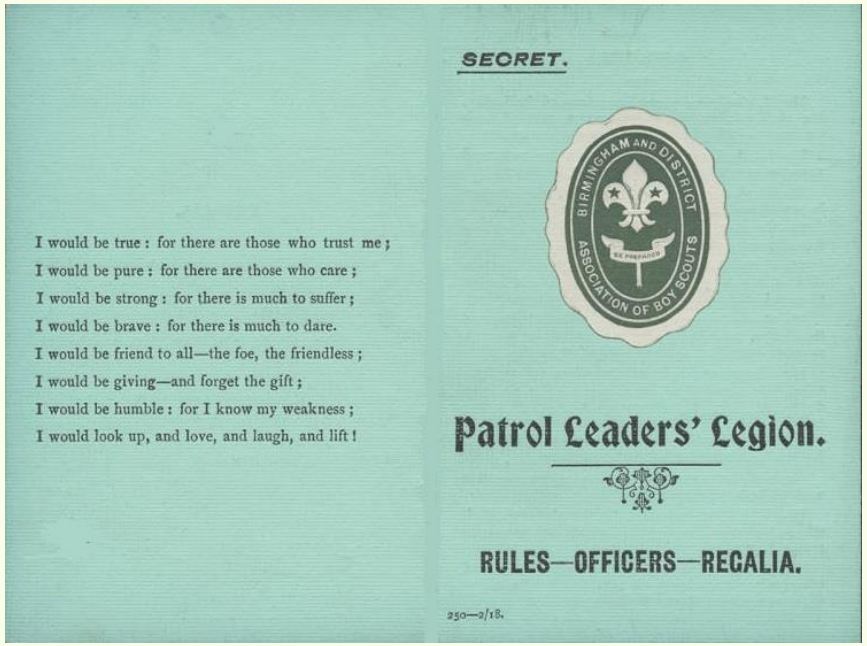
Asociación de Scouts de México

HISTORIA DEL SISTEMA DE PATRULLAS

PARTE I
LA EFECTIVIDAD DEL SISTEMA DE PATRULLAS



I would be true : for there are those who trust me ;
I would be pure : for there are those who care ;
I would be strong : for there is much to suffer ;
I would be brave : for there is much to dare.
I would be friend to all—the foe, the friendless ;
I would be giving—and forget the gift ;
I would be humble : for I know my weakness ;
I would look up, and love, and laugh, and lift !

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BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF BOY SCOUTS

Patrol Leaders' Legion.

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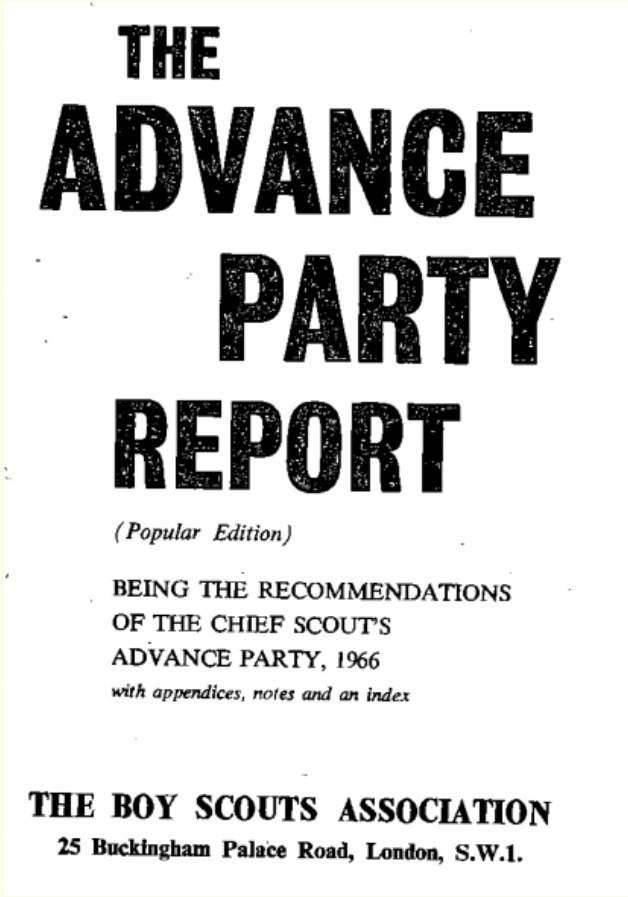
Germán Olagaray Palacios
El maestro del sistema de patrullas

INTRODUCCIÓN

En 1966, a raíz de la integración de un grupo de trabajo para analizar el Informe del Grupo de Avanzada de la Asociación británica, Paul Loewe S. invitó a Germán Olagaray Palacios ha impartir una conferencia sobre la importancia del sistema de patrullas como elemento fundamental del método Scout.

Fue una de las pláticas que se organizaron para contar con opiniones de los dirigentes veteranos ante los cambios propuestos por los Scouts del Reino Unido.


THE
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REPORT

(Popular Edition)

BEING THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE CHIEF SCOUT'S
ADVANCE PARTY, 1966
with appendices, notes and an index

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

INTRODUCCIÓN

A Paul le preocupaba que se olvidaran los fundamentos del Escultismo en el análisis de los cambios propuestos.

A la conferencia asistimos una buena parte de los miembros del equipo nacional y adiestradores de ese entonces. Tomé algunas notas que constituyen la base de este álbum, complementadas con documentos que integré posteriormente de los archivos de la Asociación británica en Londres.

La carpeta original que contenía los documentos la titulé "*Efectividad del sistema de patrullas*", que explica el título del álbum, integrado en 1967.

GERMÁN OLAGARAY PALACIOS

Había sido miembro de la Asociación de Boy Scouts de México (como él mismo lo relataba), pero quedó decepcionado de la misma, hasta que un primo lo convenció de entrar al Grupo 7 de la ciudad de México, donde fue Guía fundador de la Patrulla Rinocerontes, a los 16 años, en 1939 (una patrulla que les ganaba a todos, porque eran "*superscouts*" como él lo platicaba), Jefe de Tropa de 1942 a 1947. Además fue el fundador Jefe de la Manada del Grupo 7 en 1948 , Jefe de Clan y Jefe de Grupo.

En 1941

GERMÁN OLAGARAY PALACIOS

Obtuvo la Insignia de Madera en la rama Scout en 1948 y años después uno de los más destacados delegados del Jefe de Campo, participando como instructor y director de cursos de la Insignia de Madera en varios países.

En 1960 fue Comisionado de la Provincia del Distrito Federal. El Consejo Nacional le otorgó el Berrendo de Plata en 1960.

NOTAS DE LA CONFERENCIA DE OLAGARAY

"Baden Powell escribió que el éxito del campamento de Brownsea fue la aplicación del sistema de Patrullas"

"El movimiento surge cuando los muchachos se organizan en patrullas y empiezan a practicar el Escultismo. Los Maestros Scout vendrían después"

"La patrulla Scout requiere de un líder entrenado constantemente, el Guía"

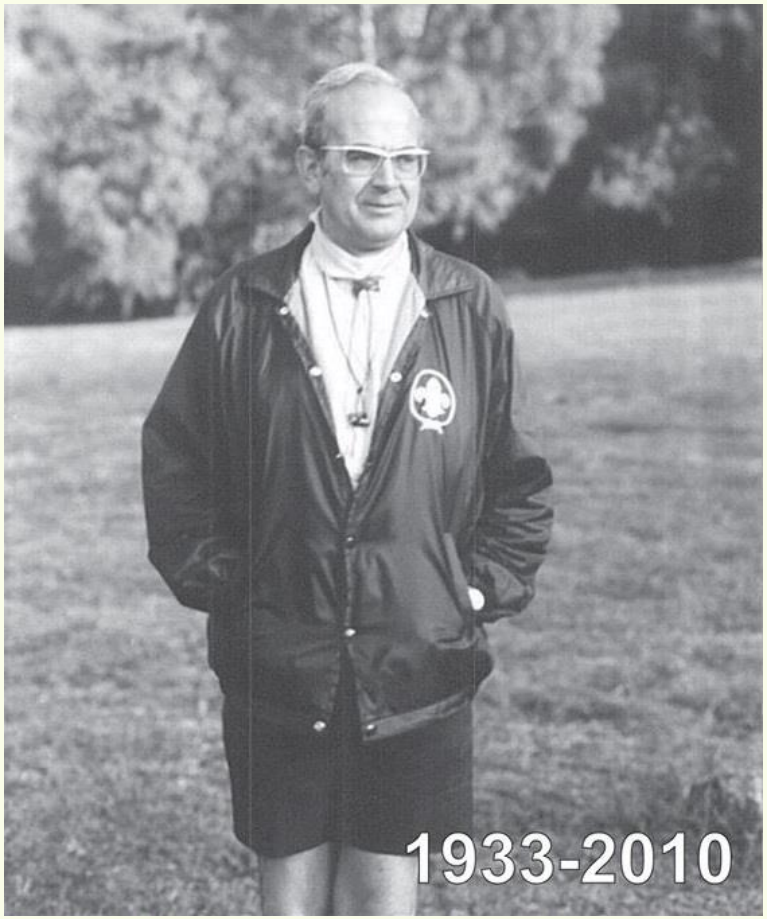
"Si el Guía es un poco mayor que los integrantes, además del liderazgo, los padres de los muchachos le tendrán confianza y podrán realizarse excursiones y campamentos de Patrulla, además de los de la Tropa. Esto debe tomarse en cuenta cuando un grupo organiza la unidad de Scouts mayores"

"Una Tropa puede existir sin Scouters, pero nunca sin Guías de Patrulla comprometidos"

"Muchas veces los Guías de Patrulla continuaron con las actividades de la Tropa, inclusive cuando se quedaban sin dirigentes. A veces los Jefes de los grupos donde sucede quedan impresionados con la efectividad de la Corte de Honor"

NOTAS DE LA CONFERENCIA DE OLAGARAY

Nota. Recuerdo a Fernando Soto Hay G. relatar cómo en dos ocasiones a él le tocó quedarse sin Scouters y salir adelante por decisión de la Corte de Honor.



