

1ST LEICHHARDT SCOUTS
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1ST LEICHHARDT SCOUT GROUP FOUNDED 1908

**RECORDS OF JAMES X COUTTS, SCOUT LEADER AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
LEICHHARDT DISTRICT AND RECORDS OF 1ST LEICHHARDT SCOUTS,
FROM 1908 TO 1938**

(Transcription of records collated by Allan Songberg,
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PART 8

1st Leichhardt again won the boxing trophy.

Mr Jacobs as Scoutmaster and C. Richmond ASM. were appointed to run the Sea Scout section of the troop in Oct. strength was 14 boys. A cabin was constructed for them in the yard.

During the annual treasure hunt held at Sirius Cove, Scout Jack Spain of the Lion Patrol found £220 pound in gold coins.

December 30, 1939 – THE SCOUT

THE CHIEF YARNS

The Scouts who found Treasure

Before the Great War of 1914, one of the keepers at the Zoo at Taronga Park in Australia was a man of German descent.

When the Great War broke out, all Germans were kept under observation, as they are during this war, lest they should be sending military news to their fellow countrymen. So this man, fearing what the authorities might do to him, collected all his money together and buried it in the gardens. He marked the spot very carefully against his return after the war, and then he went away, it is said into the country.

When he returned, years afterward, he found that the scrub had grown, the face of the landscape had changed, and his marks had disappeared. Day after day he searched for that hidden hoard of gold, but the shores of Sirius Cove held their secret well. He never found it.

Not long ago he sailed from the country. He did not despair entirely, and, believing that the hoard would someday be discovered, he confided his secret in Mr Charles Camp, the head keeper at Taronga Park. Mr Camp searched many times for the gold, too, but although the spot had been described to him as well as could be, he, too, failed to locate it.

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One keen young Scout of the Troop, John of Spain, followed up these clues for some time, and presently emerged, hot and dishevelled, in the scrub above Sirius Cove. He noticed the neck of a bottle barely protruding above the level of the ground, and, thinking it might be a likely place to find a hidden "treasure," he pulled it up.

He found, instead of scraps of paper, a very real treasure – 215 sovereigns and 12 half-sovereigns. The coins were tarnished with age, and it was some moments before he realised the importance of his find. Then he ran back to his Scoutmaster and told him all about it.

It was decided to report the discovery to the police, so the whole party joined the next boat to Circular Quay, and, after calling at No. 4 Police Station, raced up to police headquarters. There they poured out their story and the gold before the detectives of the Criminal Investigation Branch, and then returned home immensely satisfied with their treasure hunt.

