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Boy Scouts Association

Scout Notes

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This week we had the pleasure of a visit from Headquarters, Perth in the person of Lt. Col. Hand, V.O., who comes as deputy for our Chief Commissioner.

Col. Hand has gone into things scouting very thoroughly, and we feel sure that this visit will bring Headquarters, Perth and our own Local Association much closer in the scout brotherhood. There is nothing like a realisation of our respective troubles to make us wondrous kind, and Col. Hand while understanding our misfortunes, pointed out the difficulties met with in other parts of the State.

Many points of interest were discussed by out Commissioner and our chief's deputy and enlightenment sought on various points.

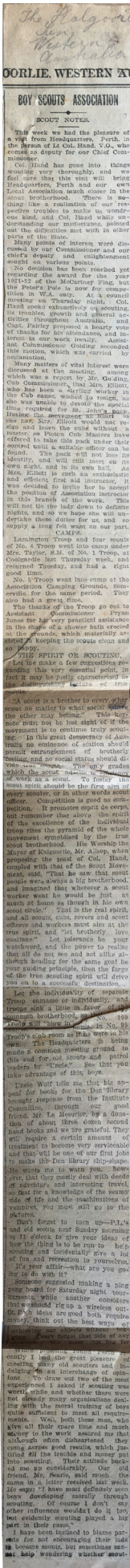
No decision has been reached yet regarding the award for the year 1921-1922 of the McCartney Flag, but the Peter's Pole is now for competition in W.A. only. At a council meeting on Thursday night, Col. Hand spoke exhaustively on scouting, its troubles, growth and general activities throughout Australia, and Capt. Fairley proposed a hearty vote of thanks for his attendance, and interest in out work locally. Assistant Commissioner Golding seconded this motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Many matters of vital interest were discussed at the meeting, among which was a report by Mr. Golding, Cub Commissioner, that Mrs. Elliott, who has been a sterling worker in the Cub cause, wished to resign, as she was unable to devote the special time required for St. John's pack. Having the movement at heart as she has, Mrs. Elliot would not resign and leave the cubs without a master, so Picton Cub Masters have offered to take this pack under their control until a suitable officer can be found. The pack will not lose its identity, and will still meet on its own night, and in its own hall. As Mrs. Elliott is such an enthusiastic and efficient first aid instructor, it was decided to invite her to accept the position of Association instructor in this branch of the work. This will not tie the lady down to definite nights, and so we hope she will undertake these duties for us, and so supply a long felt want on our part.

CAMPS

Lamington Troop and four scouts of No. 4 Troop went into camp under Mrs. Taylor, S.M. of No. 1 Troop, at Coogardie last Thursday week, and returned Tuesday, and had a right good time.

No. 5 Troop went into camp at the Association Camping Grounds, Somerville for the same



period. They also had a great time.

The thanks of the Troop go out to Assistant Commissioner Prynn Jones for his very practical assistance in the shape of a shower bath erected at the grounds, which materially assisted in keeping the scouts clean and so happy.

THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING

Let me make a few suggestions regarding this very essential point, in fact it may justly characterised as the distinguishing feature of true scouts.

“A scout is a brother to every other scout no matter what social sphere the other may belong.” This keynote must not be lost sight of if the movement is to continue truly scouting. In this great democracy of Australia no eminence of station should permit estrangement of brotherly feeling, and no social status should divide true scouts. The only grades which the scout admits is efficiency of work as a scout. To foster the scout spirit should be the first aim of every scouter, or in other words scout officer. Competition is good as competition. It promotes esprit de corps, but remember that above the spirit of the excellence of the individual troop arises the pyramid of the whole movement symbolised by the true scout brotherhood. His Worship the Mayor of Kalgoorlie, Mr Allsop, when proposing the toast of Col. Hand, coupled with that of the Scout Movement, said, “That he saw that scout people were always a big brotherhood, and imagined that wherever a scout worker went he would be just as much at home as though in his own scout circle.” That is the real spirit, and all scouts, cubs, rovers and scout officers and workers must aim at the true spirit, and “let brotherly love continue.” Let tolerance be your watchword, and the power to realise that all do not see and act alike although heading for the same goal be your guiding principle, then the forge of the true scouting spirit will drive you on to a successful destination.

Let the individuality of separate Troop enmasse or individually, and troops sink a little in favor of the common brotherhood, so that No. 99 Troop’s cub room as if he were in his own. The Headquarters is being made a common meeting ground to this end for old scouts and patrol leaders by “Uncle.” See that you take advantage of this boys.

Uncle Wolfe tells me that his appeal for books for the Den library brought response from the Institute Committee, through our good friend, Mr Le Mesurier, by a donation of about three dozen second hand books and we are grateful. They will require a certain amount of treatment to become very serviceable and that will be one of our first jobs to make the Den library ship-shape. He wants me to warn you, however, that they mostly deal with deeds of adventure and interesting travel, so that for a knowledge of the seamy side of life and the machinations of vampires, you must still go to the pictures.

Don’t forget to turn up - P.L.’s and old scouts next Sunday morning at 11 o’clock to give your ideas of how the thing is to be run to help scouting and incidentally give a lot of fun and recreation to yourselves.

Its your affair - what are you going to do with it?

Someone suggested making a ping pong board for Saturday night tournaments, while another considers that we should rig up a wireless outfit. Both ideas are good both require money, think out the best ways of achieving our objects without begging. Don’t forget that side of any question. We must not beg for money.

While prowling round Perth recently I had the great pleasure of meeting many old scouters and indulging in an interchange of opinions. To draw out two of the most experienced I asked if scouting was worth while and whether there were not already many organisations dealing with the moral training of boys quite sufficient to meet all requirements. Well, both these men, who give all their spare time and much money to the work assured me that although often disheartened they come across good results, which justified all the trouble and money put into scouting. Their attitude bucked me up considerably, Our old friend, Mr. Searle, said much the same in a letter received last week, He says: “I have most definitely seen boys developing morally through scouting. Of course I don’t say other influences wouldn’t do it too, but evidently scouting played a big part in their cases.”

