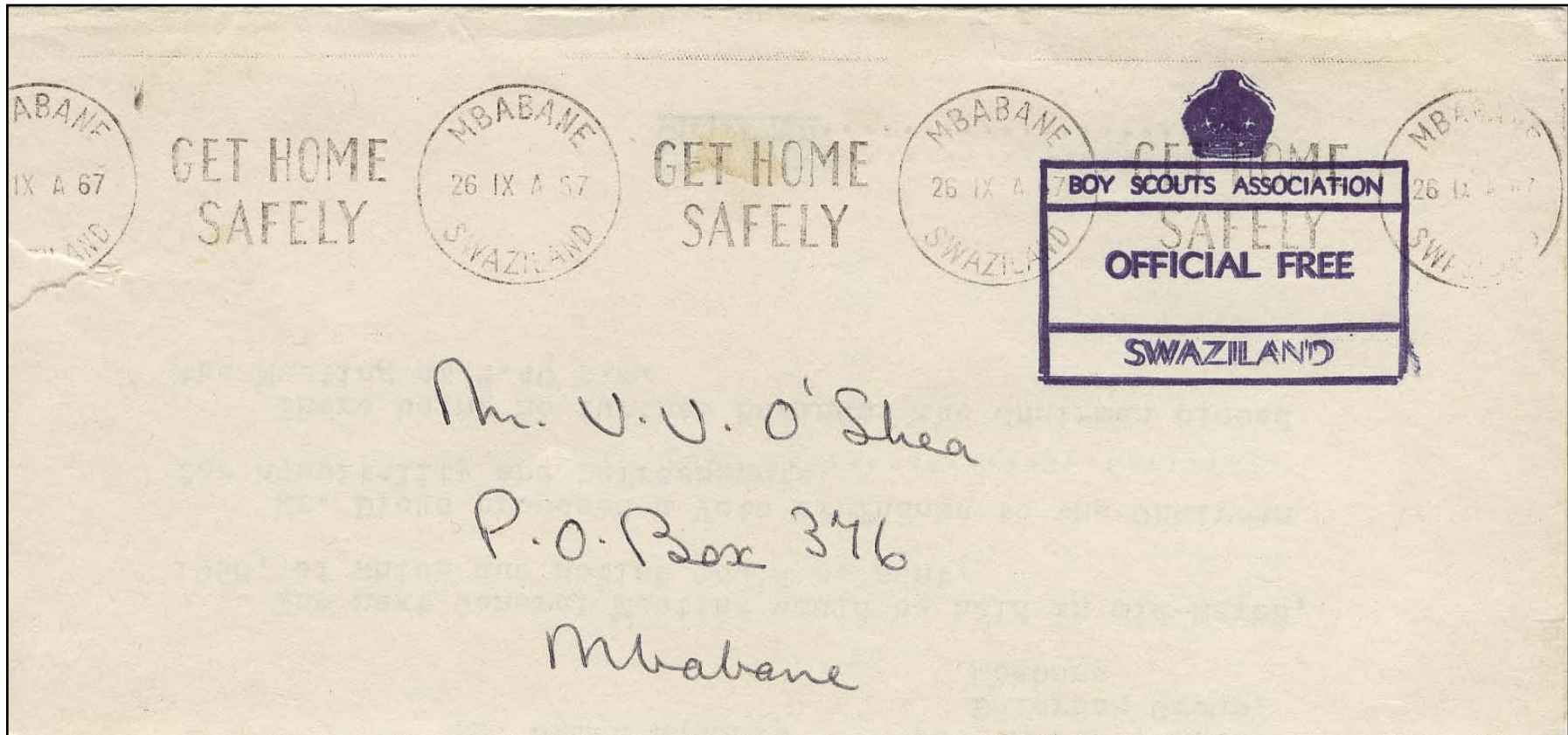
Official mail

- ✓ Official envelope from Sweden Post, with imprint “No postage required”, the envelope is printed in November 1974, and it was used in 1976 from a Scout camp post office.



Free Frank mail

- ✓ **The Scouts of Swaziland received the free postage privilege whilst still a colony. This continued after independence in 1968.**



