Scouting Philatelic Elements

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Philatelic Elements

The recommended items that should be included in a philatelic exhibit competing within the General Class particularly the Thematic Division and the Postal Division.

Aim: To demonstrate that Scout philately can be a lot more than collecting stamps and first day covers.



Philatelic Elements

Philatelic Elements For Thematic Exhibits

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Element Categories

- **✓ Pre-production elements**
- Stamps as Issued
- Machine Generated Postage
- Official Varieties
- Unofficial Varieties
- ✓ Unplanned Varieties (EFOs)
- Covers
- Postal Stationery
- Maximum Card
- ✓ Labels
- Cancellations
- Auxiliary Markings
- **✓** Bogus Stamps, Cinderellas, Facsimile, Fake, Forgery, Postal Documents



Pre-production

- » Original drawings: submitted by artists and accepted for consideration by the postal authority for stamp designs
- » Essay: proposed design, submitted to and rejected by, Postal Authorities, or adopted after changes have been made
- » Photo essay: photograph of design with measurements and notations
- » Proofs: trial impressions from the die or printing plate before actual production
- » Engraver's proofs: impressions taken to check the progress of his work
- » Die proofs: impressions from the completed die, submitted for final approval
- » *Plate proofs:* impressions from the completed plate
- » Color trials: proofs in selected colors to permit a final choice of color to be made
- » Color proofs: impressions of the approved colors taken prior to printing
- » Rainbow proofs: trials, to test various colored inks, cancellations and paper



Pre-Production

Essay



Original Artwork for Proposed Souvenir Sheet





Proof of Postal Card Stamp Imprint





Die Proof - Artist Signed





Stamps as Issued (most are catalogue listed)

- » Booklet stamps (preferably full pane if all one motif or related se-tenants)
 - booklet covers and labels (shown with pane or booklet)
 - plate numbers (or other marginal markings)
- » Coil stamps (should be shown in pairs)
 - line pairs
 - plate numbers (best shown in strips of three or five for U.S.)
- » Sheet stamps perforate, rouletted, or imperforate when issued as such
 - plate, zip, arrow, mail early, and copyright blocks
 - other marginal markings (printed, handstamped)
 - se-tenant pairs and blocks, tabbed issues
 - triptych (three joined stamps of different but related designs)
 - tete-beche pairs
 - bisects, trisects, quadrisects
 - watermarks



Stamps as Issued page 2

- » Discount postage (stamps issued at reduced price, chiefly for publicity)
- » Encased postage and other monetary usages
- » Expedition stamps
 - Scientific (e.g. Shackleton Antarctic Expedition, 1908)
 - Military (e.g. Liberian Field Force, IEF of India)
- » Express or Special Delivery
- » Geometric shapes (triangles, diamonds, etc.)
- » Local issues (valid within a limited area or postal administration)
- » Occupation issues (for use in territory occupied by a foreign power)
- » Revenue issues: government, departmental
- » Special fees, late fees, railway letter fees
- » Miniature and souvenir sheets
- » Newspaper stamps
- » Official stamps
- » Parcel post stamps
- » Postage Due stamps



Stamps as Issued page 3

- » Telegraph stamps
- » War tax stamps
- » Joint issues
- » Provisional issues
- » Plebiscite issues
- » Military franks
- » Military telegraph stamps
- » Marine insurance issues
- » Value inserted issues



Stamps

Imperforate



Se-tenant



Geometric shapes (triangle)



