

Scouting Sweden

– the postal history of Scouting in Sweden up to 1959 –

The exhibit documents postal history related to the Scout and Guide movements in Sweden up to the Golden Jubilee which was celebrated in 1959. The emphasis is on showing postal usage of all the Swedish Scout postmarks in the period.

Baden-Powell held the first trial camp for boys on Brownsea Island near Poole, Dorset in 1907, and Scouting really took off in England in 1908. It quickly spread to other countries.

Scouting in Sweden started in 1908 by Emil Winqvist as part of the YMCA activities. Another pioneer was Ebbe Lieberath, a gymnastics teacher from Gothenburg. He wanted to start some form of youth activity for his pupils and in 1909 he found Baden-Powell's book "Scouting for boys" whilst travelling, and he later translated it into Swedish. Two years later activities commenced for girls as well.

In 1912 the first Boy Scout association was formed and in 1913 the first Girl Guide association.

Summer camps have always been important parts of scout activities. The first national camp took place 1912 in connection with the Olympic Games in Stockholm. Many major camps had their own camp post office, with special postmarks. All the official scout postmarks 1927-1959 are shown used, as well as a number of private cancels and other scout postal history items.

Up to 1930:

Growth and work in war and peace

1931-1939:

Roaming through happy years of scouting

1940-1950:

From fear of war to joy towards the great heights

1951-1957:

Better scouting for more boys and girls

1958-1959:

Golden jubilee of scouting in Sweden



"Swedish Boy Scout"

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

Up to 1930: Growth and work in war and peace

The 1912 Olympic Games took place in Stockholm, Sweden. King Gustav V invited 1500 Boy Scouts from five countries to pitch their tents next to the Olympic Stadium and offer help in the Olympic Games. This was the first national camp of Sweden's Scout Association. It is estimated that 1200 to 1500 Scouts participated, coming from Denmark, Norway, Germany, England and France, as well as Sweden. The Scouts were responsible for the sales of all Programs at the Stadion. Furthermore, the Scouts were available for service for the officials of the games at all locations where competitions took place. Approximately 600 Scouts served at Stadion each day. On the Marathon day, Scouts were posted along the entire 42 km route, signaling orders between the officials.

Postcard sent to Kalmar with machine cancellation "OLYMPISKA SPELEN I STOCKHOLM / OLYMPIC GAMES IN STOCKHOLM / 29 JUNI - 22 JULI 18.7.12".



Below:

Souvenir card issued 1962 on the 50th anniversary for the Olympic Scout Camp, showing camp scene. Also cachet "Olympiska Boy-Scout-Lägret 1912-1962 The Olympic Scout Camp Stockholm".



The Imperial Scout Exhibition was the first International scout rally in Birmingham, a gathering of Boy Scouts held in July 1913, with an exhibition at Bingley Hall, opened by Princess Alexander of Teck, and events in Perry Hall Park attended by about 30,000 Scouts, in the presence of Prince Arthur of Connaught.



Photo postcard showing the Swedish troop at the 1913 Imperial Scout Exhibition.
(scan of below postcard)

The 1st Shanghai Troop of Baden-Powell Scouts attended, taking six weeks to arrive from Shanghai. There were also troops from Australia, South Africa, Canada, Gibraltar, the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Poland, Sweden, and Holland.

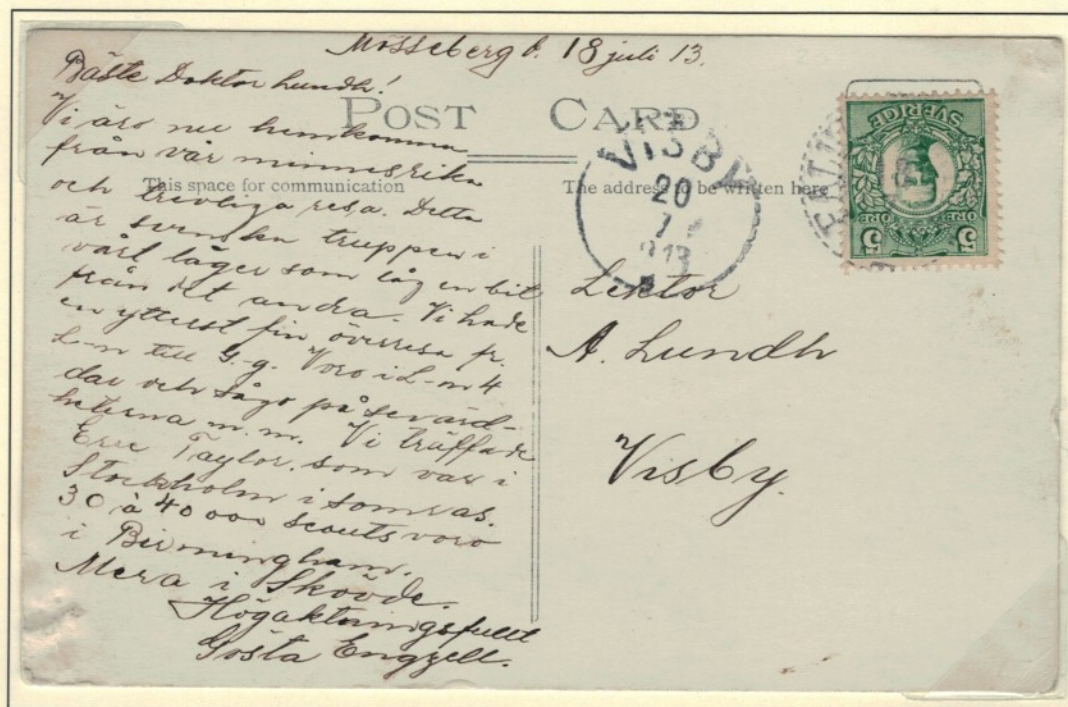


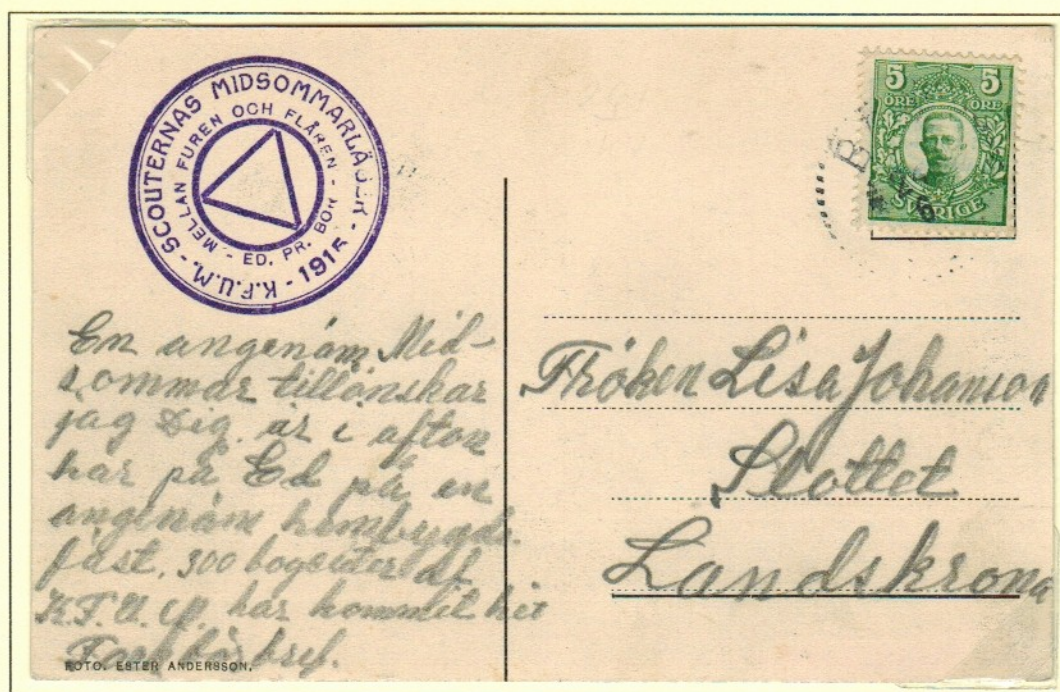
Photo postcard showing the Swedish troop at the 1913 Imperial Scout Exhibition. Upon return to Mösseberg near Falköping, Sweden, one of the participants writes to a friend in Visby on Gotland. Postmarked "FALKÖPING 18 7 1913" and arrival postmark "VISBY 20 7 1913". From the written message: "Some 30,000 to 40,000 Scouts were in Birmingham."

Scout exhibitions and fairs were frequently held in the early days, and were used to present and promote Scouting. A Scout fair (bazar) was held during the weekend 18-19 May 1913 at Sala, some 50km northwest of Stockholm. This postcard shows that the Sala Boy Scouts operated their own Aeroplane, some sort of glider, doubtful if it could fly!



Picture postcard of "Sala-Scouternas Flygmaskin Startar 17-18 maj 1913" (The Sala Scouts' Aeroplane starts 18-19 May 1913), postmarked "SALA 19 5 1913" and cachet "SALA SCOUTBASAR 1913" (Sala Scout Fair 1913) in violet colour. Postage stamp repaired.

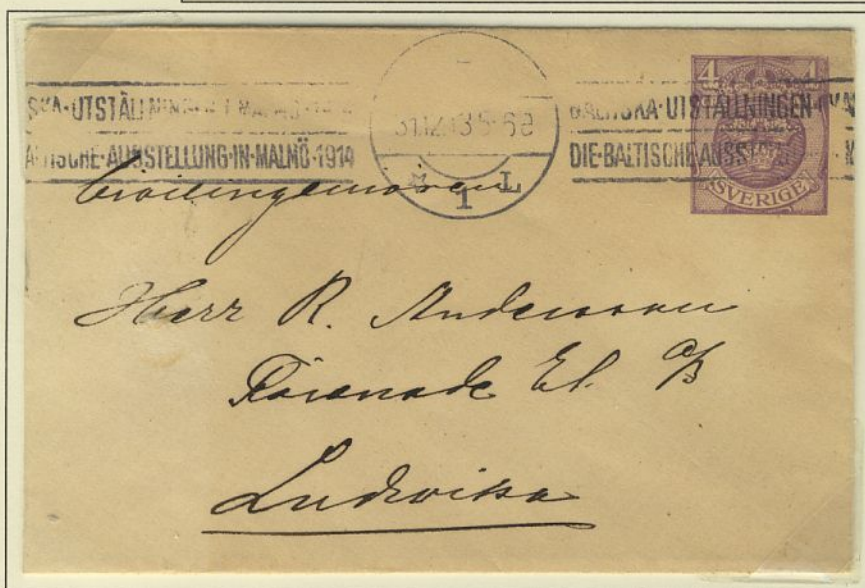
Several Swedish YMCAs commenced Scouting activities in 1910, and Swedish YMCA Scout Association was founded in 1911. A national camp was held in 1915, located at Ed near Bor, between the lakes Furen and Flåren in Småland. The camp K.F.U.M.-Scouternas Midsommarläger (YMCA Scouts Mid-summer camp) was Swedish YMCA Scout association's first national tent camp and had only about 300 participants due to the effects of the Great War.



Picture postcard of Edh, Bor sent to Landskrona, postmarked "BOR 24 6" and cachet "K.F.U.M.-SCOUTERNAS MIDSOMMARLÄGER 1915, MELLAN FUREN OCH FLÅREN, ED PR. BOR" in blue colour. Note that the YMCA triangle in the cachet is without the Scout Badge.



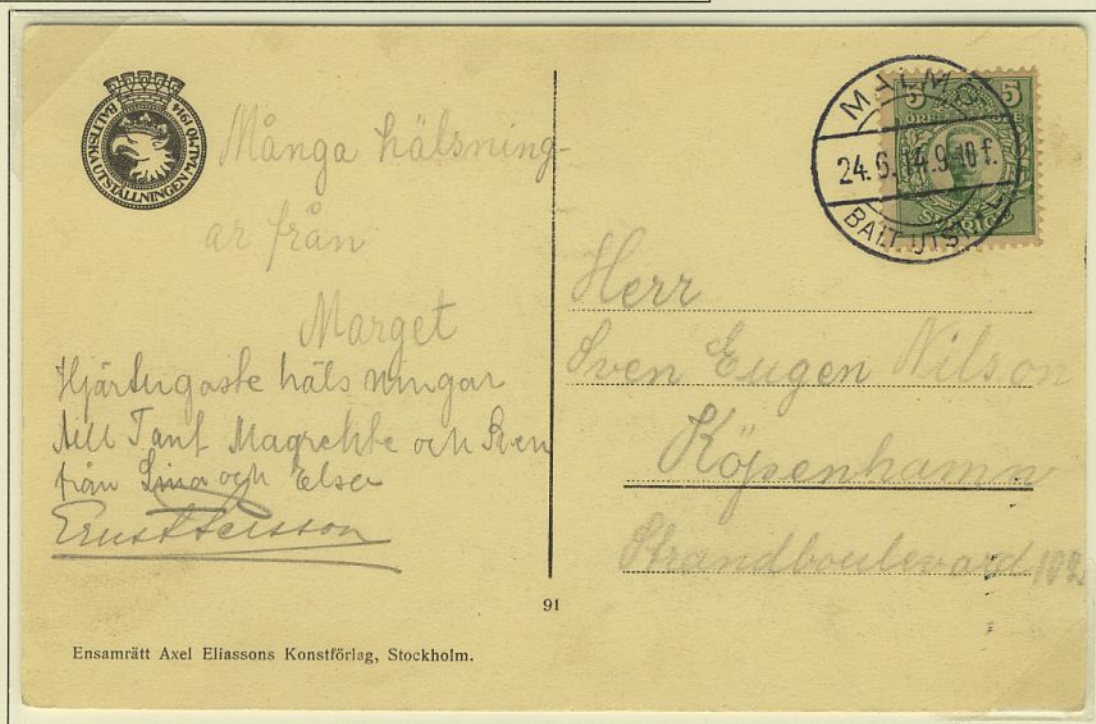
Malmö. Baltiska Utställningen och Pildamstornet



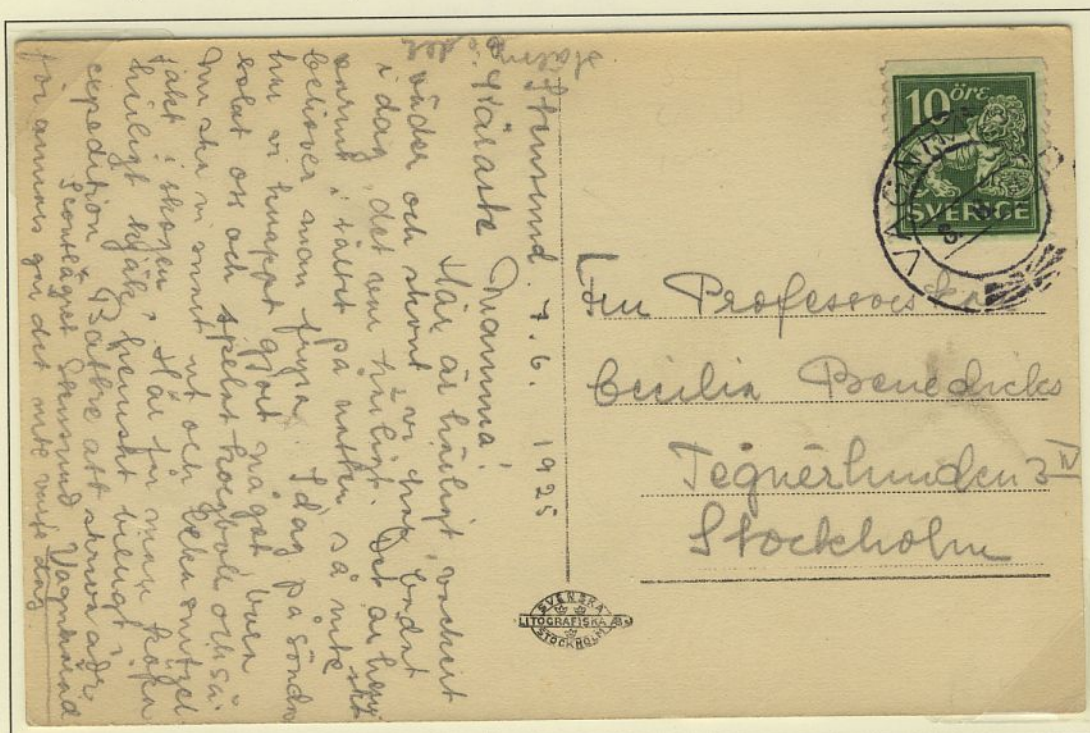
The Baltic Exhibition was held in Malmö, Sweden in 1914. It consisted of exhibitions about industry, art and crafts from Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Russia.

The Baltic games were held at the same time. During the games, the Swedish Scout Association held their second national Scout camp 3-12 July 1914 in Malmö.

1,200 Boy Scouts from Sweden, Germany and Denmark participated. The Scouts served during the games' sports events similarly to the 1912 service at the Olympic Games in Stockholm. The Scouts also gave a large gymnastic display in the stadium, and they visited the Baltic exhibition and made a trip across the sound to Copenhagen.

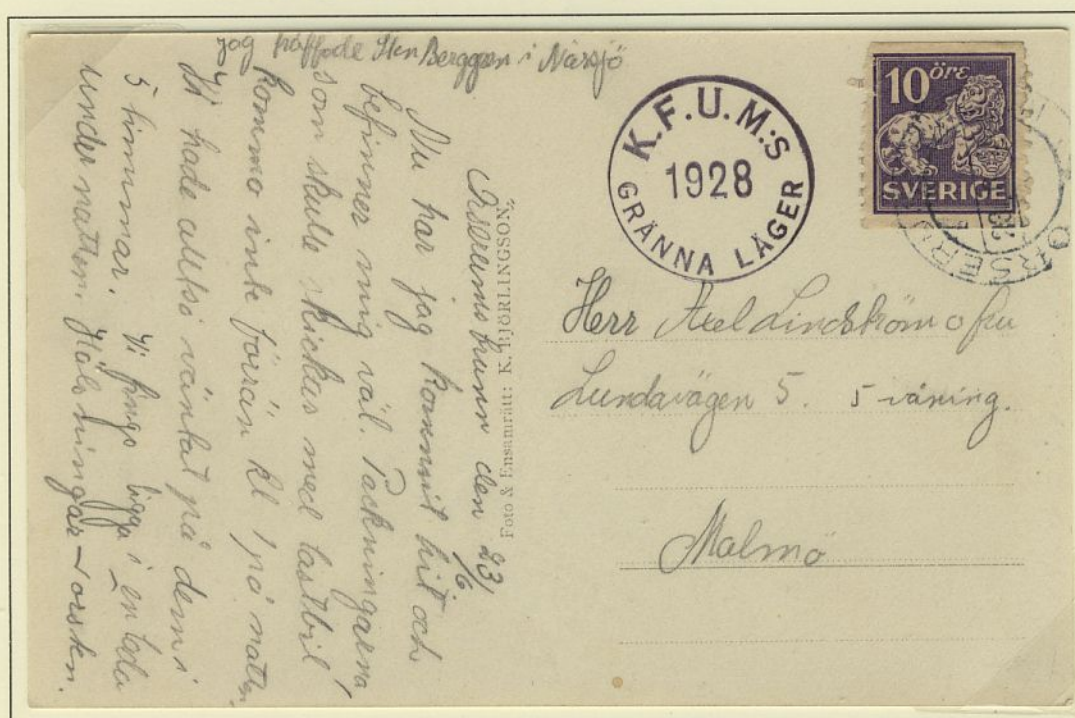


Unidentified Girl Scout camp at Stensund, Vagnhärad, 1925.
Vagnhärad is a locality situated in Trosa Municipality, Södermanland County.



Girl Guide postcard sent to Stockholm, postmarked "VAGNHÄRAD 8 6 25".
Return address "Scoutlägret Stensund, Vagnhärad".

Unidentified YWCA Boy Scout camp at Örserums Brunn, 1928.
Örserum is a locality situated in Jönköping Municipality, Jönköping County,
not far from Gränna on the eastern shore of Lake Vättern.



Viewcard (Lake Bunn) sent to Malmö, postmarked "ÖRSERUMS BRUNN 23 6 28".
 Cachet "K.F.U.M:s GRÄNNA LÄGER 1928" (YWCA's Gränna camp).

COUPON-RÉPONSE INTERNATIONAL

Internationell svars kupong.

Denna kupong kan i alla till världspostföreningen hörande länder utbytas mot ett eller flera frimärken till belopp motsvarande befördringsavgiften för ett brev av enkel viktssats till utlandet; kupongen gäller under en tid av sex månader utöfver den månad, under hvilken den utlämnats.

30 öre.



Timbre du bureau d'échange.



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Ce coupon peut être échangé dans tous les pays de l'Union contre un timbre-poste ou des timbres-poste représentant le montant de l'affranchissement d'une lettre simple à destination de l'étranger; il est valable pendant un délai de six mois, non compris celui de son émission.

Suède. Sverige.

Göteborg
BONJOUR & C^e S.A. ENSEIGNES
L'ÉCLAIR

BREVKORT

Det danske Spejderkorps
Jubilæumslejren
Stockholm - 1927

10 örs
SVERIGE

Familjen Brocks

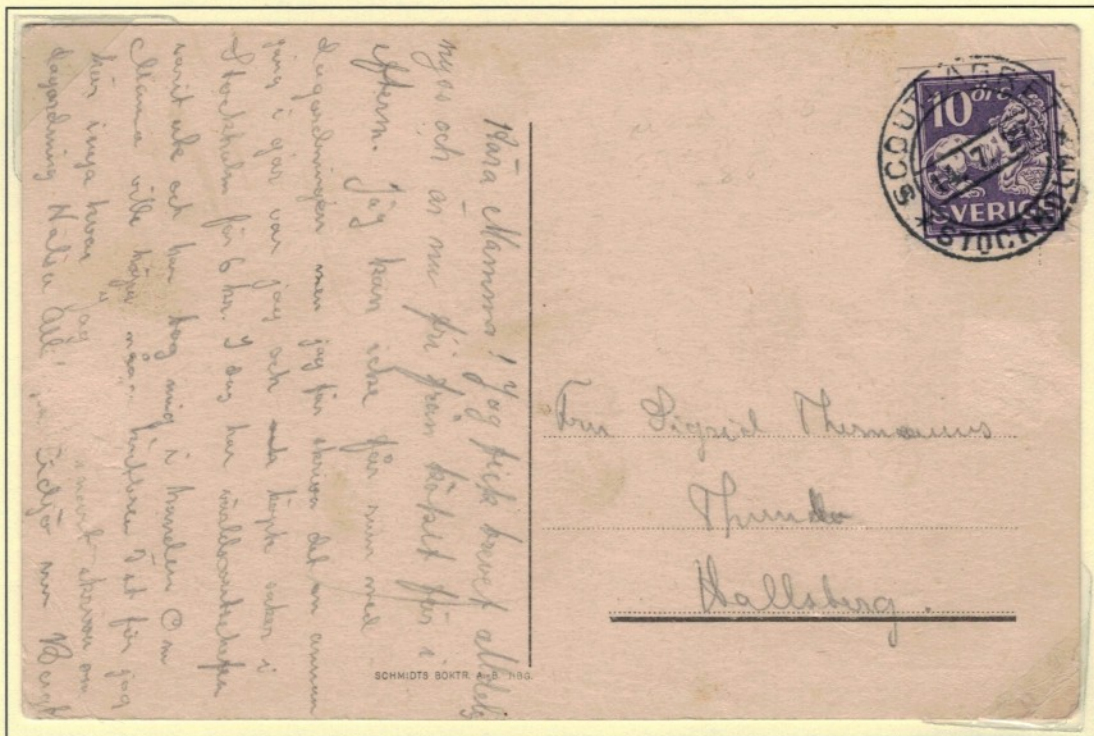
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Odense

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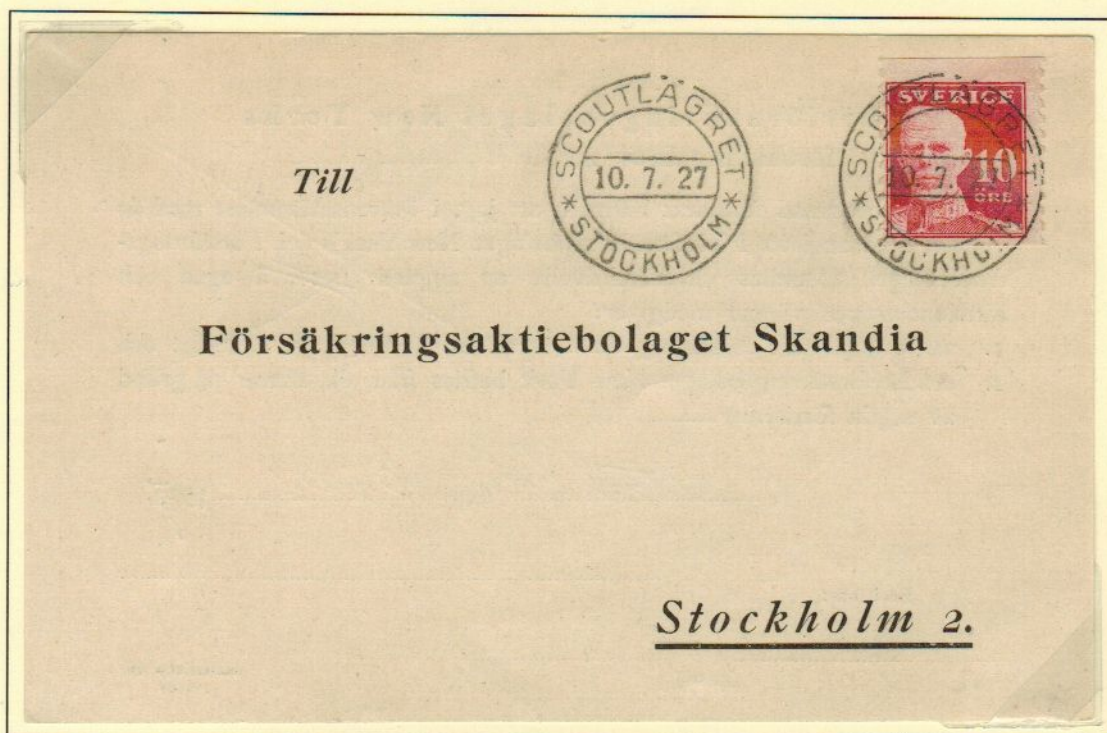
The Danish contingent was 800 “yellow” scouts from Danish Boy Scouts Association (DDS), and the 5th Division of the YMCA Boy Scouts, plus 12 Danish Cub Scout leaders. The Danes brought their own postmaster who collected and delivered mail. A special red three-line semi-official cachet was applied to outgoing mail. Scout postcard written by Danish Scout in camp and sent to Odense. Postmarked “SCOUTLÄGRET STOCKHOLM 9.7.27”, and the Danish cachet with the DDS Scout Badge and the text “Det danske Spejderkorps / Jubilæumslejren / Stockholm - 1927”. The Scout writes to his parents: “...Please send me the money quickly...”.