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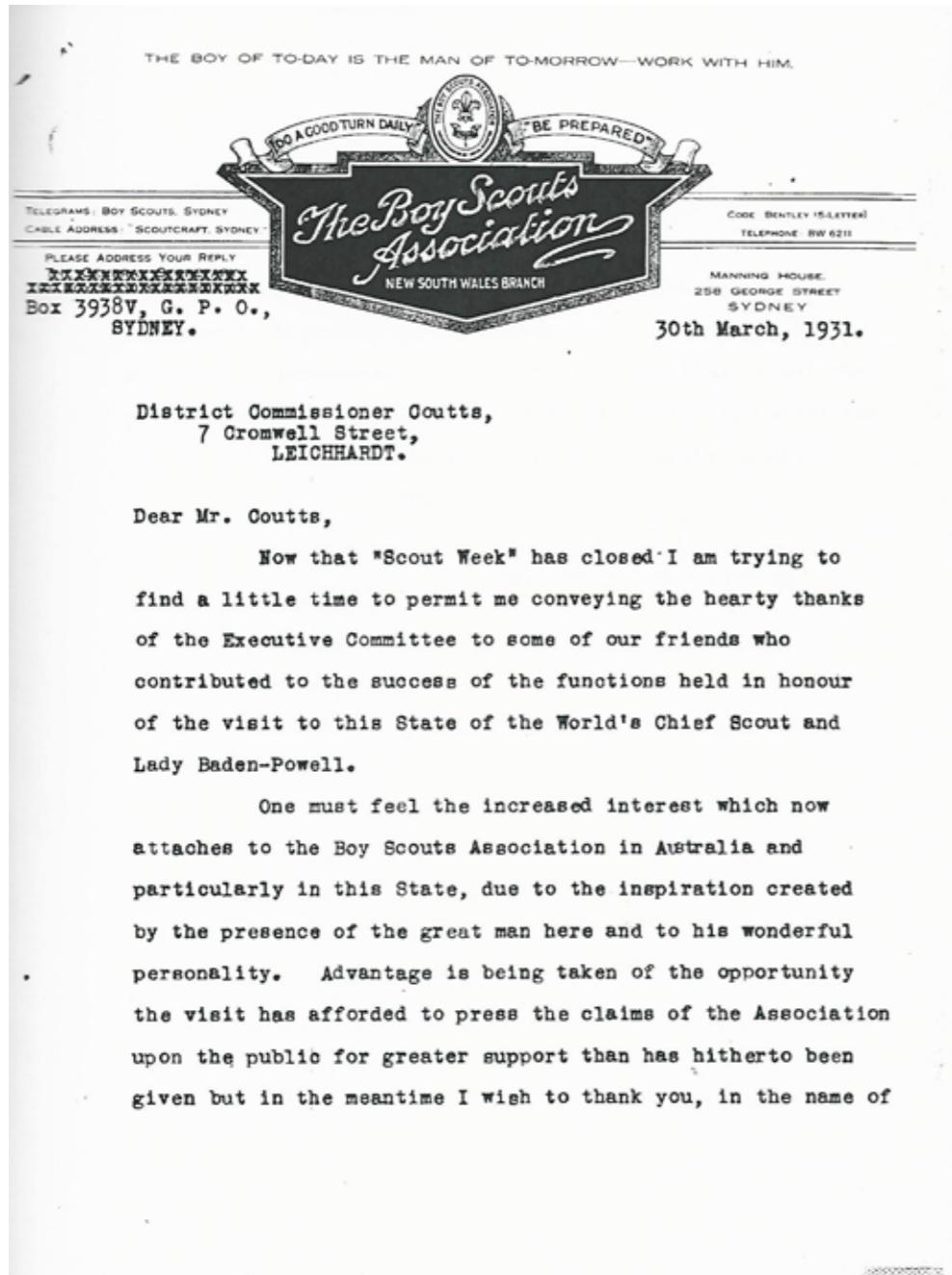
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New South Wales Branch

30th March, 1931

District Commissioner Coutts,

7 Cromwell Street,

LEICHHARDT.

Dear Mr. Coutts,

Now that "Scout Week" has closed I am trying to find a little time to permit me conveying the hearty thanks of the Executive Committee to some of our friends who contributed to the success of the functions held in honour of the visit to this State of the World's Chief Scout and Lady Baden-Powell.

One must feel the increased interest which now attaches to the Boy Scouts Association in Australia and

particularly in this State, due to the inspiration created by the presence of the great man here and to his wonderful personality. Advantage is being taken of the opportunity the visit has afforded to press the claims of the Association upon the public for greater support than has hitherto been given but in the meantime I wish to thank you, in the name of the Executive Committee, for the valued assistance you and the Rovers gave them in the duties you undertook at the Farmers & Graziers' Building and the unselfish service rendered in attending to the requirements of the boys from the country districts. We feel greatly indebted to all who so successfully carried out the work so cheerfully undertaken.