NOTAS DE LA CONFERENCIA DE OLAGARAY

“Baden Powell y Roland Philipps escribieron sobre los fundamentos del sistema de Patrullas y su importancia para el funcionamiento de una Tropa de Scouts”

“Baden Powell escribió sobre las Tropas que quedaban sin Maestros Scouts en los años de la primera guerra mundial y cómo los Guías de Patrulla asumieron las tareas que les encomendó”

“Cuando la Corte de Honor lo promovía, mujeres se desempeñaban como Maestras Scouts”

“Baden Powell escribió sobre la labor de los Guías de Patrulla en las tareas que les asignó durante la primera guerra mundial y cómo los muchachos se comprometieron con ellas, al grado que un gran número de Scouts lograron las insignias especiales de servicio durante el conflicto.”

“En esos años se formaron en el Reino Unido, organizaciones denominadas “legiones de Guías de Patrulla” que fueron resultado del liderazgo de los muchachos”

“En los cursos de la Insignia de Madera se incluyen pláticas sobre el sistema de Patrullas por 1 hora y 15 minutos, pero se practica durante 7 a 8 días”

NOTAS DE LA CONFERENCIA DE OLAGARAY

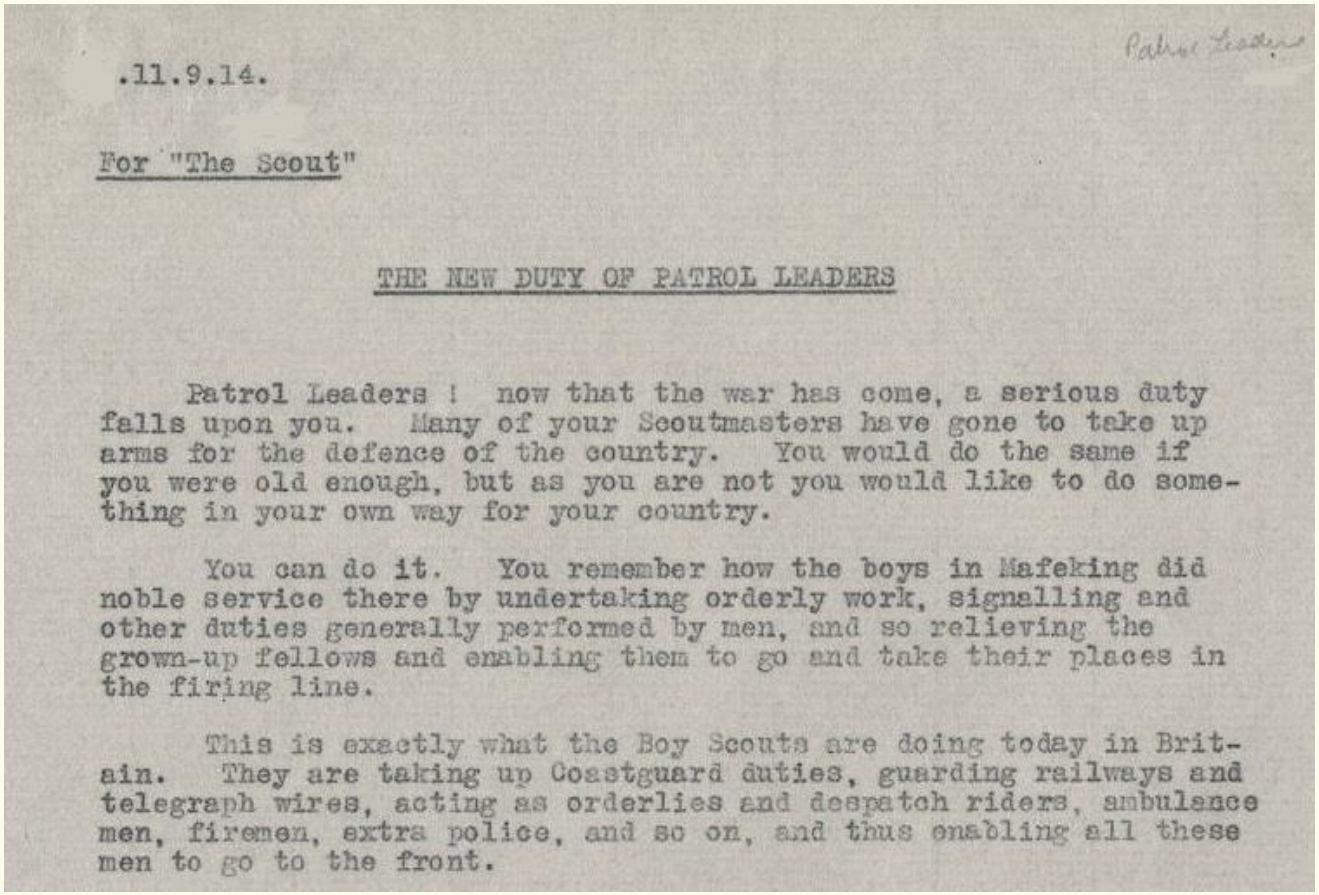
Nota. Vera C. Barclay, la legendaria dirigente de Lobatos en el Reino Unido fue una de esas Maestras Scouts y escribiría que solo lo fue porque las Cortes de Honor lo aceptaban.

DOCUMENTOS HISTÓRICOS DE LA ASOCIACIÓN BRITÁNICA

A continuación se presentan varios documentos históricos que muestran la efectividad del sistema de patrullas durante los años difíciles para el Movimiento Scout durante la primera guerra mundial. Los temas son:

- **Los nuevos deberes que BP establece para los guías de patrulla, durante los años del conflicto.**
- **Mujeres como Maestras Scouts y las Cortes de Honor.**
- **La organización propia de los Guías de Patrulla para mantener la unidad y entusiasmo, a través del intercambio y la mística.**

Nuevos deberes de los Guías de Patrulla, escrito por BP en 1914



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For "The Scout"

THE NEW DUTY OF PATROL LEADERS

Patrol Leaders ! now that the war has come, a serious duty falls upon you. Many of your Scoutmasters have gone to take up arms for the defence of the country. You would do the same if you were old enough, but as you are not you would like to do something in your own way for your country.

You can do it. You remember how the boys in Mafeking did noble service there by undertaking orderly work, signalling and other duties generally performed by men, and so relieving the grown-up fellows and enabling them to go and take their places in the firing line.

This is exactly what the Boy Scouts are doing today in Britain. They are taking up Coastguard duties, guarding railways and telegraph wires, acting as orderlies and despatch riders, ambulance men, firemen, extra police, and so on, and thus enabling all these men to go to the front.

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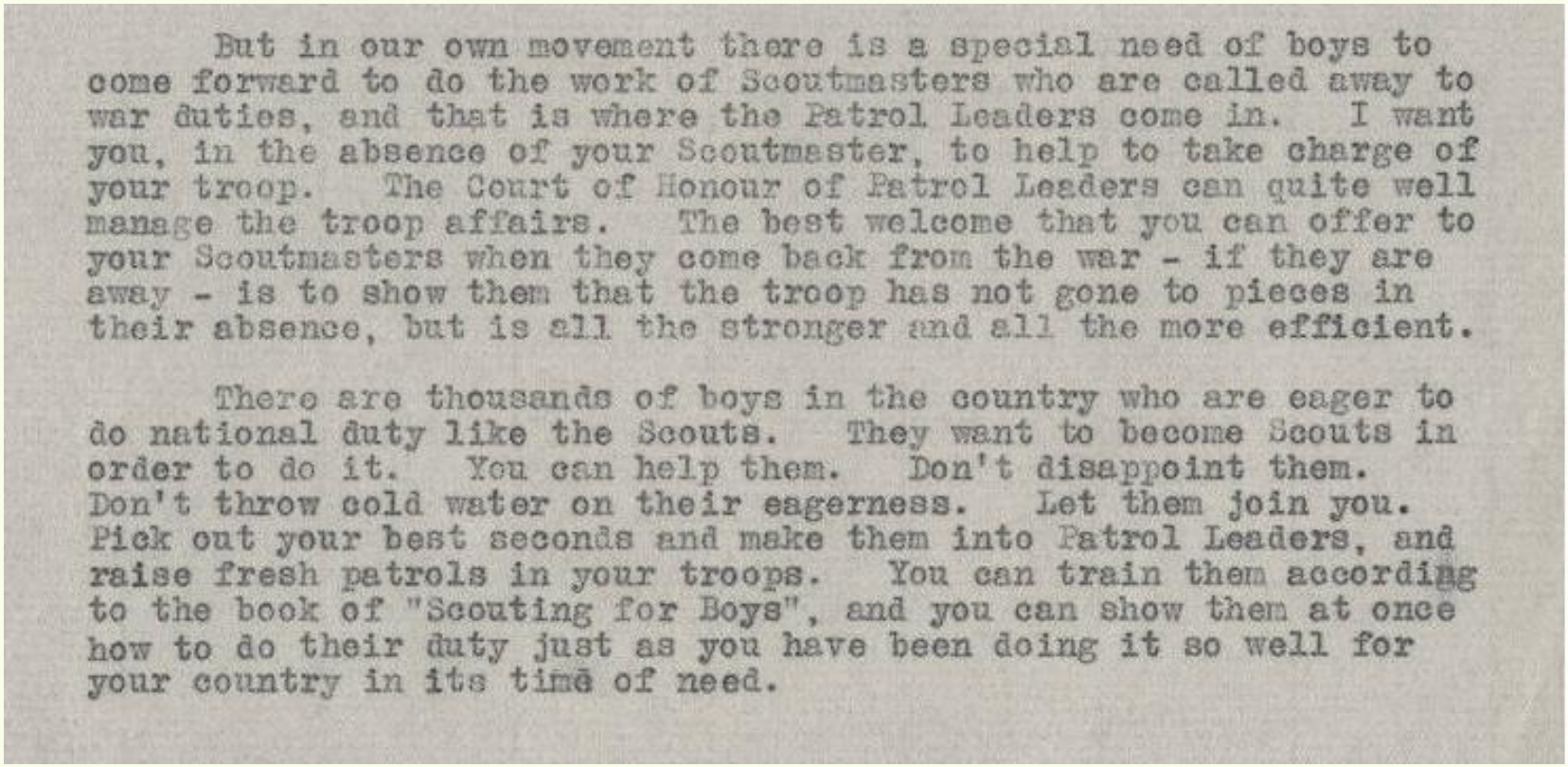