I have been inclined to blame parents for not encouraging their lads to become scouts, but sometimes cannot help wondering whether scouters are not to be blamed equally by suffering the slackers. By that term I mean all those who attend merely for the fun they get out of the games and who dodge anything in the way of leaning to be useful to their fellows. Of course, speaking as a scouter, I know that if we get down on these little gentlemen they cease to attend, and sooner or later we are sure to hear that a parent has remarked “jack used to be a scout, but he says it’s no good and he doesn’t go now.” If the parent had only consulted the scouter what a different opinion would have been gained, and how much better for the boy! How exasperating it is to hear occasionally a remark, a very common one from mothers, “I think pictures once a week quite enough amusement for a boy without ringing in scouts as well.” Is it any wonder that men and women who devote so much time and trouble to the work get disheartened. Why will not some parents learn something about scouting before condemning it?

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Miss Charles-Fairfax, who will shortly leave for England, was tendered a farewell by the Parents and Supporters' Association of the First Petersham (Miss Charles-Fairfax's Own) Troop of Boy Scouts at Petersham Town Hall. Mr. W. Ray Smith, president of the association, presented to Miss Charles-Fairfax an illuminated address in book form, expressing the appreciation and gratitude of the committee for her services on behalf of the Boy Scout movement, particularly of the Petersham troop. Addresses in support of this were given by Commissioner Johnston, Scoutmaster Doust, Assistant Scoutmasters Sanders and Wells, and Cubmaster Sharp. On Saturday afternoon Miss Charles-Fairfax will entertain the Parents and Supporters' Association at the new Scout hall at Petersham, and during the afternoon she will present a banner to the Sea Scouts.

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Miss Fairfax's Gift

Help for Boy Scouts

25/6/1922

One of the best friends of the Boy Scout movement in Sydney is Miss Charles Fairfax. If she has a more kindly feeling for one section of the Scouts than for another it is for the Petersham centre.

Evidence of this was given yesterday, when she laid the foundation-stone of a clubroom for the Petersham District Scouts.

She had given £300 towards the purchase of the land and £500 to the building fund; and when it was announced that she had handed in another cheque for a thousand guineas to make the club "a real home," the cheering could have been heard nearer to Mars than the scientists have yet gone.

A special feature of the building will be the library.



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Mr. Ray Smith, president of the parents' committee, presided, and among the others present were Mr. A. D. Johnston (chief scout commissioner for New South Wales), Messrs. T. J. Hoskins and J. T. Ness, Ms.L.A., E. A. Nicholls (president of the West Sydney district), Barker (president of the St. George district), Alderman Gendle (representing the Mayor of Petersham), Scoutmasters Colin Doust (Petersham), Williams (Dulwich Hill), and Sharp (Parramatta), and Miss L. Trammer (secretary to the parents' committee).

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The chairman, in introducing Miss Charles-Fairfax, referred to the Boy Scout movement as one of the finest organisations which had ever been brought into existence for the benefit of their boys. It was, he said, one of the best movements to assist boys and to make them fit to become men. It was non-sectarian, non-political, and non-military. Although a good many boys went to the war and did good work there, they went on their own account and without any compulsion whatever, and if war broke out again and any of them took part in it they would do so on their own account. It did not follow, because they wore a uniform, that they were soldiers; policemen and postmen also wore uniforms, but they were not soldiers.

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Proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for the King. Subsequently the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea in the Town Hall by the parents and supporters' committee.

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OPENED BY LORD FORSTER.

The fine building which, through the assistance of Miss Charles-Fairfax, has been erected as the headquarters of the First Petersham (Miss Charles-Fairfax's Own) Troop of Boy Scouts was officially opened by his Excellency the Governor-General on Saturday afternoon.

At the opening ceremony, which took place in the main hall, Mr. W. Ray Smith, president of the Parents and Supporters' Association, presided, and among those present were Lady and Miss Fairfax, Miss Fairfax (North Sydney), Miss Ethel Fairfax, Messrs. T. J. Hoskins, C. C. Lazzarini, and J. T. Ness, Ms.L.A., Brigadier-General Cox, Mr. A. D. Johnston (Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts), Mr. Rayment Moore (Assistant Commissioner), Messrs. A. G. Milson and C. M. C. Shannon (representing the Navy League), Mr. Colin Doust (Scoutmaster of the Petersham Troop), Messrs. W. Webb and R. McDonald (assistant scoutmasters), Mrs. C. C. Lazzarini, and Miss Tranmer (hon. secretary of the Parents and Supporters' Association).

In asking Lord Forster to declare the building open Mr. A. D. Johnston said that it had been erected through the generosity of Miss Charles-Fairfax at a total cost of about £4000. He said it would be a good thing to have a hall for Boy Scouts in every suburb. This would be an appropriate form for memorials to men who fell in the war.

Lord Forster said it gave him very real pleasure to come and declare that fine building open. It was the finest of its kind he had ever seen. He thought that if Miss Charles-Fairfax could be there in flesh, as no doubt she was in spirit, she would feel some measure of satisfaction that by her generosity in providing that building she was going to do so much for the scouts. There could be no better object than to forward the scout movement and increase its activities.

He had just returned from a tour of Queensland and the North Coast, and was pleased to find that new troops were being formed everywhere under the most favourable auspices, and the movement was prospering in both States. The only difficulty was in obtaining scoutmasters. They owed much to the scoutmasters for their work among the boys. The same difficulty confronted them everywhere; even in England it was hard to obtain scoutmasters. Personally he thought no finer work could be done by young men—or middle-aged men for that matter—than to take up the duties of scoutmasters, and bring their troops to a high state of efficiency. He was very pleased to find during his tour that in many places the scoutmasters were returned soldiers—(applause)—and he did not hesitate to tell them what he thought of them.

The movement was dependent on outside support. They all knew that the boys could not pay, and the Scoutmasters gave up a good deal of valuable time without payment. He hoped, therefore, that the public would support it to the fullest extent in their power.

After dedicatory prayer by the Rev. G. A. Chambers, of Holy Trinity Church, Dulwich Hill, the Chief Commissioner handed the keys of the building to Scoutmaster Doust, together with a letter from Miss Charles-Fairfax, in which she stated that her desire was that the hall should be reserved, as far as possible, for the use of boy scouts, but should any kindred body make application for it, the Scoutmaster had discretionary power to grant it. If let for any purpose of raising funds, 5 per cent. of the takings were to go to the Petersham troop.

