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# Boy Scout First Days

By Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.  
Chairman, Research Committee, Co-Founder and Past President  
Scouts on Stamps Society International

There are now more than 1,000 Scout and leader members of SOSSI who collect Scout stamps. Most of these collectors also prefer FDC cacheted, if possible, for each Scout stamp issued. The earliest Scout stamps of Czechoslovakia 1918, Siam 1920, Hungary 1925 and Romania 1931 had few covers on first day dates and almost no interest in this collecting area was shown until 1937. At this time, the Netherlands and the Dutch East Indies issue FDC sponsored by the 5th World Scout Jamboree in Holland, an airlines company in the "Indies," and a few individual designs (in small quantities).

Scout cacheted FDC fall into three large groups, if you agree that there must be a postage stamp honoring or depicting Scouting, and an accepted date and location for the cancellation:

I. Official Scout FDC: These are sponsored by the Scout organizations, either local or national, and usually are for the purpose of raising funds for Scouting. *Example: Korea 1957*

II. Philatelic Dealers FDC: These are usually printed by professional individuals or large stamp companies in great quantities. *Example: USA 1950 (Art-master)*

III. Individual Cachet FDC: These are usually printed, mimeographed, rubber stamped or hand drawn in small quantities by collectors or Scout members (boy or adult). *Example: Philippines 1948, 1959*

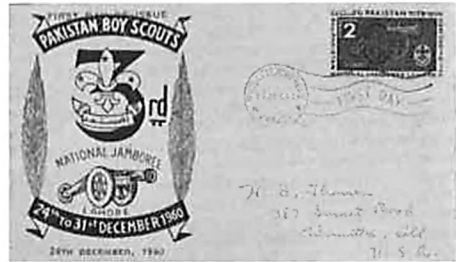
The various types of First Day Scout cancellations can be divided into these three groups:

A. Scout design, badge or lettering honoring a Scout Jamboree or Scouting event or anniversary. *Example: Brazil 1957*

B. Philatelic agency cancel common to many FDC of the country of issue. *Example: Pakistan 1960*

C. City, date and time known to be used on the First Day of Issue: *Example: Cuba 1957*

The most regretful cachets are those applied by dealers in a country



Standard philatelic bureau First Day cancellation.

not issuing the stamps and usually long after the First Day of Issue. One dealer prints the same design with different colors and wording. He evidently purchases quantities of the covers on plain envelopes, then determines the imprinting later according to the popularity. Most Scout collectors reject these cachets when known.

The most popular FDC for Scouts include a Scout stamp, Scout cancel, Scout cachet and Scout label or seal. However, the cachet may be applied with a rubber stamp by a Boy Scout at a Jamboree and be considered more worthy and interesting than the best



Korean official Scout First Day Cover.

printed envelope in four color process by dealers.

Values of FDC seem to be very much in proportion to the quantity and the design of the cachet. However, premiums are placed upon covers with Jamboree cancellations rather than just any city if there are various locations of First Day Covers.



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# Scouts on Stamps Checklist

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Scouts on Stamps Society International