Scout postcard to Halleberg,
postmarked (S-001) "SCOUTLÄGRET STOCKHOLM 10. 7. 27".



Scout postcard written by French Scout in camp. Return address written on picture side:
"Camp Français, Scout Lägret, Stockholm 1, Suède". Postmarked (S-001) "SCOUTLÄGRET
STOCKHOLM 11. 7. 27" and sent by air mail to Vincenne, France. Re-addressed to Calvados.



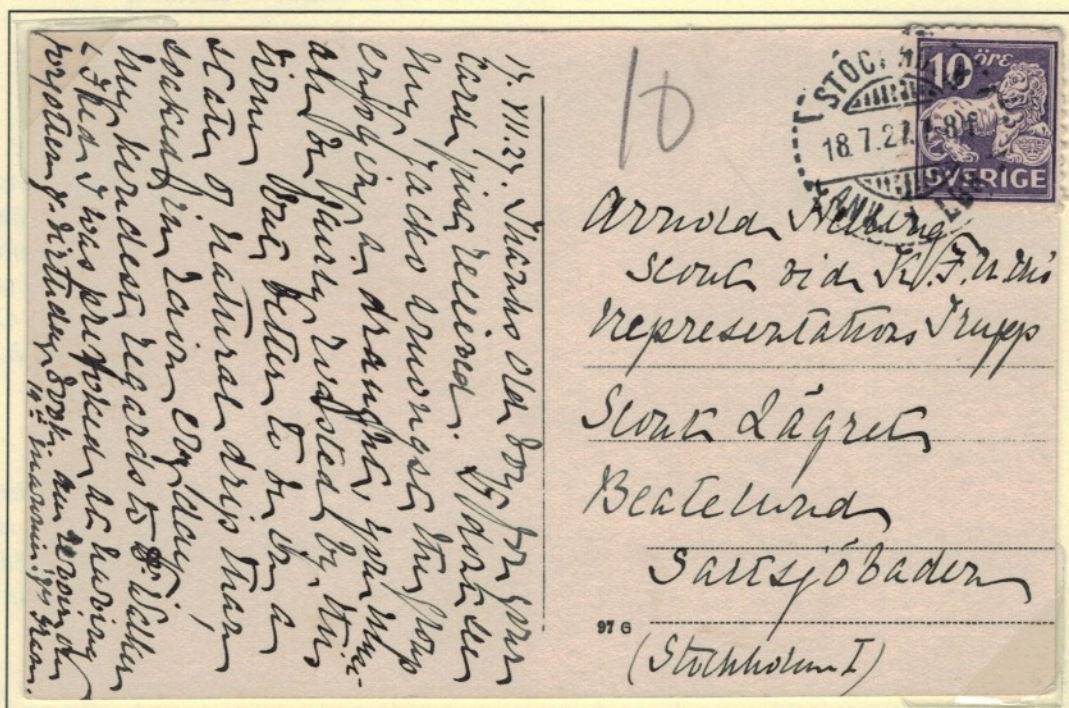
Postcard to Stockholm,
postmarked (S-001) "SCOUTLÄGRET STOCKHOLM 10. 7. 27".



Postcard written by Boy Scout in camp and addressed to Oslo, Norway.
Postmarked (S-001) "SCOUTLÄGRET STOCKHOLM 9. 7. 27".



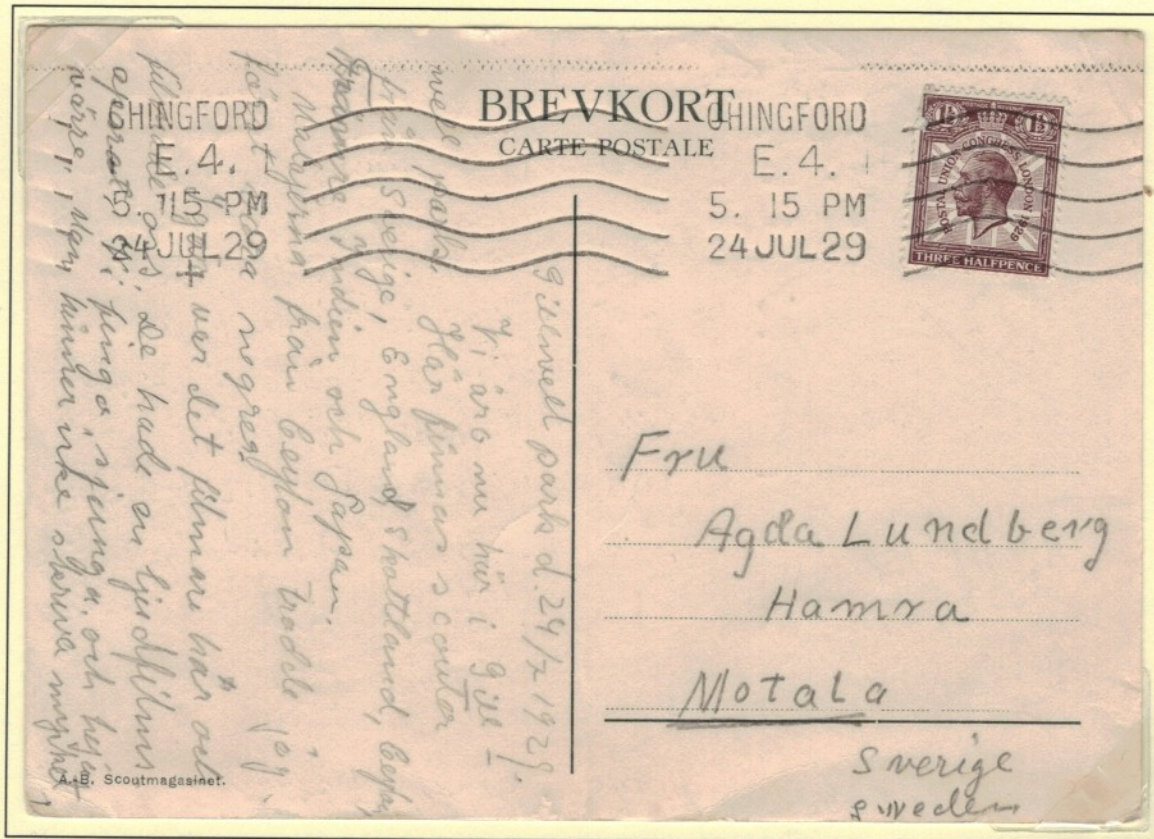
Postal card to Oslo, Norway,
postmarked (S-001) "SCOUTLÄGRET STOCKHOLM 10. 7. 27".



Incoming mail - Djursholm viewcard written in English and addressed to a Scout in the YMCA
representaton troop at Beatelund. Postmarked "STOCKHOLM ANK 1 LBR 18. 7. 27".

The 3rd World Scout Jamboree was held in 1929 at Arrowe Park in Birkenhead, United Kingdom. As it was commemorating the 21st birthday of Scouting for Boys and the Scouting movement, it is also known as the Coming of Age Jamboree. With about 30,000 Scouts and over 300,000 visitors attending, this jamboree was the largest jamboree ever.

Gilwell Park became the home of leadership training in the Scout movement from 1919.

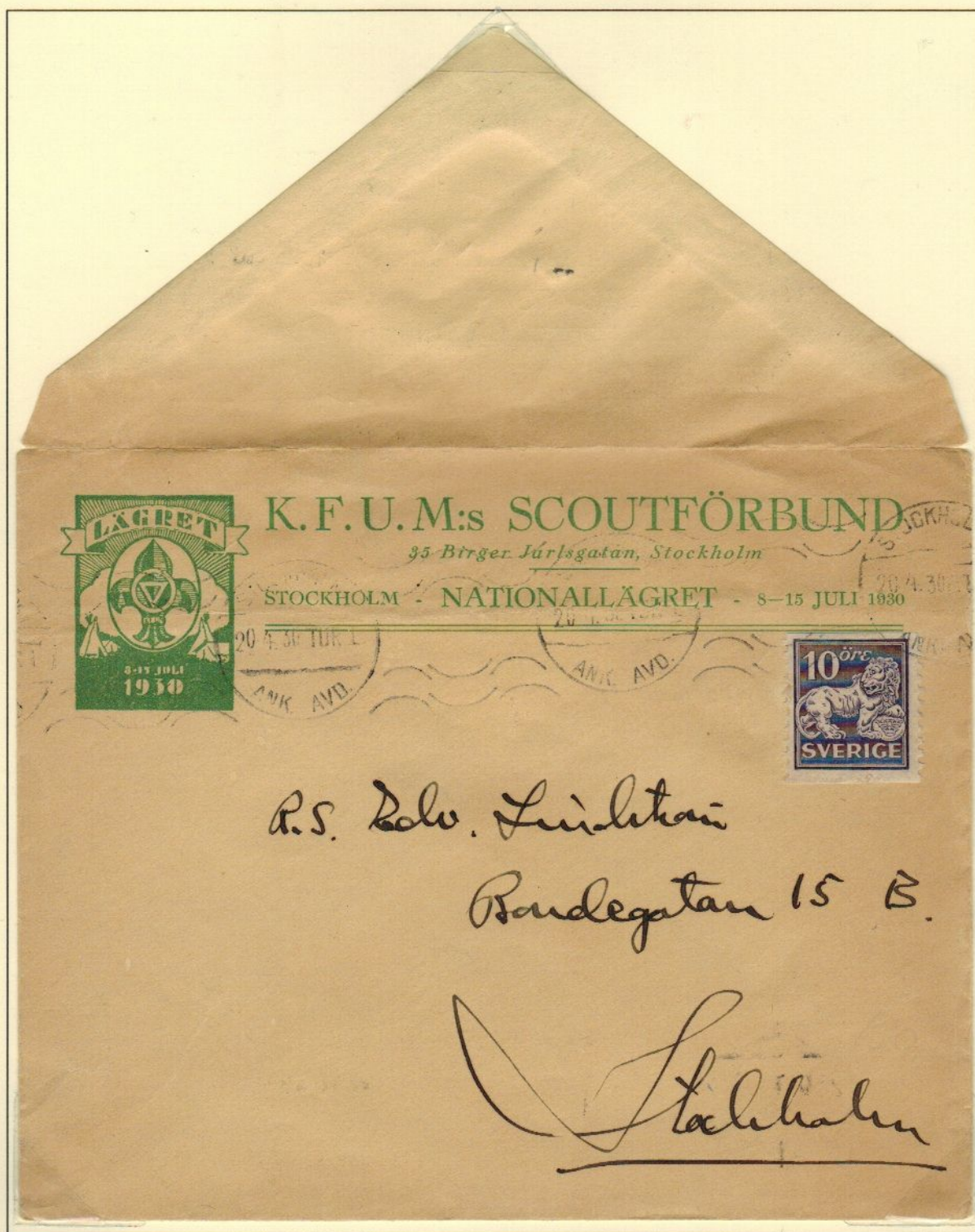


Swedish Scout postcard written at Gilwell Park, where Swedish scouters visited prior to the World Jamboree. Addressed to Sweden, postmark "CHINGFORD 24 JUL 29".



Scout comic card written by a Swedish Scout at the Jamboree and sent to Sweden. Postmark "BIRKENHEAD 3 AU 29". Arrival postmark "FAGERSJÖ 7 8 1929".

In 1930, Swedish YMCA Scout Association held a national camp at Lake Ältasjön, just about 10 km southeast of Stockholm. The camp post office did not have its own postmark, but a violet cachet was used on mail sent from the camp.



Specially printed covers were used by the YMCA Boy Scouts headquarters in Stockholm. Cover with printed camp badge sent locally in Stockholm, postmarked "STOCKHOLM 20 4 30".

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Postcard sent from the Ältasjön camp to Gräsmark, Värmland, postmarked "STOCKHOLM 13 7 30".
Violet cachet with YMCA Boy Scout Badge and "LÄGRET 3-13 JULI 1930".



Cover sent from the Ältasjön camp to Uddevalla, postmarked "STOCKHOLM ? 7 30".
Violet cachet with YMCA Boy Scout Badge and "LÄGRET 3-13 JULI 1930".

1931-1939: Roaming through happy years of Scouting

Swedish Scout Association's fifth national camp took place in 1931 at Kulla Gunnarstorp near Helsingborg (spelling Hälsingborg 1912-1972). Several thousand Boy Scouts participated, including visiting Scouts from many countries. The special postmark (S-002) "HÄLSINGBORG KULLALÄGRET" was used 10-21 July, 1931.



Camp postcard from the Kulla camp sent to Lidingö,
postmarked (S-002) "HÄLSINGBORG KULLALÄGRET 15. 7. 31".



Non-scout picture postcard sent from the Kulla camp to Ockelbo,
postmarked (S-002) "HÄLSINGBORG KULLALÄGRET 11. 7. 31".

1931, YWCA Girl Guide camp at Frustuna, Gnesta.

1934, YWCA Girl Guide camp "Dalalägrät" at Vad.



Girl Guide postcard dated Frustuna 25 July 1931,
postmarked "GNESTA 26. 7. 30" and sent to Smedjebacken.



Postcard from Copenhagen, Denmark to a Girl Guide in the YWCA camp in Vad, Sweden.
Cachet "DALALÄGRET / 1934 / VAD".

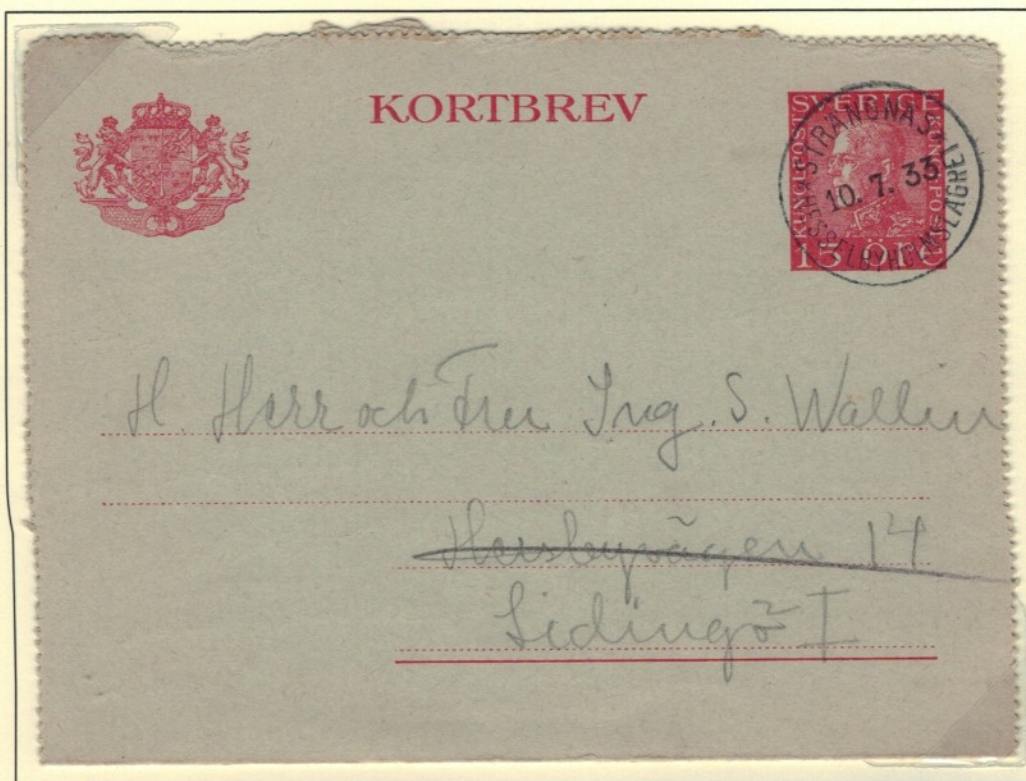
The Swedish Girl Guide Association held their 1933 national camp on Hesselbyholms Manor near Strängnäs, some 100 km west of Stockholm. The special postmark (S-003) "STRÄNGNÄS HESSELBYHOLMSLÄGRET" was used 3-13 July, 1933.



Picture postcard of Hesselbyholm Castle, written by a Girl Guide in camp and sent to Motala, postmarked (S-003) "STRÄNGNÄS HESSELBYHOLMSLÄGRET 8. 7. 33".



Air mail cover sent from the camp to Munich, Germany, postmarked (S-003) "STRÄNGNÄS HESSELBYHOLMSLÄGRET 7. 7. 33".



Postal stationery letter card, written by a Girl Guide in camp and sent to Lidingö, postmarked (S-003) "STRÄNGNÄS HESSELBYHOLMSLÄGRET 8. 7. 33".

The fourth World Scout Jamboree took place in Hungary in 1933. It was attended by 25,792 Scouts, representing 46 different nations and additional territories. They encamped around the Royal Palace in the Royal Forest of Gödöllő, about 11 miles from the capital of Budapest.

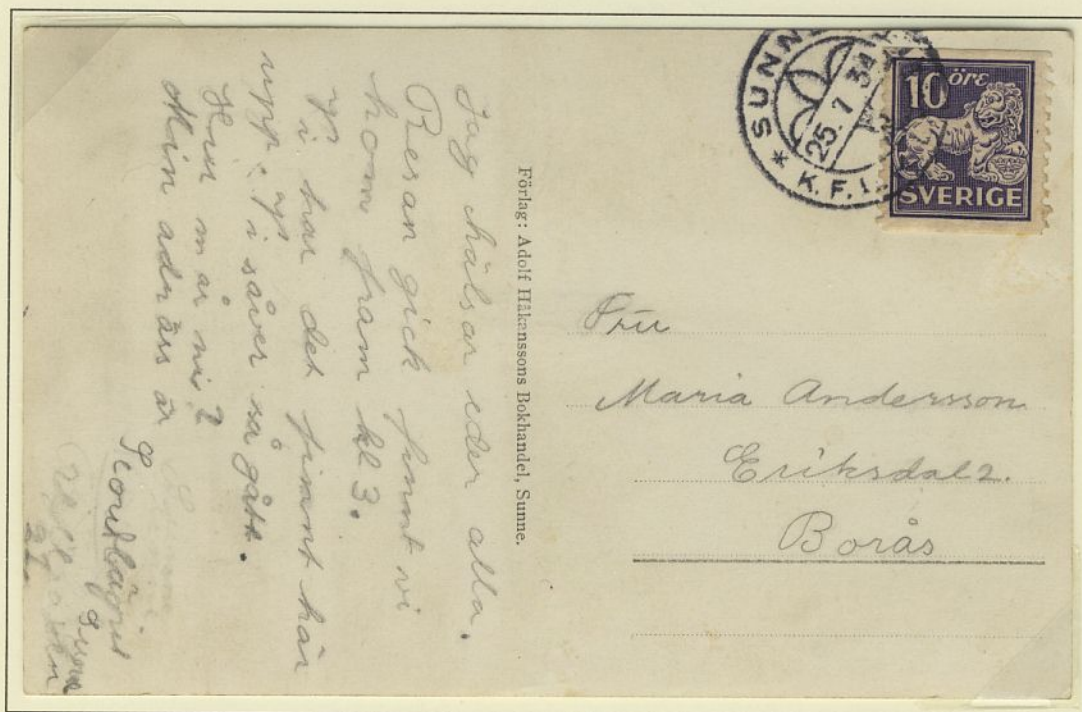


Registered letter from the Jamboree and sent to Linköping, Sweden.

Postmarked "GÖDÖLLÖ IV JAMBOREE 'm' 933 AUG -9".

Special registration label with the lowest recorded number from this Jamboree.

The Swedish YMCA Scouts held their 1934 national camp in Sunne, Värmland. The special postmark (S-004) "SUNNE K.F.U.M. LÄGRET" was used 25-31 July, 1934, and shows a Scout Badge behind the date bar.



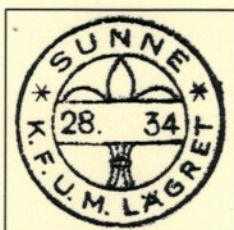
Sunne viewcard, written by a Boy Scout in camp and sent to Borås, postmarked (S-004) "SUNNE K.F.U.M. LÄGRET 25. 7. 34".



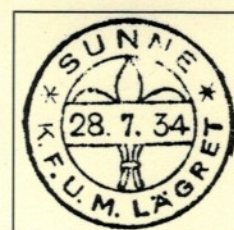
The only recorded registered item sent from the YMCA Boy Scout camp at Sunne, 1934, postmarked (S-004) "SUNNE K.F.U.M. LÄGRET 28. 7. 34".



Inverted date in postmark from the YMCA Boy Scout camp at Sunne, Sweden 1934.



Apparently the inverted date slug was discovered and corrected after cancelling this postcard. On reverse are one strike with missing month and one with complete date, both with upright date slug.



Karlstad viewcard, written by a Boy Scout and sent to Lillsved, postmarked (S-004) "SUNNE K.F.U.M. LÄGRET 28. 7. 34".
From the message: "It has been raining all afternoon. Wet tents. All well."

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Herr

Evald Boklund

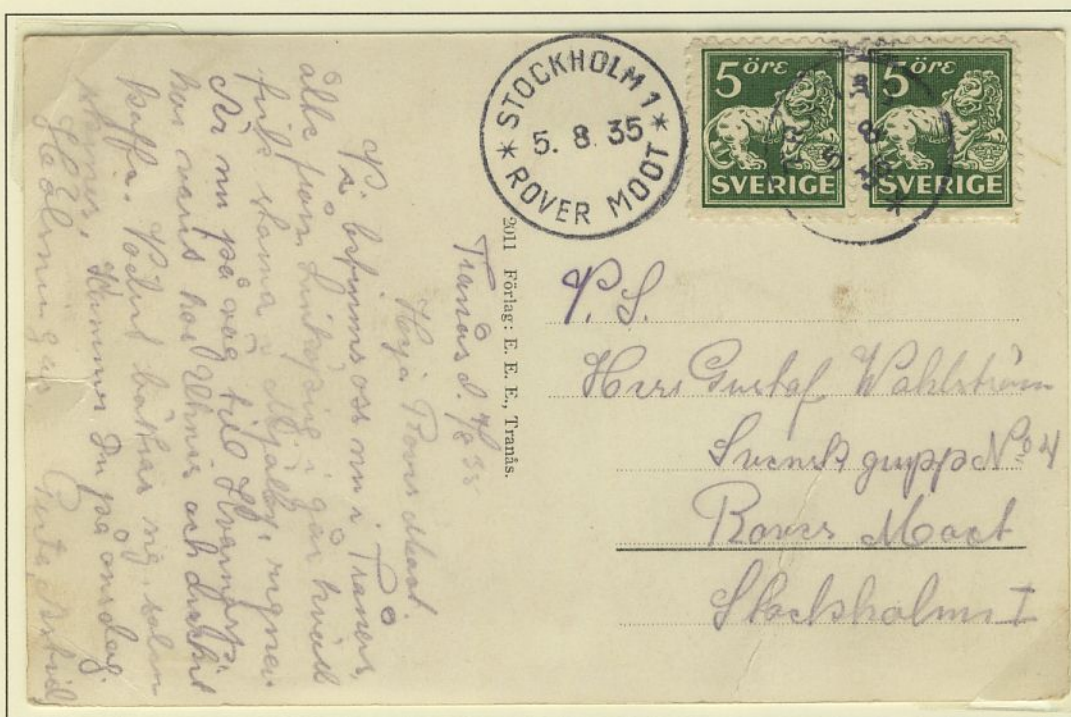
Osby.
Zviedrija.

The 4th National Scout Jamboree was held 1938 in Lielupe. The special postmark (LV-002) was used 22 July - 1 August. Postmark "SKAUTU NOMETNE LIELUPE LATVIJA 1. 8. 38." on special camp cover sent to Sweden.

The second World Rover Moot was held in 1935 on the island Ingarö in the Stockholm archipelago. Baden-Powell was also to attend the Moot, and unfortunately this would be the last time he was to be amongst a world gathering of his beloved Rovers. He again expressed his hopes that International Rover Moots would generate enough goodwill to avoid future conflict amongst nations, but, as we now know, the Third Reich was already on the march. The special postmark (S-005) was used from 29 July to 8 August.



Swedish Scout postcard ("Happy Scouting Spirit") sent to Revingeby, postmarked (S-005) "STOCKHOLM 1 / ROVER MOOT 29. 7. 35".



Domestic postcard sent from "TRANÅS 5.8.35" inwards to the Rover Moot, receiving postmark (S-005) "STOCKHOLM 1 / ROVER MOOT 5. 8. 35".



Registered domestic letter, postmarked (S-005)

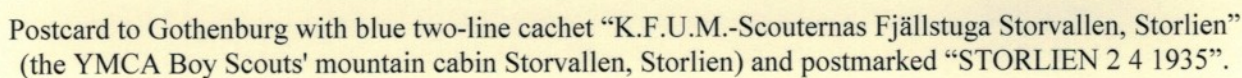
"STOCKHOLM 1 / ROVER MOOT 30. 7. 35".

Six registered letters with this postmark are recorded, and only two are with four-digit registration number, 1963 and 1965.

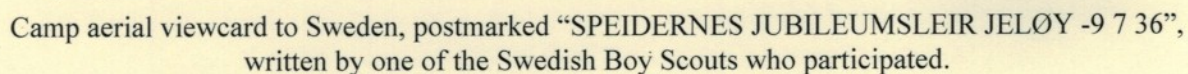


Registered air mail letter to Bulgaria, postmarked (S-005) "STOCKHOLM 1 / ROVER MOOT 4. 8. 35".

Six registered letters with this postmark are recorded, four of these are with three-digit registration number.