Mr. H. C. Thompson, Miss Charles-Fairfax's representative, read the following cable, which he had received from her:—"My grateful thanks to his Excellency the Governor-General for so kindly opening the First Petersham Boy Scouts' clubroom. I know how much it will be to my troop having the representative of our King performing this ceremony. Though not present, I am with you in heart and thought, and helping to build this clubroom has been a great privilege. I do thank you, all kind friends, for the many, many tokens of affection and kindness. (Sgd.) The Boy Scouts' Friend."

Lord Forster also read a letter which Miss Charles-Fairfax had left, expressing appreciation of the services of the honorary architect, Mr. A. B. Polin, accompanied by a handsome desk clock, but owing to the recent death of his father Mr. Polin was not present to receive them.

An appeal to the public to financially support the movement was made by General Cox, and the sum of £14 was contributed.

Lord Forster suggested that he should cable to Miss Charles-Fairfax, telling her that the hall had been opened under the most favourable auspices.

During the proceedings songs were rendered by Major and Madame Jarvie, and Mr. A. C. Lenton, the last-named also conducting the gathering in community singing on two occasions.

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At the opening ceremony, which took place in the main hall, Mr. W. Ray Smith, president of the Parents and Supporters' Association, presided, and among those present were Lady and Miss Fairfax, Miss Fairfax (North Sydney), Miss Ethel Fairfax, Messrs. T.J. Hoskins, C.C. Lazzarini, and J.T. Ness, Ms.L.A., Brigadier-General Cox, Mr. A.D. Johnston (Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts), Mr. Rayment Moore (Assistant Commissioner), Messrs. A.G. Milson and C.M.C. Shannon (representing the Navy League), Mr Colin Doust (Scoutmaster of the Petersham Troop), Messrs. W. Webb and R. McDonald (assistant scoutmasters), Mrs. C.D. Lazzarini, and Miss Tranmer (hon. secretary of the Parents and Supporters' Association).

In asking Lord Forster to declare the building open Mr. A.D. Johnston said that it had been erected through the generosity of Miss Charles-Fairfax at a total cost of about £4000. He said it would be a good thing to have a hall for Boy Scouts in every suburb. This would be an appropriate form for memorials to men who fell in the war.

Lord Forster said it gave him very real pleasure to come and declare that fine building open. It was the finest of its kind he had ever seen. He though that if Miss Charles-Fairfax could be there in flesh, as no doubt she was in spirit, she would feel some measure of satisfaction that by her generosity in providing that building she was going to do so much for the scouts. There could be no better object than to forward the scout movement and increase its activities. He had just returned from a tour of Queensland and the North Coast, and was pleased to find that new troops were being formed everywhere under the most favourable auspices, and the movement was prospering in both States. The only difficulty was in obtaining scoutmasters. They owed much to the scoutmasters for their work among the boys. The same difficulty confronted them everywhere; even in England it was hard to obtain scoutmasters. Personally he thought no finer work could be done by young men - or middle-aged men for that matter - than to take up the duties of scoutmasters, and bring their troops to a high state of efficiency. He was very pleased to find during his tour that in many places the scoutmasters were returned soldiers - (applause) - and he did not hesitate to tell them what he thought of them.

The movement was dependent on outside support. They all knew that the boys could not pay, and the Scoutmasters gave up a good deal of valuable time without payment. He hoped, therefore, that the public would support it to the fullest extent in their power.

After dedicatory prayer by the Rev. G.A. Chambers, of Holy Trinity Church, Dulwich Hill, the Chief Commissioner Handed the keys of the building to Scoutmaster Doust, together with a letter from Miss Charles-Fairfax, in which she stated that her desire was that the hall should be reserved, as far as possible, for the use of boy scouts, but should any kindred body make application for it, the Scoutmaster had discretionary power to grant it, If Let for any purpose of raising funds, 5 per cent, of the takings were to go to the Petersham troop.

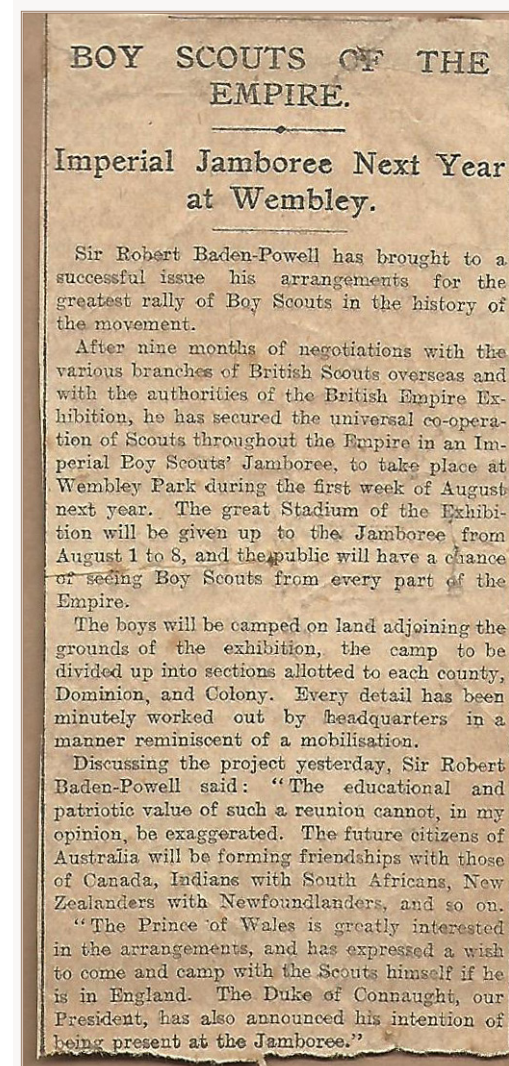
Mr H. C. Thompson, Miss Charles-Fairfax's representative, read the following cable, which he had received from her:- "My grateful thanks to his Excellency the Governor-General for so kindly opening the First Petersham Boy Scouts' clubroom. I know how much it will be to my troop having the representative of our King performing this ceremony, Though not present, I am with you in heart and thought, and helping to build this clubroom has been a great privilege. I do thank you, all kind friends, for the many, many tokens of affection and kindness. (Sgd,) The Boy Scouts' Friend."