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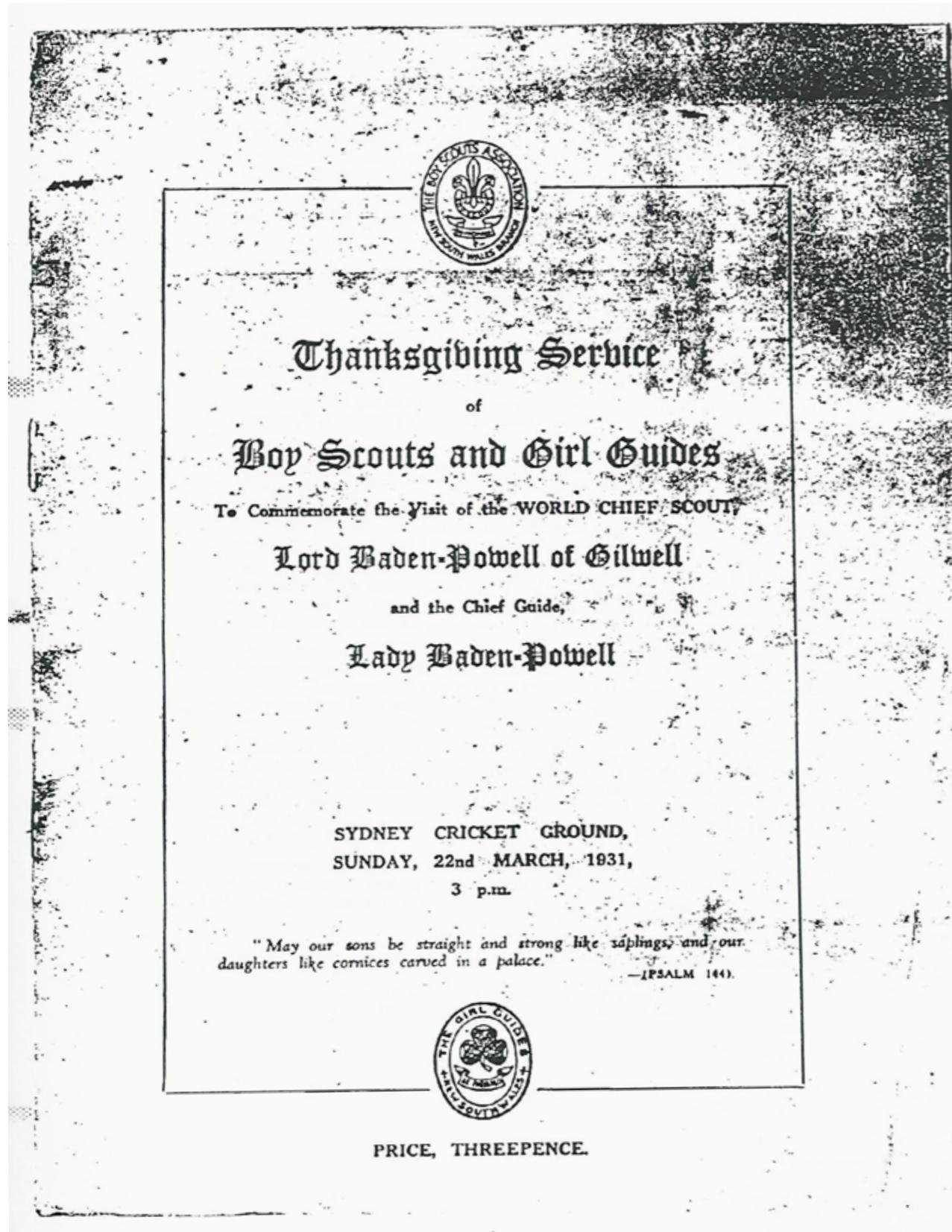
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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

OF

BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES

To Commemorate the Visit of the WORLD CHIEF SCOUT

LORD BADEN-POWELL of GILWELL

And the Chief Guide

LADY BADEN-POWELL

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND

SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1931

3pm

"May our sons be straight and strong like saplings and our daughters like cornices carved in a palace."

-(PSALM 144)

THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

PRICE, THREEPENCE

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think of these things."

—ST. PAUL

WE SINCERELY PRAY that the Scouts and Guides United Service will be an inspiration and an uplift to all who shall have part in it.