Marginal Marking



Self-Adhesive with Perforated Backing Paper

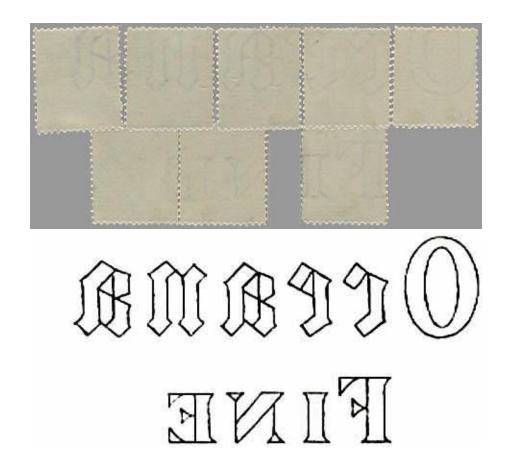


Self-Adhesive with Rouletted Backing Paper



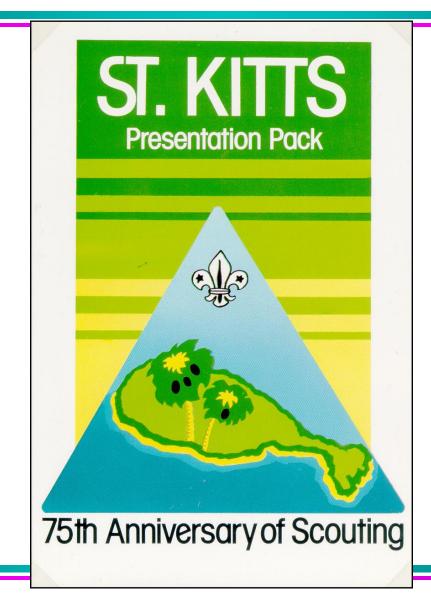


Watermark





Presentation Pack





Machine Generated Postage

- » Framas
- » Postal Buddy Cards
- **»** Meter Imprints



Meter Imprint





Mailers Postmark Permit





Official Varieties (Official Government issued)

- » Perforations (different measurements, methods)
- » Experimental perforations and roulettes
- » Perfins (e.g. O.H.M.S.)
- » Precancels (different types and styles)
- » Tagged or otherwise treated for use in automation equipment
- » Printed information on reverse, attached label, or selvage
- » Specimens, black prints and other publicity items
- » Surcharges (revalued issues)
- » Overprints (geographic, commemorative, etc.)
- » Mirror prints
- » Gum, watermark, or paper varieties
- » Test stamps (for testing of dispensing machines)
- » Post office training stamps
- » Carrier stamps (charge for conveying mail to or from local post offices)
- » Shipping company stamps (prepaying mail carried on mail-ships or packet boats)
- » Obliterated stamps (e.g., portraits of deposed or deceased rulers)



Official Varieties

Specimen



Specimen (bars)



Overprint



Overprint on Overprint





Unofficial Varieties

preferably on cover with corner card

- » Perfins
- » Business
- » Charity



Unplanned Varieties – Errors

result of the production process, but not "favor" made

- » Imperforate in one direction
- » Fully imperforate
- » Imperforate between
- » Perforations of the wrong gauge on one or more sides
- » Perforations inverted on souvenir sheets
- » Perforations fully doubled or tripled
- » Complete color missing
- » Tagging missing
- » Inverted tagging
- » Inverted design
- » Inverted design
- » Inverted embossing
- » Design error
- » Inverted or multiple surcharge
- » Inverted or multiple overprint
- » Overprint or surcharge on back of stamp



Unplanned Varieties – Errors (page 2)

- » Lettering errors (misspelled country, name, etc.)
- » Double print
- » Wrong value stamp
- » Colors reversed
- » Missing overprint, surcharge, or precancel
- » Offset (printed on reverse)
- » Paper errors
 - Printed on wrong color paper
 - Wrong, incomplete or changed watermark
- » Other constant errors (worthy of catalogue listing)



Unplanned Varieties - Errors

Inverted Overprint



Imperforate Between









Inverted & Normal Overprints

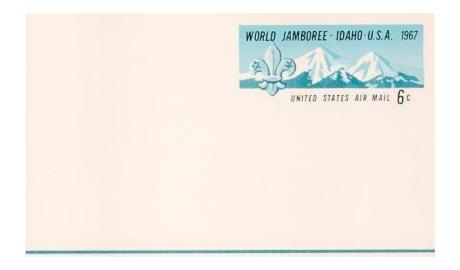


Reverse Design





Missing Colors (yellow & red)