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.

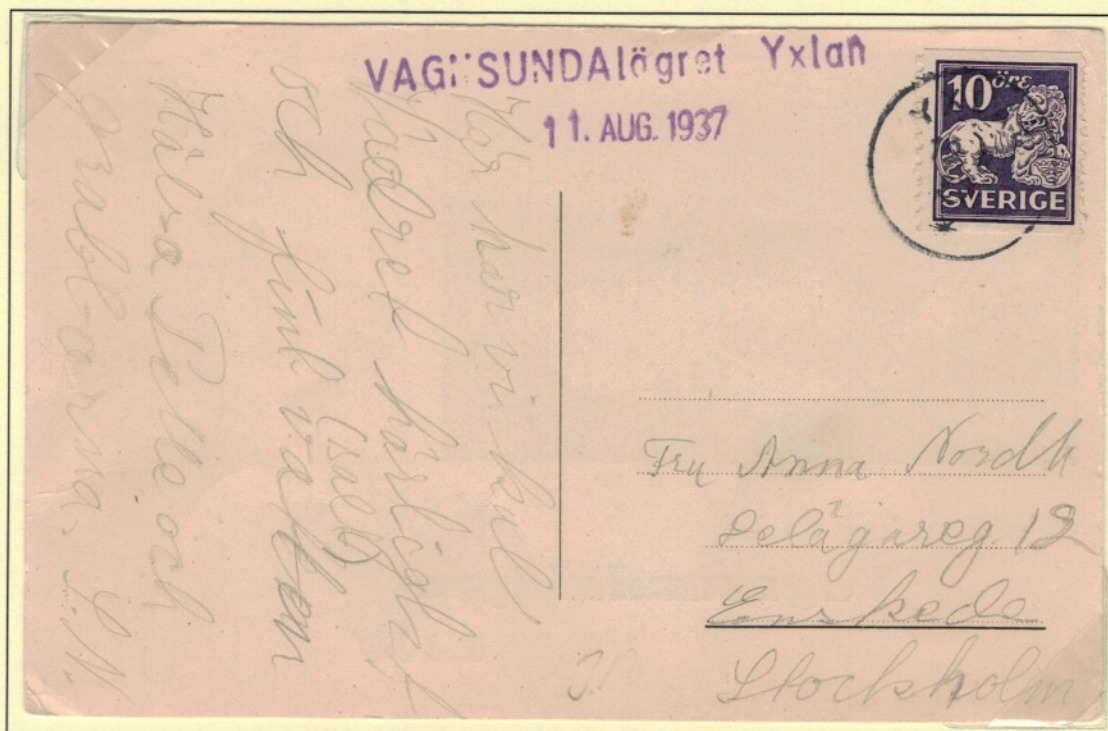


The Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts held their first national camp on the island Timrarö in Stockholm archipelago from 27 June to 5 July, 1936. A special cachet was used on outgoing mail.



Cover to Stockholm with blue pictorial cachet "Timrarö 27 juni - 5 juli" and postmarked Stockholm with unclear date.

In 1937, a Boy Scout camp was held at Vagnsunda on the Yxlan island in the Stockholm archipelago. The camp post office used a special two-line cachet, and mail was brought to the Yxlan post office.



Special camp postcard written by Scout in camp and sent to Enskede, Stockholm. Cachet "VAGNSUNDALÄGRET Yxlan 11. AUG 1937" and postmarked "Yxlan 12 8 37".

In the summer of 1937, the Scouts of the world gathered together at Vogelenzang, the Netherlands, for the Fifth World Jamboree. Already the storm 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.



Special Jamboree postcard to Sundsvall, Sweden with Jamboree postmark no 4.



Special Jamboree cover to Höllviken, Sweden with Jamboree postmark no 4.

The Swedish Scout Union held a large national camp in 1938 at Tullgarn, some 50 km southwest of Stockholm. The camp was opened by HRH Prince Gustaf Adolf. 6,000 Swedish Boy Scouts attended, along with representatives from 15 other nations. The special postmark (S-006) was used from 29 July to 6 August.

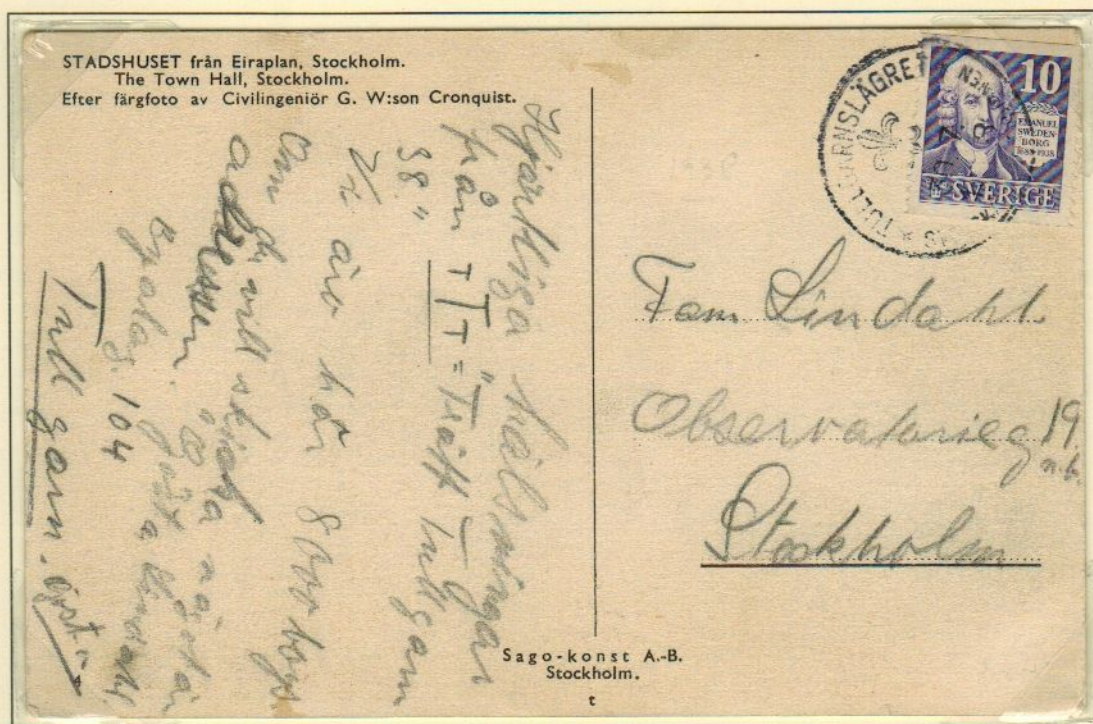


Registered cover to Stockholm, postmarked (S-006) "TULLGARNSLÄGRET SVENSKA SCOUTUNIONEN 1. 8. 1938". Sweden's first special registration label for a Scout event. The highest recorded R number is 109. III,

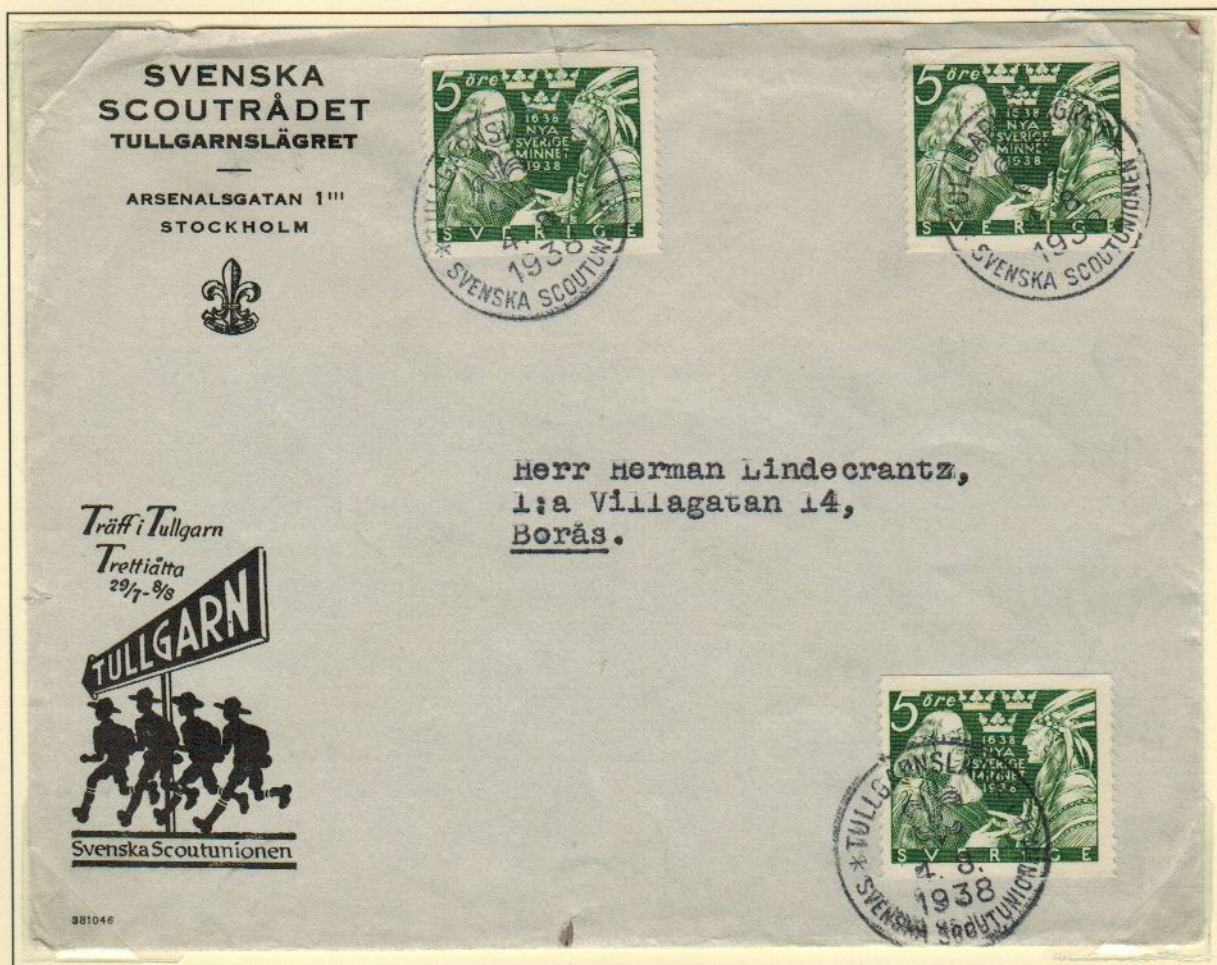


S-006 on registered cover to DK. Two stamps lost, 40 öre Danish postage due and Danish registration label.

The slogan for the 1938 national camp was "Träff i Tullgarn Trettiåtta" (Get-together in Tullgarn thirty-eight).

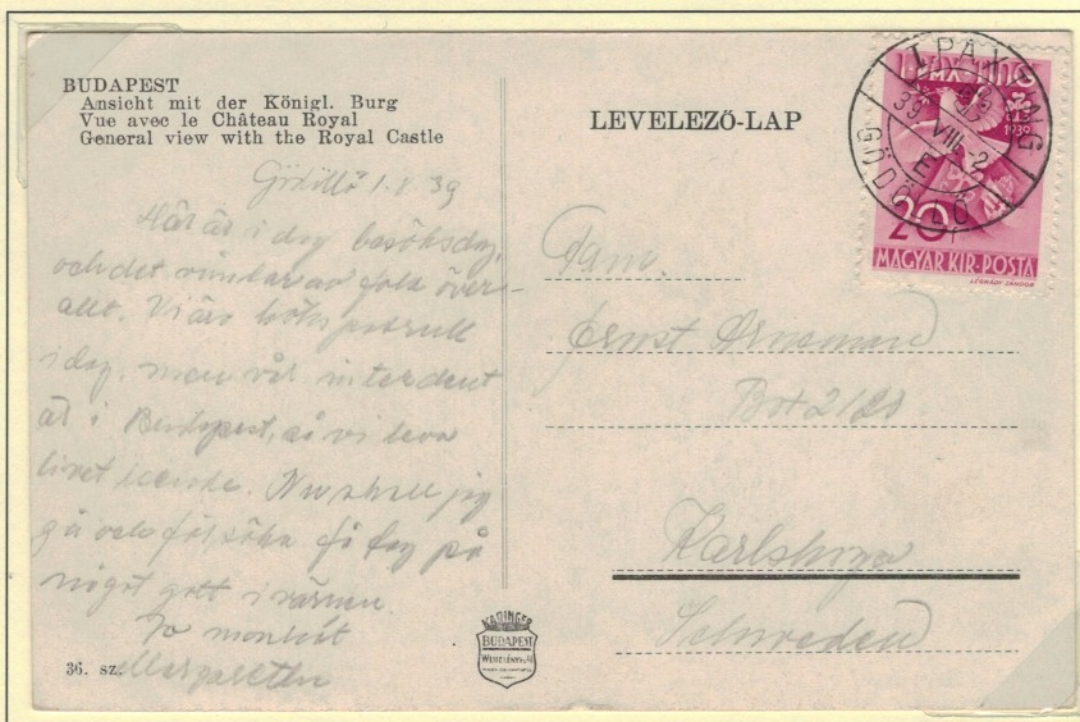


Stockholm viewcard sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-006) "TULLGARNSLÄGRET SVENSKA SCOUTUNIONEN 30. 7. 1938". From the written message: "Greetings from TTT = Träff Tullgarn 38".

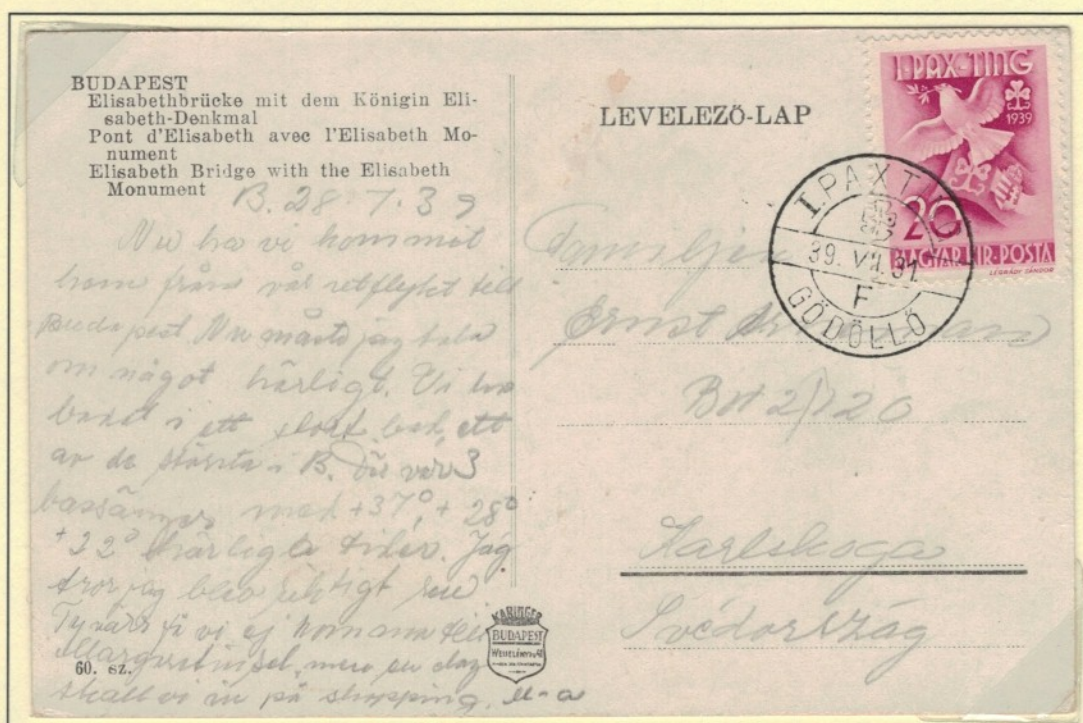


Special camp cover, postmarked "TULLGARNSLÄGRET SVENSKA SCOUTUNIONEN 4. 8. 1938".

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, 4,000 girls of 32 nationalities assembled at Gödöllő near Budapest, including 210 Swedish Guides. Prince Gustaf Adolf and Princess Sybilla of Sweden were also present at Pax Ting.

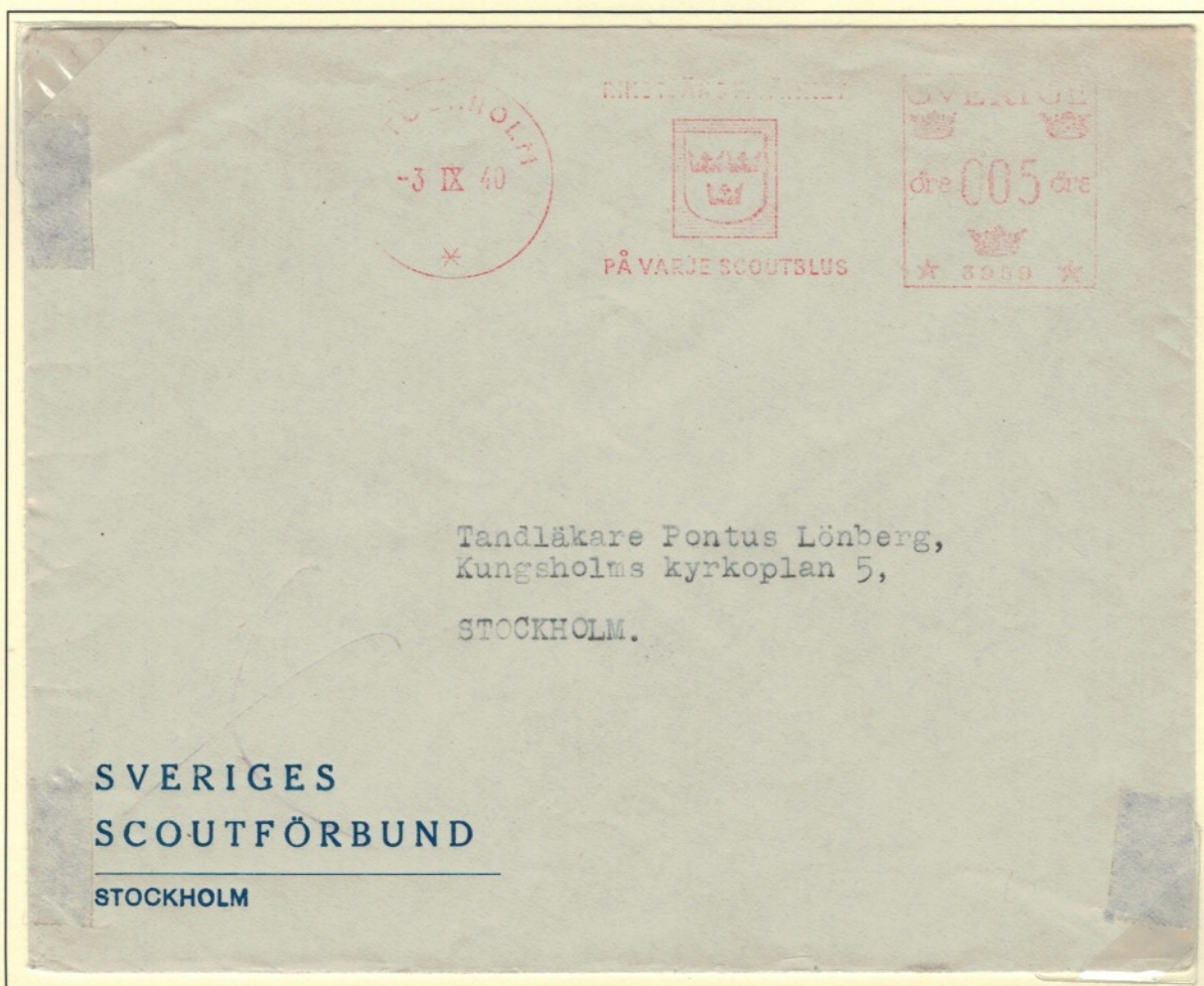


Budapest viewcard from I Pax Ting in Hungary, 1933 sent to Sweden.
Postmarked "I. PAX TING GÖDÖLLŐ 39 VIII -2 E".



Budapest viewcard from I Pax Ting in Hungary, 1933 sent to Sweden.
Postmarked "I. PAX TING GÖDÖLLŐ 39 VIII 31 F".

1940-1950: From fear of war to joy towards the great heights

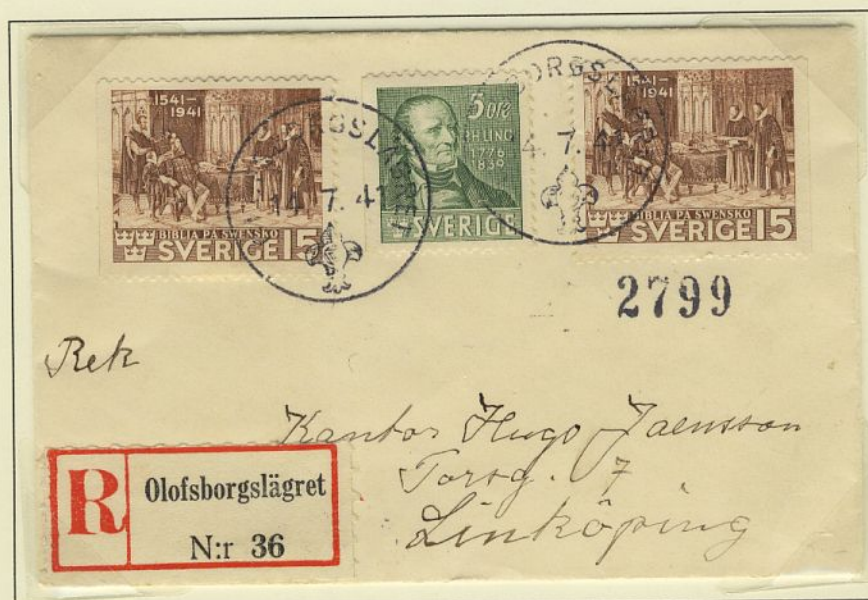


Meter slogan
"STOCKHOLM
-3 IX 40
RIKSTJÄNST-
MÄRKET PÅ
VARJE
SCOUTBLUS"
(National Service
Badge on every
Scout shirt) on
cover from
Sweden's Scout
Association, sent
locally.



Cover from
Sweden's Scout
Association,
postmarked
"STOCKHOLM
1.3.43" and sent
to Copenhagen,
Denmark.
Censored in
Denmark, and
resealing strip on
reverse.

In 1941, 2,100 YMCA Boy Scouts were gathered for a national camp at Olofsborg, located on the shores of the idyllic lake Ståken in Västergötland. The weather was very hot, and the Scouts assisted in the extinguishing of several forest fires in the nearby area. Strict rationing due to the war affected the supplies to the camp. The special postmark (S-007) was used from 5 to 17 July.



Registered cover to Linköping, postmarked (S-007) "OLOFSBORGSLÄGRETE 14. 7. 41".
Nine registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R number is 36.

Inlämningsbevis rörande en assurerad eller rekommenderad försändelse.
(Är värdebelopp ej angivet, avser detta bevis en rekommenderad försändelse.)

Förvara detta inlämningsbevis, till dess visshet vunnits, att försändelsen kommit adressaten tillhanda! Vid reklamation skall inlämningsbeviset företes.

Försändelseslag	Inlämningsnummer	Vikt för assurerad försändelse (i förekommande fall)	Erlagda postavgifter
Brev	19		35 öre
Adressat	Gulvooer Lindelén		
Adressort	Jönköping		
Assuransbelopp			
Särskilda anteckningar (såsom expr., mb etc.)			

(Vederbörande postfunktionärs namn eller signatur)

Obs.! Ersättning för en *inrikes* rekommenderad försändelse, som förkommit eller skadats, kan i intet fall utgå med högre belopp än 36 kronor.
I fråga om ersättning för försändelse till *utlandet* gälla särskilda föreskrifter.
Beträffande sättet och tiden för framställande av ersättningsanspråk meddelas upplysningar å postanstalterna.

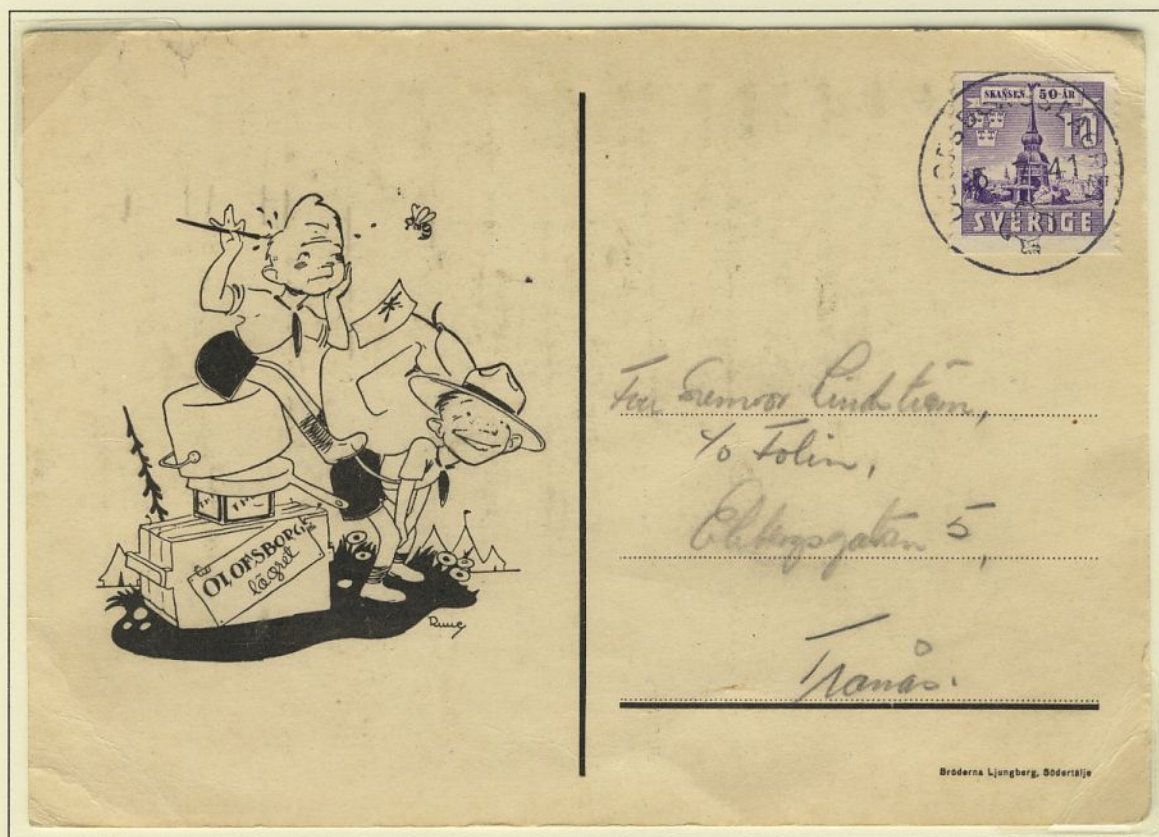
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Certificate for posting a registered item to Jönköping,
postmarked "OLOFSBORGSLÄGRETE 8. 7. 41".