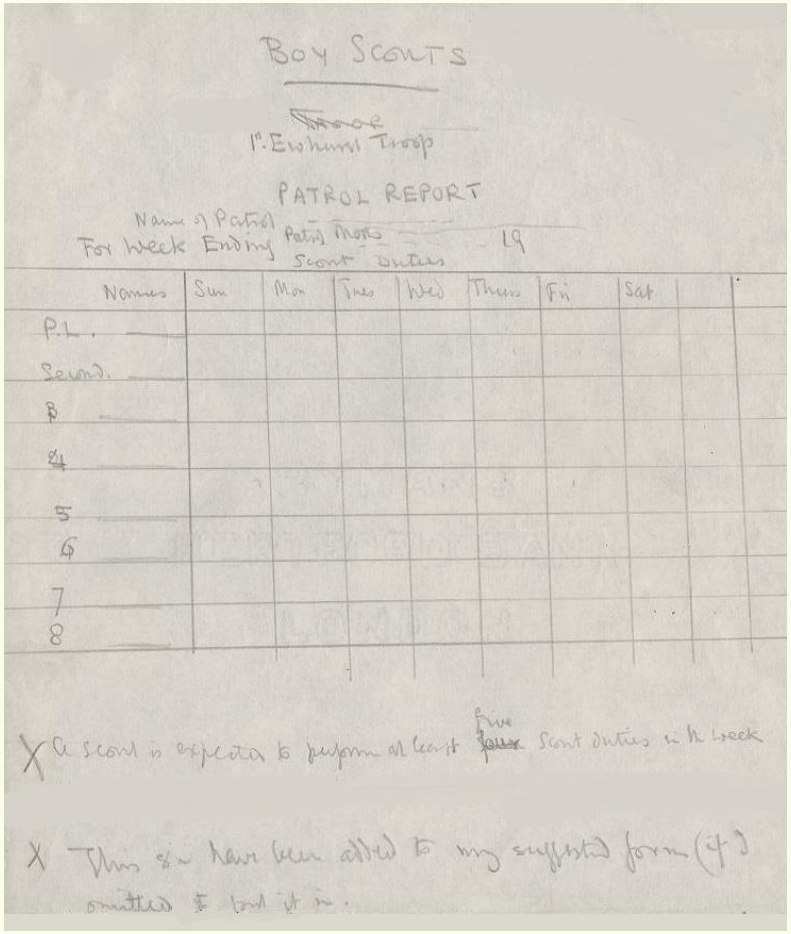
But in our own movement there is a special need of boys to come forward to do the work of Scoutmasters who are called away to war duties, and that is where the Patrol Leaders come in. I want you, in the absence of your Scoutmaster, to help to take charge of your troop. The Court of Honour of Patrol Leaders can quite well manage the troop affairs. The best welcome that you can offer to your Scoutmasters when they come back from the war - if they are away - is to show them that the troop has not gone to pieces in their absence, but is all the stronger and all the more efficient.

There are thousands of boys in the country who are eager to do national duty like the Scouts. They want to become Scouts in order to do it. You can help them. Don't disappoint them. Don't throw cold water on their eagerness. Let them join you. Pick out your best seconds and make them into Patrol Leaders, and raise fresh patrols in your troops. You can train them according to the book of "Scouting for Boys", and you can show them at once how to do their duty just as you have been doing it so well for your country in its time of need.

Este mensaje fue publicado en la revista “The Scout” y movilizó a miles de Scouts en las acciones ahí mencionadas. Existe, en la colección de pinturas de la Asociación del Reino Unido y la Comunidad Británica, un cuadro ejemplar de las acciones de los muchachos.

Carlos, Ernest Stafford
Coast Watching, circa 1914-1918

Es interesante cómo Baden Powell contestaba a las preguntas que le hacían los muchachos y dirigentes, por ejemplo un diseño de informe de Patrulla para registrar las acciones de los integrantes.
Estos informes servirían después de base para lograr las insignias de servicio por días acumulados.



BOY SCOUTS

1st Ewhurst Troop

PATROL REPORT

Name of Patrol Patrol Notes

For Week Ending Scout Duties 19

Names	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat		
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Second.									
3									
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6									
7									
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X A scout is expected to perform at least ~~four~~ five Scout duties in the week

X This should have been added to my suggested form (if omitted I had it in.

Ejemplo de insignia de días acumulados de servicio prestado

DOCUMENTOS HISTÓRICOS DE LA ASOCIACIÓN BRITÁNICA

Ejemplo de carta a BP a Guías de Patrulla en 1916

Patrol Leaders

TELEGRAMS: "SCOUTCRAFT, LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ~~5864 GERRARD~~ VICTORIA 8654.
(2 lines.)

IN REPLY PLEASE ADDRESS
THE SECRETARY,
AND QUOTE.....

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION,
116, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

1st February 1916.

Dear Patrol Leaders,

I have been delighted to hear that although your Scoutmaster is away doing his bit in France and your Assistant Scoutmaster has enlisted, you are going to carry on the troop in their absence and to show them on their return after the war that they were right in leaving the responsibility on your shoulders.

If the troop continues to grow in efficiency and to keep up its numbers while your Scoutmaster is away, it will prove to him that you were "Prepared" to act in his absence and to keep things going just the same as if he were there.

I know you will do this, and you will not find it difficult if you stick very firmly to the Scout Promise and the Scout Law and let them be the first thing that you insist on in your patrols.

I shall watch your troop with the greatest interest in your Scoutmaster's absence, and I cordially wish you every success in tackling the job.

Yours sincerely,

The Patrol Leaders,
16th Nottingham B.P. Scouts.

Asociación de Scouts de México

DOCUMENTOS HISTÓRICOS DE LA ASOCIACIÓN BRITÁNICA

20th February 1916.

Dear Mr Hussey Jones,

I have received your letter on my return from France, and am very sorry to hear of the difficulties which you have had to face in working the Patrol system in your troop of Scouts.

At a time like this, when so many of the best Scouts are away on service, it is difficult to look at things in quite a normal light, and every troop is bound to go through a time of stress and difficulty; we are, for the time being, making bricks without straw, and all we can do is to do our very best to keep the troops going as well as possible until after the war, when we shall hope to take a big step forward.

In the meantime I can only recommend you to continue to trust your leaders and to put responsibility upon their shoulders and if you put into the work the whole of your tact, your sympathy, your broadmindedness and - above all, your sense of humour, I am convinced that you will succeed in the end, and that the results will be worth it.

With all good wishes,

Yours truly,

A.S.Hussey Jones, Esq.,
Chirk Cottage,
Old Paradise Street,
S.Lambeth, S.E.

Ejemplo de carta a BP a Maestro Scout en 1916, que manifiesta problemas para aplicar el sistema de patrullas.

Mujeres como Maestras Scouts y las Cortes de Honor

Otro tema, mencionado por Olagaray en su conferencia de 1966 fue la participación de mujeres como Maestras Scouts durante y posteriormente a la primera guerra mundial. La gran mayaría de los Maestros Scouts y Asistentes, se incorporaron a las fuerzas armadas y en muchos casos, no regresaron.

Recordemos que un gran número de Maestros Scouts eran militares y otra parte, maestros de escuelas.

Al término de la guerra, los que regresaron tuvieron que atender sus tareas y las vacantes por varios años, hasta que los Scouts mayores y Rovers se hacían nuevamente cargo de las unidades.

Las mujeres tenían que hacer las labores de los hombres y en el Movimiento Scout no fue distinto.

Mujeres como Maestras Scouts y las Cortes de Honor

Olagaray nos comentaba que se presentaron dos formas en que las mujeres se hicieron cargo de las Tropas en los primeros años y durante el conflicto.

Una de ellas, los Guías de Patrulla se acercaban a una maestra de escuela o a una joven que le gustaban los deportes (como fue el caso de Vera C. Barclay y su hermana, Angela)

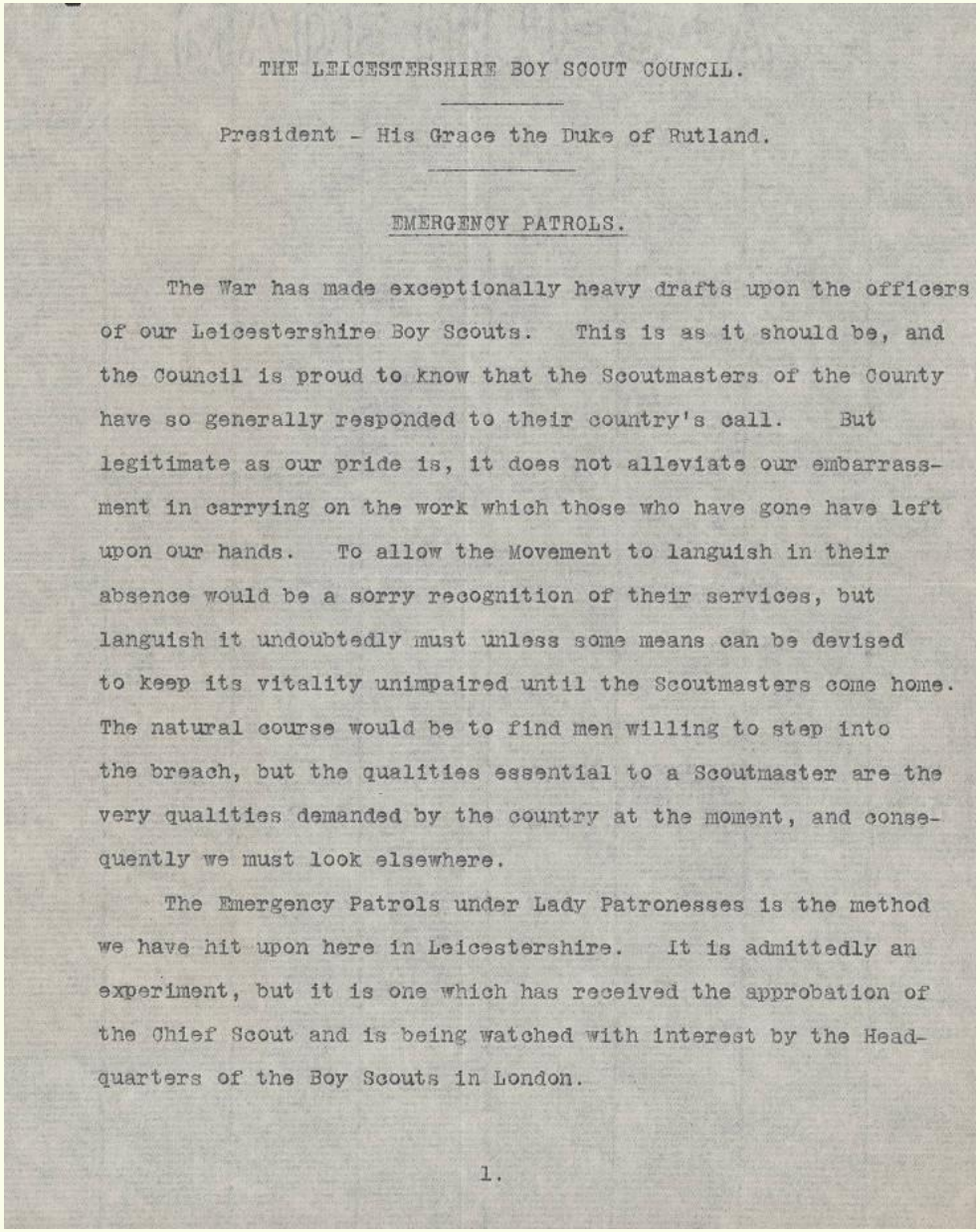
La Asociación local o los Comisionados a nivel Distrito o Provincia, localizaban a alguna joven o mamá dispuesta a serlo y se la proponían a la Tropa.