Date	Country	Scott Cat. No.	Minkus Cat. No.	F. D. C. Notes, Cities, etc.
April 7, 1900	Cape of Good Hope Mafeking issue	178-180	Maf. 17-18	"Mafeking" cancel: April 10 had been the accepted date until a genuine cover dated April 7 was recently discovered
Nov. 7, 1918	Czechoslovakia Used on mail delivered by Sea Scouts during fight for liberation	Gibbons 1-4	L1-2	Praha: #3 and #4 were overprinted on Dec. 21, 1918 for one day postal use only.
Feb. (?), 1920	Siam (Thailand) Overprint Type I Regular stamps of Siam surcharged with tiger head and "Scouts Fund." Surcharge used to help finance the Young Tigers, the name by which the Boy Scouts of Siam were known.	B12-17	190-5	NagorPathom: Covers are very rare. Beware of fakes
Feb. (?), 1920	Siam (Ditto above) Type II Overprint Six unlisted post cards were also overprinted. (B12-23)	B18-23	196-201	Ban Pong; Dusit Covers are very rare Beware of fakes
Dec. 17, 1920	Siam (Ditto above) Type III Overprint Three unlisted government post cards overprinted also	B24-30	202-8	Ban Pong; Dusit Covers are very rare Beware of fakes
May 6, 1925	Hungary Part of a set of 8 sport stamps. Imperf. B80-87	B85	590	Nagytabor: Special sports cancellations used: Scout Badge, Soccer Players, Tennis Racket, Man Fighting Wolf, Crew Boat Racing
Sept. 28, 1931	Romania Semi-postal set issued for benefit of Boy Scouts	B26-30	567-71	Fake cancellations known: "Timisoara" Siret-Bucovina, believed to be genuine
June 8, 1932	Romania Semi-postal set commemorating the National Jamboree held at Sibiu.	B31-36	599-604	Fake cancellations known: "Timisoara"
Dec. 21, 1932	Liechtenstein Part of set of 3 semi-postal stamps. B-11-13	B13	146	Vaduz
July 10, 1933	Hungary Commemorating the 4th World Jamboree held at Godollo. Imperf. set.	481-5	726-30	Jamboree cancel, Godollo
July 8, 1934	Romania 1932 set overprinted to honor National Jamboree held at Mamaia.	B44-9	639-44	Fake cancellations known for "Timisoara" Bucurest, believed to be genuine
June 8, 1935	Romania Semi-postal set for benefit of Straji-Terii, National Youth Movement of which Scouting was a part.	B50-4	655-9	Fake Cancellations known: "Timisoara" Bucurest, believed to be genuine.
June 9, 1936	Romania Semi-postal set to commemorate National Jamboree held at Brasov.	B63-5	688-90	Fake Cancellations known: "Timisoara"
April 1, 1937	Netherlands Commemorating 5th World Jamboree held at Vogelenzang.	206-8	397-9	Scout badge, Jamboree cancel, Vogelenzang (July 31, 1937)

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May 1, 1937	Dutch Indies Commemorating 5th World Jamboree. Listed under Indonesia by Minkus.	B30-1	333-4	Djakarta
July 12, 1938	Lithuania Part of set honoring National Boy Scout-Girl Scout Jamboree	B47, B50	428, 431	Panemune
Nov. 11, 1938	Poland Scout with staff.	334	450	Warszawa
Oct. 29, 1938	Turkey Part of a set of six sport stamps. 805-810	809	1224	2 cities: Izmir, Adana
June 16, 1939	France Post card issued in honor of French Scouts.			Paris
Jan. 1, 1940	Hungary Part of semi-postal set. Also imperf.	B110	836	Horthy Fund, airplane cancel, Budapest
April 24, 1941	Hungary Part of set of four semi- postal Stamps. B131-4 Imperf.	B132	862	Budapest
Aug. 26, 1946	Turkey Part of set of eight postal tax stamps. RA 101-8	RA105	1441	"Galata" cancel probably fake; Crescent cancel be- lieved genuine
Aug. 2, 1947	France Commemorating 6th World Jamboree held at Moisson.	587	967	Jamboree cancel Aug. 9, 1947 (de La Paix)
Nov. 15, 1948	Australia Publicizing Pan-Pacific Jamboree held at Wango Park.	216	290	Jamboree cancel Dec. 29, 1948
Oct. 31, 1948	Philippines Commemorating 25th Anniversary of Philippine Scouting.	528, 529, 528a, 529a,	743-4	Scout badge—25th Anniversary cancel, Manila; also Iloilo City and Manila with small Scout badge only in circle
Sept. 22, 1949	Japan Publicizing First Japanese Jamboree held at Tokyo.	467	501	Scout badge—tree stump cancel, Tokyo
May 2, 1949	Netherlands Part of set of five semi- postal stamps. B194-8	B195-6	644-5	Alkemadelaan
July 15, 1949	Nicaragua Part of set of 13 regular and 13 airmail sport stamps. Souvenir sheet: Souvenir sheet: 717-729, C296-C308	718 C307 718 C307	1540 1563 1540 1563	1948 date on stamp designs, altho not issued until 1949, Managua
Jan. 15, 1949	Turkey Postal tax stamp of 1946 over- printed RA 39-146	RA143	1551	Fake covers: 3 color cachets, City—Galata Crescent cancels in red be- lieved genuine
Oct. 26, 1950	Iran (Persia) Part of set of six stamps. 935-40	937	971	
June 30, 1950	United States of America Commemorating 2nd National Jamboree held at Valley Forge.	995	CM337	Valley Forge: 2 sizes—hand (L) machine (S)
Aug. 3, 1951	Austria Commemorating the 7th World Jamboree held at Bad Ischl.	569	1320	Jamboree Scout badge cancel
Nov. 19, 1952	Australia Publicizing Pan-Pacific Jam- boree held at Greystanes.	249	324	FDC: Glen Iris, Stafford, other cities Jamboree cancel Dec. 29, 1952
Mar. 5, 1952	Jamaica Commemorating First Caribbean Jamboree held at Briggs Park.	150-1	160-1	Scout badge, Jamboree cancel; Briggs Park (purple); also city (only) cancels