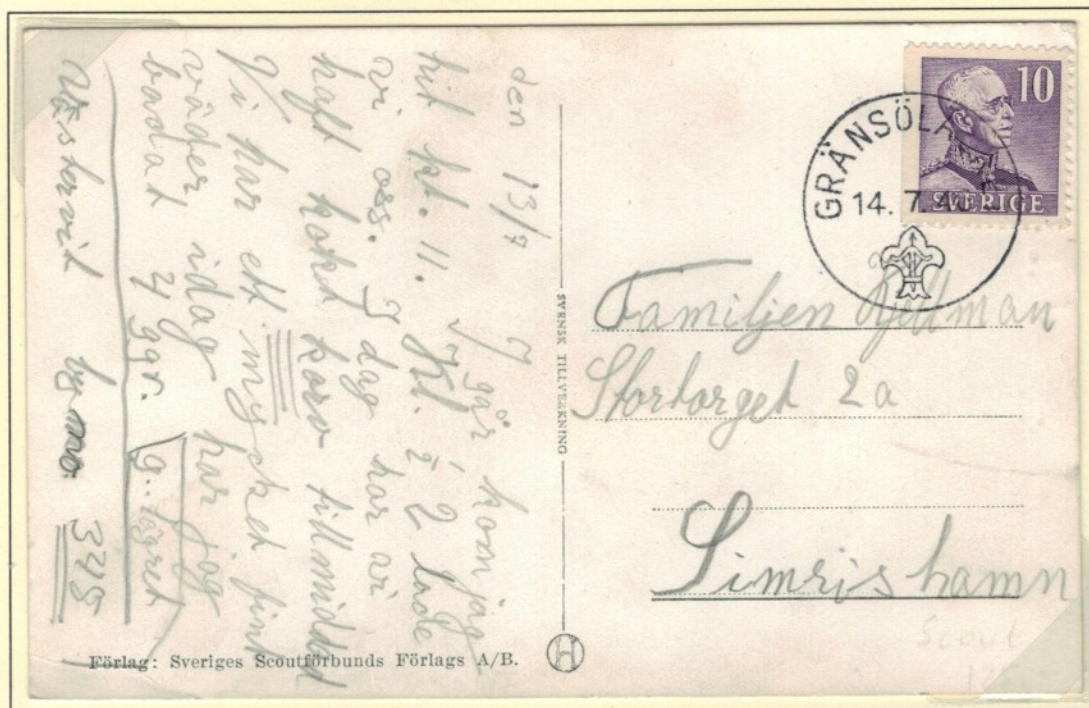


Cover to Randers, Denmark, postmarked (S-007) "OLOFSBORGSLÄGRET 5. 7. 41".
Red censorship marking "Post og Telegrafvæsenet i Danmark".



Special camp postcard sent to Tranås,
postmarked (S-007) "OLOFSBORGSLÄGRET 5. 7. 41".

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



Special camp postcard to Simrishamn, postmarked (S-008) "GRÄNSÖLÄGRET 14. 7. 41".



Registered cover to Upsala, postmarked (S-008) "GRÄNSÖLÄGRET 14. 7. 46".

11 registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R number is 143.152.

The Salvation Army commenced Scouting activities in Sweden in 1916, under the name Life Saving Scouts. From 1943 they changed name to Frälsningsarméns Scoutförbund (The Salvation Army Guide and Scout Association) and are affiliated to the Swedish Scout Union. In 1946, the 20th anniversary was marked by a national Boy Scout camp at Sparreholm, some 80 km west of Stockholm. The special postmark (S-009) was used 7 July - 5 August.

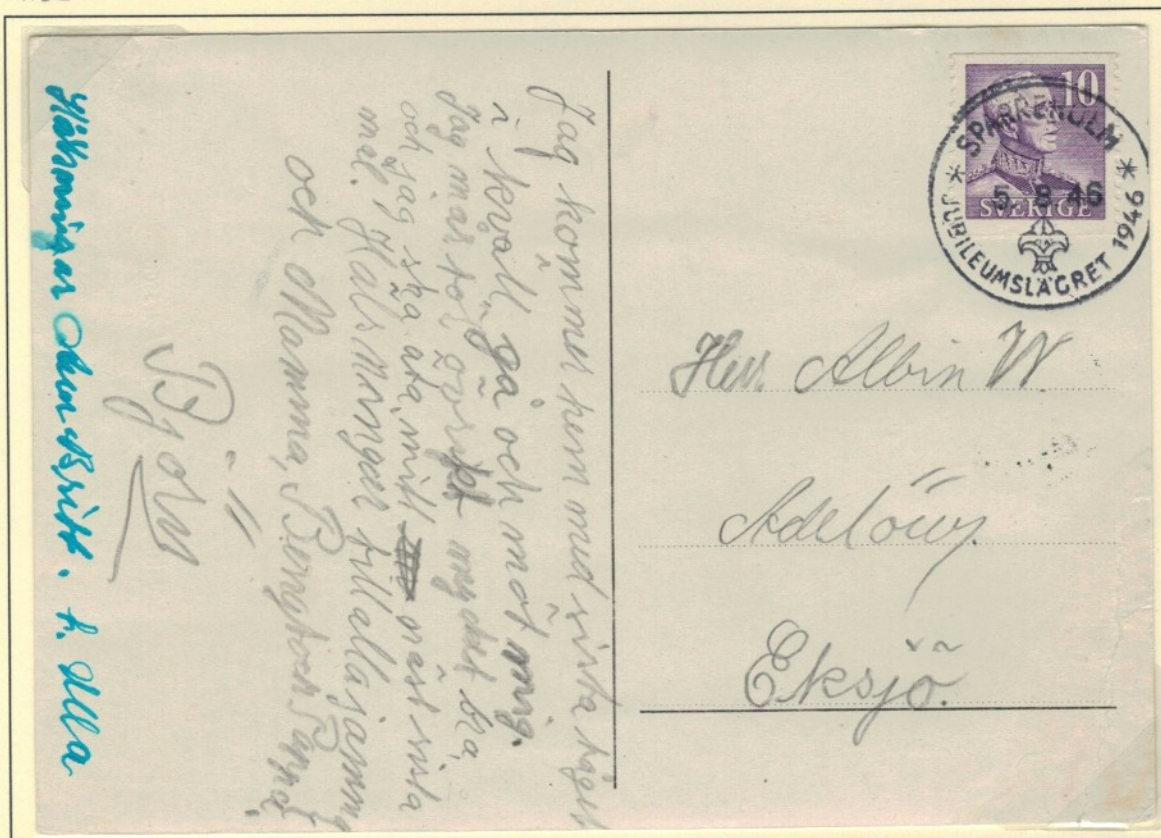


Registered cover to Stockholm, postmarked (S-009) "SPARREHOLM JUBILEUMSLÄGRET 1946 27. 7. 46".

Only two registered items are recorded from this camp, regular Sparreholm R labels #459 and #460.

three

#455,



Scout postcard written by Boy Scout in camp and sent to Eksjö, postmarked (S-009) "SPARREHOLM JUBILEUMSLÄGRET 1946 5. 8. 46".

A national camp of the Swedish Girl Guides Association was held in 1946 on the island Björkö which is located in lake Mälaren just west of Stockholm. The special postmark (S-010) was used 1-13 August.

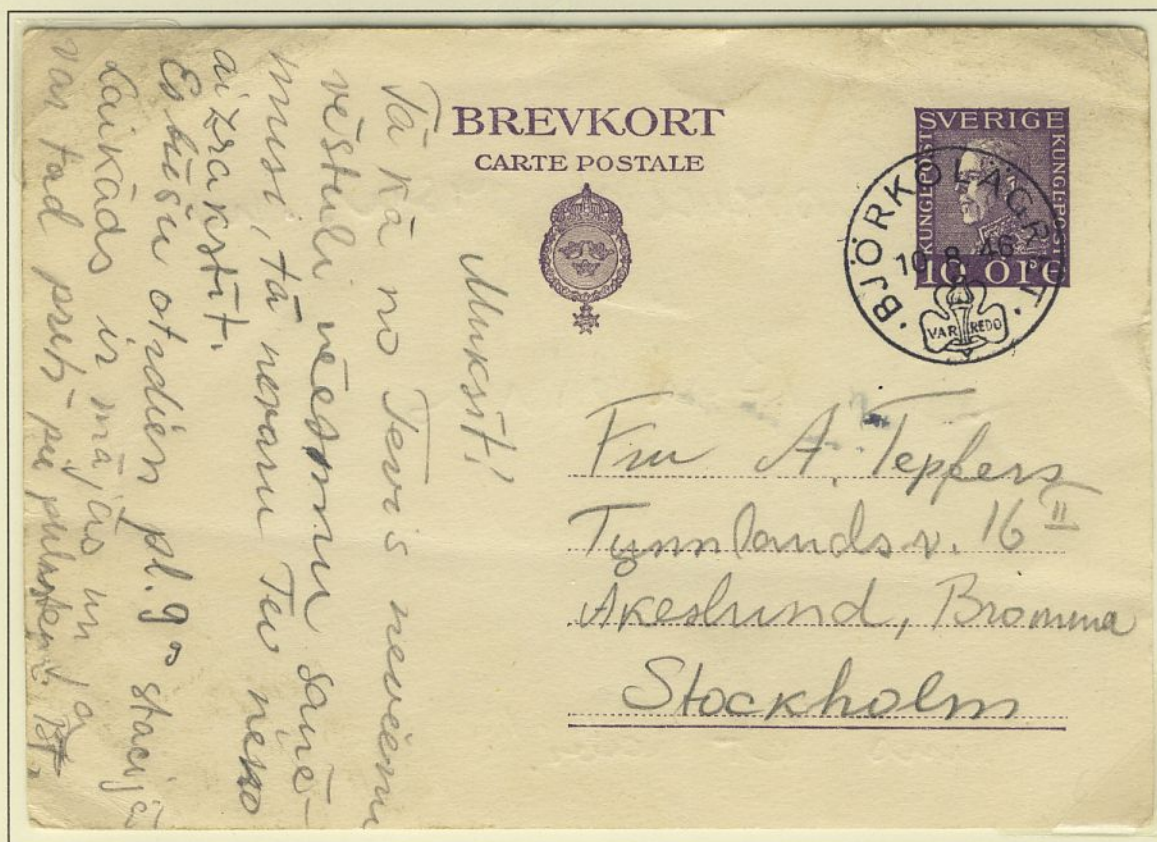


Value insured cover sent to Linköping, postmarked (S-010) "BJÖRKÖLÄGRET 13. 8. 46". Sweden's first special V-label for a Scout event, and only four registered items are recorded. The highest recorded V-label number is 16, used on the last day of camp.

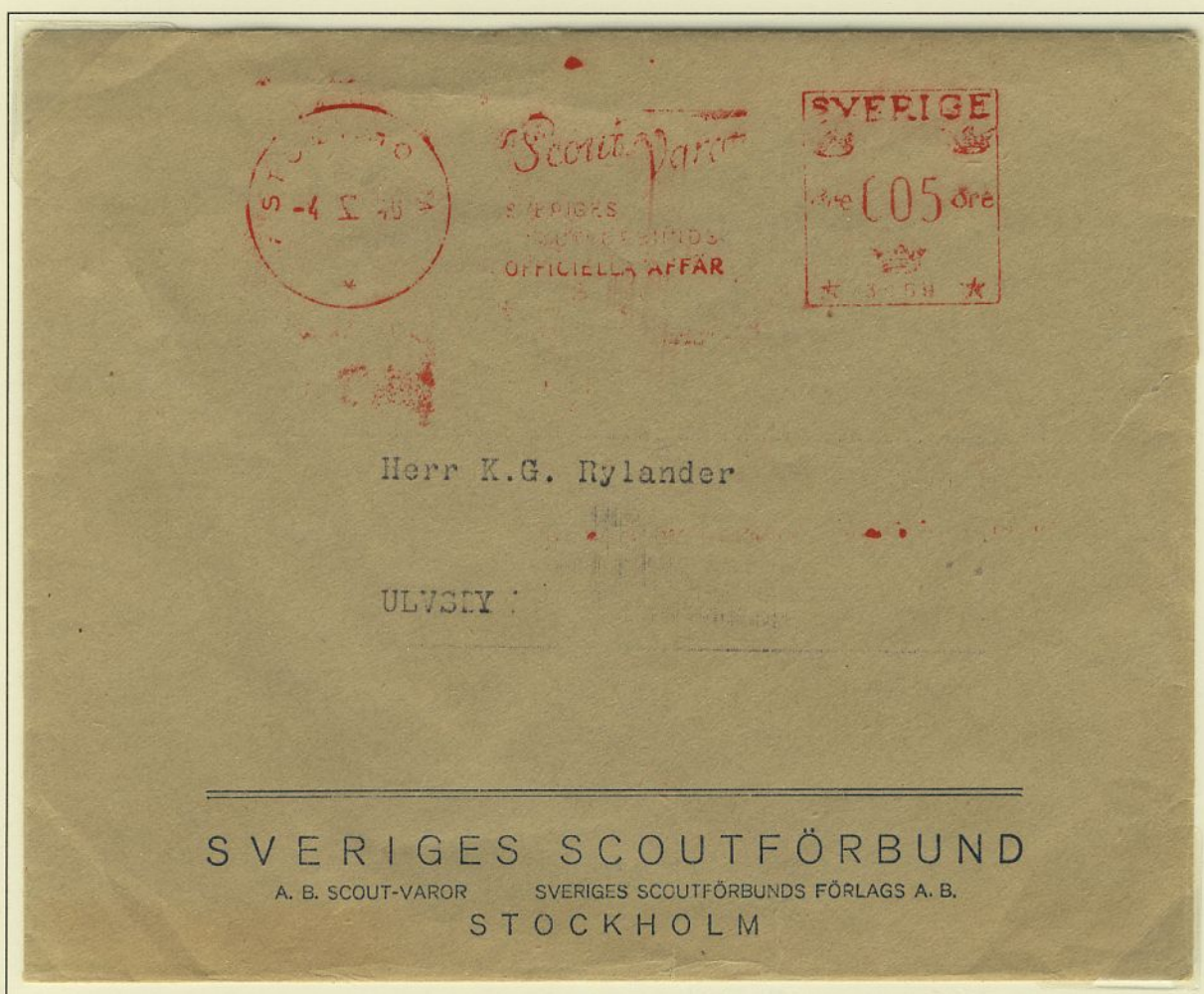


Registered cover to Katrineholm, postmarked (S-010) "BJÖRKÖLÄGRET 1. 8. 46".

Nine registered items are recorded, the highest recorded R-number is 70. 89.

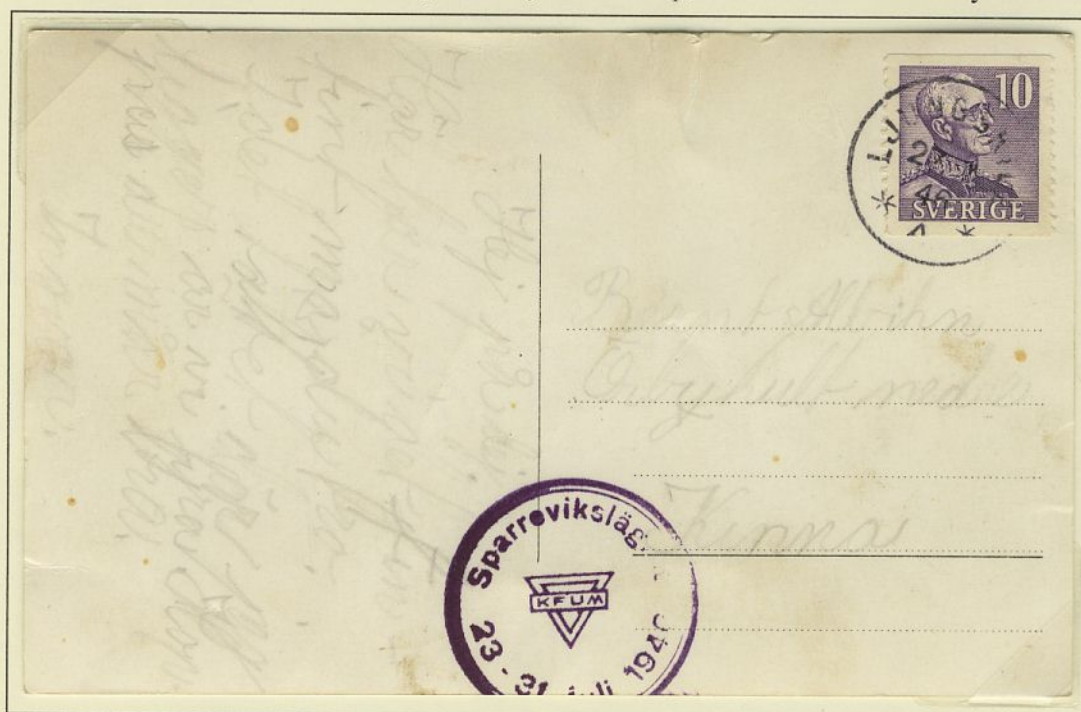


Postal card written in Latvian, sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-010) "BJÖRKÖLÄGRET 10. 8. 46".



Meter slogan "Scout-Varor, Sveriges Scoutförbunds officiella affär", Stockholm 1946.
(Scout Equipment, Swedish Scout Association's official shop).

Swedish YWCA-YMCA owns the camp site Sparreviken in Bohuslän in southwestern Sweden. It is not clear whether this 1946 camp is a Boy Scout camp, or a "civilian" YMCA youth camp.



Postal card sent to Kinna, postmarked "LJUNGSKILE 27.7.46"
and cachet "Sparrevikslägr KFUM 23-31 juli 1946".

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Special camp postcard to Vellinge, postmarked (S-011)
"ÖREBRO NTO.S SCOUTFÖRBUNDS JUB.LÄGER 30.6.47".

Customers of the Post who send significant amounts of mail may print their own postal forms to be used for parcels, cash on delivery (COD), postal giro payment, etc.

<p>ÅRSavgifTEN</p> <p>i</p> <p>Scouternas Kamratförening, Lund</p> <p>betald med två (2:—) kronor för år 19....., kvitteras genom postverkets kvitto å beloppet.</p> <p><i>Lund, poststämpelns datum.</i> <i>Kassören.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Här kan avsändaren fästa postens kvitto.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Postgirokonto nr 27 16 02.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Före inbetalningen skall detta meddelande avskiljas av Eder och behållas.</p>	
<p>KUPONG. (Avsedd för betalningsmottagaren.)</p> <p>Å postgiro- konto nr 27 16 02</p> <p>Inbetalt 2 kr — öre Avsändarens namn och adress: Nr Inbetalningsdag: Meddelande till betalningsmottagaren: Årsavgift 19.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INBETALNINGSKORT</p> <p><i>Avsändare:</i> (angives även å kupongen)</p> <p><i>Namn:</i></p> <p><i>Adress:</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>För frimärke, motsvarande inbe- telningsavgiften: för belopp av högst 5 kr ... 10 öre " 50 " ... 15 " över 50 " ... 20 "</p> </div> <p><i>Belopp</i> 2 kronor — öre. (Beloppet angives med tydliga siffror.)</p> <p><i>Till</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scouternas Kamratförening i Lund</p> <p style="text-align: center;">att gottskrivas postgirokonto nr 27 16 02</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>Redovisningsnr</p> <p>(Postfunktionärs namn el. sign.)</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Bl. 703 e. T. (Aug. 42.) Pv. tr. Sth. 1947</p>

Form for payment to postal giro, "BL 703 c. T. (Aug. 42.) Pv. tr. Sth. 1947",
printed in August 1942 with additional printing in Stockholm 1947.
Printed address "Scouternas Kamratförening, Lund" (The Friends of the Boy Scouts in Lund).
The form was intended for payment of annual membership fee.

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Registered cover to Trelleborg, postmarked (S-011)
 "ÖREBRO NTO.S SCOUTFÖRBUNDS JUB.LÄGER 25.6.47".
 Only four registered items are recorded, and this is the only recorded
five item with regular Örebro 1 R-label and three-digit number.



Registered cover to Stockholm, postmarked (S-011)
 "ÖREBRO NTO.S SCOUTFÖRBUNDS JUB.LÄGER 25.6.47".
 Only four registered items are recorded, and three of these
five are with regular Örebro 1 R-label and four-digit number.
four

The Swedish IOGT Girl Guide Association held their 1947 national camp at Tollare, located on the island Värmdö in the Stockholm archipelago. The camp did not have an official postmark, but a cachet was applied to outgoing mail 1-8 July.



Postcard written by girl guide in camp. Postmarked “KLINTEN 27 (47)” and special camp handstamp in violet. Readdressed to Bollnäs and postmarked “LANDSKRONA LBR 9 7 47”.

The 6th World Scout Jamboree was held in 1947 and was hosted by France at Moisson. This was the first jamboree to have been held after Baden-Powell's death in 1941. It was originally planned to take place in 1941 in France. Following the devastation of World War II, this event was aptly named the **Jamboree of Peace**.



Paris viewcard written by scout in jamboree camp and sent to Upsala, Sweden. Special camp machine cancel “JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX 9 VIII 47”.

The Swedish YMCA Boy Scout Association held their 1947 national camp at Ådalen in Ångermanland, a landscape in the north of Sweden, bordering the Gulf of Bothnia. The camp was situated near the Ångerman river. The special postmark (S-012) was used 18 - 28 July, 1947.



Value insured cover sent to Linköping, postmarked (S-012) "ÅDALSLÄGRET 27.7.47". Specially printed V-label. Only seven value insured items are recorded, and the highest recorded V-number is seven.



Registered cover to Upsala, postmarked (S-012) "ÅDALSLÄGRET 20.7.47". More than 20 registered items are recorded, and the highest R-number is 135.



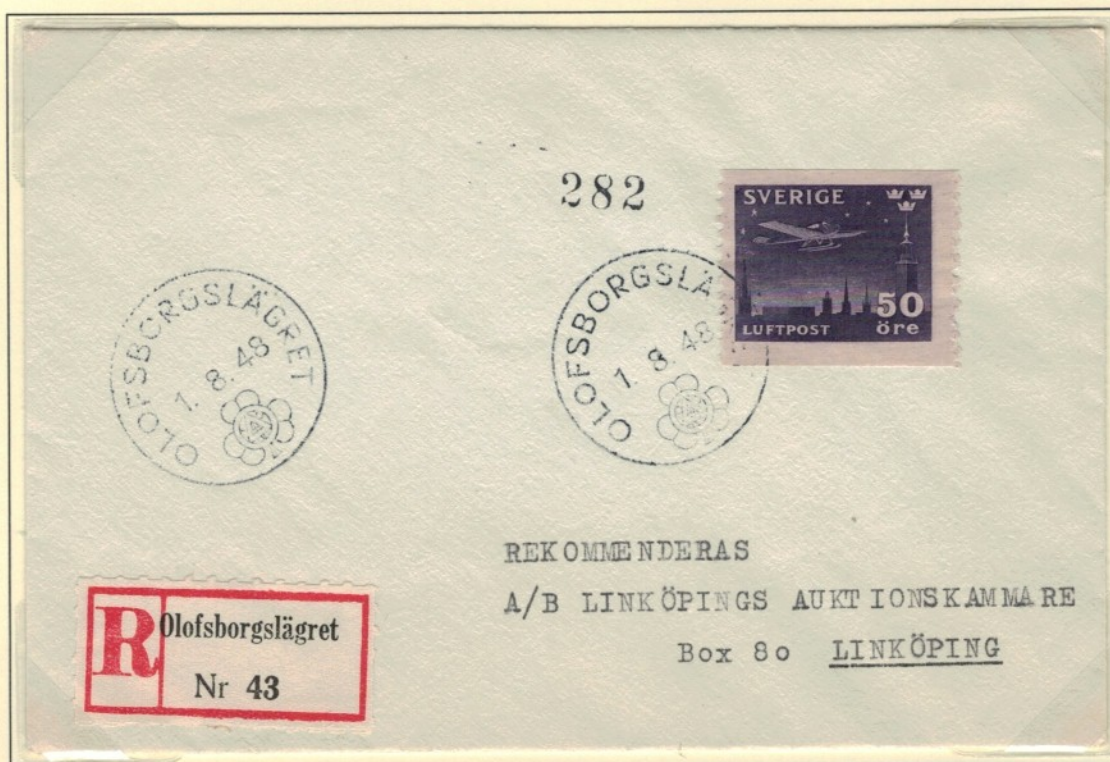
Camp viewcard, postmarked (S-012) "ÅDALSLÄGRET 20.7.47".

In 1948 at Olofsborg, on the location of the 1941 YMCA Boy Scouts camp, the YWCA Girl Guides were gathered for a national camp. Olofsborg is located on the shores of the idyllic lake Ståken in Västergötland. The special postmark (S-013) was used from 1 to 14 August.



Value insured cover to Linköping, postmarked (S-013) "OLOFSBORGLÄGRET 1.8.48".
 Six value insured items are recorded with this postmark.