En ambos caminos, los Guías de Patrulla tenían una intervención definitiva. Vera C. Barclay narraba que cada año, les preguntaba a los Guías si seguía o no, a cargo de la Tropa.

Mujeres como Maestras Scouts y las Cortes de Honor

Los documentos al respecto son numerosos. Se presentan dos de ellos, a manera de ejemplo.

El primero es una propuesta que una Asociación local le envía a BP y el segundo, un aviso en el periódico, solicitando el apoyo de las mujeres.



THE LEICESTERSHIRE BOY SCOUT COUNCIL.

President - His Grace the Duke of Rutland.

EMERGENCY PATROLS.

The War has made exceptionally heavy drafts upon the officers of our Leicestershire Boy Scouts. This is as it should be, and the Council is proud to know that the Scoutmasters of the County have so generally responded to their country's call. But legitimate as our pride is, it does not alleviate our embarrassment in carrying on the work which those who have gone have left upon our hands. To allow the Movement to languish in their absence would be a sorry recognition of their services, but languish it undoubtedly must unless some means can be devised to keep its vitality unimpaired until the Scoutmasters come home. The natural course would be to find men willing to step into the breach, but the qualities essential to a Scoutmaster are the very qualities demanded by the country at the moment, and consequently we must look elsewhere.

The Emergency Patrols under Lady Patronesses is the method we have hit upon here in Leicestershire. It is admittedly an experiment, but it is one which has received the approbation of the Chief Scout and is being watched with interest by the Headquarters of the Boy Scouts in London.

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Mujeres como Maestras Scouts y las Cortes de Honor

Briefly the scheme is as follows:-

An effort is being made to find a lady or ladies in every parish in the county to act as Patroness of a Patrol. Her duty will be to procure and peruse a copy of the Chief Scout's book "Scouting for Boys" (price 1s/-). She will then be asked to select from her parish an intelligent boy of 9 years of age or upwards and instruct him privately in the elements of Scouthood as laid down in this book. Her aim will be to inspire him with the desire to join a Scout Troop when the opportunity for so doing presents itself to him. She will teach him the Scout Law and the other requirements of the Tenderfoot Test, and when qualified pass him as a Tenderfoot. Then she will commission him to raise a patrol of not exceeding 8 from amongst his schoolfellows and friends and administer to them the training she has given him, keeping her of course in touch with all he is doing.

The Patroness will not be expected to drill, march or camp with her patrol, but where such things are undertaken the Patrol Leader will take charge and be responsible to his Patroness for their proper conduct.

A Patroness is not a Scoutmistress and no attempt should be made to form a Troop of Scouts. If more boys than the requisite number for a patrol are forthcoming, a second Patroness should be found, or failing this, a second patrol should be formed. Rivalry between patrols will be found to be beneficial.

It must never be lost sight of that the object of these Emergency Patrols is to prepare the ground and preserve the material for the Scoutmasters on their return, but it may ultimately be found practicable to continue the patrols as feeders to the Troops.

Stress should be laid upon the chivalry and romance of the Boy Scout Movement. Loyalty and patriotism should be inculcated and the doing of at least one good turn a day insisted upon.

The finance of the patrol should be undertaken by the Patroness. This need not be a formidable obstacle, as the outfit will consist simply of a Scout Hat (2s/6), belt (1s/-), and light pole (6d).

On passing the Tenderfoot test a boy will be allowed to wear the Scout Buttonhole Badge (1d) and the Patrol Leader will wear the ordinary Patrol Leader's Badge (4d) in his hat and carry the Patrol Flag.

Each patrol should have its ~~token~~ totem and patrol call.

Patronesses will be entitled to wear the badge of a Lady Worker (2s/6).

Patrols must be registered at the Headquarters of the Leicestershire Boy Scout Council.

All communications and applications for badges (accompanied by a remittance) must be addressed to the Secretary, Leicestershire Boy Scout Council, 2 New Walk, Leicester.

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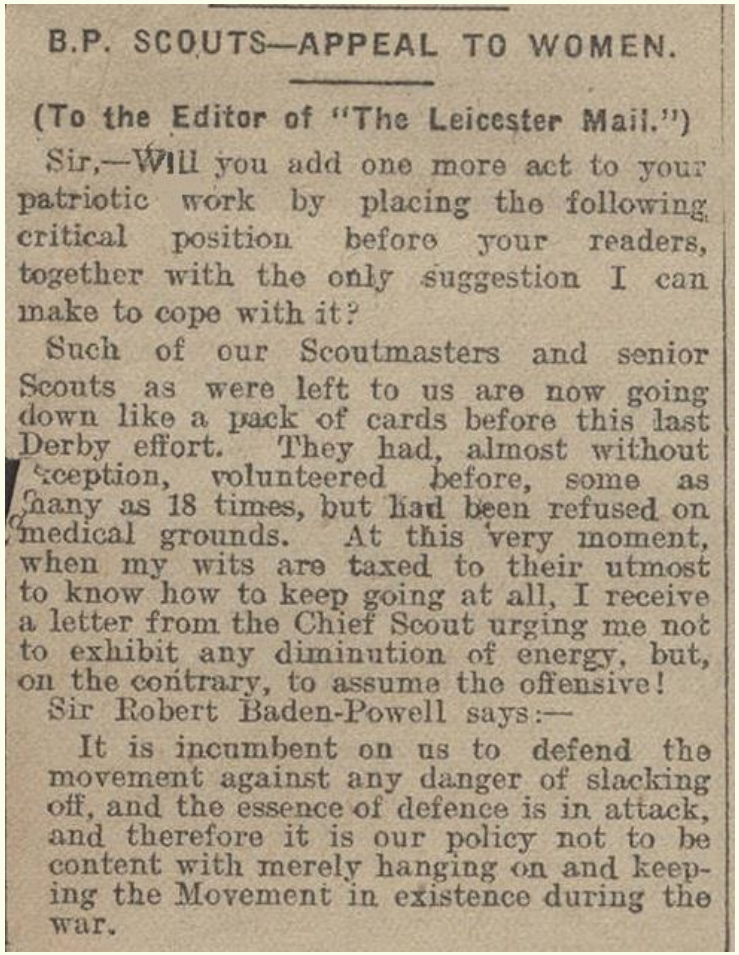


B.P. SCOUTS—APPEAL TO WOMEN.

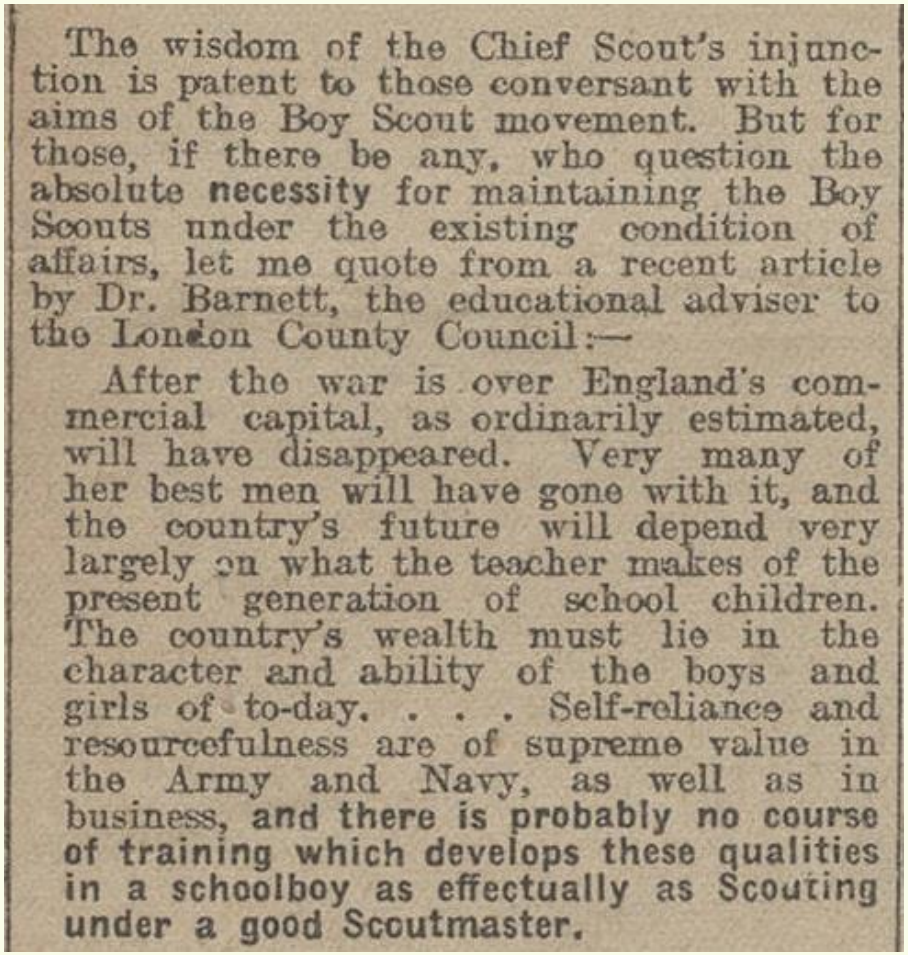
(To the Editor of "The Leicester Mail.")