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Aug. 4, 1953	Liechtenstein Commemorating 14th Inter- national Boy Scout Confer- ence held at Vaduz.	270-3	387-90	Vaduz
Oct. 7, 1953	New Zealand Part of Health semi-postal set honoring Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. B42-3	B43	496	Lincoln College; also Glenelg Health Camp, and other cities
July 27, 1954	Brazil Publicizing Scout encamp- ment held at Sao Paulo.	802	978	Cancel for Scout event Aug. 2, 1954 (figure of a Scout)
Dec. 27, 1954	Cuba Publicizing National Patrol encampment held at Havana.	535	714	2 cancels: Scout blowing horn; Habana, Cuba
Apr. 23, 1954	Philippines Regular issue stamps over- printed to honor First Philippine Jamboree held at Quezon City.	608-9	842-3	Manila
Aug. 20, 1955	Canada Commemorating 8th World Jamboree.	356	450	World Jamboree cancel, Niagra-on-the-Lake; many other cities had regular city cancels on first day.
June 27, 1955	Indonesia Commemorating 1st National Jamboree held at Djakarta.	B83-7	1012-16	Djakarta
July 25, 1956	Egypt Honoring 2nd Pan-Arab Jamboree held at Abukir. Souvenir sheets: Perf Imperf	B13-5	606-8	"Scout Camp" cancel; also Cairo, city cancel (on souvenir sheets)
Aug. 5, 1956	Iran (Persia) Honoring National Jamboree held in Tambory.	1052-3	1113-4	Teheran
<b>1957 — Scouting Jubilee Year — 100th Anniversary of Birth of Baden-Powell</b>				
July 29, 1957	Belgium	457-8	1263-4	Bruxelles - Brussel
Aug. 1, 1957	Brazil	C87	1032	Girl and Boy Scout badges in cancel of Rio de Janeiro
Aug. 11, 1957	Nationalist China Listed under Formosa in Minkus catalogue	1165-7	307-9	Regular cancels
Feb. 22, 1957	Cuba	565 C152	801-2	Habana
Feb. 22, 1957	Curacao	B28-30	395-7	Aruba-Oranjestad
Sept. 5, 1957	Dominican Republic Scout insignia overprinted on set of eight Olympic stamps of 1957 4 souvenir sheets, each with all eight stamps. Two sheets each with two different center labels. Perf and imperf.	B6-10 CB4-6 (1-4)	681-8 689(v) 690(v)	Ciudad, Trujillo
Feb. 22, 1957	Finland	346	507	Scout badge cancel Helsinki- Helsingfors
Aug. 1, 1957	Great Britain Honoring World Jubilee Jam- boree held at Sutton Coldfield.	334-6	446-8	Jubilee Jamboree cancel, Sutton-Coldfield (also London)
Aug. 1, 1957	British Agencies British Jamboree stamps overprinted. Bahrain	115-7	115-7	Manama (FDC city)
Aug. 1, 1957	Muscat	76-8	86-8	Dubai (FDC city)
Aug. 1, 1957	Qatar	16-8	16-8	Doha (FDC city)
Feb. 22, 1957	Iran (Persia)	1073	1138	Teheran