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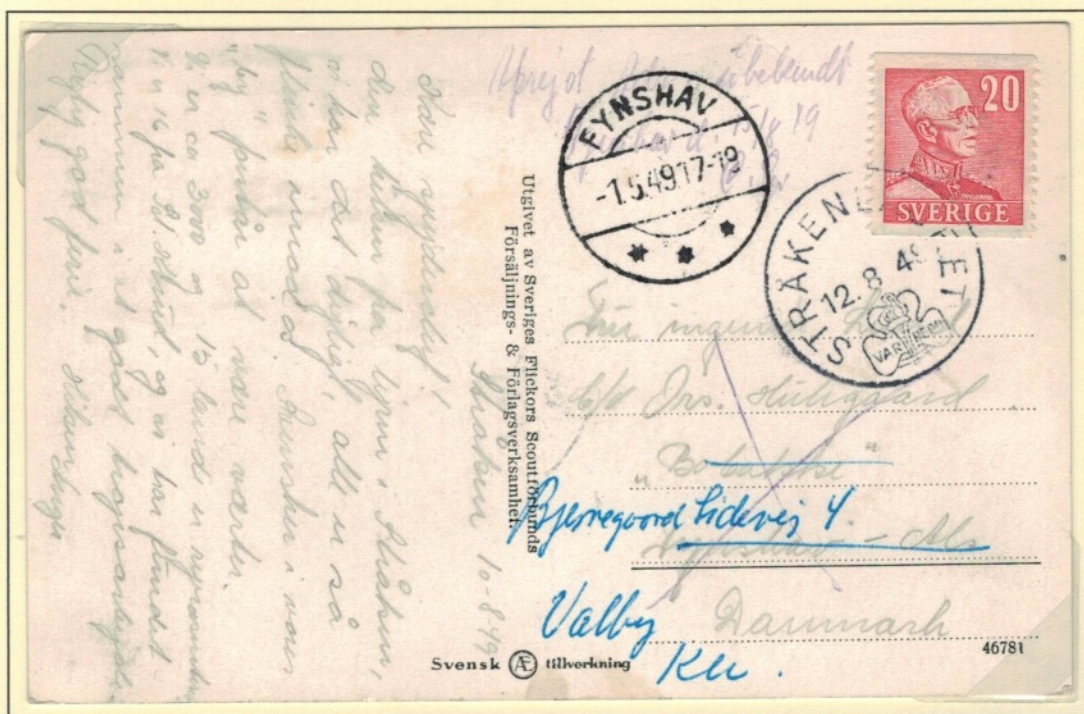


Registered cover to Linköping, postmarked (S-013) "OLOFSBORGSLÄGRET 1. 8. 48". More than 20 registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R number is 86.87.



Girl Guide postcard, written by camp participant and sent to Gothenburg, postmarked (S-013) "OLOFSBORGSLÄGRET 4. 8. 48".

In 1949, Swedish Girl Guides Association held their national camp at Stråken, situated near Lake Stråken in Jönköping. The special postmark (S-014) was used from 1 to 20 August.



Girl Guide postcard, written by camp participant and sent to Fynshav-Als, Denmark, postmarked (S-014) "STRÅKENLÄGRET 12. 8. 49". Re-directed to Valby.



Registered cover to Stockholm, postmarked (S-014) "STRÅKENLÄGRET 17. 8. 49". Only five registered items are recorded, and this cover has the highest recorded R number.

In 1949, the fourth World Scout Moot was held in Skjåk, Norway. Nestled in a deep valley, Skjåk is rain shadowed and as a result is actually one of the most arid places in Europe with less annual precipitation than parts of the Sahara desert.

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!

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 July.

Letter sent from "STOCKHOLM 6.8.49" to Hälsingborg. The addressee was already at the Rover Moot in Norway.

Re-addressed from "HÄLSINGBORG 7.8.49" to a Scout camp at Fryken near Kil (Sweden).

Transit postmark "HALMSTAD 8.8.49".

Re-addressed from "KIL 10 8 49" to Svenska Scoutunion, Rover Moot Skjåk, Norway.

The addressee had left the Rover Moot, and the letter is again re-addressed to Hälsingborg, postmarked "4. WORLD ROVER MOOT SKJÅK NORGE 12-8-49", last day of operation for the Moot post office. The Moot closed officially on 11 Aug).

Re-addressed to original address: Drottninggatan 9, Hälsingborg.

The letter was finally returned to the sender, receiving postmark "STOCKHOLM 22.8.49".



af försänd

Hen

Heines Erendi

Scoutläger

~~Drottninggatan 9~~

~~Förenka Loubanowa~~

~~Flykten vid Lil.~~

~~Rosa drott~~

~~Drottninggatan 9~~

Helsingborg

Ljåk

Hälsingborg

Norge

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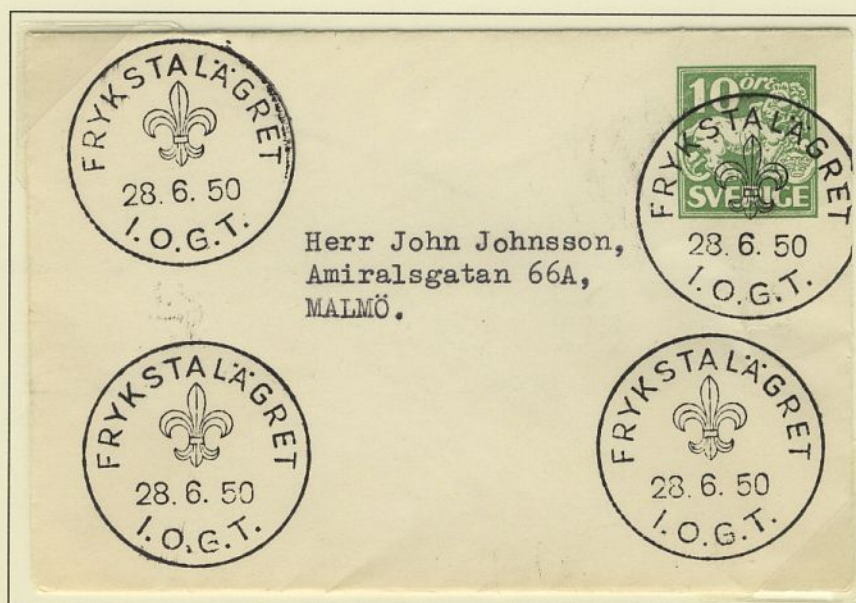


Registered cover to Mariehäll, postmarked (S-015) "FRYKSTALÄGRET 28. 6. 50".
Only five registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R number is 66.



Value insured cover to Mjölby, postmarked (S-015) "FRYKSTALÄGRET 6. 7. 50".
Only two value insured items are recorded, and this cover has the highest recorded R number.

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Postal stationery envelope to Malmö,
postmarked (S-015) "FRYKSTALÄGRET 28. 6. 50".



Postcard to Gothenburg, postmarked (S-015) "FRYKSTALÄGRET 7. 7. 50".

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KUPONG. (Avsedd för betalningsmottagaren.)		INBETALNINGSKORT	
A postgiro-konto nr 19 50 22		Avsändare: (anges även på kupongen) Namn: Adress:	
Inbetalt kr öre Avsändarens namn och adress: Distr. Kår Inbetalningsdag: Meddelande till betalningsmottagaren. Anmäln. avgift för st. lägerdeltagare i Ävatyr å 5:— kr		Belopp kr öre. (Beloppet anges med tydliga siffror.) Till Ävakommittén, Sveriges Scoutförbund Box 3255, Stockholm 3 att gottskrivas postgirokonto nr 19 50 22	
		Redovisningsnr (Postfunktionärs namn el. sign.) BL 703 a. T. (Mars 48.) Pv. tr. Sth.	

För frimärke motsvarande inbetalningsavgiften, 20 öre.

Utskrives med bläck eller skrivmaskin.

Redovisande postanstalt

Form for payment to postal giro, for paying the Äva-Tyr camp fee. Printed March 1948.



A meter slogan was used by the Swedish Boy Scout Association to promote the "Äva-Tyr" camp.

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Registered printed matter to Linköping, postmarked (S-016) "ÅVA-TYR 21-7 1950".

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Only ~~six~~ registered items are recorded,
the highest R-number is 502 (and second-highest is 86).



Registered cover to Mariehäll, postmarked (S-016) "ÅVA-TYR 21-7 1950".
Postage due 5 öre was paid by addressee and postmarked "MARIEHÄLL 24.7.50".

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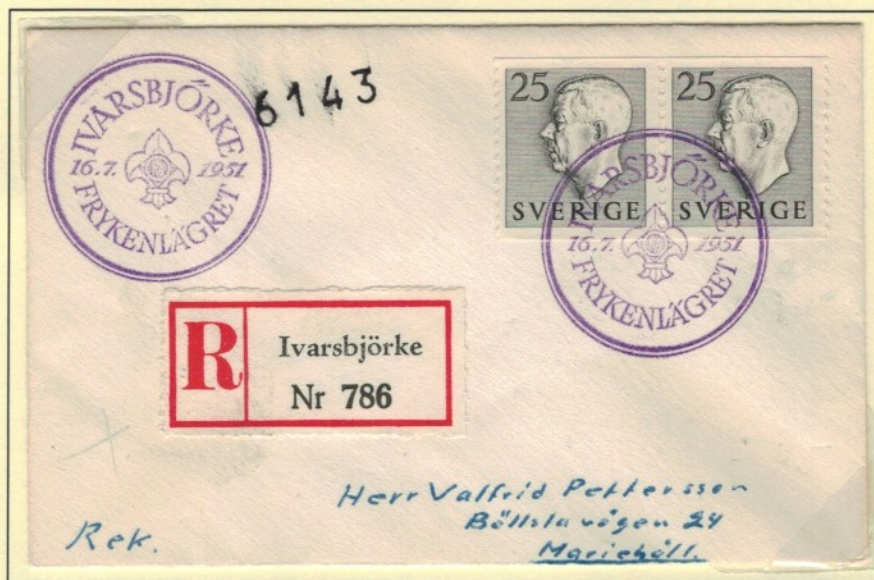
Picture postcard depicting Tyresö Palace, sent to Borås and postmarked (S-016) "ÅVA-TYR 26-7 1950".



Express cover (special delivery) sent to Varberg, postmarked (S-016) "ÅVA-TYR 31-7 1950".

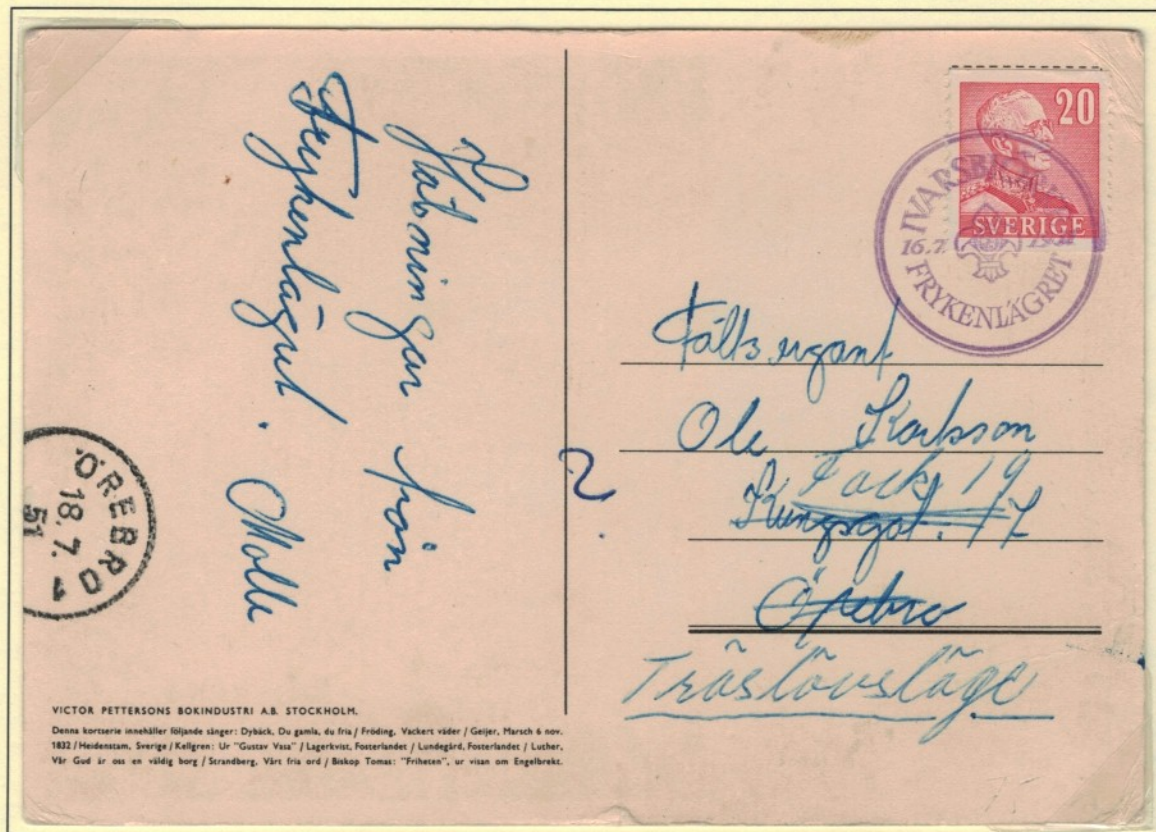
1951-1957: Better Scouting for more boys and girls

The Salvation Army Scout Association held their 1951 national camp at Ivarsbjörke, near Lake Upper Fryken. The special postmark (S-017) was used 10 - 19 July, 1951.



Registered printed matter sent to Mariehäll, postmarked (S-017) "IVARSBJÖRKE FRYKENLÄGRET 16.7.1951". Regular Ivarsbjörke R-label. **Only three registered items are recorded.**

five



Postcard sent to Örebro, postmarked (S-017) "IVARSBJÖRKE FRYKENLÄGRET 16.7.1951". Re-directed to Träslövsläge, and postmarked "ÖREBRO 18.7.51".

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



Value insured letter sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-018) "ÖRESUNDSLÄGRET KFUM 14-7 51".

Postage due 25 öre was paid by addressee and stamps affixed on reverse.

Only two value insured items are recorded, and the highest recorded V-number is 3.



Registered printed matter sent to Stockholm,
postmarked (S-018) "ÖRESUNDSLÄGRET KFUM 23-7 51".

Eight registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R-number is 68.

Nine

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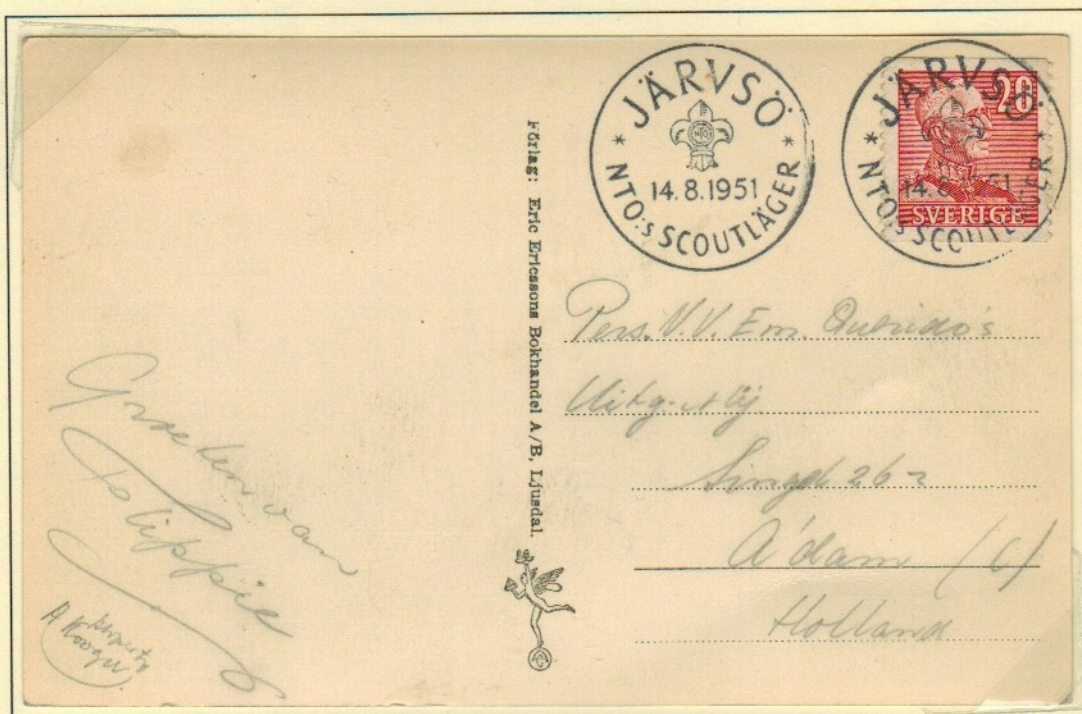
Special camp postcard shaped as a clog or wooden shoe, sent to Ljusdal and re-directed to Umeå, postmarked (S-018) "ÖRESUNDSLÄGRET KFUM 21-7 51".

1951, national camp of the IOGT Girl Guide Association. The camp was called "Vildmarkslägrer" (The Wild Life Camp) and was located in Kramfors in central Norrland, close to the Bay of Bothnia. The special postmark (S-019) was used 25 July - 3 August, 1951.



Camp postcard sent to Rådmanö, postmarked (S-019) "KRAMFORS VILDMARKSLÄGRE 25-7-51".

The 1951 national camp of the NTO Boy Scout Association (National Temperance Order) took place near Järvsö in southern Norrland. "Järv" means wolverine. The special postmark (S-020) was used 9-15 August.



Järvsö viewcard sent to the Netherlands, postmarked (S-020) "JÄRVSÖ NTO.s SCOUTLÄGER 14.8.1951".



Cover sent to Mjölby, postmarked (S-020) "JÄRVSÖ NTO.s SCOUTLÄGER 11.8.1951".

Scouting in Austria was founded in 1912 and was one of the founding members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) 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 WOSM. 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.



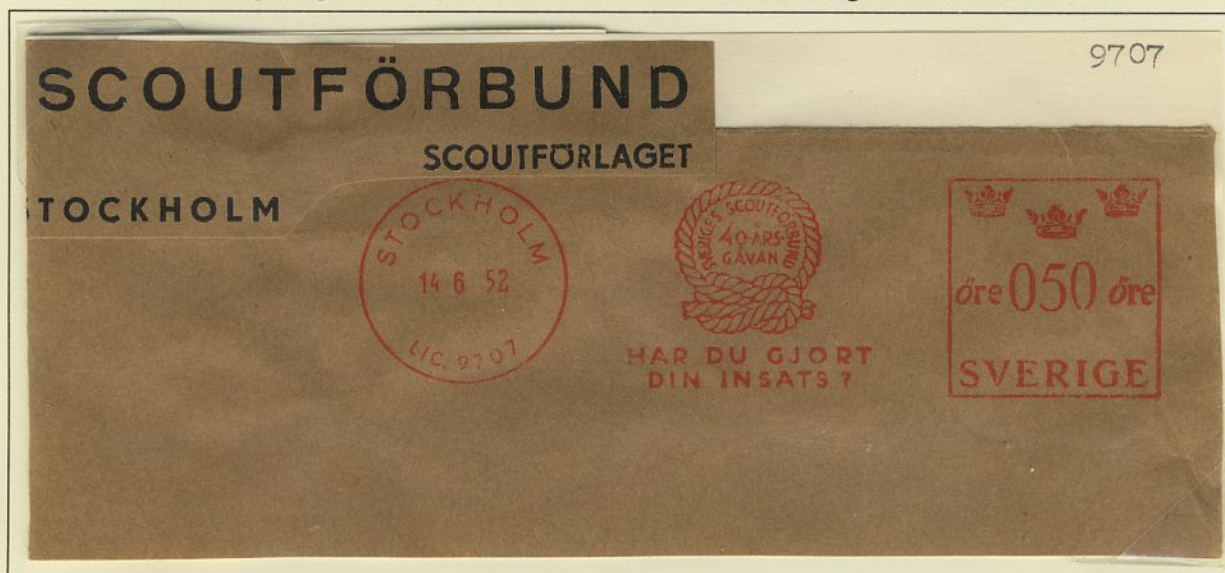
Registered printed matter sent to Söderköping.

Postmarked "JAMBOREE 1951 BAD ISCHL ÖSTERREICH 6.VIII.1951", type 1 with curved 9.
The postmark which was used 3-12 August depicts the Jamboree's symbol, a Jew's harp.

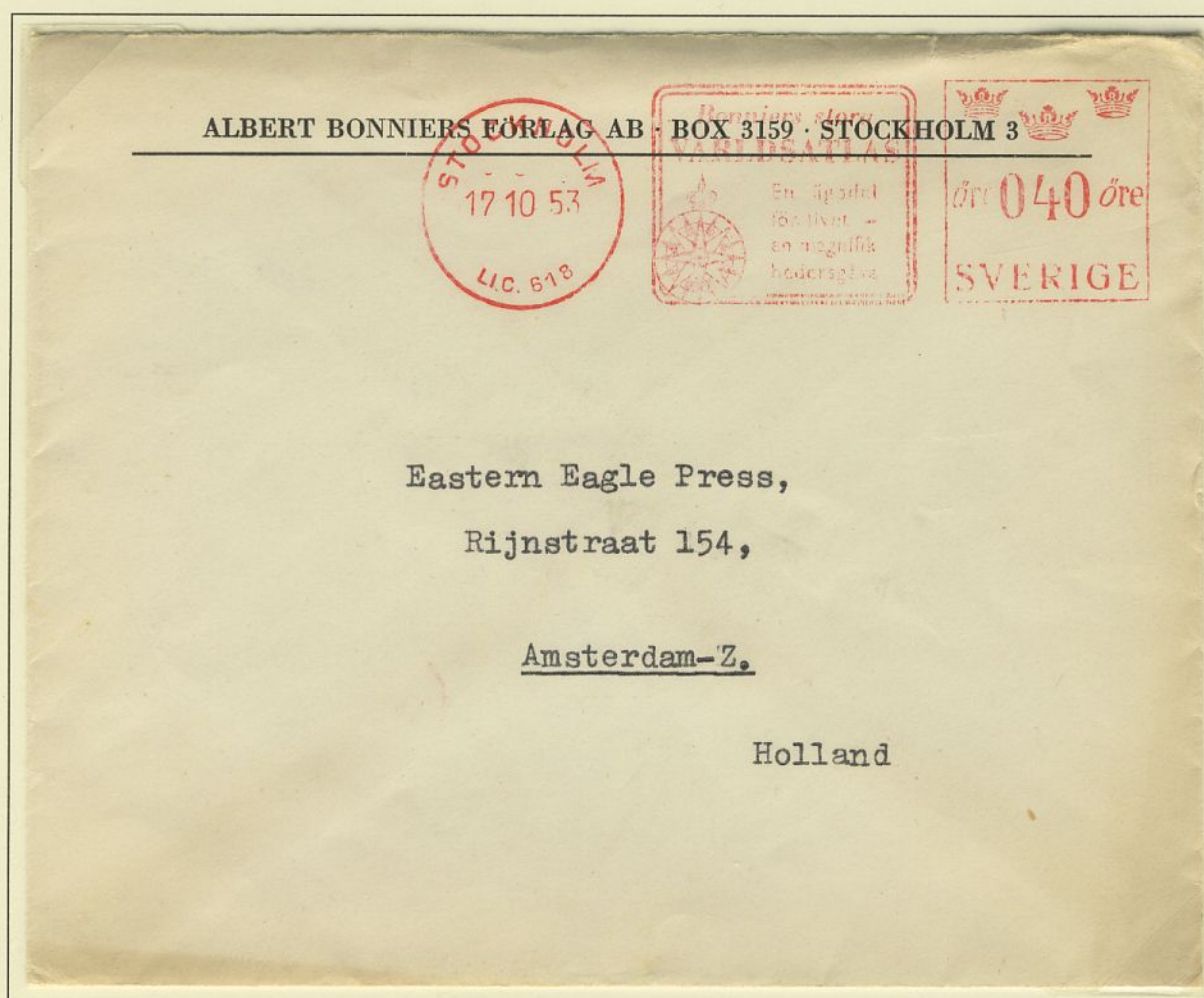


Special Jamboree postcard written by one of the Swedish participants and sent to Stockholm.
Postmarked "JAMBOREE 1951 BAD ISCHL ÖSTERREICH 6.VIII.1951", type 2 with straight 9.

"The Red Knot" was the Swedish Scout Association's fund-raising campaign 1951-53 for the benefit of deaf and hearing-impaired children. Participating Scouts were entitled to wear a red knot badge on the uniform.

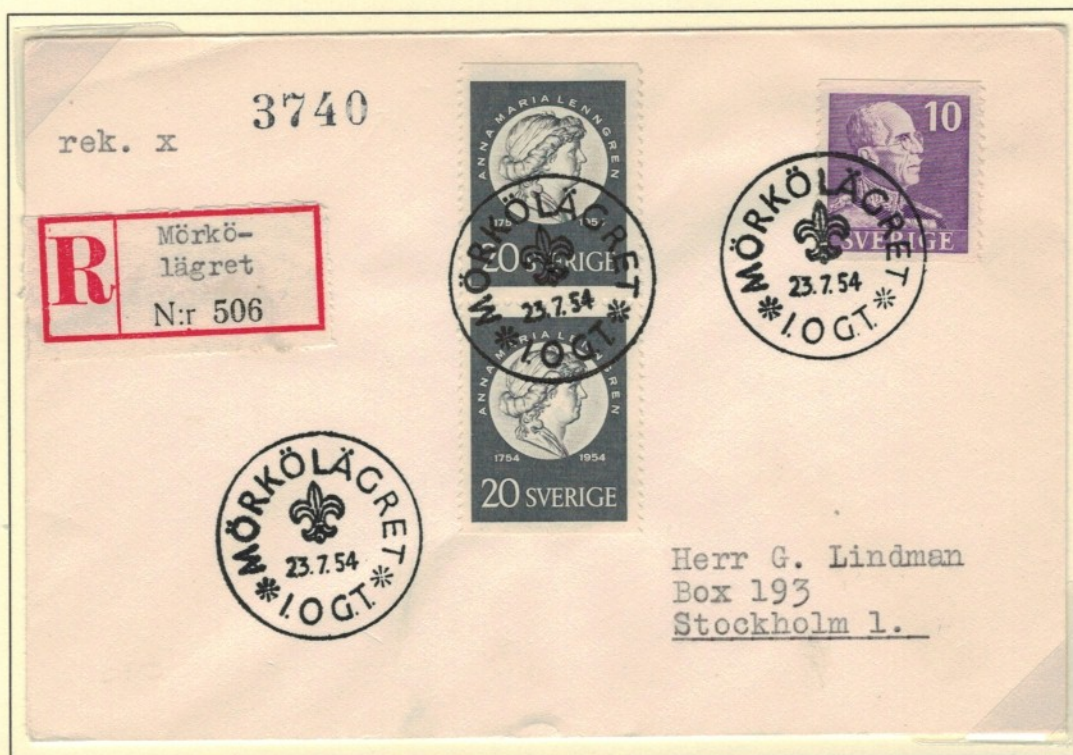


Meter slogan, used by the Swedish Scout Association, 1952. The slogan shows a red knot and the text "Sveriges Scoutförbund, 40-års-gavan. Har du gjort din insats?" (Swedish Scout Association, the 40th anniversary gift. Have you done your effort?).