Unplanned Varieties – Freaks

minor production varieties, usually not repeated, rarely catalogue listed

- » Gutter snipes
- » Ink smears, flaws and blots
- » Set-offs (from flatplate printed sheet laid atop another)
- » Misperfs (one direction, two directions, diagonal)
- » Partially perforated
- » Color shifts (misregistration of color)
- » Miscuts
- » Over or under inked
- » Color partially missing
- » Foldovers, foldunders
- » Creases (pre-perforating or pre-printing)
- » Minor shade/color differences
- » Partial stamp printed on reverse
- » Partially doubled overprint or surcharge
- Rejection markings (indicating printers' waste to be destroyed)



Unplanned Varieties - Oddities

- » Plate varieties (double transfers, layout lines, position dots)
- » Design errors and ghosts
- » Intentionally created varieties
- » Local overprints
- » Cancels that change the design
- » Intentionally created errors
- » Intentionally produced gutter pairs
- » Provisional overprints
- » Stolen printers' waste
- » Unauthorized bisects
- » Color changelings
- » Altered stamps (attempts to create higher value stamps)
- » Rotary coil end strips
- » Flatplate coil paste-ups
- » Private perfs



Printers' Waste





Intentionally Produced Gutter Pairs





Covers

- » folded letters
- » stampless covers
- » air mail
- » balloon post
- » camp mail (concentration camp, POW camp, displaced persons, etc.)
- » catapult mail
- » censored mail
- » combination franking (stamps of more than one country
- » crash covers
- » cross-border mail
- » fieldpost
- » first day or special event covers
- » first flights
- » free franks
- » glider mail



Covers page 2

- » International organizations (U.N., Red Cross, etc.)
- » Military (APO, FPO)
- » Naval ships mail
- » Official government mail
- » Official cachets
- » Packet letters
- » Paquebot
- » Parachute mail
- » Pigeon post
- » Pneumatic post
- » Rocket post
- » Ship letters
- » Zeppelin mail



Balloon Post





Catapult Mail





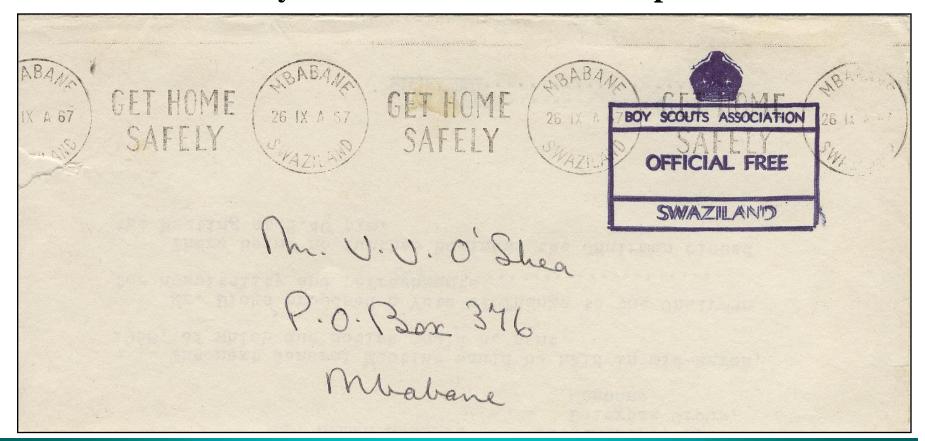
Crash Cover





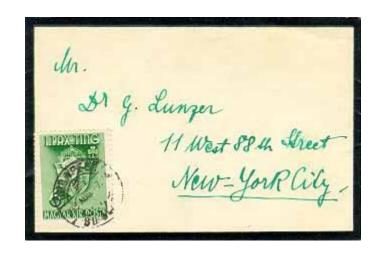
Free Frank mail

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





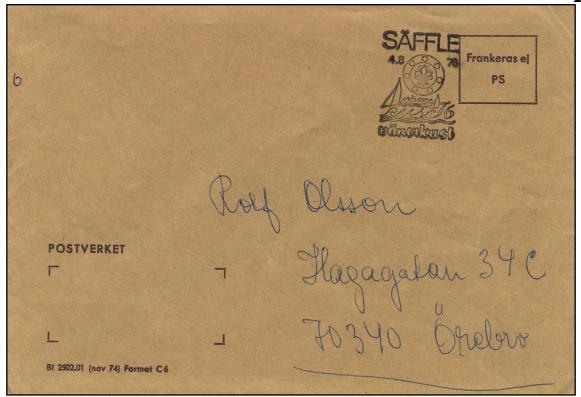
Mourning Cover





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.