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Feb. 27, 1957	Korea Souvenir sheet. Not postally used.	245-6	251-2	Scout badge cancel, Seoul
Sept. 10, 1957	Liechtenstein Se tenant pair. Souvenir sheet.	315-6 315-316 315-316	446-7 446-447 446-447	Vaduz
June 17, 1957	Luxembourg Part of set of two stamps honoring Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.	324	790	Luxembourg, Tour d'Emission
April 9, 1957	Nicaragua Souvenir sheet.	778-82 778-782	1691-5 1706	Managua, Emission Boy Scouts
April 9, 1957	Nicaragua Souvenir sheet.	C377-86 C382-C386	1696-1705 1707	Managua, Emission Boy Scouts
Aug. 31, 1958	United Arab Republic (for use in Syria) Commemorating Pan-Arab Jamboree held at Damas, Syria.	C4-5	742-3	Damas
Dec. 28, 1958	Pakistan Commemorating 2nd National Jamboree held at Chittagong.	101-2	159-60	Lahore; also, "Philatelic Bureau", Karachi
Jan. 5, 1959	New Zealand Commemorating Pan-Pacific Jamboree held at Auckland.	326	565	Scout hat cancel, Pan Pacific Jamboree, Auckland
July 22, 1959	Philippines Commemorating 10th World Jamboree held in Makiling National Park.	B10-11 CB1-3	904-5 908-10	Scout badge—Jamboree camp cancel, Lacuna
July 17, 1959	Philippines Souvenir sheet—5 stamps. Tete-beche pair. White paper.	B10-CB3 B10-11	911 906-907	
July 26, 1959	Philippines Souvenir sheet—5 stamps. Tete-beche pair. White paper.	B10-CB3 B10-11	911 906-907	
July 8, 1959	Nationalist China Commemorating 10th World Jamboree held in the Philippines.	1230-2	367-9	Puli; Private cancels of Scout, badge, not applied by govern- ment
July 17, 1959	Indonesia Commemorating 10th World Jamboree held in the Philippines. Semi-postal stamps.	B115-120	1138-43	Scout badge cancel: Bandung
Dec. 25, 1959	Viet Nam Commemorating the First National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of Viet Nam held at Trang-Bom.	124-7	156-9	Scout badge cancel, Saigon
Feb. 8, 1960	United States of America Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Scouting in the United States.	1145	CM454	Washington D. C.
Feb. 8, 1960	Canal Zone Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.	151	229	Balboa
April 23, 1960	Greece Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of Greece.	669-76	911-18	Scout badge cancel; all FDC are government issued and show cachet of Baden Powell in 3 colors, Athens
July 23, 1960	Brazil Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of Brazil.	C101	1109	2 cancels: Scout badge; Horns; Rio de Janeiro
July 18, 1960	Iran (Persia) Commemorating the 3rd Iranian National Jamboree held in Teheran.	1162-3	1246-7	Teheran
Aug. 9, 1960	Tunisia Commemorating the 4th Pan- Arab Jamboree held in Tunisia.	368-72	649-53	Jamboree Arabe cancel



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Dec. 24, 1960	Pakistan Commemorating the 3rd National Pakistan Jamboree held in Lahore.	121	180	3 cancels: Philatelic Counter, Lahore; Philatelic Bureau, Karachi, Third National Jamboree, Walton P.O.
Jan. 17, 1961	Argentina Commemorating International Patrol Camp.	710	999	3 cancels: Scout sign; Scout badge; Horn & badge; Buenos.
April 4, 1961	Trinidad and Tobago Commemorating 2nd Caribbean Scout Jamboree at Valsayn Park.	103-4	242-3	Jamboree B O Trinidad
April 22, 1961	Germany Honoring Boy Scouts of the world on St. George's Day (April 23).	823	1579	Many diff. cancels: St. George-dragon (Sonnige- Bergstadt); Bonn-Pfadfinder; others
May 2, 1961	Philippines Commemorating (yellow 2nd National (paper) Jamboree at (yellow Pasonanca Park. (paper) Overprinted on (white 1959 World Jam- (paper) boree stamps. (white paper) tete beche pair	832 833 832 833 833a	956 957 954 955 955t	Scout badge-Jamboree camp cancel, Zambo city.
Sept. 30, 1961	Haiti Commemorating 18th World Boy Scout Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, Sept. 19-24, 1961. Overprinted on air mail set of 1960. Souvenir sheet	CB32-4		Scout cancel, 18th Int. Conf. (held in Lisbon, Portugal); Port-au-Prince (city)
Nov. 1, 1961	Thailand Commemorating 50th year of Scouting in Thailand.	370-2		Bangkok, Scout badge cancels, two types.
Oct. 7, 1961	Togo Honoring Togolese Boy Scouts and commemorating 20th anniversary of death of Daniel Beard and Baden Powell. Souvenir sheets—six stamps imperf. on gray paper "mock" perf. on gray paper imperf. on yellow paper "mock" perf. on yellow paper			Possibly cancelled in New York City, USA (?) Premier Jour, Lome
Dec. 4, 1961	Liberia Honoring Boy Scouts of Liberia. Same 3 stamps imperf. Air mail souvenir sheet. Same imperf.	399-400 C135  C136		Monrovia
Feb. 6, 1962	Paraguay	5 regular 3 airmail		Ascension, Scout cancel
Feb. 26, 1962	Ceylon	1 value		Columbo., regular and Scout cancels
Mar. 1, 1962	Lebanon	6 regular 2 airmail		Beyrouth Canons
Mar. 9, 1962	Barbados	3 values		Barbados G.P.O.
Mar. 16, 1962	Great Britain	Stamp Exhibition		sheet: 5 stamps (1 Scout)
<b>Girl Scout Issues</b>				
July 12, 1938	Lithuania Part of set of four semi- postal stamps honoring Boy Scout-Girl Scout Jamboree. B47-50	B48-9	429-30	Panemune
July 20, 1939	Hungary Commemorating Girl Scout Jamboree held at Godollo. Imperf	551-4	825-8	Godollo