Sir,—Will you add one more act to your patriotic work by placing the following critical position before your readers, together with the only suggestion I can make to cope with it?

Such of our Scoutmasters and senior Scouts as were left to us are now going down like a pack of cards before this last Derby effort. They had, almost without exception, volunteered before, some as many as 18 times, but had been refused on medical grounds. At this very moment, when my wits are taxed to their utmost to know how to keep going at all, I receive a letter from the Chief Scout urging me not to exhibit any diminution of energy, but, on the contrary, to assume the offensive!

Sir Robert Baden-Powell says:—

It is incumbent on us to defend the movement against any danger of slacking off, and the essence of defence is in attack, and therefore it is our policy not to be content with merely hanging on and keeping the Movement in existence during the war.



The wisdom of the Chief Scout's injunction is patent to those conversant with the aims of the Boy Scout movement. But for those, if there be any, who question the absolute necessity for maintaining the Boy Scouts under the existing condition of affairs, let me quote from a recent article by Dr. Barnett, the educational adviser to the London County Council:—

After the war is over England's commercial capital, as ordinarily estimated, will have disappeared. Very many of her best men will have gone with it, and the country's future will depend very largely on what the teacher makes of the present generation of school children. The country's wealth must lie in the character and ability of the boys and girls of to-day. . . . Self-reliance and resourcefulness are of supreme value in the Army and Navy, as well as in business, and there is probably no course of training which develops these qualities in a schoolboy as effectually as Scouting under a good Scoutmaster.

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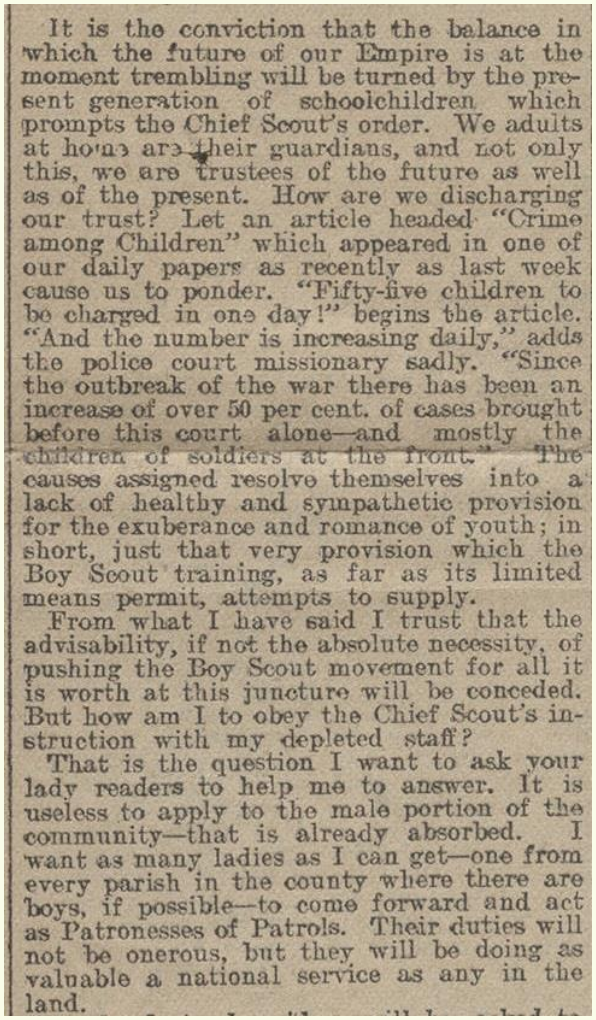
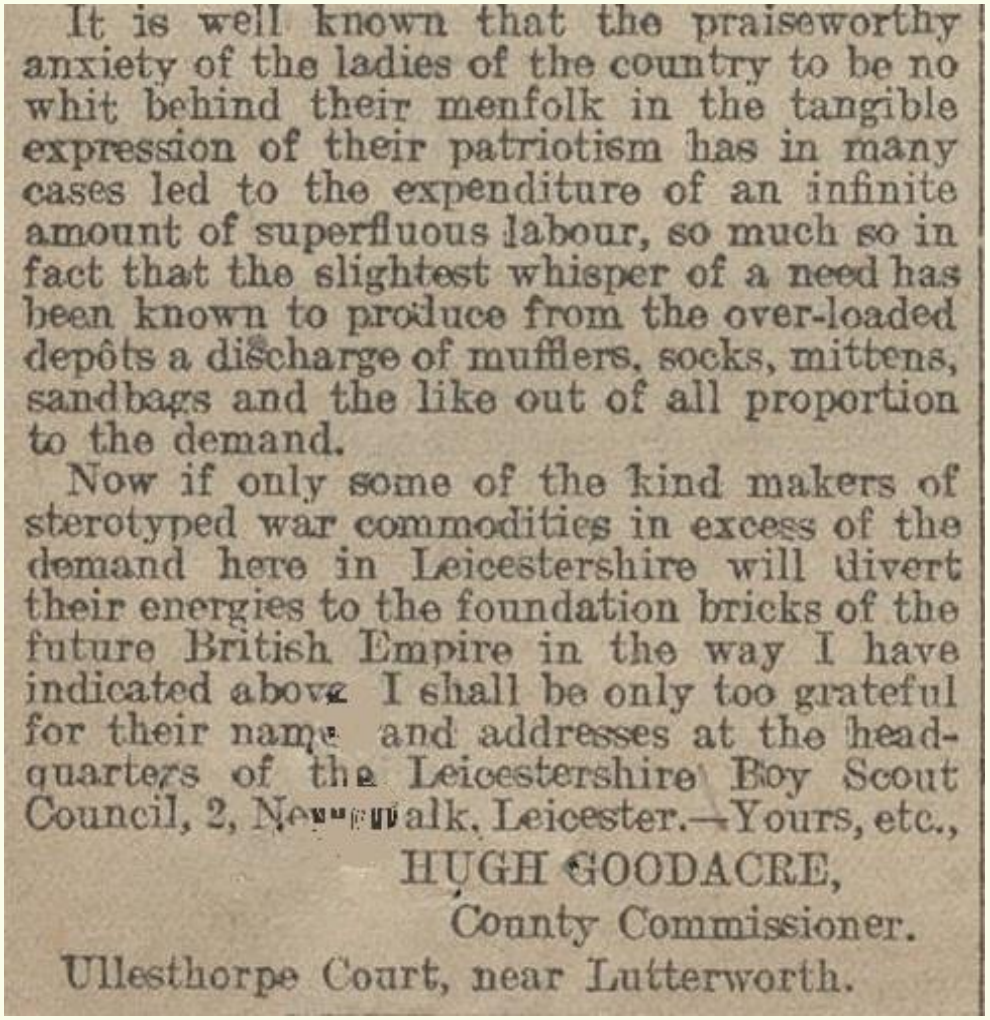


It is the conviction that the balance in which the future of our Empire is at the moment trembling will be turned by the present generation of schoolchildren which prompts the Chief Scout's order. We adults at home are their guardians, and not only this, we are trustees of the future as well as of the present. How are we discharging our trust? Let an article headed "Crime among Children" which appeared in one of our daily papers as recently as last week cause us to ponder. "Fifty-five children to be charged in one day!" begins the article. "And the number is increasing daily," adds the police court missionary sadly. "Since the outbreak of the war there has been an increase of over 50 per cent. of cases brought before this court alone—and mostly the children of soldiers at the front." The causes assigned resolve themselves into a lack of healthy and sympathetic provision for the exuberance and romance of youth; in short, just that very provision which the Boy Scout training, as far as its limited means permit, attempts to supply.

From what I have said I trust that the advisability, if not the absolute necessity, of pushing the Boy Scout movement for all it is worth at this juncture will be conceded. But how am I to obey the Chief Scout's instruction with my depleted staff?

That is the question I want to ask your lady readers to help me to answer. It is useless to apply to the male portion of the community—that is already absorbed. I want as many ladies as I can get—one from every parish in the county where there are boys, if possible—to come forward and act as Patronesses of Patrols. Their duties will not be onerous, but they will be doing as valuable a national service as any in the land.



It is well known that the praiseworthy anxiety of the ladies of the country to be no whit behind their menfolk in the tangible expression of their patriotism has in many cases led to the expenditure of an infinite amount of superfluous labour, so much so in fact that the slightest whisper of a need has been known to produce from the over-loaded depôts a discharge of mufflers, socks, mittens, sandbags and the like out of all proportion to the demand.

Now if only some of the kind makers of sterotyped war commodities in excess of the demand here in Leicestershire will divert their energies to the foundation bricks of the future British Empire in the way I have indicated above I shall be only too grateful for their name and addresses at the headquarters of the Leicestershire Boy Scout Council, 2, Newmarket, Leicester.—Yours, etc.,

HUGH GOODACRE,
County Commissioner.

Ullesthorpe Court, near Lutterworth.