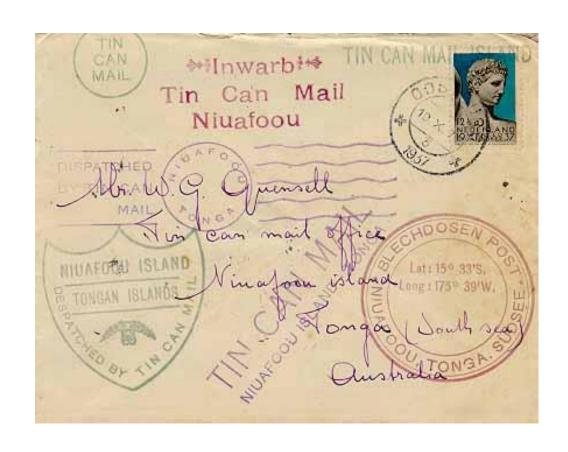


Rocket Post





Tin Can Mail





Zeppelin Mail





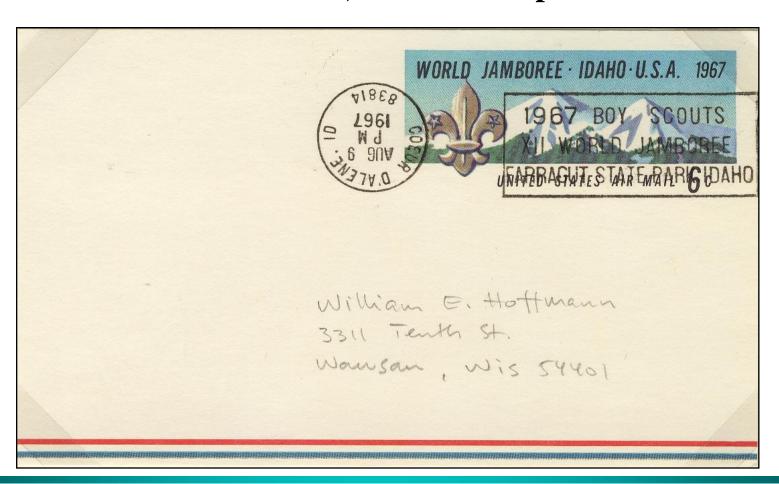
Postal Stationery

- » Imprinted envelopes and postal cards
- » Letter cards
- » Reply paid cards
- » Aerogrammes, airgraphs, air letter sheets
- » V mail
- » Wrappers for newspapers and periodicals
- » Printed-to-order envelopes, cards; produced/authorized by postal authorities
- » Folded advertising letters (e.g., France, Germany)
- » Formula cards (France, etc.)
- » Echo cards (Japan)
- » Postal telegrams (e.g. Germany, Great Britain)



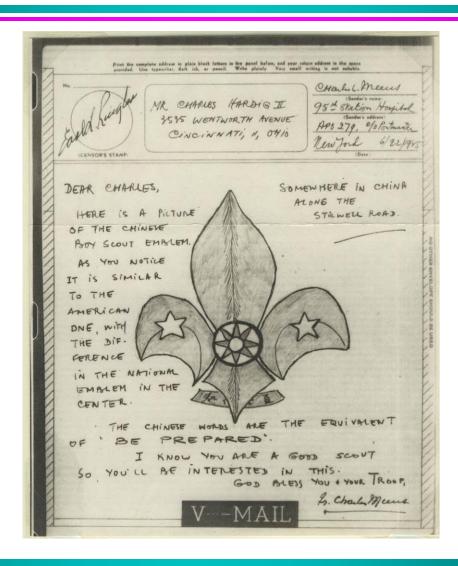
Postal Card

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





V-Mail





Belgium Publibel Postal Card

Offering Free Samples of Liver Pâté to Scouts





Wrapper





Maximum Card

✓ A picture postcard with a stamp depicting the exact same subject affixed to the picture side of the card, and the cancellation having a direct relationship to the subject pictured on the stamp.