Meter slogan, used by the publishers Albert Bonnier, Stockholm, 1953. The advertising slogan is for Bonnier's world atlas, and shows a compass with a fleur-de-lys.

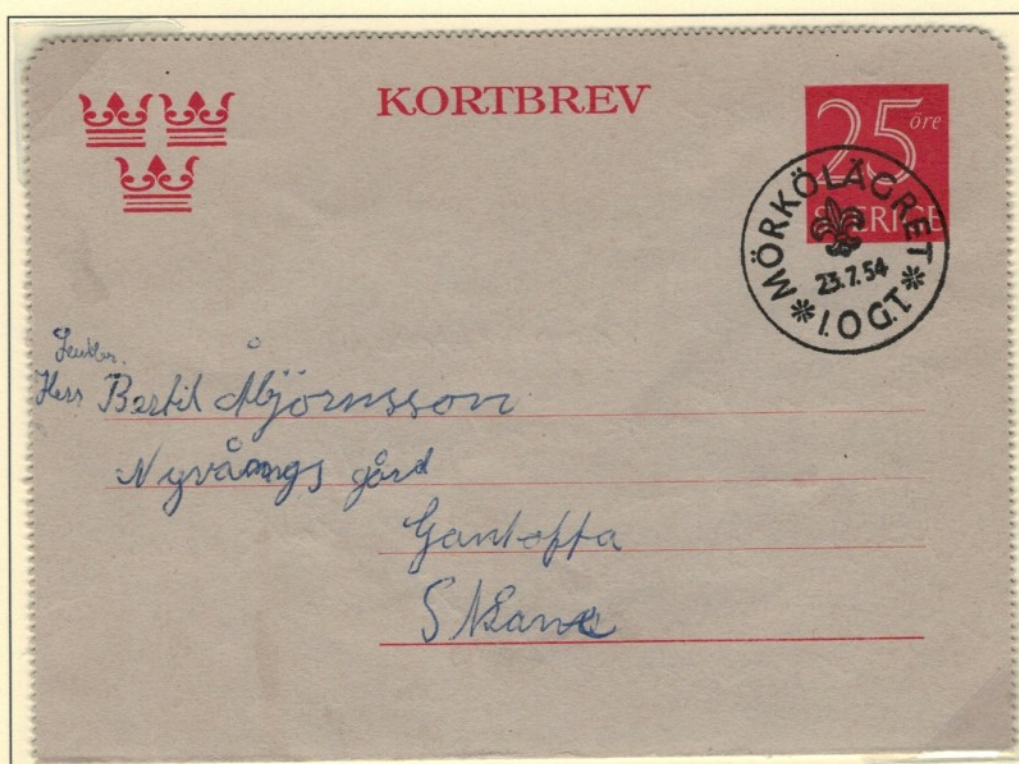
The 1954 national camp of the IOGT Scout Association was located on the island Mörkö outside Södertälje in Stockholm county. The special postmark (S-021) was used 17-25 July.



Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-021) "MÖRKÖLÄGRET 23.7.54".

11 Typed "Mörkö-/lägret" on blank R labels.

Ten registered items are recorded with R-numbers between 447 and 508.



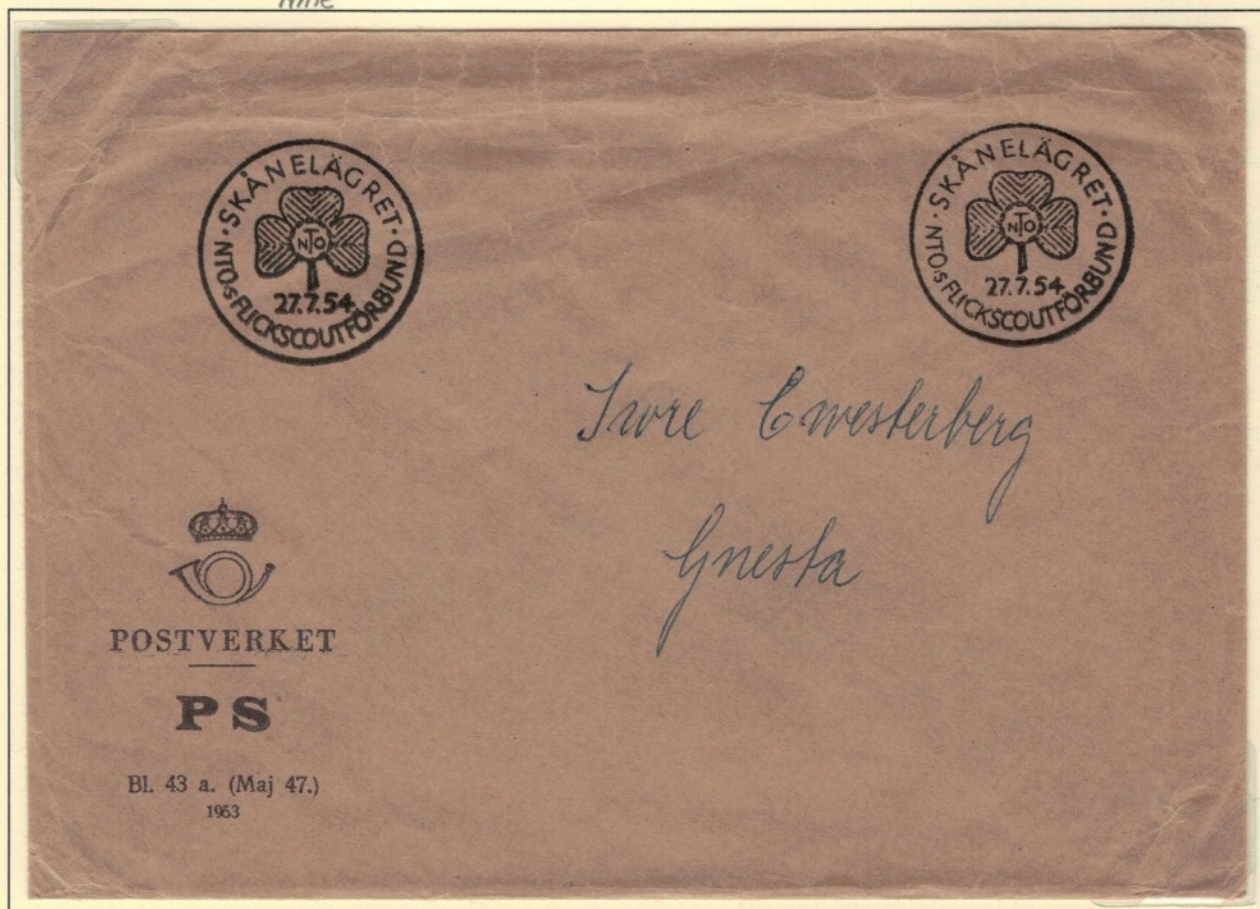
Letter card sent to Gantofta, postmarked (S-021) "MÖRKÖLÄGRET 23.7.54".

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



Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-022) "SKÅNELÄGRET NTO.s FLICKSCOUTFÖRBUND 27.7.54". Cachet "Skånelägrete" (inverted and upright) on blank R label. Six registered items are recorded with R-numbers between 569 and 629.

Nine



Postal service cover to Gnesta, postmarked (S-022) "SKÅNELÄGRET NTO.s FLICKSCOUTFÖRBUND 27.7.54".

Swedish Girl Guide Association held their 1954 national camp on the peninsula Tromtö close to Karlskrona in southern Sweden. Lady Baden-Powell visited the camp. The special postmark (S-023) was used 30 July - 10 August.



Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-023) "TROMTÖLÄGRET S.F.S 5.8.54".

Manuscript "Tromtölägrät" on blank R label.

More than ten registered items are recorded with R-numbers between 616 and 692.



Girl Guide postcard sent to England, postmarked (S-023) "TROMTÖLÄGRET S.F.S 1.8.54".

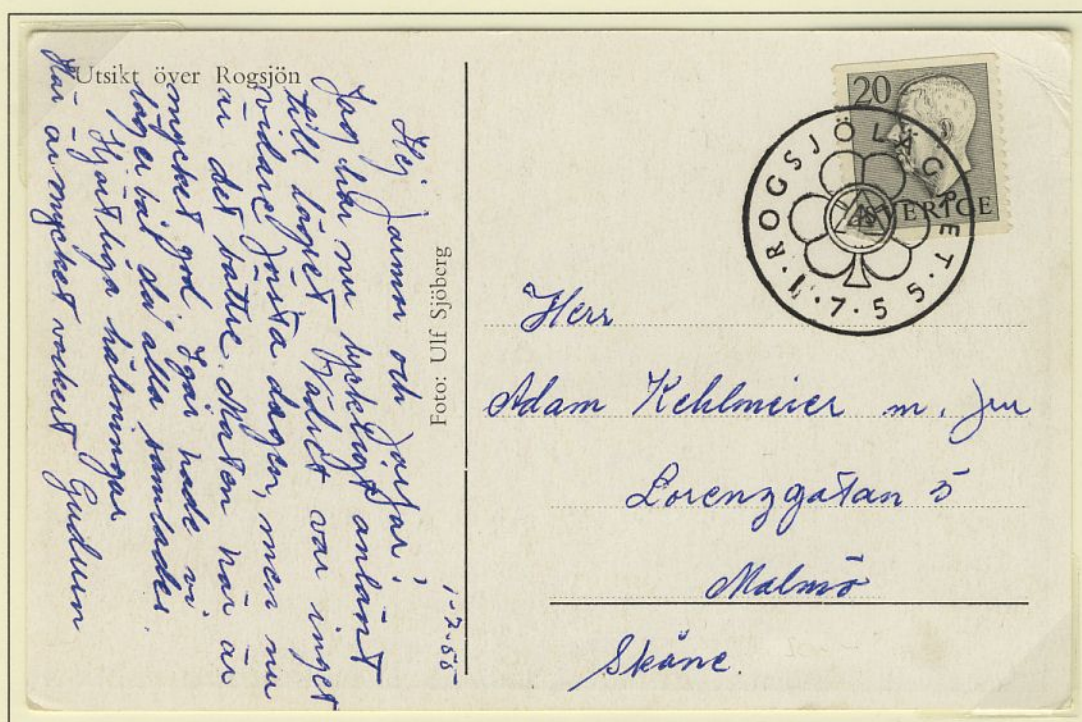
20 åore was domestic postcard rate, 1d postage due.

In 1954, a regional YMCA Scout camp "Snapphanelägrät" was held in Sölvesborg in Skåne. The name Snapphane was originally a word for gangs of bandits that lived in the woods. The Snapphane Movement was a 17th century pro-Danish guerrilla organisation that fought against the Swedes in the Second Northern and Scanian Wars, primarily in the former eastern Danish provinces which in the course of these wars became southern Sweden. The camp post office had no special postmark, but used a red cachet on mail from the camp.



Non-scout viewcard sent to Asklanda, postmarked "Sölvesborg 19 7 54".
Red cachet "KFUM SNAPPHANELÄGRET 16-26 juli 1954".

The 1955 national camp of the YWCA Girl Guide Association took place near Lake Rog, about 10 km north of Falun in central Sweden. 1,500 Girl Guides mainly from Sweden, but also from other countries participated. The special postmark (S-024) was used 29 June - 8 July 1955.

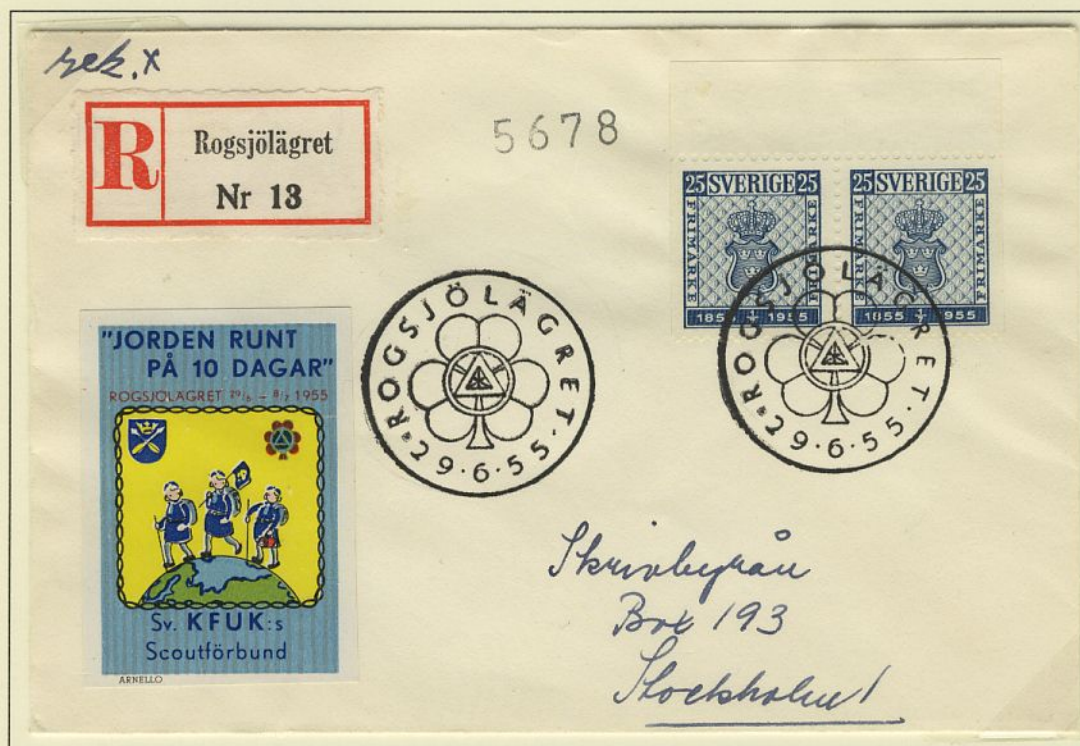


Postcard sent to Malmö, postmarked (S-024) "ROGSJÖLÄGRET 1-7-55".

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Value insured cover sent to Linköping, postmarked (S-024) "ROGSJÖLÄGRET 29-6-55".
Only four value insured items are recorded, and the highest V-number is 20.



Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-024) "ROGSJÖLÄGRET 29-6-55".
More than ten registered items are recorded, and the highest R-number is 72.

The 1955 national camp of the NTO (National Temperance Order) Boy Scout Association took place at Virserum, in Kalmar county, southern Sweden. The special postmark (S-025) was used 7 - 8 July.



Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-025)

"VIRSERUM NTO:s SCOUTLÄGER 7.7.55".

The only recorded registered item from this camp.

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Cover sent to Kisa, postmarked (S-025) "VIRSERUM NTO:s SCOUTLÄGER 7.7.55".

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- Snapphanelägret, named after pro-Danish rebels in Scania in the 1700's, at Lake Tydingen, southern Sweden. The postmark (S-026) was used 18-28 July.



Value insured cover sent to Bromma, postmark (S-026) "SNAPPHANELÄGRET 28.7.1955".

Specially printed V-label.

Underfranked 25 öre for the 75 öre correct postage for 100 SEK insurance. Postage due 25 öre, stamp affixed on reverse and postmarked "HÖGLÄNDSTORG 29.7.55".

The only recorded value insured item from this camp.



Registered cover to Trelleborg, postmarked (S-026) "SNAPPHANELÄGRET 18.7.1955".

More than ten registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R-number is 82.

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- Snapphanelägrät, named after pro-Danish rebels in Scania in the 1700's, at Lake Tydingen, southern Sweden. The postmark (S-026) was used 18-28 July.
- Tunabergslägrät at Tunaberg near Oxelösund, southeastern Sweden. 22 July - 1 August (S-027).



Hästveda viewcard, written by camp participant and sent to Vänås,
 "...it is incredibly beautiful here...",
 postmarked (S-026) "SNAPPHANELÄGRET 26.7.1955".



Camp aerial viewcard, written by Boy Scout in camp and sent to Enköping.
 Brief message: "The journey went fine. I am OK."
 Postmarked (S-027) "TUNABERGLÄGRET 22.7.1955", camp opening day.

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- Tunabergslägret at Tunaberg near Oxelösund, southeastern Sweden. 22 July - 1 August (S-027).



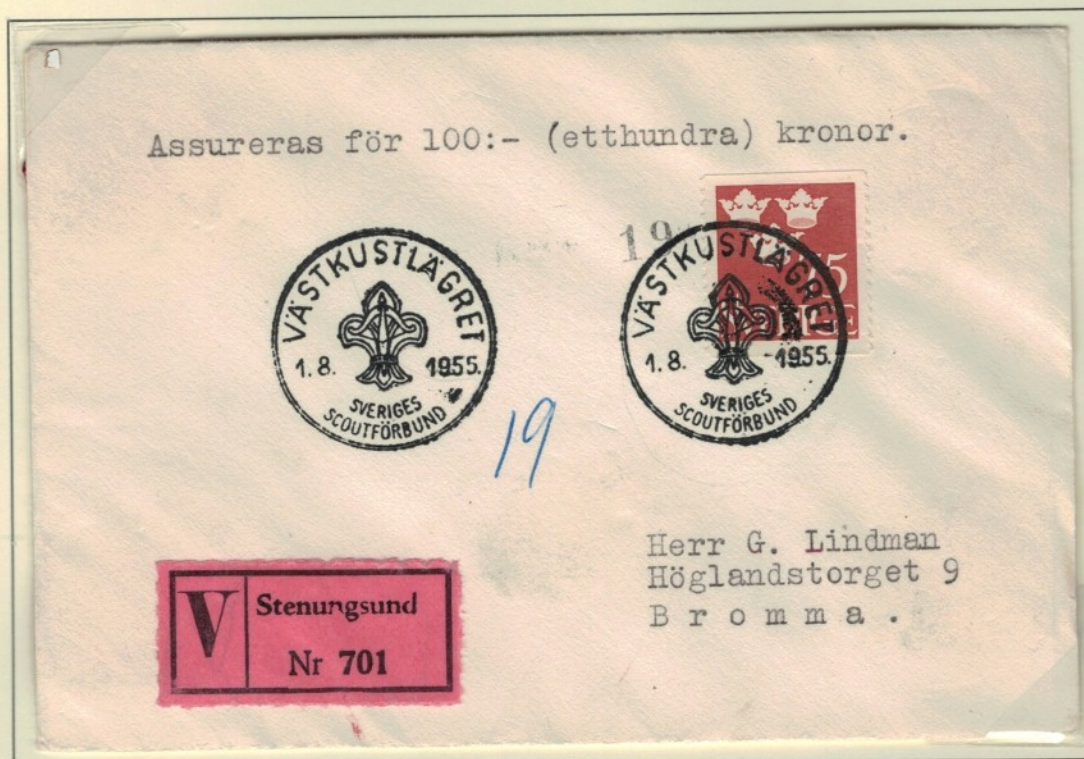
Value insured cover (SEK 7) sent to Linköping, postmark (S-027) "TUNABERGS-LÄGRET 22.7.1955". The cover has 75 öre correct postage for value insured (postage for registered cover was 50 öre), but carries the specially printed registration label. Perhaps value insured labels were not available?



Registered cover to Trelleborg, postmarked (S-027) "TUNABERGS-LÄGRET 22.7.1955".

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- Västkostlägret (West Coast Camp) at Dyrsten near Kleva-Orust, SW Sweden. 22 July - 2 Aug (S-028).



Value insured cover sent to Bromma, postmarked (S-028) "VÄSTKUSTLÄGRET 1.8.1955".

Ordinary Stenungsund V-label.

Only ^{six} three value insured items are recorded, with V-numbers in the range 688-704.



Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-028) "VÄSTKUSTLÄGRET 1.8.1955".

More than ten registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R-number is 52.

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- Midnattsolslägret (Midnight Sun Camp) at Abisko, north of the Arctic Circle. 23-31 July (S-029).



Value insured cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-029) "MIDNATTSOLSLÄGRET 28.7.1955".
Five value insured items are recorded, and the highest recorded V-number is 7.

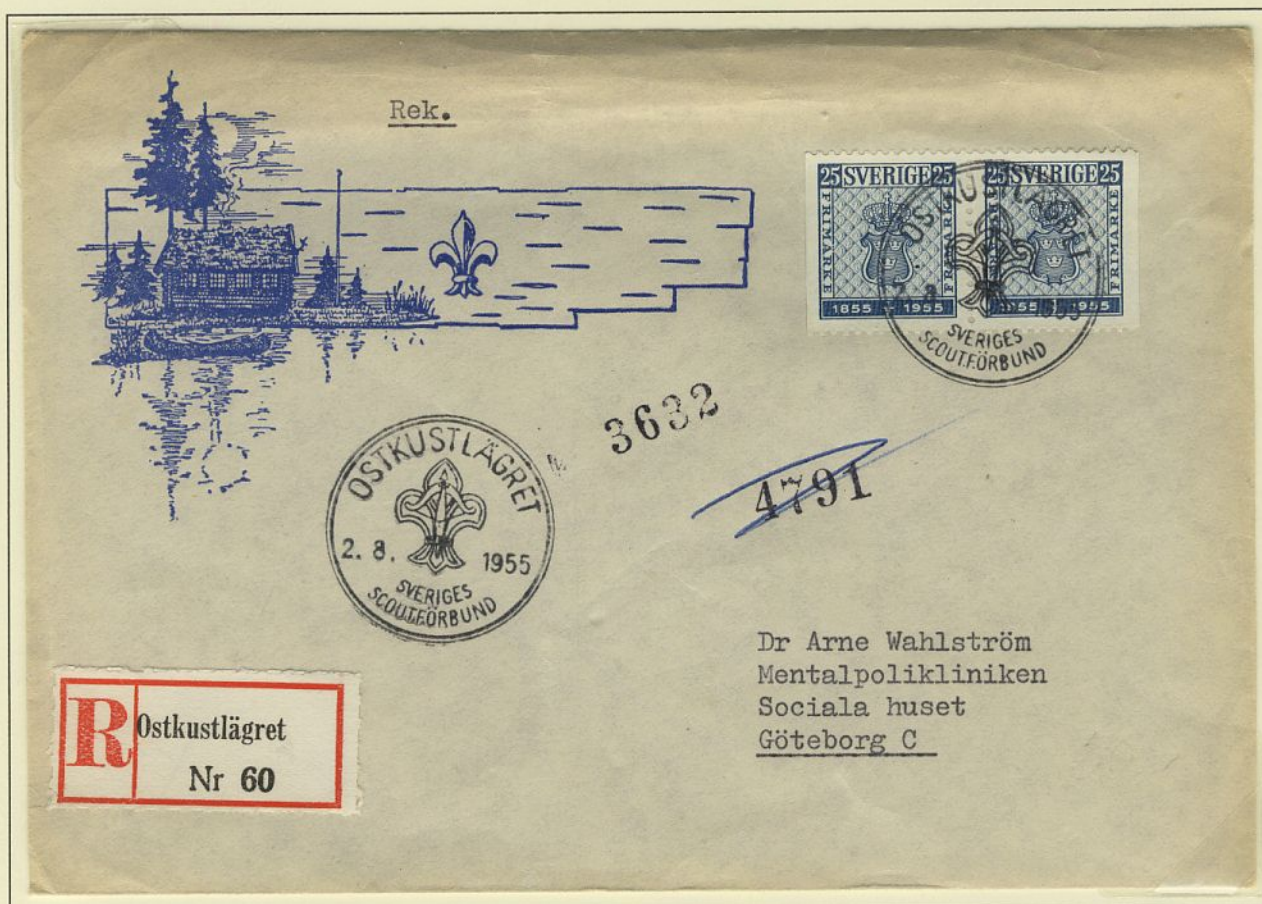


Registered cover
sent to Adelsö,
postmarked
(S-029)
"MIDNATT-
SOLSLÄGRET
31.7.1955".

More than ten
registered items
are recorded,
and the highest
recorded R-
number is 127.

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- Ostkustlägret (East Coast Camp) at Breviksnäs, eastern Sweden. 24 July - 2 August (S-030).



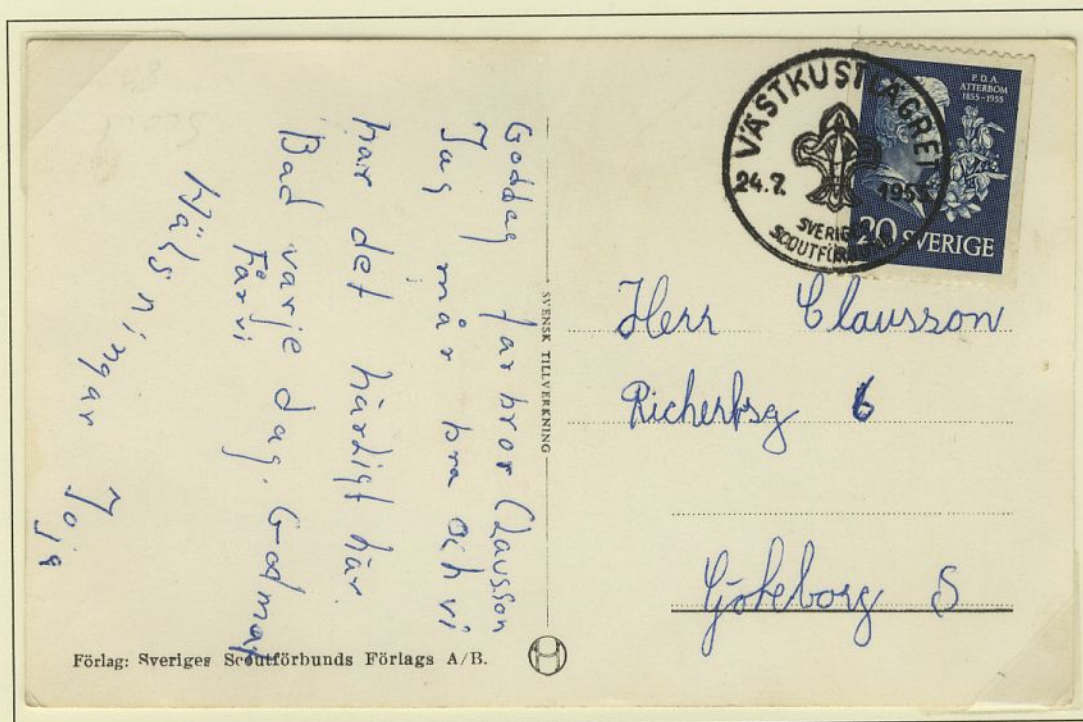
Registered cover sent to Gothenburg, postmarked (S-030) "OSTKUSTLÄGRET 2.8.1955".
More than ten registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R-number is 60.