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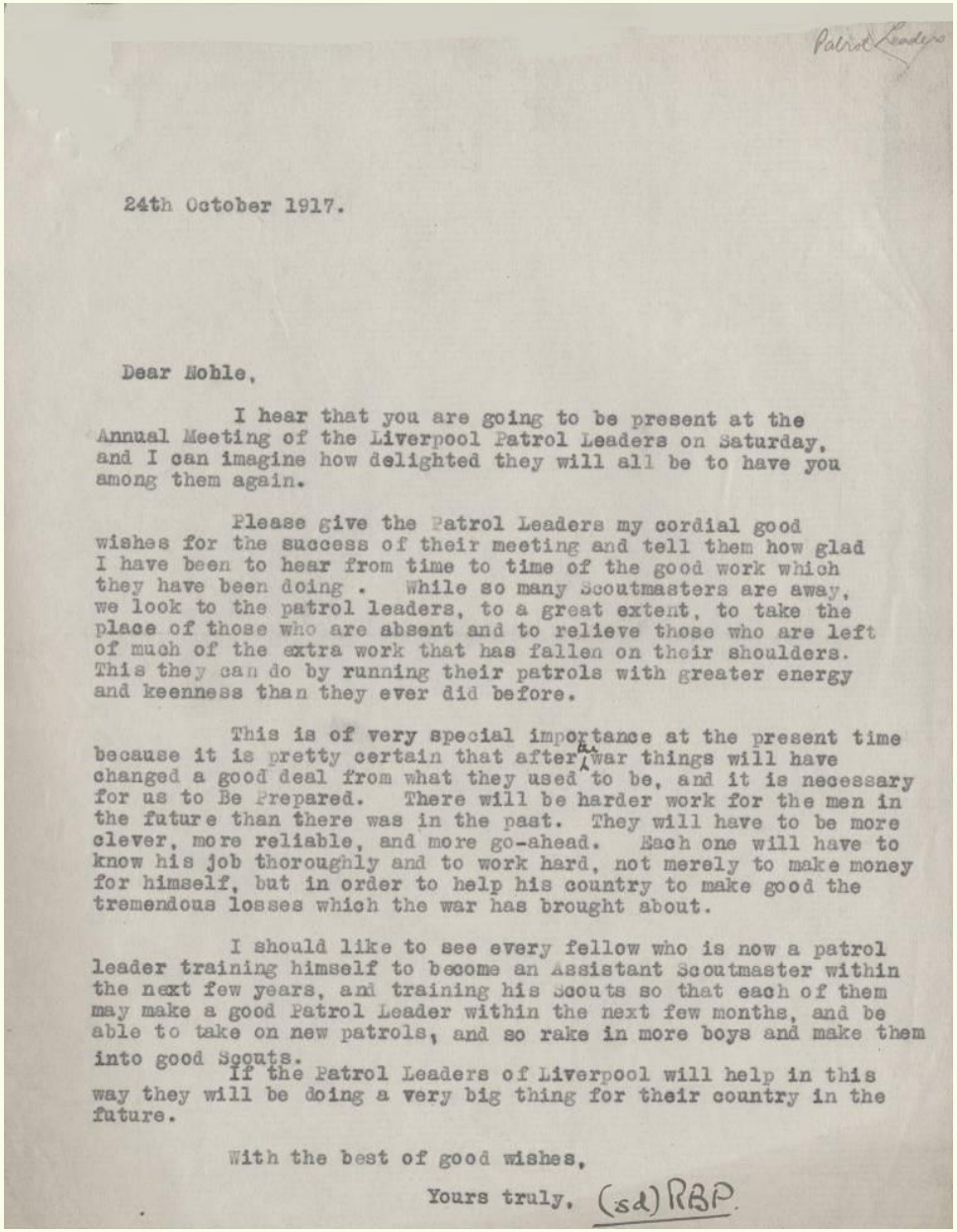
Uno de los medios de unidad de los Guías de Patrulla fueron las primeras Conferencias de Guías de Patrulla.

Ver el siguiente mensaje que envía BP a los participantes en una de ellas.



Patrol Leaders

24th October 1917.

Dear Mohle,

I hear that you are going to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Liverpool Patrol Leaders on Saturday, and I can imagine how delighted they will all be to have you among them again.

Please give the Patrol Leaders my cordial good wishes for the success of their meeting and tell them how glad I have been to hear from time to time of the good work which they have been doing . While so many Scoutmasters are away, we look to the patrol leaders, to a great extent, to take the place of those who are absent and to relieve those who are left of much of the extra work that has fallen on their shoulders. This they can do by running their patrols with greater energy and keenness than they ever did before.

This is of very special importance at the present time because it is pretty certain that after the war things will have changed a good deal from what they used to be, and it is necessary for us to Be Prepared. There will be harder work for the men in the future than there was in the past. They will have to be more clever, more reliable, and more go-ahead. Each one will have to know his job thoroughly and to work hard, not merely to make money for himself, but in order to help his country to make good the tremendous losses which the war has brought about.

I should like to see every fellow who is now a patrol leader training himself to become an Assistant Scoutmaster within the next few years, and training his Scouts so that each of them may make a good Patrol Leader within the next few months, and be able to take on new patrols, and so rake in more boys and make them into good Scouts.

If the Patrol Leaders of Liverpool will help in this way they will be doing a very big thing for their country in the future.

With the best of good wishes,

Yours truly, (sd) RBP.

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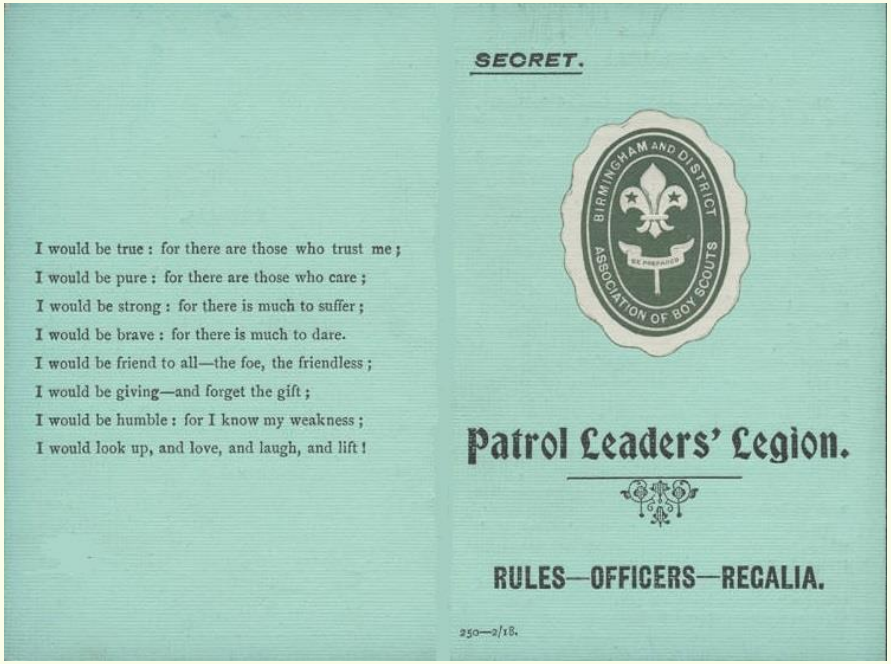
Otro camino fueron las famosas Legiones de Guías de Patrulla que se organizaron en varias poblaciones del Reino Unido. Es interesante ver cómo se llenaron de mística los muchachos para cumplir con los deberes que BP les pidió que adoptaran.

Aquí una copia de un folleto sobre las legiones.



I would be true : for there are those who trust me ;
I would be pure : for there are those who care ;
I would be strong : for there is much to suffer ;
I would be brave : for there is much to dare.
I would be friend to all—the foe, the friendless ;
I would be giving—and forget the gift ;
I would be humble : for I know my weakness ;
I would look up, and love, and laugh, and lift !

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BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF BOY SCOUTS

Patrol Leaders' Legion.

RULES—OFFICERS—REGALIA.

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OFFICERS.

The H. shall preside at all meetings of the Lodge. He shall conduct the interrogation part of each Ceremony. All present shall obey his instructions.

The L. shall conduct the instructional part, and voice the secrets of the Order at each Ceremony.

The Sr. shall prepare the Lodge for each Ceremony in accordance with the requirements of the Order.

The Se. shall take notes of all proceedings, prepare the minutes, and read same at each Lodge Meeting.

The C. S. shall receive all applications for Membership of the Legion, verify the data, and report thereon to the Lodge Meetings.

The C. shall prepare all notices calling Meetings of the Lodge, and forward a copy of same to each member seven days prior to Lodge Meeting.

The Treasurer shall receive all entrance fees, subscriptions, and other fees due to the Legion, keep an accurate record of same, and forward amounts each month to the Chief Treasurer.

The M. shall be at the service of Candidates, Initiates and others during each Ceremony.

The Mn. shall accompany the singing in connection with all Lodge Ceremonies.

The G. shall be responsible for the admission of all who enter Lodge Meetings, and admit only those who are duly authorized to be present.

The D. shall instruct all Candidates, Initiates, and others who are preparing for the Ceremonies of the Order and receive them into Lodge Meeting.

Birmingham & District Association of Boy Scouts

PATROL LEADERS' LEGION.

Motto: "Service—not Self."

1.—The name of the Order shall be the "*Patrol Leaders' Legion.*"

2.—The object of the Legion shall be:

(*a*) To bind together in an order of friendship and service all approved Patrol Leaders of 14 years of age and upwards who have been Leaders of Patrols for at least six months.

(*b*) To form a fund for the help of Members who may, in the opinion of the Officers of the *Chief Scout* Lodge, be in need of help at any time.

(*c*) To devise ways and means in accordance with the secrets and mysteries of the Order, to form the character and develop the personality of its members.

3.—The Entrance Fee shall be Sixpence, and the Subscription 2d. each Lodge Meeting. Subscriptions will not be required of absentees.

4.—The Legion shall consist of not more than sixteen Lodges, in addition to the Governing Lodge.

5.—The Governing Lodge of the Legion shall be called "*The Chief Scout*" Lodge, and shall consist of the H. and L. of each Lodge and all *Knights* of the Order. There shall be a festival of the Order held in January of each year, in which all the *Legionarys*, *Honorary Legionarys* and all *Knights* shall take part.

6.—The Head of the Order shall be the C.D., and he shall appoint the D. for each of the sixteen Lodges.

7.—A D. of a Lodge must be over 19 years of age and need not necessarily have been either a *Legionary* or *Knight* of the Order.

8.—A Lodge shall consist of not less than ten and not more than thirty-two members. The proceedings at each Lodge Meeting shall be strictly in accordance with the Book of Ceremonies of the Order.

9.—Each Lodge shall hold a Meeting at least once each month for the purpose of the initiation, examination and admission of candidates for membership. No Lodge Meeting can be held unless at least ten members are present.

10.—No Lodge may be opened that has not been authorized by the *Chief Scout Lodge*, and duly consecrated by them to the service of the Order.

11.—A Charter granting a name to and authorizing the Meetings of a Lodge shall be issued bearing the signatures of the C.D., C.H. and C.S.

12.—The Officers, of whom there shall not be more than ten in number, shall be elected at the Annual Loduly Meeting to be held in October, or at any other time when a vacancy occurs.

13.—The Officers shall be elected by ballot, 25% of adverse votes to constitute a rejection.

14.—There shall be a H., L., Sr., Se., C.S., C., T., G., M., and Mn., elected in accordance with the foregoing.