Labels

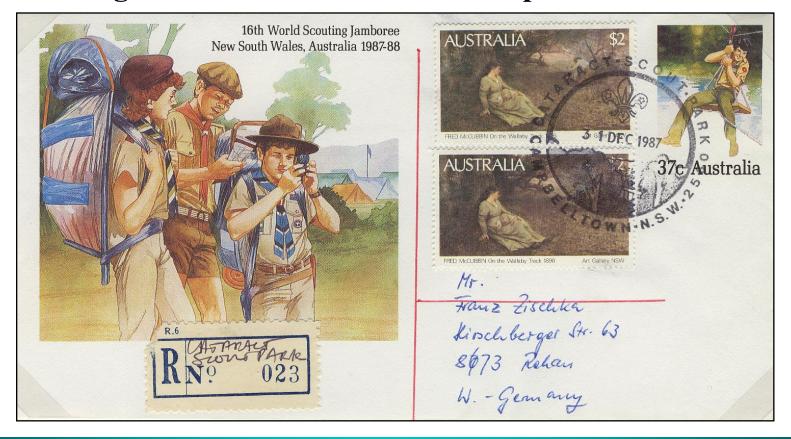
- » Air mail etiquettes
- » Charity (Christmas seals)
- » Fiscals
- » Official seals
- » Postal fiscals
- » Registration
- » Special delivery
- » Telegraph



Postal services – registered mail

✓ Registered mail, 1987/1988 World Scout Jamboree.

Blank registration label with manuscript "Cataract Scout Park".





Registration Label

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





Cancellations

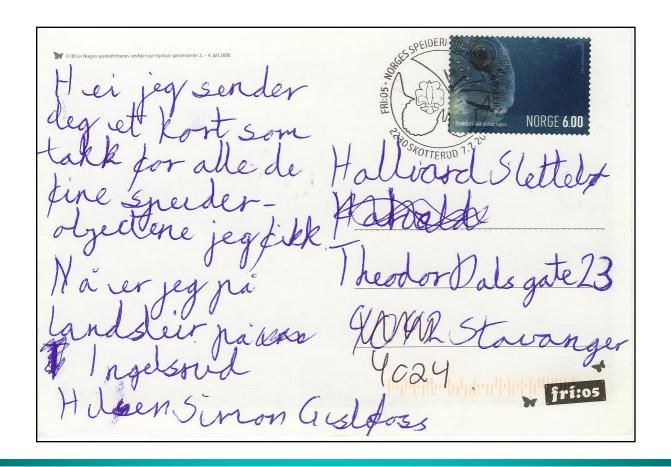
should be tied to a piece or on cover, if possible

- » Postmarks
- » Town circles
- » Fancy cancels
- » Pictorial
- » Slogan
- » Traveling post office (TPO)
- » Highway post office (HPO)
- » Mobile post office (MPO)
- » Railway post office (RPO)
- » Military (fieldpost, APO, etc.)



Handstamp Cancel

✓ Postcard from the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in Norway.





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.

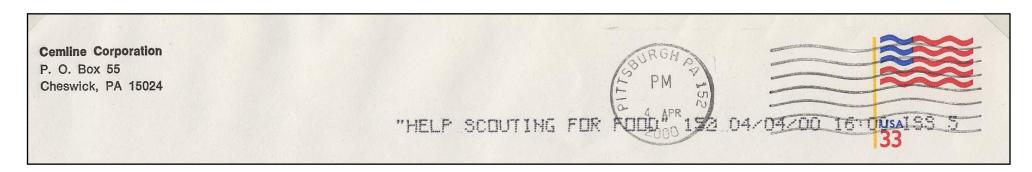


The Manager.



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.





Auxiliary Markings

- » air mail
- » registered
- » certified or insured
- » special delivery
- » night delivery
- » COD
- » censored
- » postage due
- » postage not valid
- » transit
- » backstamps
- » receiving marks
- » forwarding comments
- » refused

- » undeliverable
- » unmailable
- » carrier comments
- » directory markings
- » weight markings
- » return to sender: better address, proper postage, service suspended, etc.