It will be such a service as we have rarely had opportunity of participating in, and it marks an occasion to be recalled in the minds of Scouts and Guides in the years that lie ahead.

Shall we all set our minds upon it with a resolve to receive its message, and that its thoughts may be written upon our hearts?

Religion is so essential to man's make-up that none can truly live without it, and the Scout and Guide Movements could not last as they have done if it had not been that through them there runs that "Silken Thread" that binds them to the "Great Pathfinder."

We have to prove our claim to be brothers to every man, and we can only do so as we realise the Spirit of God within us.

Men who are against the things which our Movement stands for are saying, and will say, unjustifiable things concerning us and our brotherhood; but in the practice of our religion as part of our very life, it may even be that some of these will have cause to be glad for this Movement—who can tell?

So it behoves us to look to our lives to keep our hearts with all diligence—not to imagine that religion means nothing more than "going to church;" it would be a poor thing if that were all. But it is like the salt that is used in our daily food—helping to make it more palatable, and itself valuable for its purifying properties—and we know it is there and why—do we not?

Therefore, when you arrive at the service, let your thoughts go out to the meaning of it all. The place will not be just the Sydney Cricket Ground, where perhaps you have seen great players at their sport—but it will be, for the time, as much God's Holy Temple as any Cathedral could be, and your thoughts can reach out to Him there just as truly as they can in any Church. Let us try to feel Him present with us by His Spirit.

Among other things, let us endeavour to help every part of it by our careful attention, orderliness, and reverence. We are waiting upon God our Heavenly Father, so let us try to give our very best attention in our worship.

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Troop Flags, Standards, and Company Colours.

1. Headquarters Colours (Scouts and Guides).
2. Headquarters Commissioners.
3. State Chief Commissioners.
4. Chief Scout of all the World, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.
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6. Chief Scout of New South Wales, Air Vice-Marshall Sir Philip Game.
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8. President and Vice-Presidents of the Associations.
9. Chairman of the New South Wales Executive Committee.
10. Consuls of Foreign Countries.
11. The Archbishop of Sydney, preceded by his Chaplain.

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National Anthem

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Hymn

Land of our birth, we pledge to thee
Our love and toil in the years to be;
When we are grown and take our place,
With men and women of our race.

Teach us the strength that cannot seek,
By deed or thought to hurt the weak;
That under Thee we may possess
Man's strength to comfort man's distress.

[Stand]

Teach us delight in simple things,
In mirth that has no bitter stings;
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And love to all men 'neath the sun.

Land of our birth, our faith, and pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
O, Motherland, we pledge to thee,
Head, heart and hand, through the years to be.

(Kipling)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to hear and accept our offering of thanksgiving for that Thou hast safely brought to our midst our beloved Leader, Thy Servant, Robert Baden-Powell and his helper the Chief Guide, who by Thy grace have been enabled to bring into being the Scout and Guide Movement which now extends to all lands. We pray Thee to bless them while they remain with us, further them in all their good work, prosper them in health, and when they move away from us go with them in their journeyings throughout this Commonwealth and to their home. Maintain them by the power of Thy Grace until their work shall be complete. This we ask for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER for New South Wales will then read the Scout and Guide Law.

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8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
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10. A Scout is clean in thought, word, and deed.

At the conclusion, all Scouts and Guides shall say:
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—A PERSIAN SAYING.

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Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell;
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The Lord ye know is God indeed,
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us lead,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

[Sit]

Lesson

From St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Chapter 6, verses 1-17).

The whole Assembly, led by a Rover Scout, will then recite the 23rd Psalm.

[Stand]

THE LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy Rod and Thy Staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the Glory. For ever and ever, Amen.

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His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

[Sit]

LESSON

From St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Chapter 6, Versus 1-17).

The Whole Assembly, led by a Rover Scout, with then recite the 23rd Psalm.

[Stand]

THE LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy Rod and Thy Staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE LORDS PRAYER

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the Glory. For ever and ever, Amen.

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- SHAKESPEARE

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His Grace the ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.

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