15.—There shall be a deputy elected to act in the absence of any Officer, in the same way that Officers are elected, and they shall be successor to their own Chief in the succeeding year.

16.—*A Legionary* is a Candidate who has been initiated, examined and admitted into the Legion at a properly constituted Lodge.

17.—All *Legionarys* who have served for one year as deputy, and for another year as Officer, shall rank as *Knight* and wear the Regalia of such at all Lodge Meetings.

18.—No *Legionary* may hold office for more than one year, and cannot afterwards serve as officer other than D.

19.—The D. may, however, continue in office with the sanction in writing of the C.D. each year.

20.—*Legionarys* cannot retain membership of a Lodge after passing their nineteenth birthday, or after they have severed their connection with a Scout Troop, but may remain a member of the *Chief Scout Lodge* providing they are *Knights* of the Order.

21.—*Legionarys*, at the Lodge Meeting following their admission, shall receive a *Chief Scout Lodge* certificate, stating the dates of their initiation, examination and admission, signed by the C.H. and the C.D.

22.—No candidate may pass more than one stage at any one meeting. A Candidate cannot attend an examination ceremony until he has been initiated, nor an admission ceremony until he has been through the

examination ceremony. All *Legionarys* must at every Lodge Meeting, properly convened for ceremonial purposes, wear the approved Regalia of their rank. Regalia must not be worn on any other occasion without the sanction of the C.D.

23.—A *Legionary* who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of his Lodge shall be expelled from the Order, unless the reason he furnishes for each absence is acceptable to the H. of his Lodge.

24.—Any *Legionary* who is guilty of divulging any of the secrets, or who fails to observe all the laws of the Order, with which he shall have been made acquainted, shall be placed on the "Red List," and shall be subject to the penalties applying thereto.

25.—Each Lodge Treasurer shall pay to the Chief Treasurer all Entrance Fees, Certificate Charges and Subscriptions received by him.

26.—An Honorary *Legionary* must be over 19 years of age, and must have obtained the freedom of a Lodge in accordance with the Book of Ceremonies of the Order.

27.—Honorary *Legionarys* may only attend a Lodge Meeting by invitation of the H. of his Lodge, or C.D. Such invitation to be available only for the date it bears.

28.—An Honorary *Legionary* shall pay an entrance fee of half-a-crown.

Amendments or additions to these Rules may only be made by the *Chief Scout Lodge*. Any such proposals must be notified in writing to the C.D., who will report same to the *Chief Scout Lodge*, and a vote taken by ballot at the subsequent Lodge Meeting will confirm or reject such amendments or additions.

REGALIA.

A Legionary shall wear the neck ribbon of the Order, which shall be a ribbon 1½ inches wide, green with a gold centre stripe and a badge of gilt metal showing the Fleur-de-Lys with compass surmounted.

An Officer shall, in addition, wear gauntlets of green material edged with gold coloured piping.

A Knight shall wear the neck ribbon of the Order, gold with a green centre stripe and a badge of silver, also gauntlets gold edged with green piping.

All gauntlets shall be embroidered in gold silk stating the rank of the wearer.

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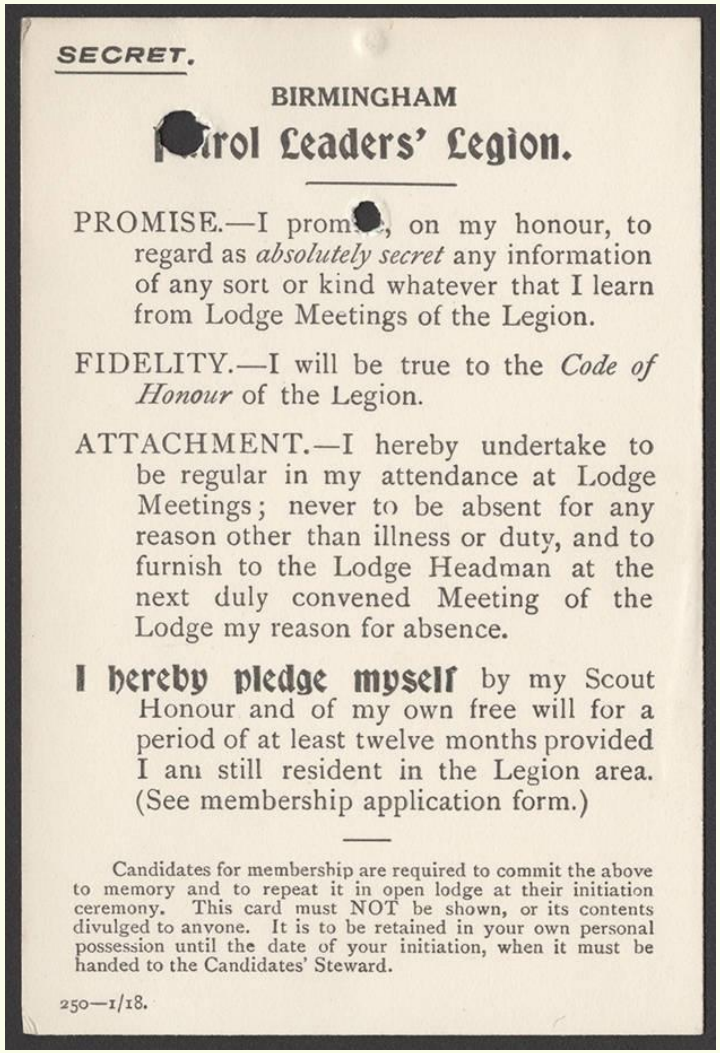

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Patrol Leaders' Legion.

PROMISE.—I promise, on my honour, to regard as *absolutely secret* any information of any sort or kind whatever that I learn from Lodge Meetings of the Legion.

FIDELITY.—I will be true to the *Code of Honour* of the Legion.

ATTACHMENT.—I hereby undertake to be regular in my attendance at Lodge Meetings; never to be absent for any reason other than illness or duty, and to furnish to the Lodge Headman at the next duly convened Meeting of the Lodge my reason for absence.

I hereby pledge myself by my Scout Honour and of my own free will for a period of at least twelve months provided I am still resident in the Legion area. (See membership application form.)

Candidates for membership are required to commit the above to memory and to repeat it in open lodge at their initiation ceremony. This card must NOT be shown, or its contents divulged to anyone. It is to be retained in your own personal possession until the date of your initiation, when it must be handed to the Candidates' Steward.

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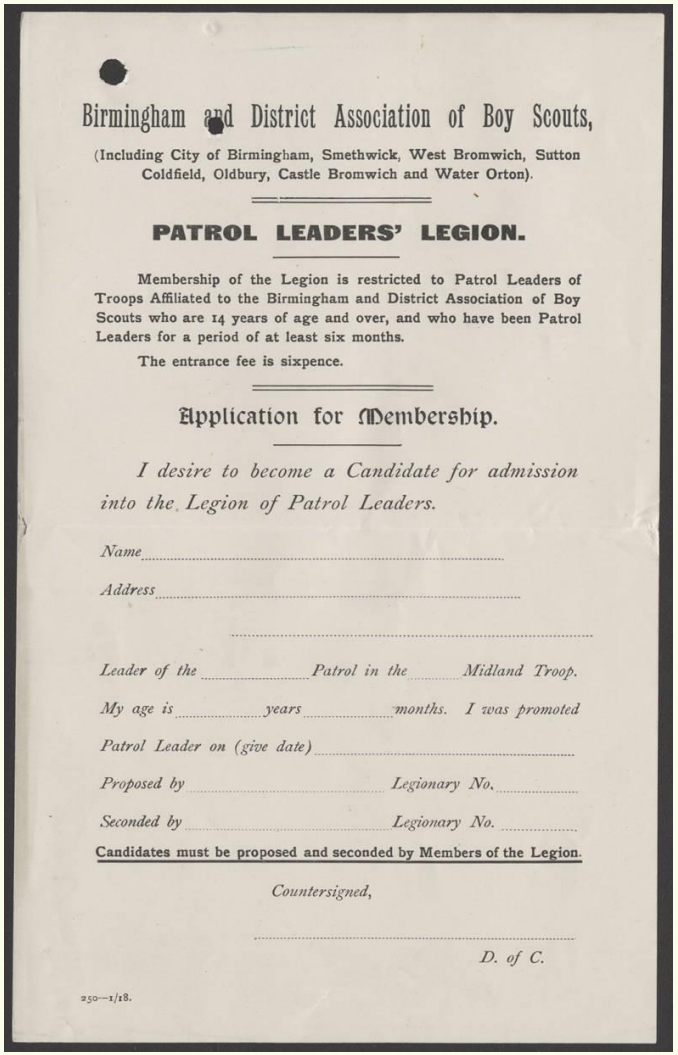

Birmingham and District Association of Boy Scouts,

(Including City of Birmingham, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Sutton Coldfield, Oldbury, Castle Bromwich and Water Orton).

PATROL LEADERS' LEGION.

Membership of the Legion is restricted to Patrol Leaders of Troops Affiliated to the Birmingham and District Association of Boy Scouts who are 14 years of age and over, and who have been Patrol Leaders for a period of at least six months.

The entrance fee is sixpence.

Application for Membership.

I desire to become a Candidate for admission into the Legion of Patrol Leaders.

Name .....

Address .....

.....

Leader of the ..... *Patrol in the* ..... *Midland Troop.*

My age is ..... *years* ..... *months. I was promoted*

Patrol Leader on (give date) .....

Proposed by ..... *Legionary No.* .....

Seconded by ..... *Legionary No.* .....

Candidates must be proposed and seconded by Members of the Legion.

Countersigned,

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D. of C.