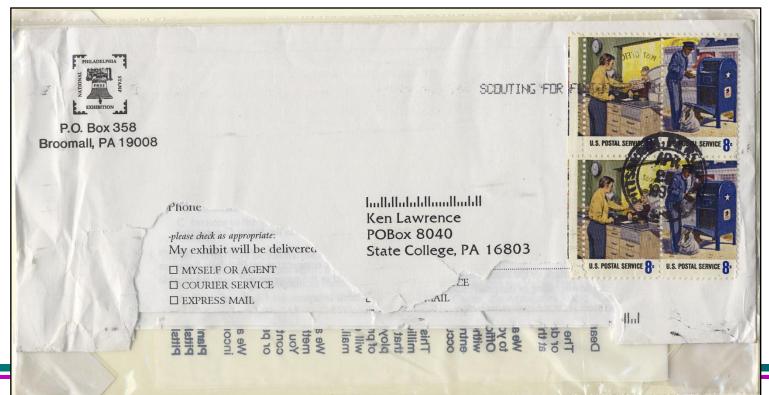
Disposed Of





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.

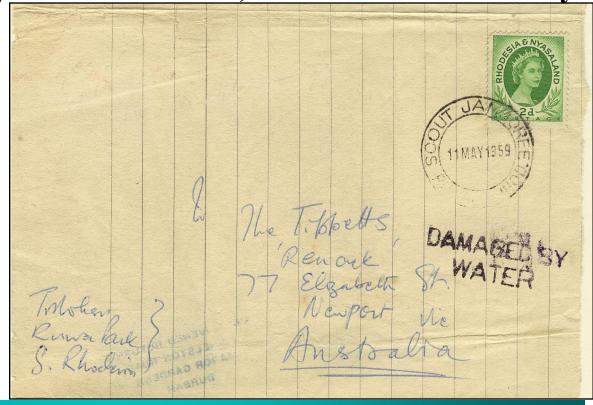




Damaged by water

✓ 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.

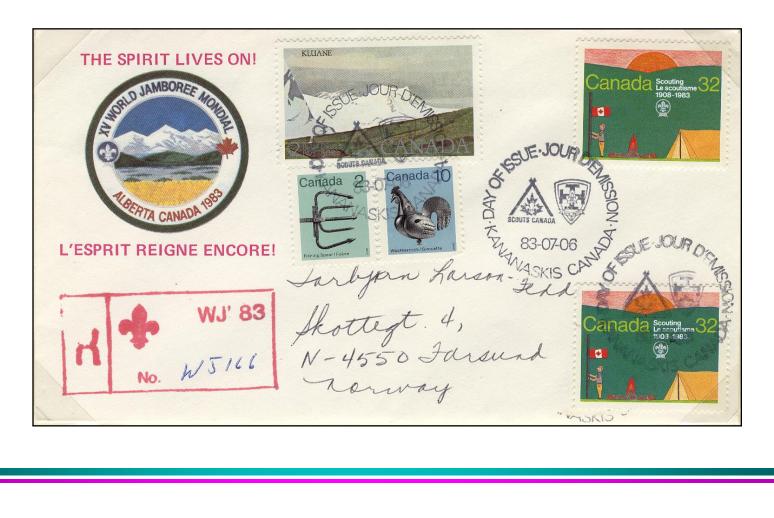
✓ Two-line
postal cachet
"DAMAGED BY /
WATER" from
unidentified
incident.





Registration Label Handstamp

✓ Registered mail, 1983 World Scout Jamboree.





Invalid Postage

Stamps Used After Validity Date



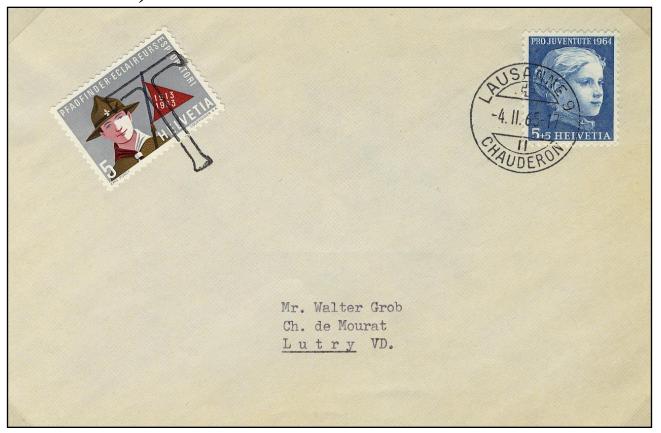
Stamp Reused?