Lord Forster also read a letter which Miss Charles-Fairfax had left, expressing appreciation of the services of the honorary architect, Mr. A. B. Polin, accompanied by a handsome desk clock, but owing to the recent death of his father Mr. Polin was not present to receive them.

An appeal to the public to financially support the movement was made by General Cox, and the sum of £14 was contributed,

Lord Forster suggested that he should cable to Miss Charles-Fairfax, telling her that the hall had been opened under the most favourable auspices.

During the proceedings songs were rendered by Major and Madame Jarvie, and Mr. A.C. Lenton, the last-named also conducting the gathering in community singing on two occasions.



BOY SCOUTS OF THE EMPIRE

Imperial Jamboree Next Year at Wembley

Sir Robert Baden-Powell has brought to a successful issue his arrangements for the greatest rally of Boy Scouts in the history of the movement.

After nine months of negotiations with the various branches of British Scouts overseas and with the authorities of the British Empire Exhibition has secured the universal co-operation of Scouts throughout the Empire in an Imperial Boy Scouts' Jamboree, to take place at Wembley Park during the first week of August next year. The great Stadium of the Exhibition will be given up to the Jamboree from August 1 to 8, and the public will have a chance of seeing Boy Scouts from every part of the Empire.

The boys will be camped on land adjoining the grounds of the exhibition, the camp to be divided up into sections allotted to each county, Dominion and Colony, Every detail has been minutely worked out by headquarters in a manner reminiscent of a mobilisation,

Discussing the project yesterday, Sir Robert Baden-Powell said: "The educational and patriotic value of such a reunion cannot, in my opinion, be exaggerated, The future citizens of Australia will be forming friendships with those of Canada, Indians with South Africans, New Zealanders with Newfoundlanders, and so on.

"The Prince of Wales is greatly interested in the arrangements, and has expressed a wish to come and camp with the Scouts himself if he is in England. The Duke of Connaught, out President, has also announced his intention of being present at the Jamboree."



1st Leichhardt Boy Scouts
and Wolf Cubs June 1927

BOY SCOUTS' PARADE

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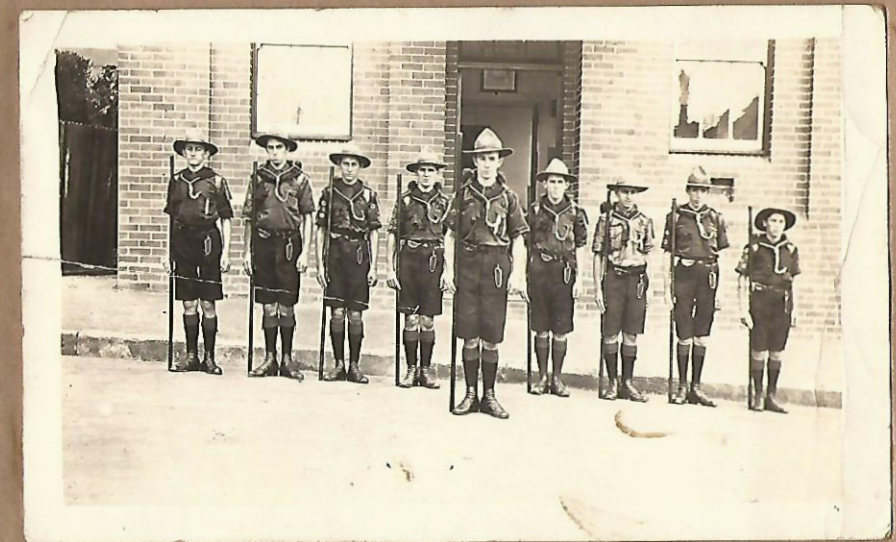
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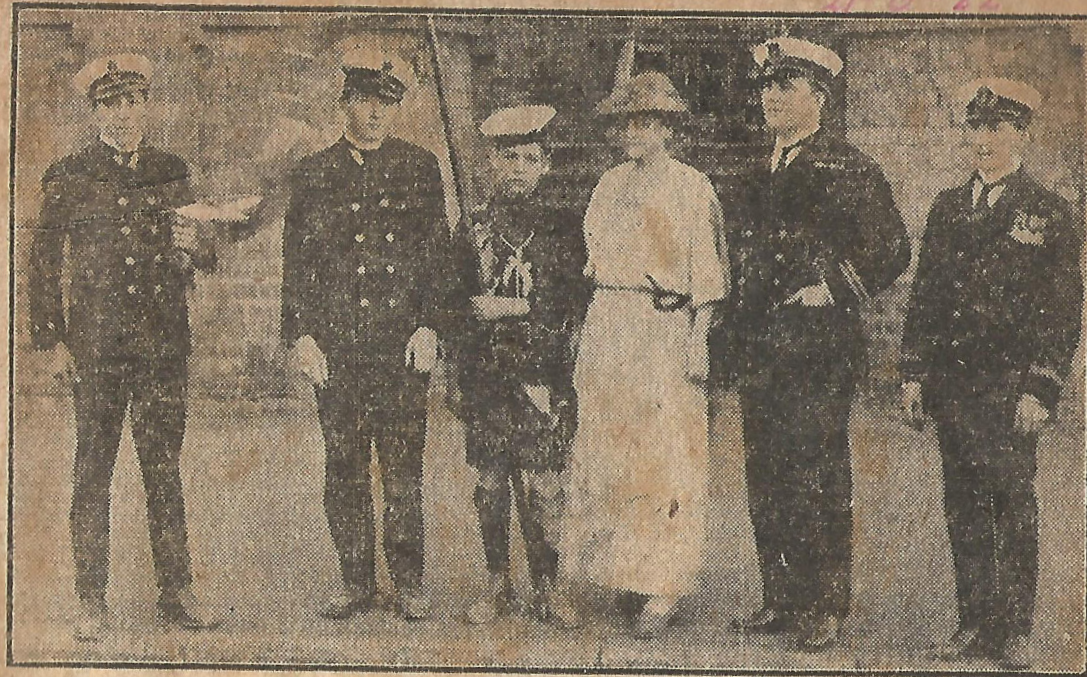
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14-9-1915



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TORONTO

Toronto, September 29, 1922.