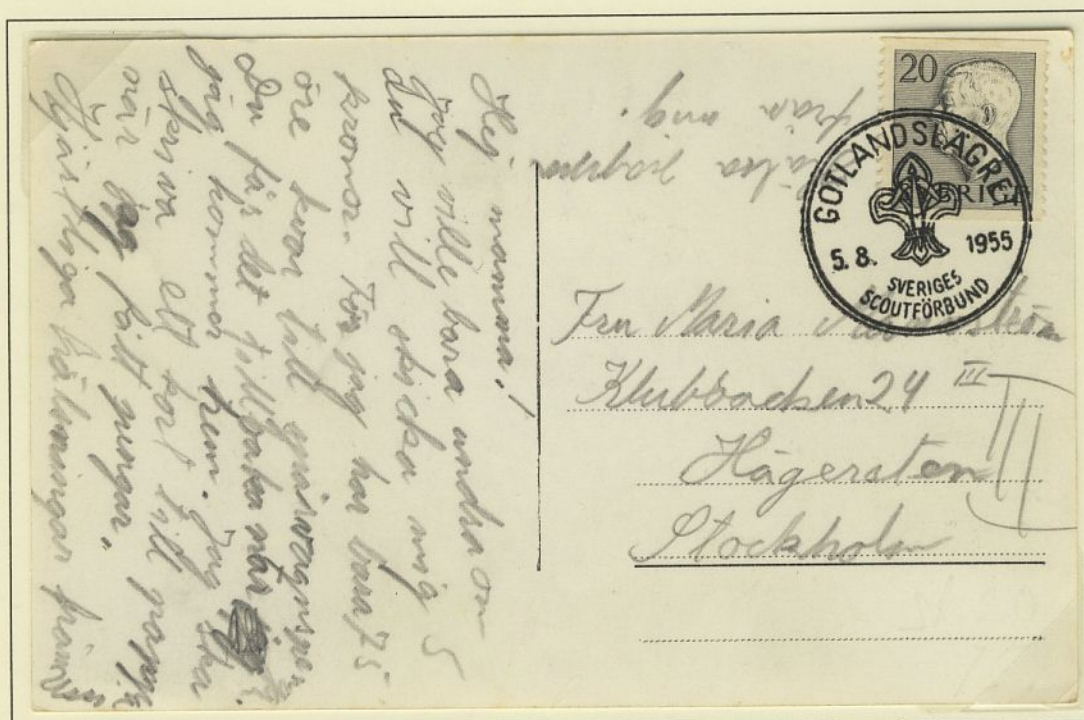
Camp postcard sent to Katrineholm, postmarked (S-030) "OSTKUSTLÄGRET 24.7.1955".

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- Västskustlägret (West Coast Camp) at Dyrsten near Kleva-Orust, SW Sweden. 22 July - 2 Aug (S-028).
- Gotlandslägret, at Ljugarn on the island Gotland in the Baltic Sea. 2-12 August (S-031).



Scout postcard sent to Gothenburg, postmarked (S-028) "VÄSTKUSTLÄGRET 24.7.1955".



Scout postcard sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-031) "GOTLANDSLÄGRET 5.8.1955".

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- Gotlandslägret, at Ljugarn on the island Gotland in the Baltic Sea. 2-12 August (S-031).



Value insured cover sent to Linköping, postmarked (S-031) "GOTLANDSLÄGRET 2.8.1955".

Only five registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded V-number is 5.



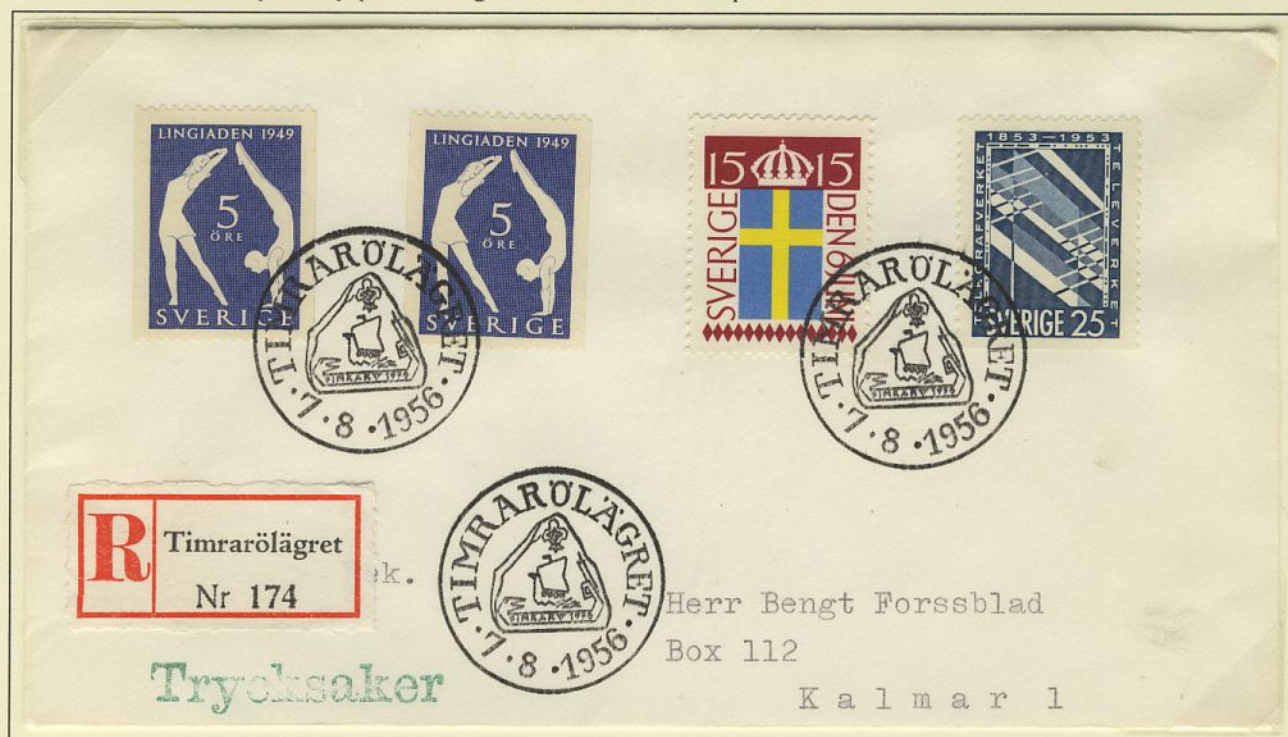
Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-031) "GOTLANDSLÄGRET 2.8.1955".

More than ten registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R-number is 51.

The 1956 national camp of the salvation army Boy Scout Association took place in the island Timrarö in the Stockholm archipelago. The special postmark (S-032) was used 31 July - 7 August.



Value insured cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-032) "TIMRARÖLÄGRET 6-8-1956". The cover has 75 öre correct postage for value insured (postage for registered cover was 50 öre), but carries the specially printed registration label. Perhaps value insured labels were not available?



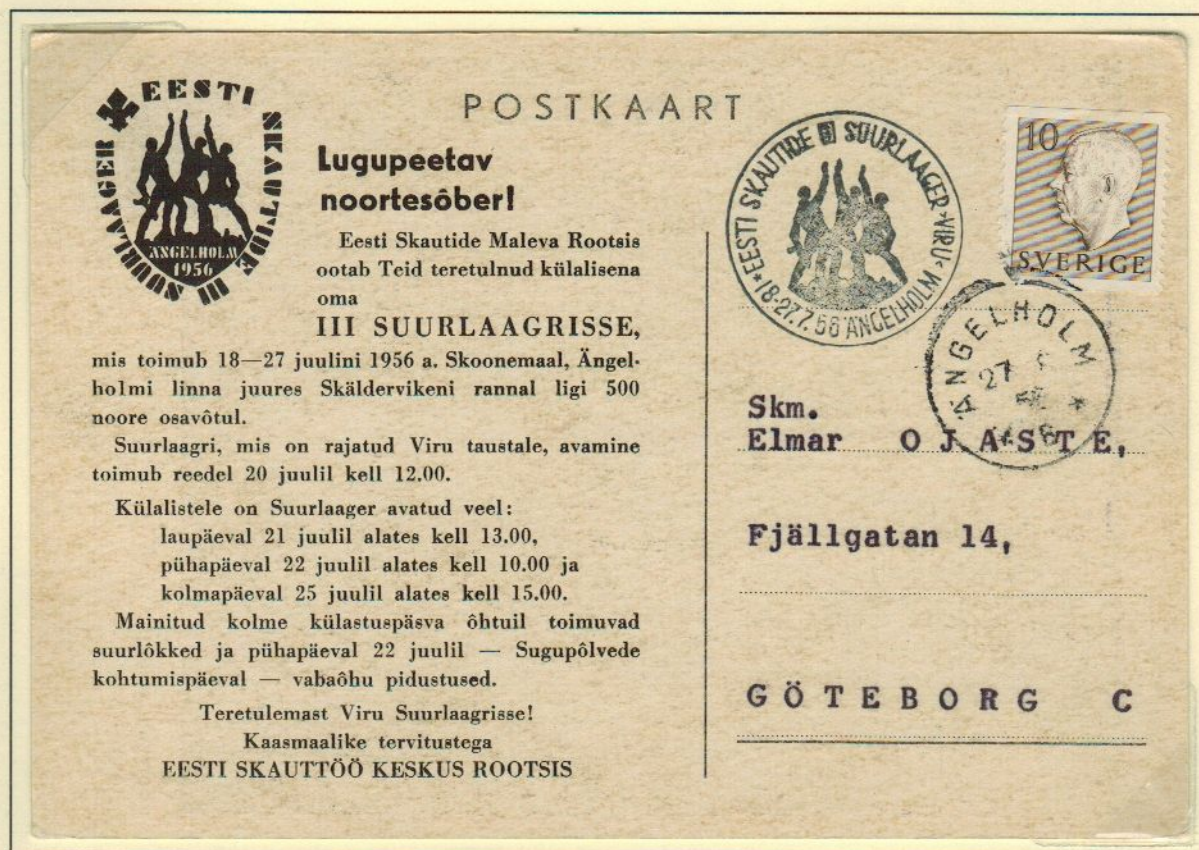
Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-032) "TIMRARÖLÄGRET 7-8-1955". More than 20 registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R-number is 174.

The 1956 national camp of the salvation army Boy Scout Association took place on the island Timrarö in the Stockholm archipelago. The special postmark (S-032) was used 31 July - 7 August.



Postcard sent to Halmstad, postmarked (S-032) "TIMRARÖLÄGRET 31-7-1956".

Nearly 500 Estonian Scouts in Exile camped near Ängelholm 18-27 July 1956. The camp post office did not have its own postmark, but a semi-official cachet was used on outgoing mail.

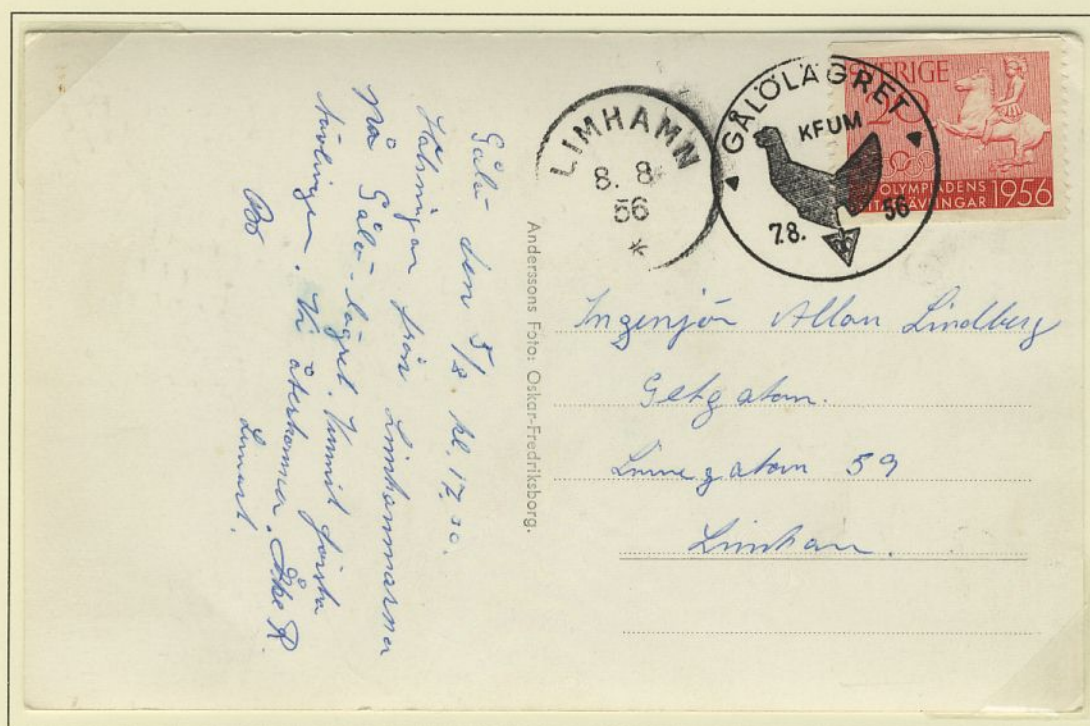


Special camp postcard to Gothenburg, postmarked "ÄNGELHOLM 27 7 56". and circular cachet from the camp.

The 1956 YMCA Boy Scout Association's national camp was held on the island Gålö in the Stockholm archipelago. The special postmark (S-033) was used 3-13 August.

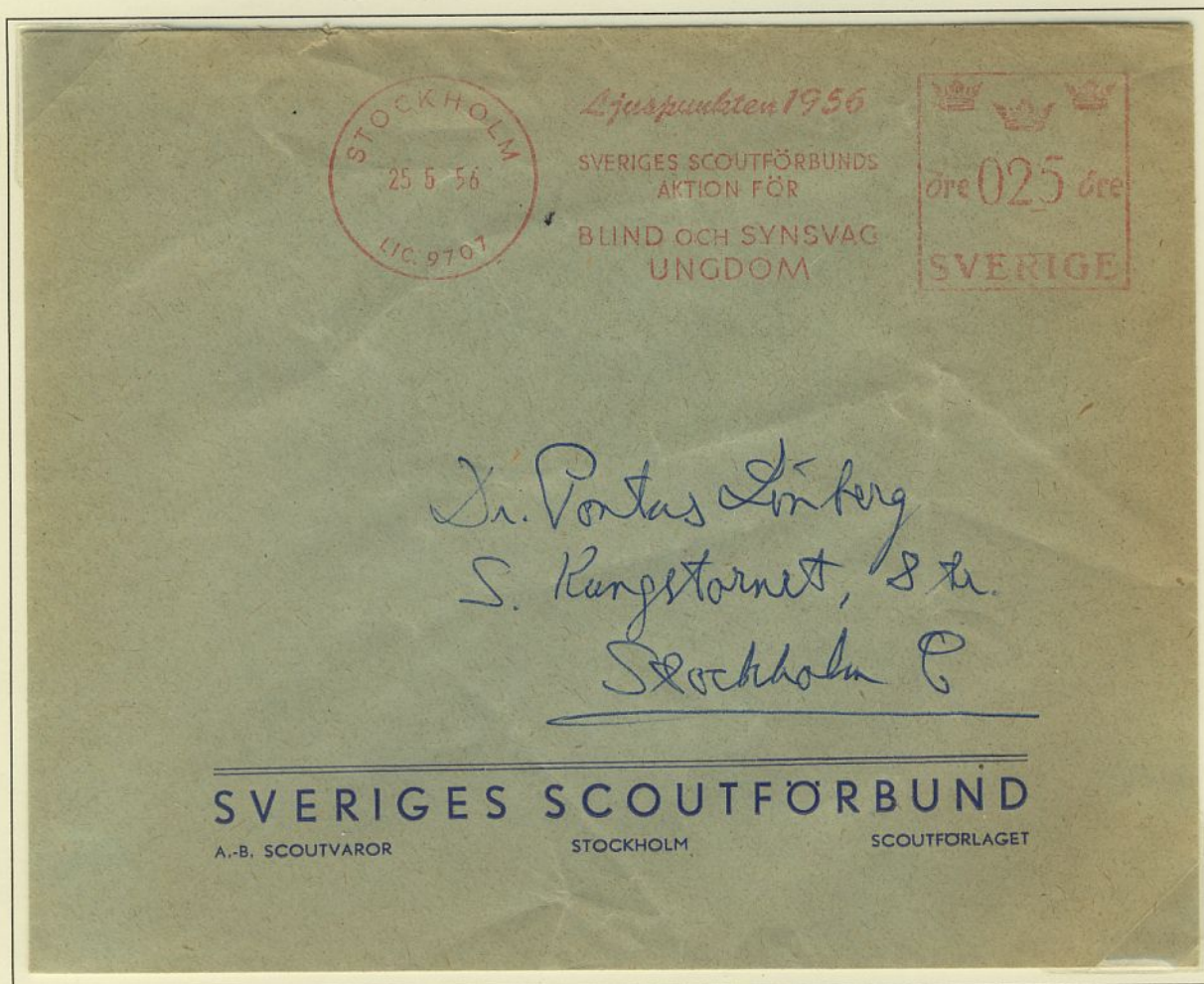


Registered cover sent to Trelleborg, postmarked (S-033) "GÅLÖLÄGRET 3.8.56". More than ten registered items are recorded, and the highest recorded R-number is 115.

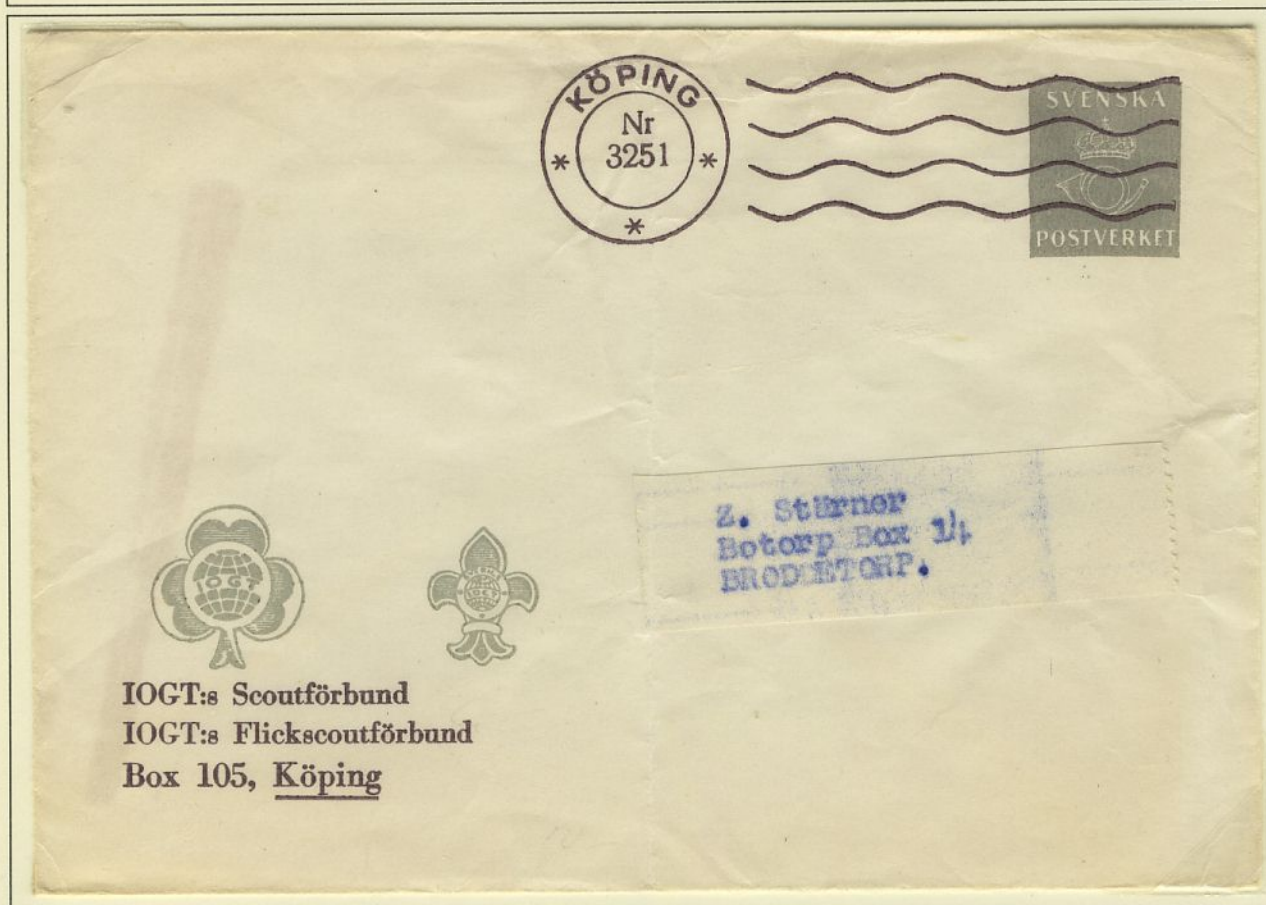


Camp viewcard sent to Limhamn, postmarked (S-033) "GÅLÖLÄGRET 7.8.56". Arrival postmark "LIMHAMN 8.8.56".

"The Light Spot", in Swedish "Ljuspunkten", was the Swedish Scout Association's fund-raising campaign 1955-56 for the benefit of blind and visually impaired children.

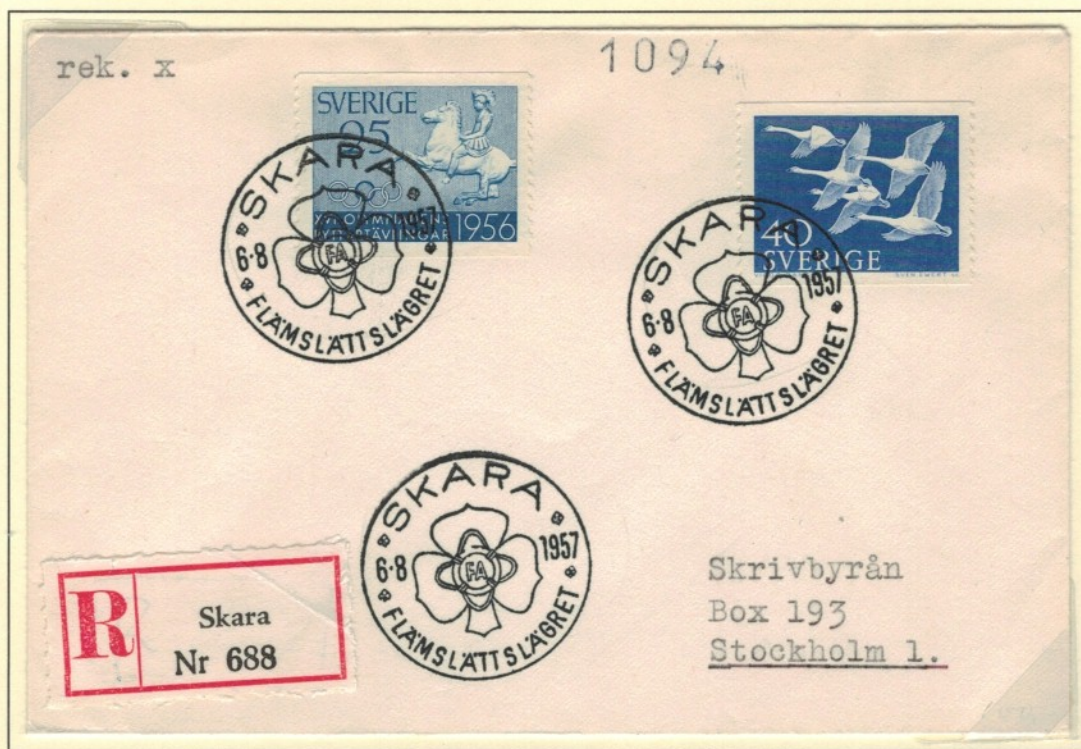


Meter slogan, used by the Swedish Scout Association 1956. The slogan shows the text "Ljuspunkten 1956. Sveriges Scoutförbunds action för blind och synssvag ungdom" (The Light Spot 1956, Swedish Scout Association's campaign for blind and visually impaired youth).



Official Post imprint for addressed mass mailing. Unknown year, possibly end of 1950's or beginning of 1960's. Used by IOGT Boy Scout Association and IOGT Girl Guide Association in Köping.

The 1957 national camp of the Salvation Army Girl Guides Association was held at Flämslätt near Skara, in the province of Västergötland between the two large lakes Vänern and Vättern. The special postmark (S-034) was used 6-13 August.



Registered cover sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-034) "SKARA FLÄMSLÄTTSLÄGRET 6.8.1957".

Ordinary Skara registration label.

Only ¹²eight registered items are recorded, with registration numbers in the range 596-690.



Camp postcard sent to Stockholm, postmarked (S-033) "SKARA FLÄMSLÄTTSLÄGRET 6.8.1957".

Also camp cachet in blue "FÖRBUNDSLÄGRET 6-13 AUG 1957 FLÄMSLÄTT".

A Boy Scout camp "Avern 1957" was held near Lake Avern, some 50 km south of Örebro. A crude cachet was used outgoing mail.