Postage Due Mail

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





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.



Return to Sender





Other Elements

- » Bogus Stamps a completely fictitious "stamp" created solely for sale to collectors, or an actual stamp with an unauthorized surcharge or overprint (these are not forgeries as the stamp never officially existed).
- » Cinderellas
 - Christmas seals (when tied to the cover)
 - Propaganda stamps
- » Facsimile reproduction of a genuine stamp with no intent to deceive collectors or postal officials (e.g. illustrations)
- » Fake a genuine stamp that has been altered to make it more attractive to collectors (e.g. altered color, added or changed postmark, repaired, reperfed, regummed, etc. to make a more valuable variety)
- » Forgery completely fraudulent reproduction of a genuine stamp intended to defraud. They are generally classified into two types:
 - Philatelic forgeries made to defraud collectors
 - Postal forgeries made to defraud the postal service
- » Postal Documents
 - Official receipts, Orders and bulletins, Stamp shipment wrappings and labels

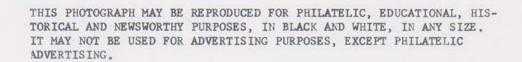


International Response Coupon





Post Office Produced Advertising Photo







Postal Documents - Official receipts - Registered Mail





Postal Documents - Official receipts - Insured mail

Certificate for posting a value insured letter, Swedish camp 1963.

Guess how many Scouts needed insured mail to send money home

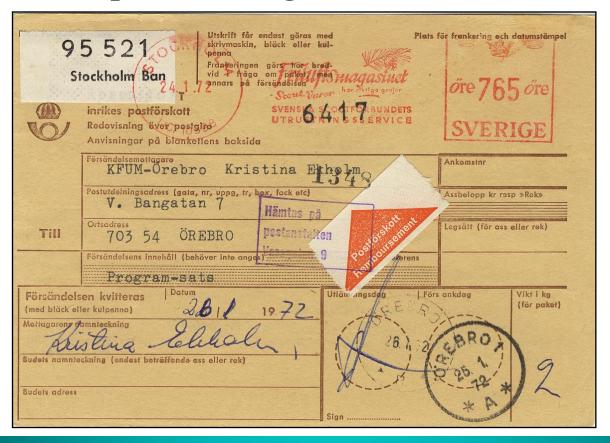
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Postal services – Cash-on-delivery

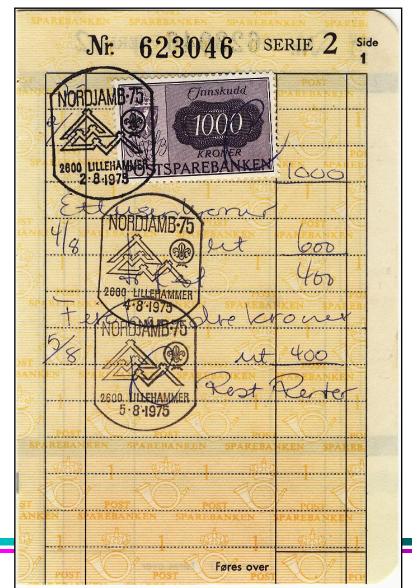
✓ Dispatch note for parcel sent cash-on-delivery from the Scout shop Friluftsmagasinet in Stockholm, Sweden, 1972.





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.