Miss Curnow,
Room 584, King Edward Hotel,
Toronto.

Dear Miss Curnow:

The name Canada, I find,
is derived from the Indian word
Kannata meaning a collection of
huts and, therefore, a village.
Champlain, I think, is responsible
for making the name in its modified
form applicable to the whole land.

With every good wish
for you and your companions on the
journey,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. P. Matheson

Scout Clubrooms,

13 New Canterbury Road

Petersham.

20th February 1924.

Copy.
W.E. Gould Esq.,
Hon Secretary,
Petersham Memorial Committee,
Fisher Street,
PETERSHAM.

Dear Sir, Re Land Canterbury Road.

At a special meeting of the Troop Committee in connection
with the Petersham Boy Scouts, held last Monday night, a Sub-
committee consisting of the Scoutmaster and Messrs. Webb and
Powell was elected and given full power to make and finalize all
arrangements with regard to the purchase of land adjoining our
property in New Canterbury Road.

For and on behalf of that committee I have pleasure
in offering your committee the sum of eleven pounds (211/-/-)
cash per foot for the strip adjoining our property not required
by you, that is, approximately twenty feet.

I would like to point out that the sum we are offering is
considerably more than we paid for our original block but we
understand you have been to some expense in the matter and are
offering the extra to cover same.

The land is required for the Boy Scouts of Petersham
to further assist in their educational training that will make
them better citizens of the future.

Any further information that you may require may be
obtained from the Scoutmaster by telephoning Redfern 1159.

Wishing your committee every success in it's good work
and trusting that the Hall may soon be an accomplished fact.

Yours faithfully,

Scoutmaster
Scoutmaster.

PHONE PET 1723.

"NOONDOO,"

FISHER STREET,
PETERSHAM.

22nd February 1924.

C. P. Doust Esq.,
Scoutmaster,
Scout Clubrooms,
13 New Canterbury Road,
Petersham.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 20th inst. was laid before the Executive Committee and Trustees, of the Soldiers Memorial, at a meeting held on 21st inst. and the following decision was arrived at, viz:-

"That we sell to the 1st Troop of Petersham Boy Scouts, 19 feet 9 inches of land from our western boundary, to include 3 feet you have already occupied, at Eleven pounds (£11) per foot, Subject to, the subdivision being approved by the Petersham Council, the cost of such subdivision to be borne by the 1st Petersham Troop of Boy Scouts, and a building covenant, to be approved by the Trustees of the Petersham Soldiers Memorial, in respect to light and air, any building erected thereon to be of Brick or Stone, and the Trustees be empowered to complete and sign same.

I will be glad to hear from you, as to your acceptance of the above, as we are anxious to have the matter finalised as quickly as possible, it being the intention of this committee to at once call tenders and proceed with the erection of the building.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Gould
Hon Secretary.

Scout Clubrooms,
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Petersham.

25th February 1924.

W. E. Gould Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
Petersham Soldiers Memorial Committee,
Fisher Street, PETERSHAM

Dear Sir, Re Land - New Canterbury Road.

Your letter of the 22nd inst., to hand and contents noted.

For and on behalf of the 1st. Petersham Boy Scouts
I have pleasure in accepting your offer to sell us 19' 9" of land adjoining our property for the sum of eleven pounds (£11/-/-) per foot on the conditions as enumerated in your letter of the 22nd February 1924.

I herewith enclose the sum of five pounds (£5/-/-) as deposit on same.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
SCOUTMASTER.

Report on Trek during Easter Camp -- 12/13 April, 1925.

On opening our initial instructions at the ford, Menangle, we found that we were to proceed to a point on Mallaty Creek a tributary of the Nepean about 2 miles away. Crossing the river in the old punt we struck up into the bush on the eastern side and turning south, we pushed onward through the scrub. The country here near the river was scrubby but alternatively changed from open country to forests. Both the weather and the country were ideal for trekking, the rain on the previous days having freshened things up considerably. Our party was as follows : Webb, Richings, Perray, Tepper, H. McDonald, S. McDonald, and Linklater, and we made good progress as we opened out into Patrol formation and transversed paddock, forest, and scrub in fine style. Further on, after walking about 1 mile we came to the watercourse which we crossed by means of a small bridge. Following this channel along on the left hand side southward, we came to an iron channel crossing the watercourse in which were onion peelings and near which were fresh human tracks. Two of our Patrol investigated these only to find that they led to a Camp further up in the scrub, so we pushed on. We had not gone far when we reached Leaf's Creek, a very steep gully crossed by a large inverted-syphon form of aqueduct. This was of steel pipe about 6 to 8 feet in diameter and supported in two places by stone pillars. We decided not to risk crossing the pipe so we scrambled down the gully and up the other side which was a dangerous procedure as boulders would often become dislodged and crash down to the bottom. The cry "under below" was often used to warn the others to get out of the way. Not far from the southern end of the aqueduct the watercourse went into a natural channel and then disappeared into a tunnel known as Devine's Tunnel No. 2. Further on it emerged near a small creek for a short distance and then again disappeared into Devine's Tunnel No. 1. Not far from this was another small creek and then on a bit further was Mallaty Creek wither we were bound, and where there was another large aqueduct similar to the previous one except that it was shorter and straight. There we opened our sealed instructions, and after perusing them we stopped for lunch. After lunch we crossed the aqueduct, and turning westward followed the creek, which apparently was considerable as to size and volume, and about two hundred yards further on, we were confronted with a steep precipitous gully of the Ousedale Creek which we had to cross near its junction with Mallaty Creek. We managed this with the aid of a rope and soon were overlooking the junction of Mallaty Creek and the Nepean River. The scenery here is indescribable for its beauty and grandeur. On each side towered great grey, sandstone cliffs, while the floor of the gullies were beautifully clothed with trees, shrubs, and ferns. Never before had we any idea that such beauty ever existed on the Nepean. After admiring this grand scene we continued southward along the Nepean keeping on the top of the ridge until we came to its junction with Elladale Creek. It was less precipitous here and we could notice the increasing signs of cultivation. Striking South-East we followed the Elladale Creek to the watercourse and then further on we crossed the creek and proceeded across a large paddock to an old fence. This we followed over open, and partly cultivated country, crossing once more the Creek near its source, and we then came to a dairy farm through which we passed. Crossing Ousedale Creek, (which we noticed was very small, muddy, and dirty, evidently a drinking place for cattle) by means of a small bridge, we followed a country road for a short distance till we reached the village Appin at about 3.45 p.m. We kept a sharp look-out for enemies as we were instructed, and after having a drink and something to eat we strolled around the village. We ascertained the height of the Church of England Tower to be about forty feet