Postal card written by Boy Scout in camp and addressed to Örebro.
Special cachet "AVERN 1957" and ordinary machine postmark "ÖREBRÖ 2.8.1957".
Re-directed locally.

1958-1959: The Golden Jubilee of Scouting in Sweden

The 1958 national camp of the NTO (National Temperance Order) Girl Guide Association took place at Nordingrå, in Ångermanland province. The special postmark (S-035) was used 1 - 14 August and depicted the NTO Girl Guide badge.



Domestic printed matter,
postmarked (S-035) "NORDINGRÅLÄGRET NTO.S FLICKSCOUTFÖRBUND 5.8.1958".

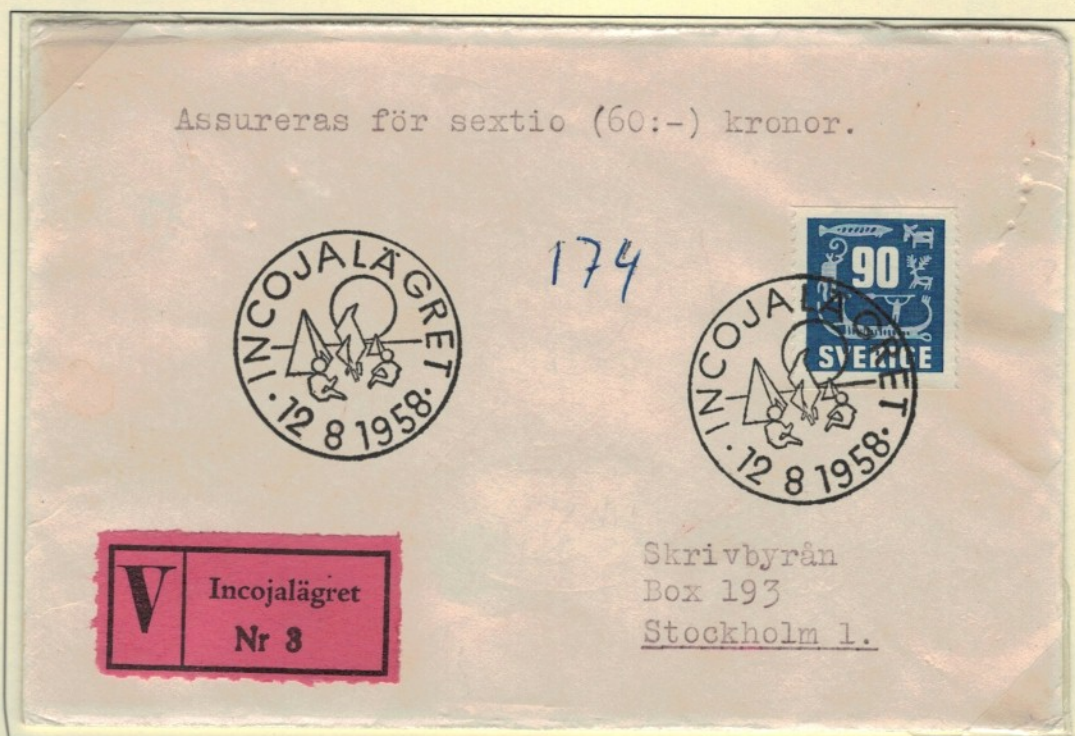


Registered cover to England, postmarked (S-035)
"NORDINGRÅLÄGRET NTO.S FLICKSCOUTFÖRBUND 5.8.1958".

The Swedish Baptist Association organised in 1958 an international youth and scout camp near Ljusnäs, Bollnäs, north of Stockholm. The camp emphasised cooperation with India, Congo and Japan, thus the name Incoja. Since this was a youth camp and not a camp for Scouts only, the special postmark is strictly not considered a Scout postmark.



Registered letter from "INCOJALÄGRET 11 8 1958" to England.
Special registration label for the camp post office.



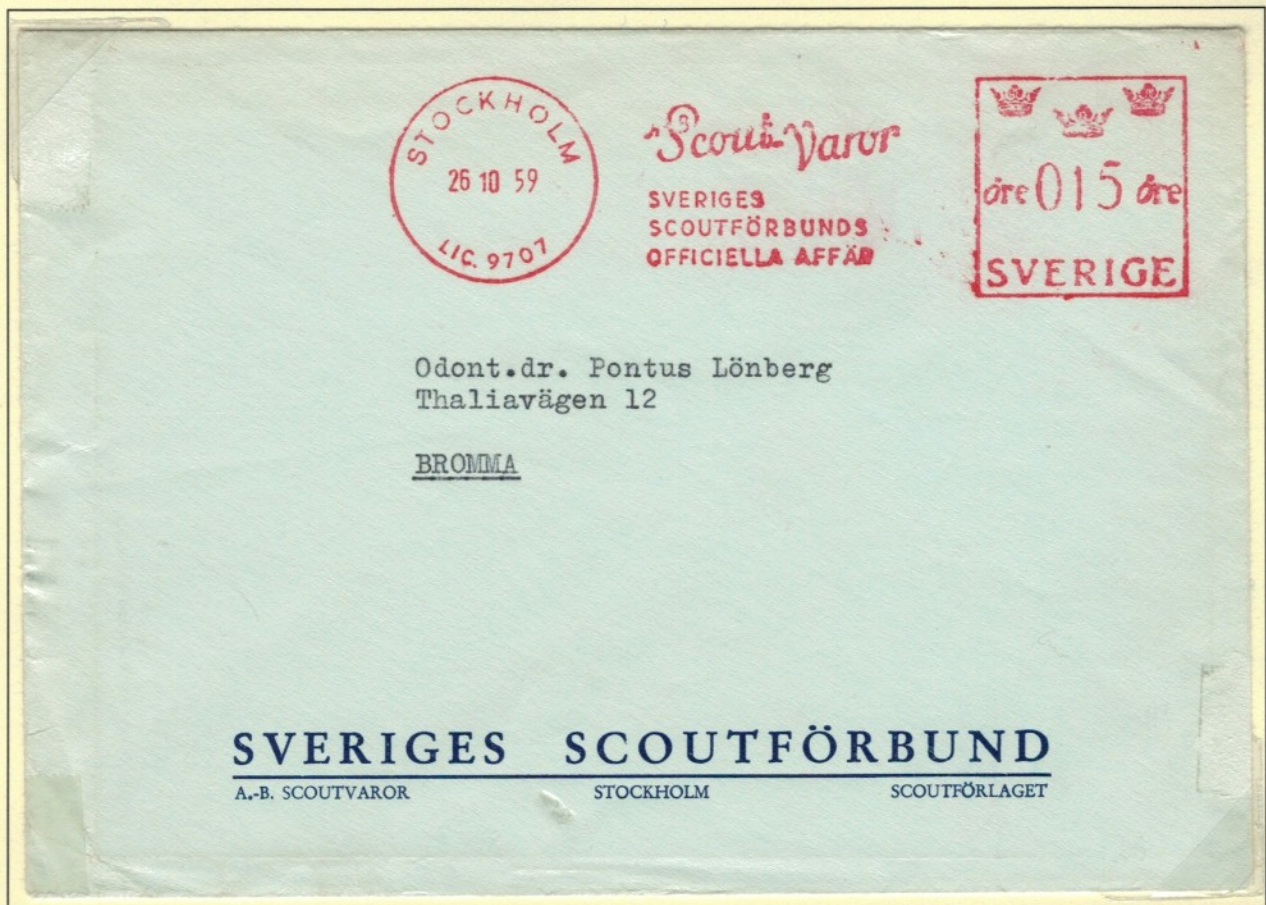
Value insured letter from "INCOJALÄGRET 12 8 1958" to Stockholm.
Special value insured label for the camp post office.

The 1958 national camp of the NTO (National Temperance Order) Boy Scout Association took place at Hässlö near Västerås on the north shore of Lake Mälaren. It was their 8th national camp.

The special postmark (S-036) which was used 5 - 16 August depicted the NTO Boy Scout badge.

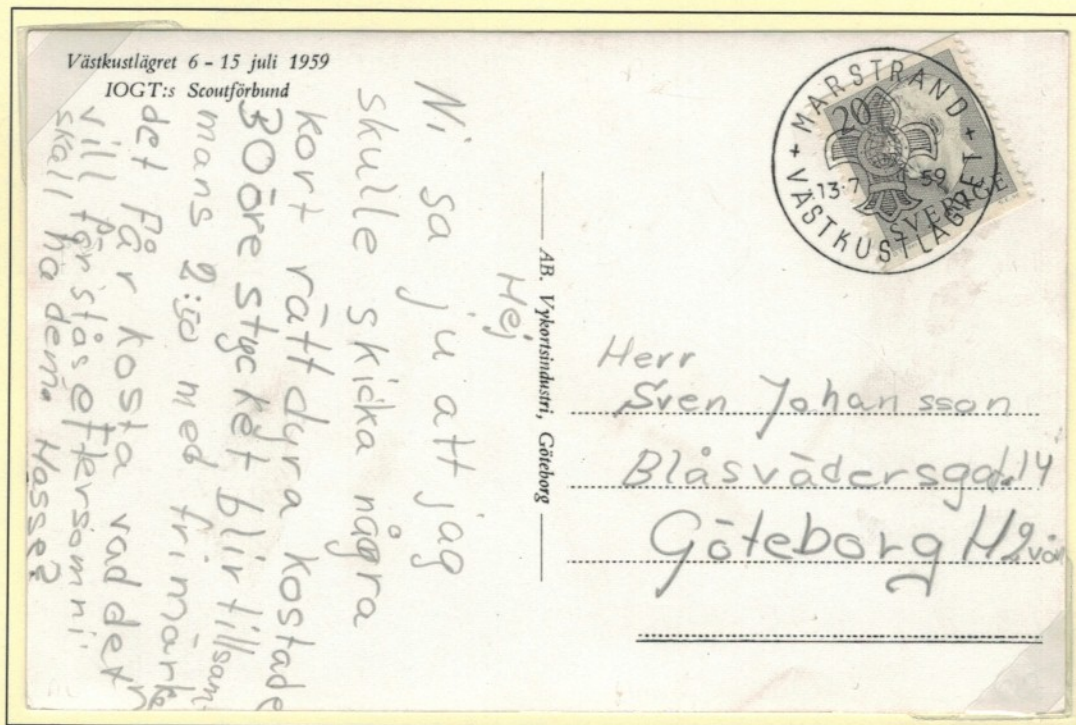
Domestic letter, postmarked (S-036)

"VÄSTERÅS-LÄGRET NTO-SCOUTERNAS VIII RIKSLÄGER 5.8.1958".



The Swedish Boy Scout association operated their own Scout shop: meter slogan "Scout Varor, STOCKHOLM LIC. 9707 26 10 59" on cover to Bromma.

The Swedish IOGT Scout Association held a regional camp in 1958 at Marstrand, a seaside locality on the island Marstrandö on the northernmost part of the country's west coast. The camp was called Västkostlägret – the West Coast Camp. The special postmark (S-038) was used 6 - 15 July and depicted the IOGT Boy Scout badge.



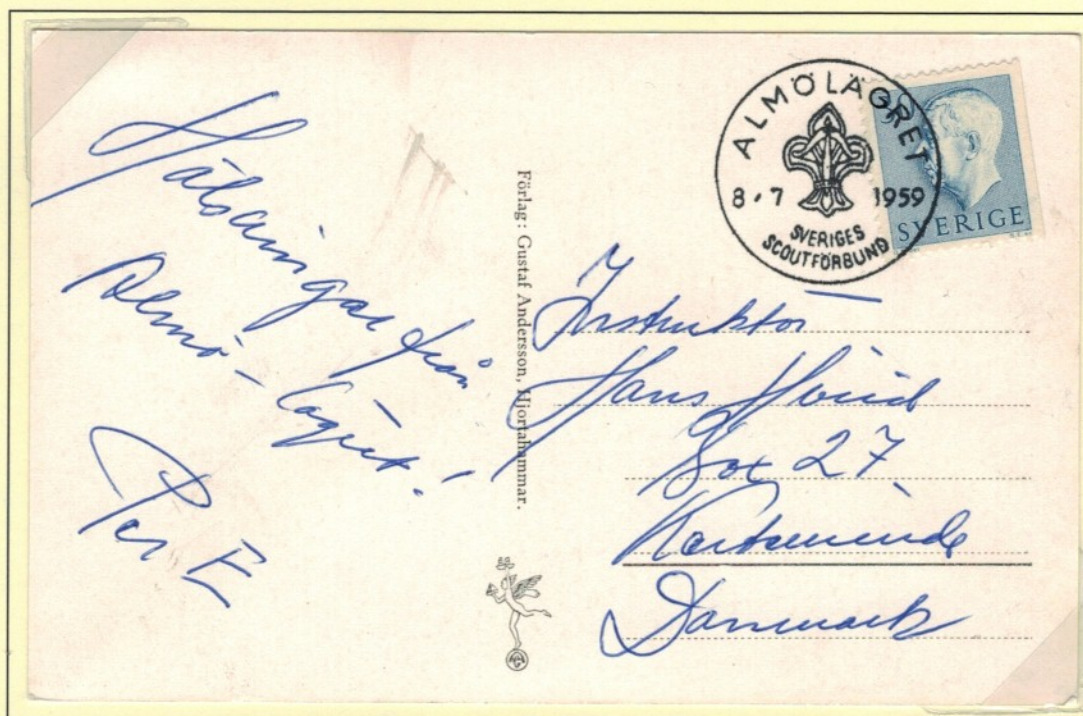
Camp viewcard written by Scout in camp and sent to Gothenburg.
Postmarked "MARSTRAND VÄSTKUSTLÄGRET 13 7 59".



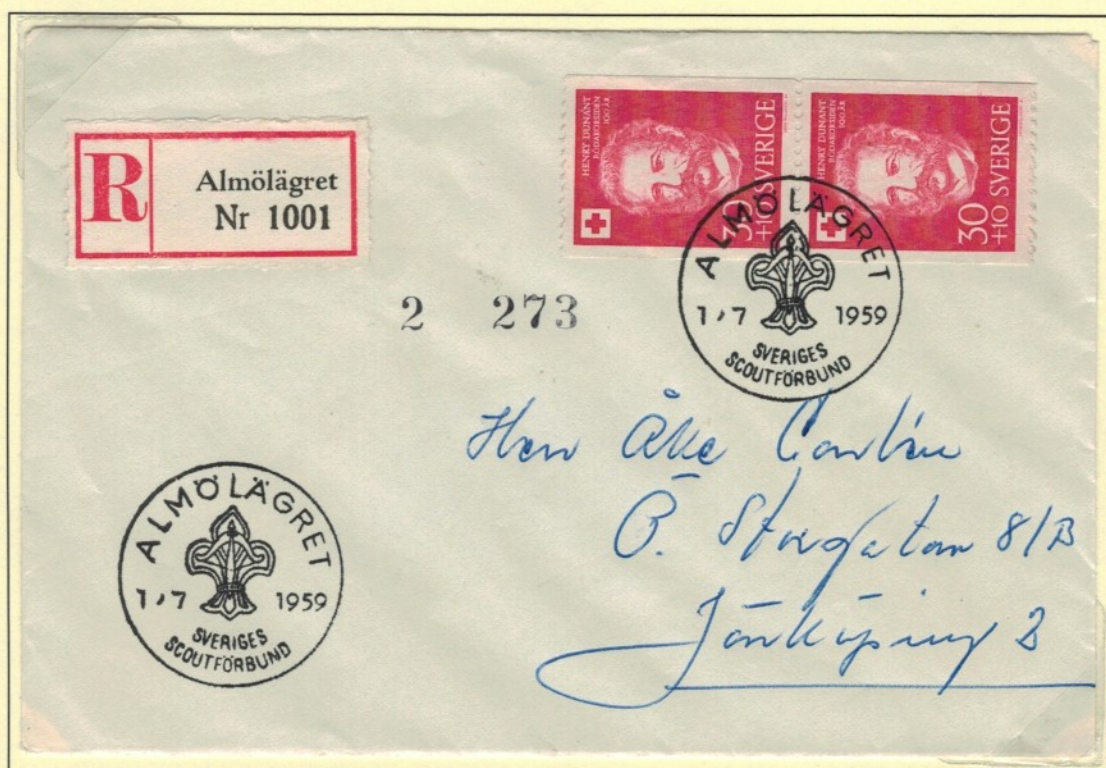
Registered letter from "MARSTRAND VÄSTKUSTLÄGRET 6 7 59" to Stockholm.
Regular Marstrand registration labels were used.

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- Almölägrät on the Almö island near Blekinge, southeastern Sweden, 1-12 July (S-037), 1,400 Scouts.



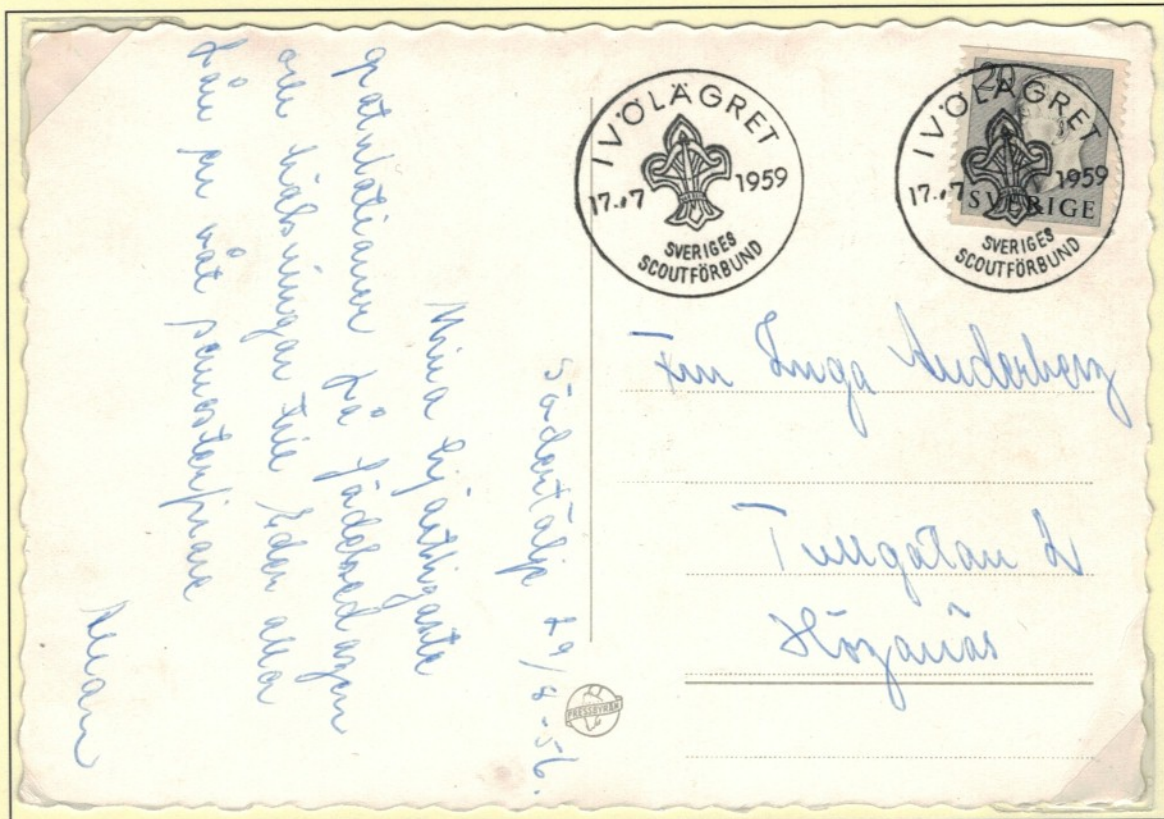
Hjortahammar viewcard postmarked "ALMÖLÄGRET 8 7 1959" written by camp participant and sent to Denmark.



Registered letter from "ALMÖLÄGRET 1 7 1959" to Jönköping.
Special registration label for the camp post office.

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- Ivölägret on the Ivö island, Scania, southwestern Sweden, 14-24 July (S-039), 2,000 participants.



Södertälje viewcard postmarked (S-039) "IVÖLÄGRET 17 7 1959", written by camp participant and sent to Höganäs.



Registered letter postmarked (S-039) "IVÖLÄGRET 22 7 1959" and sent to England. Regular Kristianstad 1 registration label with cachet "Ivölägret" from the camp post office.

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- Rödö Havsläger on the Rodö island near Sundsvall, northern Sweden, 17-27 July (S-040), 800 Scouts.



Domestic letter postmarked (S-040) "RÖDÖ HAVSLÄGER 17 7 1959".



Registered letter postmarked (S-040) "RÖDÖ HAVSLÄGER 26 7 1959" to Trelleborg.
Special registration label for the camp post office.

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- Östersjölägret on the Gålö island, Södermanland, central Sweden, 17-27 July (S-041), 1,700 Scouts.



Registered letter postmarked (S-041) "ÖSTERSJÖLÄGRET 21 7 1959" to Trelleborg. Blank registration label with manuscript "Östersjölägret" used by the camp post office.



Registered letter postmarked (S-041) "ÖSTERSJÖLÄGRET 17 7 1959" to Stockholm. Blank registration label with cachet "Östersjölägret" used by the camp post office.

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- Bohuslägret at Kragenäs in Bohuslän, western Sweden, 24 July – 3 August (S-042), 3,600 participants.



Gothenburg viewcard postmarked (S-042) "BOHUSLÄGRET 24 7 1959" written by camp participant and sent to Gothenburg.



Registered letter postmarked (S-042) "BOHUSLÄGRET 1 7 1959" to Trelleborg. Regular Strömstad registration label with cachet "Bohuslägret" from the camp post office.

The 1959 YMCA Boy Scout Association's national camp took place on the Amundö island near Gothenburg, with 3,600 participants. The special postmark (S-043) was used 31 July - 10 August.

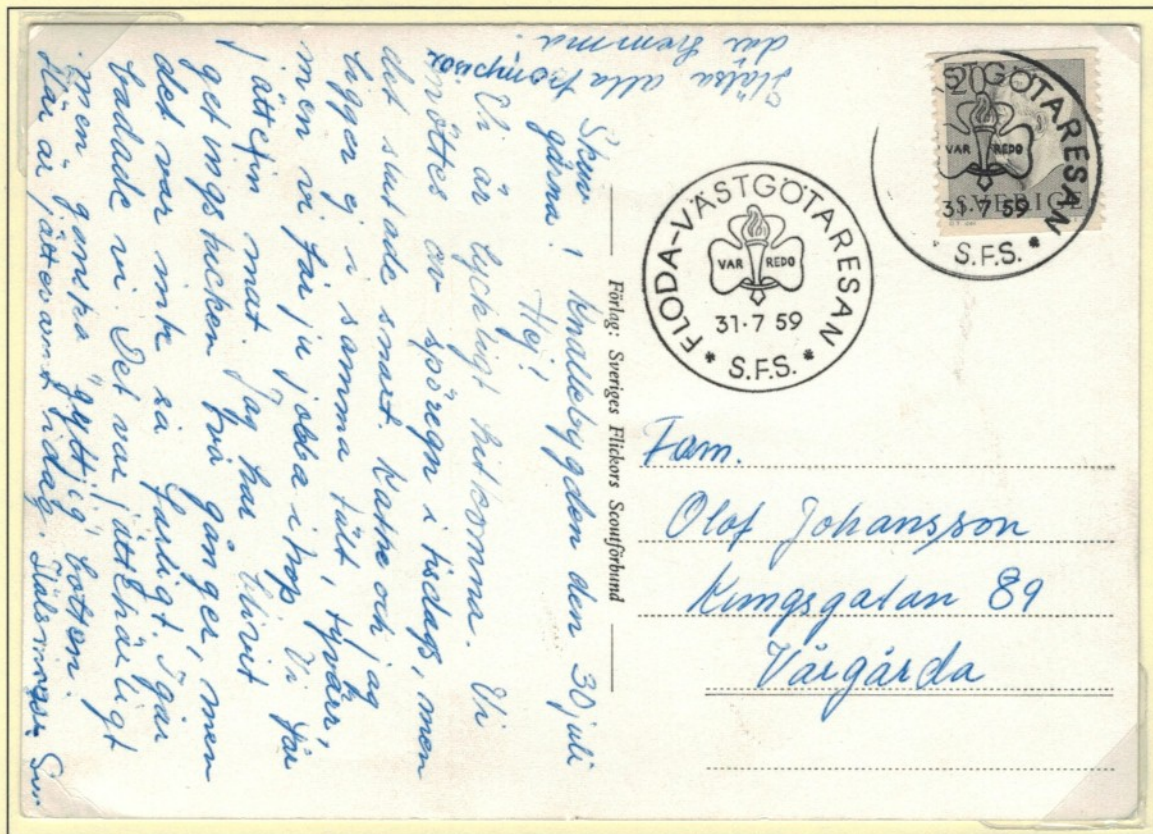


Comic Scout card written by camp participant and sent to Trelleborg, postmarked (S-043) "AMUNDÖ-JAMBORETTE KFUM-SCOUTERNA 4 8 1959".



Registered cover to Gävle, postmarked (S-043) "AMUNDÖ-JAMBORETTE KFUM-SCOUTERNA 10 8 1959".
A special printed registration label was used by the camp post office.

The Swedish Girl Guides Association held their 1959 national camp at Floda in Västergötland, with 3,400 participants. The special postmark (S-044) was used 31 July - 10 August.



Sävelången viewcard written by camp participant and sent to Vångårda, postmarked (S-044) "FLODA-VÄSTGÖTARESAN S.F.S. 31 7 59".



Registered cover to Trelleborg, postmarked (S-044) "FLODA-VÄSTGÖTARESAN S.F.S. 31 7 59". A special printed registration label was used by the camp post office.

Ebbe Harald Lieberath (1871-1937), was a Swedish military officer, writer and pioneer of Swedish Scouting. Lieberath translated Scouting for Boys to Swedish in 1909, and he formed the first organised Scout group in Sweden, Riddarpojckarna in Gothenburg. A special postmark (S-045) marks the 1959 Golden Jubilee, and thus ends this tour through the early history of Scouting in Sweden.



Scout Jubilee postal cards, 20 öre and 25 öre postage.

Postmarked (S-045) "GÖTEBORG 1909 1959 EBBE LIEBERATH JUBILEET 15 11 1959".