Postal services - parcels

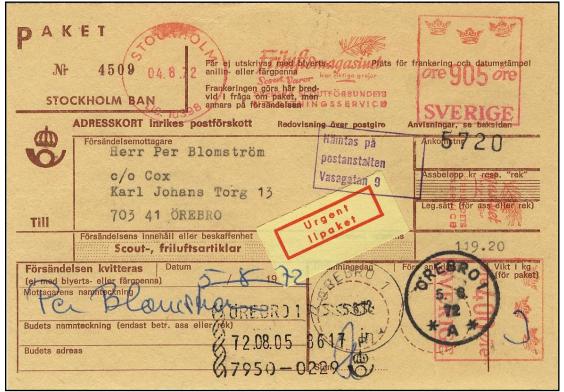
✓ Parcel dispatch note from Switzerland, sent to Nordjamb 75

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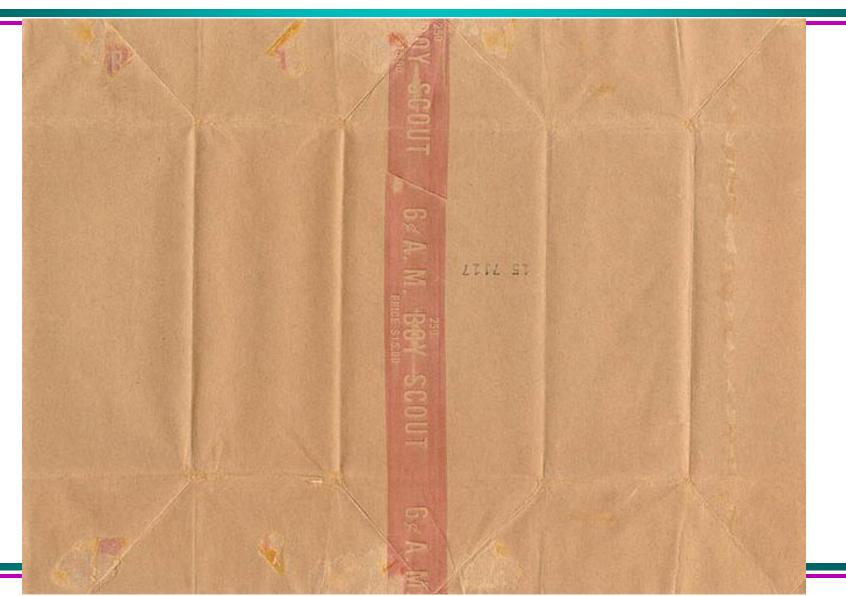
Postal services – Express / Special Delivery

✓ 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?





Postal Card Shipping Wrapping





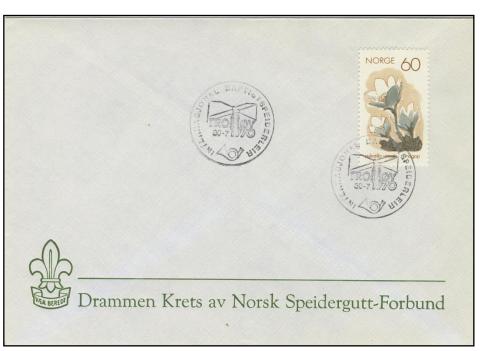
Other Exhibiting Considerations

- ✓ Use commercial mail not philatelic mail
- ✓ Corner covers (corner cards) and cachets do not qualify
- ✓ More elements will be created
 - » Mail Automation
 - » Zazzle and personal stamp usage



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.



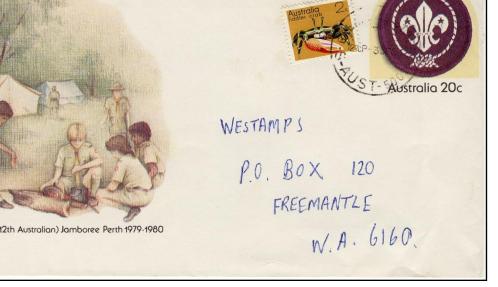


Commercial use of Scout stamps and Scout postal stationery

Australia 1979 postal envelope, commercial usage, with additional

postage after rate increase.





Iceland 1963, Scout stamp on commercially used postcard.



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



Automation of the mails

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

The ten most popular stamps in the contest for the most beautiful Swedish stamp 1975.	SVERIGE ANTIGO	
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That's all, folks.

- **✓ Thanks to Hallvard Slettebö**
- **✓ Thank you for your attention**