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Strength

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Service

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Concert Party

Our small band of entertainers familiarly called The Concert Party have continued with their good work and have raised nearly £300 for various charitable organisations in the State, concerts have been rendered at Austinmer, Glenbrook, Bondi, Rockdale, Chatswood, Earlwood, Hurstville, King’s Cross, Rozelle, Newtown, and Petersham. A sum of £40 was raised in one performance to assist in the upkeep of our Hall by the Party last month, all these shows have been given gratis and I take pride in saying and with out fear of boasting that these chaps have fully grasped the meaning of our motto ‘service.’

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Date

(A Pack consists of not less than two and not more than four sixes; a Troop of not less than two patrols of six nor more than four patrols of 8 Scouts and a Troop Leader; a Crew of not less than 4 Rovers.)

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Members of the Group are to be listed hereunder in order of Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, ages being shown as at 30th June, 19

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	Bales	S.S.B.	20.9			Halliday	J.	Rover	21
	Burns	a.	22			Herald	W.		29
	Burns	b.	20			Hyde	W.		20
	Bedwell	a.	30			Irving	S.		18
	Calver	b.	20			Jones	P.		21
	Glascock	J.D.				Jones	P.R.		23
	Hunt	R.A.	24.			Jacobs	A.S.	R.M.	26
	McDonald	J.	24			Loft	P.	Rover	24
	McDonald	H.	22			Macdonald	C.S.	S.R.M.	25
	McDonald	S.	20			McNaught	J.	Rover	23
	Jeffer	H.E.	24			Mills	b.		23
	Webb	K.P.	23			Morgan	P.	Master	23
	Batterill	J.D.	26	Rover		Murphy	J.	Commonwealth	20
	Brage	J.	21			O'Sullivan	J.P.	Rover	19
	Davis	b.P.	31			Pearson	J.		24
	Flett	P.	20			Richings	R.		22
	Glynn	B.	19			Scott	W.		21
	Goodwin	R.	18			Steele	S.		22
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						Thorton	J.	Rover	18
						Webb	J.F.		21
						Yeatman	R.		24
						Young	A.B.		24
						Smiddon	J.		19

GROUP PROPERTY

(including any Badges or Equipment held for resale to Members of the Group).

1 St George Flag.
1 Table Standard.

LIABILITIES of Group as at 30th June, 19

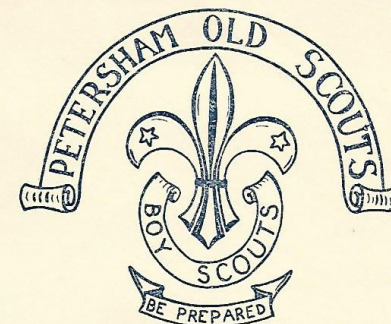
I certify that the above articles are the property of..... Group of the Boy Scouts Association, N.S.W. Branch and are in the possession of the..... Group or its representatives and that all debts owing by the Group as at 30th June, 19 are listed above.

Date

Group Scoutmaster
Scoutmaster
and/or Cubmaster

Date

Chairman, Group Committee



Patron:
T. D. GLASSCOCK

President:
JIM KNOWLES
27 Whitfield Avenue, Ashfield UA 4655

Vice Presidents:
STAN CLARK, PETE BOES

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Dear

The Regular Meeting of PETERSHAM OLD SCOUTS will be held at the Scout Hall, Petersham, on Monday, 1940 at 8 p.m. sharp.

Your punctual attendance is earnestly requested.

Subscription due	:	:	STAN BALES, Secretary
Arrears	:	:	302 Old Canterbury Rd.,
Total	:	:	Hurlstone Park



Australian Jamboree
FRANKSTON

7th January, 1935.

Dear Mr Adams,

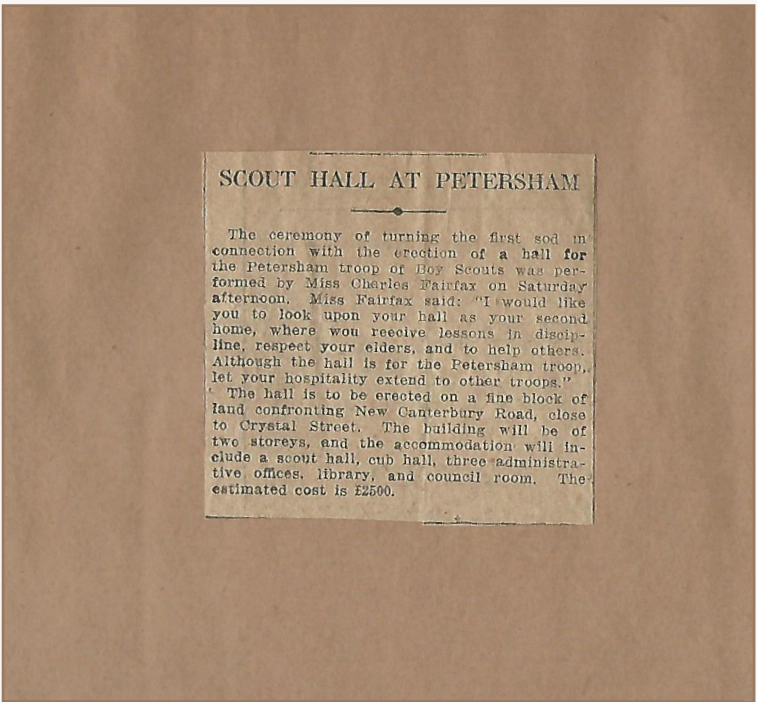
I would like to thank you and
the Scouts from Malaya for the very
unique presents of the blow-pipe, and
the fire-lighter, which I am very glad
to have.