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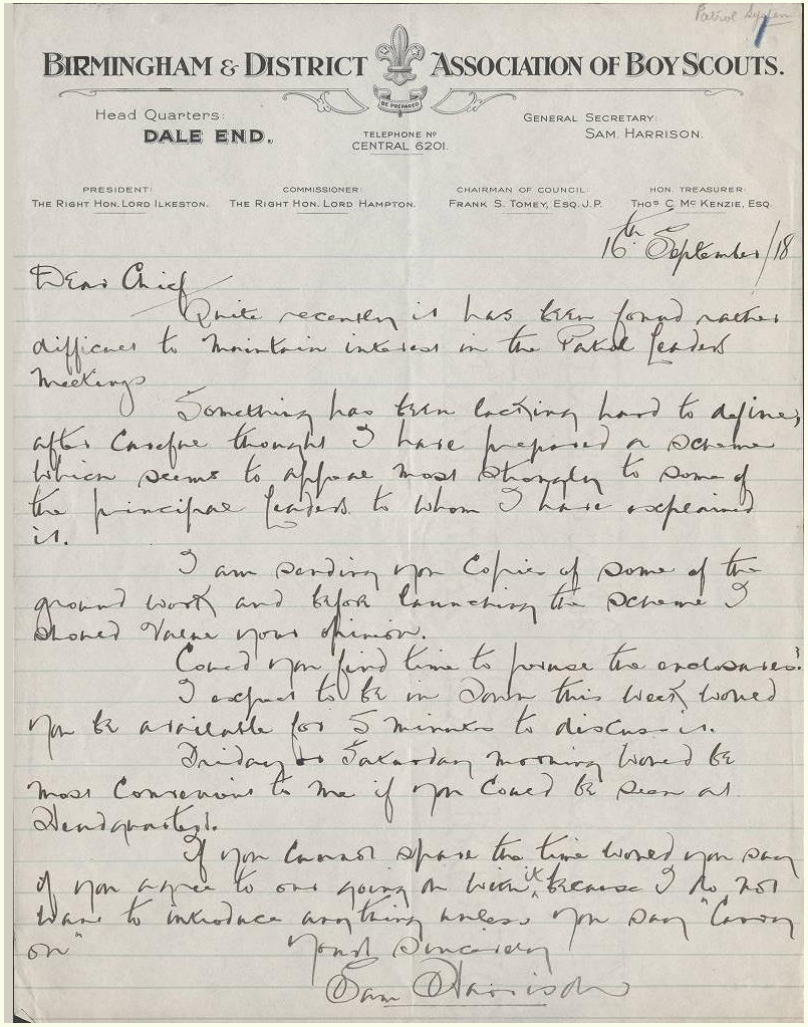


BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF BOY SCOUTS.

Head Quarters:
DALE END.

TELEPHONE Nº
CENTRAL 6201.

GENERAL SECRETARY:
SAM. HARRISON.

PRESIDENT:
THE RIGHT HON. LORD ILKESTON.

COMMISSIONER:
THE RIGHT HON. LORD HAMPTON.

CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL:
FRANK S. TOMEY, ESQ. J.P.

HON. TREASURER:
THOS C. Mc KENZIE, ESQ.

16th September/18

Dear Chief

Quite recently it has been forced rather
difficult to maintain interest in the Patrol Leaders
Meetings.

Something has been teaching hard to devise,
after Careful thought I have prepared a Scheme
which seems to appeal most strongly to some of
the principal leaders to whom I have explained
it.

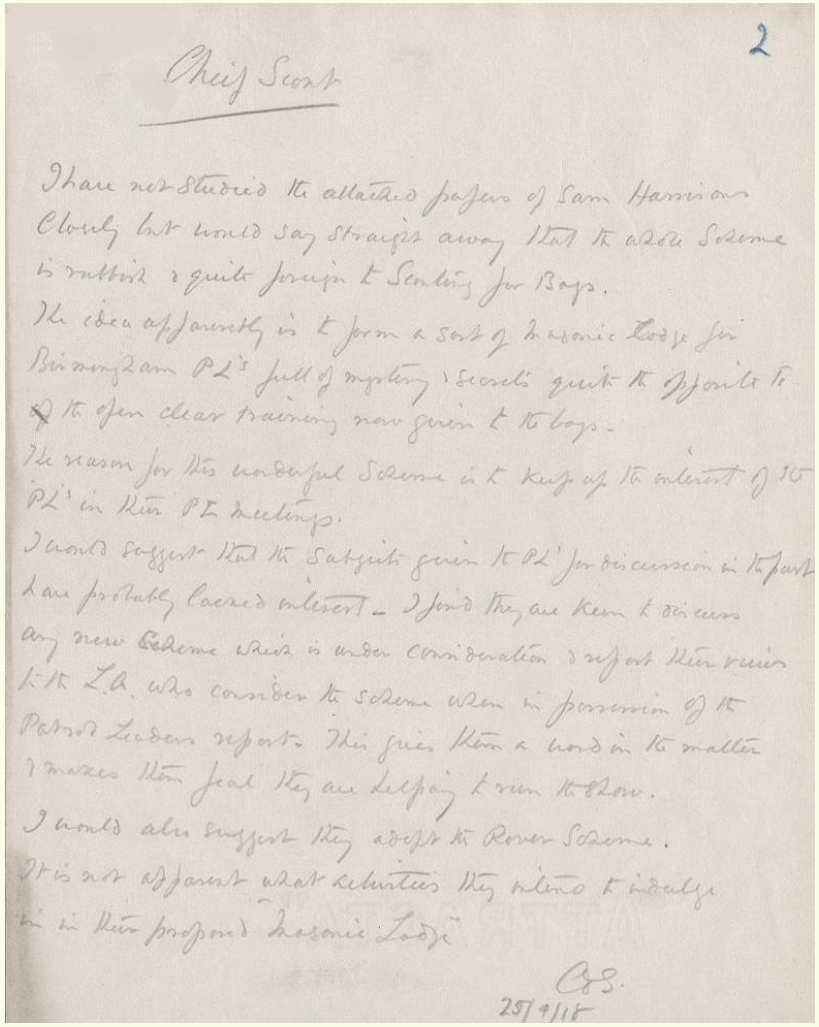
I am sending you Copies of some of the
ground work and before launching the Scheme I
should value your opinion.

Could you find time to peruse the enclosures?
I expect to be in Town this week, would
you be available for 5 minutes to discuss it.

Friday or Saturday morning would be
most convenient to me if you could be seen at
Headquarters.

If you cannot spare the time would you say
if you agree to our going on with it, because I do not
want to introduce anything unless you can Count
on it.

Yours Sincerely
Sam Harrison



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Chief Scout

I have not studied the attached papers of Sam Harrison
closely but would say straight away that the whole Scheme
is rubbish & quite foreign to Scouting for Boys.

The idea apparently is to form a sort of Masonic Lodge for
Birmingham PL's full of mystery & secrets quite opposite to
all the open clear training now given to the boys.

The reason for this wonderful Scheme is to keep up the interest of the
PL's in their PL meetings.

I would suggest that the Subjects given to PL's for discussion in the past
have probably lacked interest. I find they are keen to discuss
any new Scheme which is under consideration & report their views
to the L.A. who consider the scheme when in possession of the
Patrol Leaders reports. This gives them a hand in the matter
& makes them feel they are helping from the bottom.

I would also suggest they adopt the Rover Scheme.

It is not apparent what activities they intend to indulge
in in their proposed Masonic Lodge

C.S.
25/9/18

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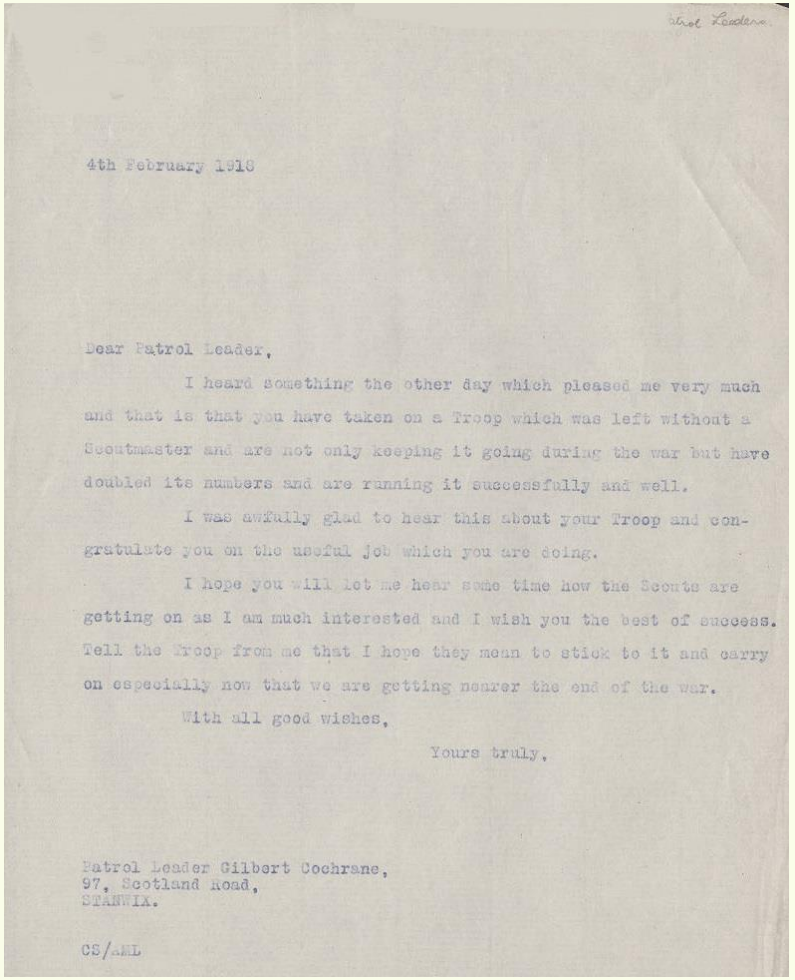
Olagaray no narraba del esfuerzo de Baden Powell por mantener activo el Movimiento Scout en tiempos difíciles y que ello fue posible gracias al sistema de Patrullas.



4th February 1918

Dear Patrol Leader,

I heard something the other day which pleased me very much and that is that you have taken on a Troop which was left without a Scoutmaster and are not only keeping it going during the war but have doubled its numbers and are running it successfully and well.

I was awfully glad to hear this about your Troop and congratulate you on the useful job which you are doing.

I hope you will let me hear some time how the Scouts are getting on as I am much interested and I wish you the best of success. Tell the Troop from me that I hope they mean to stick to it and carry on especially now that we are getting nearer the end of the war.

With all good wishes,

Yours truly,

Patrol Leader Gilbert Cochrane,
97, Scotland Road,
STANWIX.

CS/AML

Carlos, Ernest Stafford
Pathfinder, circa 1910s

Álbum dedicado a los inolvidables hermanos Scouts Juan Lainé, Paul Loewe Seeber y Germán Olagaray Palacios

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