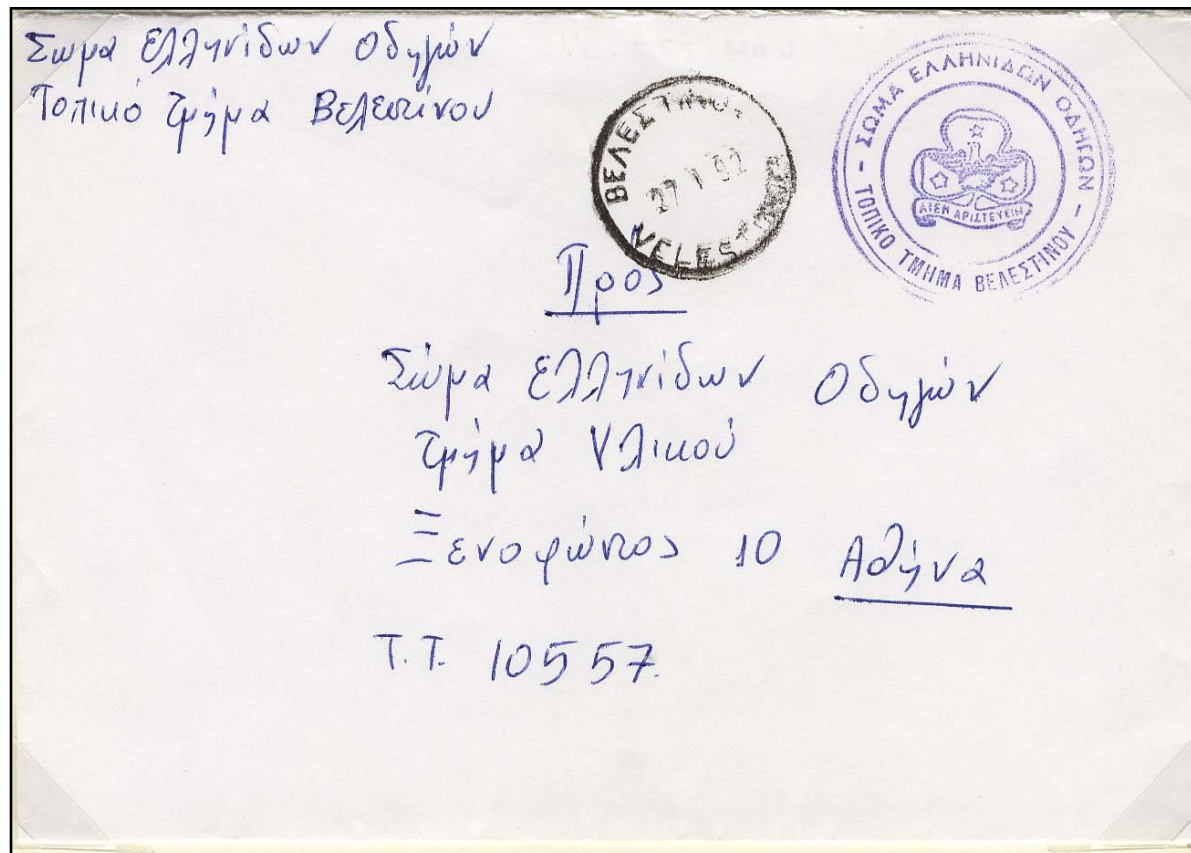
Free Frank mail

- ✓ **Free postage privilege is a form of Governmental recognition of Scouting, and a form of financial support.**
 - ✓ **Can be found from many countries:**
 - ✓ **Cuba**
 - ✓ **Venezuela**
 - ✓ **Greece**
 - ✓ **Romania**
 - ✓ **Jamaica**
 - ✓ **Peru**
 - ✓ **El Salvador**
 - ✓ **Costa Rica**
 - ✓ **Switzerland**
 - ✓ **Guatemala**
 - ✓ **Honduras**
 - ✓ **Swaziland**
 - ✓ **Panama**
 - ✓ **... and probably more**

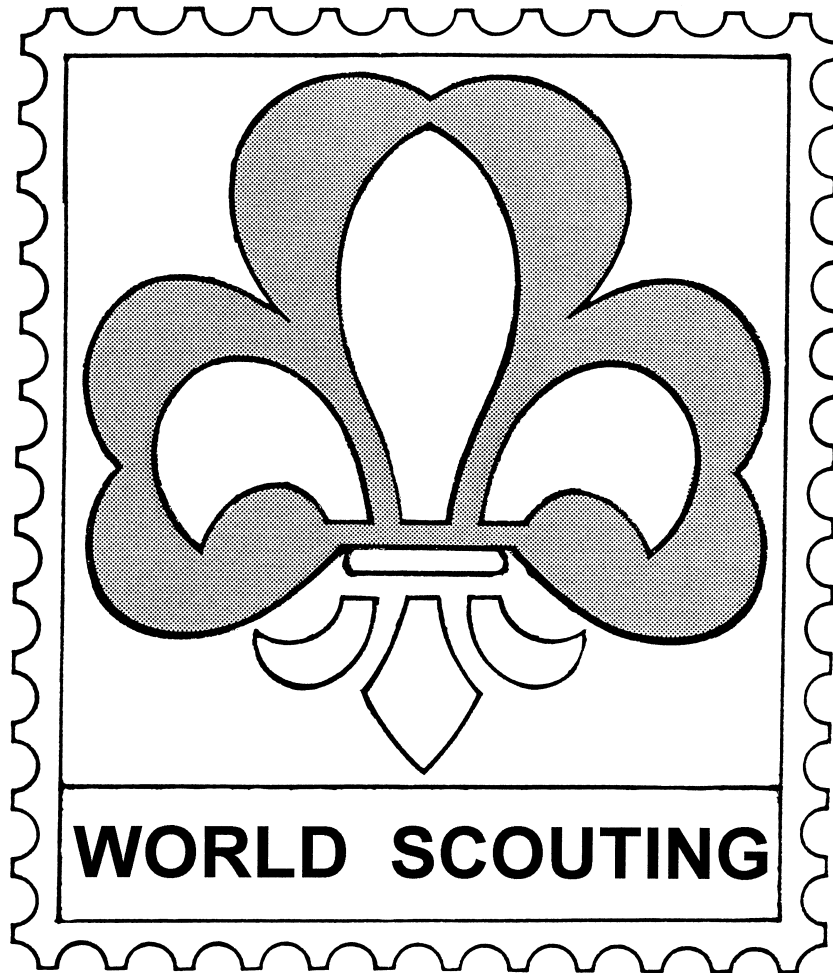


Free Frank mail

- ✓ The Scouts of Greece were granted a free postage privilege in the early years of Scouting, and it continues to this date.



That's all, folks.



- ✓ **Thank you for your attention.**
- ✓ **Would you like to see my stamp collection?**
- ✓ **8 frames “World Scouting”, in the Thematic class.**