They are of great interest to
me, being peculiar of a country which
I had never before visited, and for
which I now have a particular fondness.

Yours sincerely,

Baden Powell





SCOUT HALL AT PETERSHAM

The ceremony of turning the first sod in connection with the erection of a hall for the Petersham troop of Boy Scouts was performed by Miss Charles Fairfax on Saturday afternoon. Miss Fairfax said: "I would like you to look upon your hall as your second home, where you receive lessons in discipline, respect your elders, and to help others. Although the hall is for the Petersham troop, let your hospitality extend to other troops."

The hall is to be erected on a fine block of land confronting New Canterbury Road, close to Crystal Street. The building will be of two storeys, and the accommodation will include a scout hall, cub hall, three administrative offices, library, and council room. The estimated cost is £2500.



SCOUT INVADERS

1500 Come To-Day

FRIENDS- AND DUTY

Fifteen hundred Boy Scouts will invade Melbourne to-morrow.

Special troop trains will arrive from New South Wales at 11.20 and 12.50, and the Adelaide contingent is expected to arrive at 2.50 p.m.

The enemy will not attack at either of the usual platforms, but will concentrate at the Agricul

Wolf Cub's Shadows

BURNIE. Wednesday. - The Loongara left Burnie to-night for Melbourne with every berth booked. The passengers included Tassy's Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs, all wishing to make the acquaintance of The Sun's Shadow catcher.

tural Show Grounds at or about the times set down. The first work will be to get into their quarters and settle down.

During the corroboree scouts will be allowed to visit their friends when they are not required to take part in the routine set out for the week-end. The public will be admitted to the ground any afternoons but Tuesday and Thursday.

RUSH FROM NORTH

Nearly 1000

SYDNEY, Wednesday, - Almost a thousand Boy Scouts left by special trains to-day to attend the corroboree in Melbourne. There were also 100 Scouts from Queensland.

THE GORDON HYDE MEMORIAL TROPHY.

Presented by the Petersham Old Scouts Association to First Petersham Group (Miss Charles Fairfax's Own). The trophy to be awarded annually to the Troop gaining the highest Badge proficiency total in the Petersham Group.

CONDITIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

The Trophy for all times to remain the property of Petersham Group.

Closing date to be 30th June of each year.

The Troop holding the trophy for the year to be responsible for its safe keeping.

The trophy to be held at the Petersham Scout Hall.

Permission for a Scout to take the Trophy home will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

A certificate to be granted to all members of the troop holding the Trophy providing sufficient funds are available.

The totalling of point scores to be on a percentage basis, calculated on second and first class Scouts only, irrespective of when the badges were gained. Scouts to be not more than eighteen years of age on the 30th June for the year in which the trophy is to be decided.

King's Scout, Proficiency Badges and all round cords to be those gained during the twelve months ending the 30th June each year.

In the event of a Scout gaining two or more all round cords points will be awarded for each cord.

Interpreter Badge - each language to count as three points.

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First Class	4 "	
King's Scout	6 "	
National Emergency Service Badge	2 "	
Proficiency Badges	2 "	(1) badges worn on the right arm
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Green and Yellow Cords	4 "	
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SOUTH COAST AND TABLELANDS

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SCOUTS

10th ANNUAL MOOT

PORT HACKING RIVER — HELENSBURGH — OCTOBER 26TH / 27TH, 1946



Presented to

1st PETERSHAM

Arthur Jordan

Camp Chief



THE BADEN-POWELL TRAINING CAMP
PENNANT HILLS, N.S.W.

Be it Known

TO the world-wide brotherhood
of Scouts by these writings
that *Gerard M. Boes S.M. Petersham*
has, by his deeds & prowess
at the Pioneer's course of the
Pennant Hills Training Camp,
proved himself a Worthy &
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Honors
Certificate



Peace and Good Scouting.