Date	Country	Scott Cat. No.	Minkus Cat. No.	F. D. C. Notes, Cities, etc.
Oct. 9, 1944	New Zealand Semi-postal set picturing the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret wearing Girl Guide uniforms.	B24-5	444-5	Different cities
Oct. 29, 1948	United States of America Honoring Juliette Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.	974	CM316	Savannah, Ga., 2 sizes: hand (L) machine (S)
Oct. 7, 1953	New Zealand Part of a set of semi-postals honoring Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. B42-3	B42	495	Lincoln College, also Glenelg Health Camp, and other cities
June 17, 1957	Luxembourg Part of set of two stamps commemorating 100th anniversary of birth of Baden-Powell. 324-5	325	791	Luxembourg, Tour d'Emission
Jan. 19, 1957	Philippines Commemorating Girl Scout World Jamboree held at Quezon City.	637 637a	882 882v	Manila
April 20, 1960	Canada Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Girl Guides of Canada.	389	482	Ottawa, Toronto, and other cities
Aug. 18, 1960	Australia Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Girl Guides of Australia.	335	437	Different Cities
Oct. 25, 1960	Denmark Commemorating the 25th anniversary of Queen Ingrid as a Girl Guide.	B28	549	Kobenhavn V
May 10, 1961	Korea Commemorating 15th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of Korea. Souvenir sheet imperf.	325 325a	342	Seoul, and Girl Scout badge
July 23, 1961	Afghanistan Honoring Women's Day. Souvenir sheet perf. Souvenir sheet imperf.	510-1		(Not Known)
Aug. 19, 1961	Surinam Commemorating Caribbean Girl Scout Jamboree.	B80-4		Paramaribo, and Campfire flame and logs in cancel
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## Autographed Scout First Day Covers

by Harry D. Thorsen Jr.

In a recent issue of *FIRST DAYS* mention was made of a double hobby, collecting autographed First Day Covers. This has been a pleasant combination for collectors of Scout covers, in that a personal relationship is necessary either by letter or by interview in order to request the signature of important people.

While there can be many possible selections of famous names to appear on most covers, I believe that the Scouting interests will place the Chief Scout of any country at the head of the list for popularity in this field. However, the president or king of a country is always an interesting autograph, especially if he is also the honorary head of the Scouts in his own land.

In 1949 when Japan issued their stamp illustrated here on a FDC, their Chief was visiting our national headquarters where his signature was requested. The Prince of Liechtenstein autographed the cover shown when your author met him in 1955 at the World Jamboree in Canada. The fact that his own picture in Scout uniform appears on the cachet certainly increases the interest in this card.

The 1954 Cuban cover has the actual signatures of the Boy Scout and the Cub Scout who appear on the stamp and on the cachet. Bill Rhee, Chief of the Korean Scouts, was a visitor in 1956 to your author's home, where this Scout stamp and cover were planned.

Many different possibilities exist that should lead to the use of the collectors' imagination. Whether the cover is really more valuable should not be the consideration. Rather, the personal satisfaction of knowing whether the autographs are genuine should be the collectors' reward as well as having "one of a kind."



Scott #467 FDC with autograph of Chief Scout of Japan.



National patrol encampment of the Boy Scouts of Cuba, Scott #535.



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