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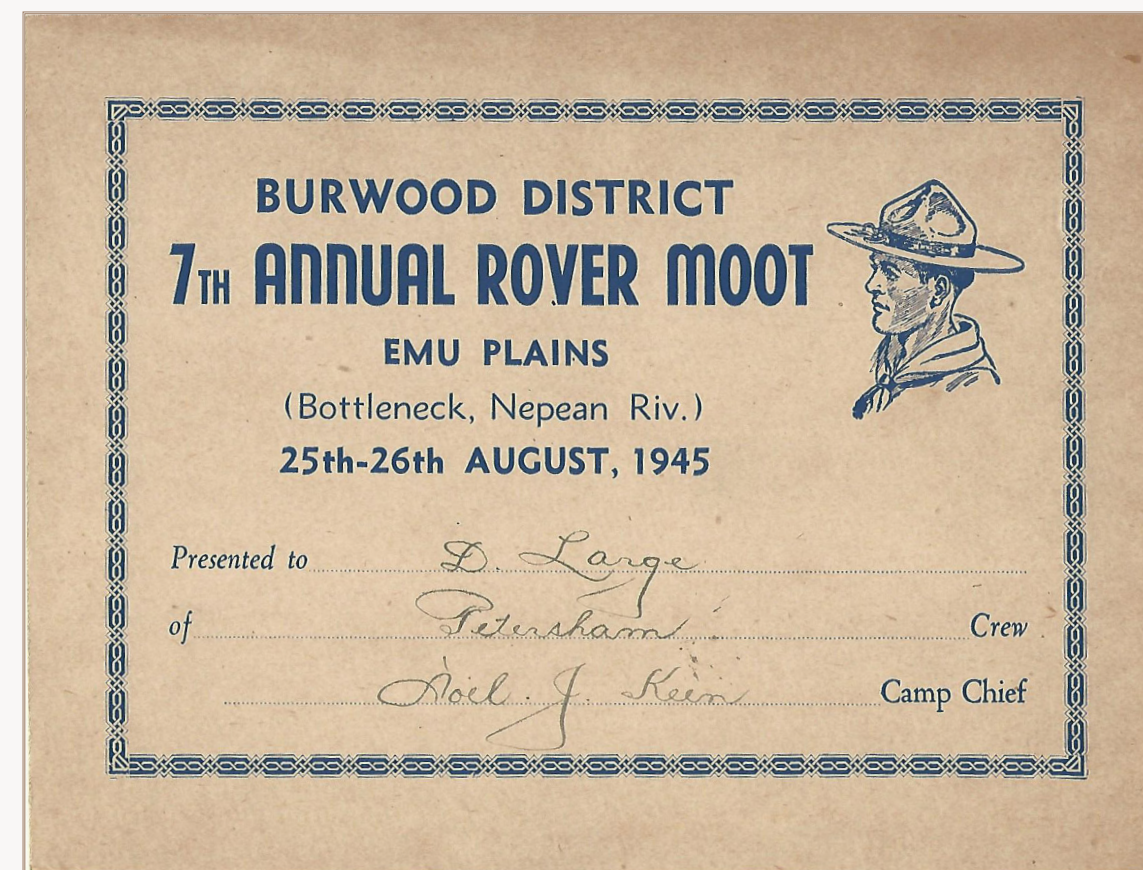
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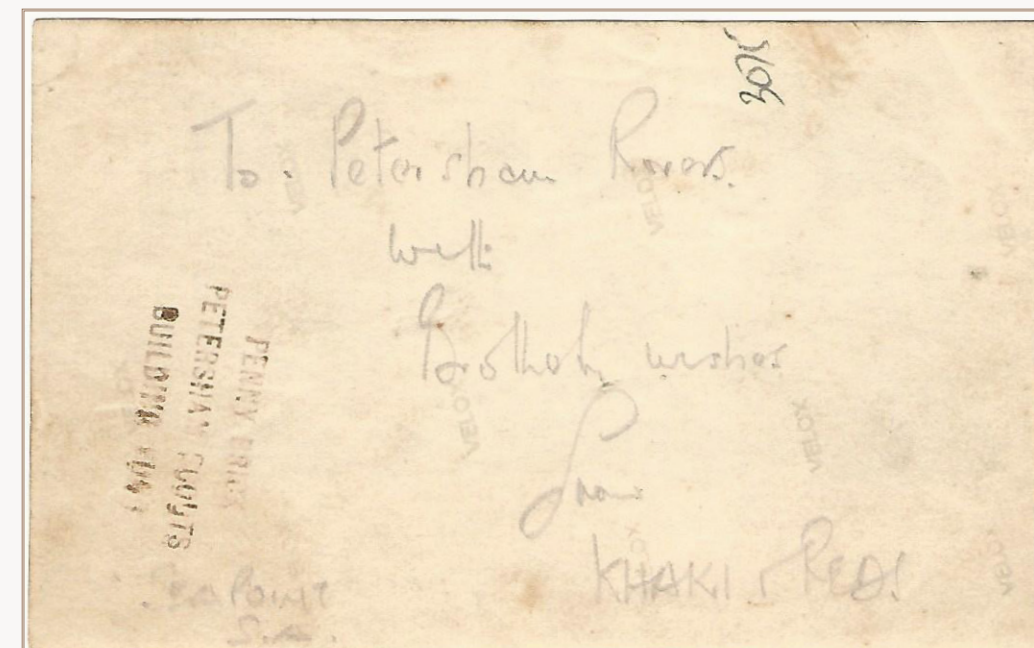
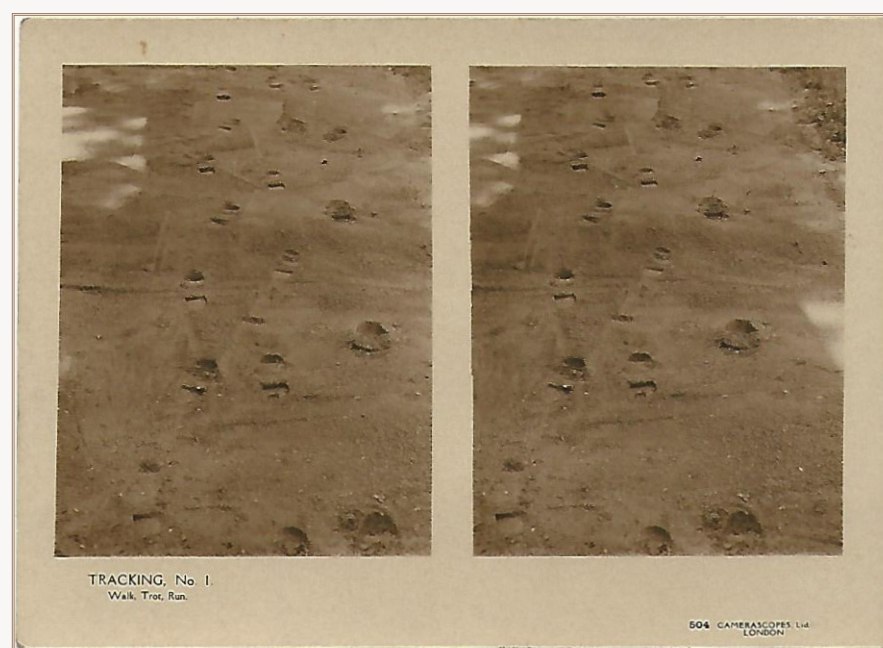
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WHO HATH SMELT WOOD-SMOKE AT TWILIGHT ? WHO HATH HEARD THE BIRCH-LOG
BURNING ? WHO IS QUICK TO READ THE NOISES OF THE NIGHT ? LET HIM FOLLOW
WITH THE OTHERS, FOR THE YOUNG MEN'S FEET ARE
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(RUDYARD KIPLING.)





11 Gwendwr Road,
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P.P.P.S. (The name of the Group Headquarters is "Phoenix." It is the Sea Scout Custom to name their halls after the names of ships, sailors, etc.)

Transcriber's Notes

Some spelling errors have been corrected for legibility.

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