

The Boy Scout Series No. 5

THE BADEN-POWELL STORY

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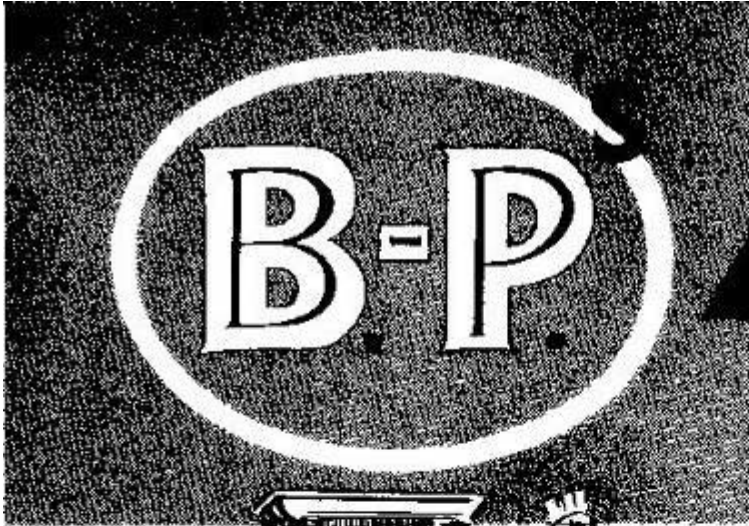
Here's a booklet about Baden-Powell's "two lives". His boyhood and exciting career as a soldier as "life number one" and his "second life" the period of founding and organizing the Boy Scout Movement.

It was not possible to show in pictures all the things he did in these "two lives" of his; however, you will find all the highlights.

After you have read this booklet, you will have a better appreciation and understanding of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell – the Founder of the Boy Scout Movement.

BOOKS WRITTEN BY BADEN-POWELL

- 1883 On Vedette. An easy Aide-memoire. (This is a folded card.)
- 1884 Reconnaissance and Scouting
- 1885 Cavalry Instruction
- 1889 Pigsticking or Houghunting (Revised edition, 1924)
- 1896 The Downfall of Prempeh
- 1897 The Matabele Campaign
- 1899 Aids to Scouting for N.C.O.s and Men
- 1900 Sport in War
- 1907 Sketches from Mafeking and East Africa
- 1908 Scouting for Boys, Parts I to VI (Complete edition, 1908)
- 1909 Yarns for Boy Scouts
- 1910 Scouting Games
- 1912 The Handbook for Girl Guides. (In collaboration with Agnes Baden-Powell)
- 1913 Boy Scouts Beyond the Seas
- 1914 Quick Training for War
- 1915 Marksmanship for Boys
 - My Adventures as a Spy
 - (Re-issued as The Adventures of a Spy – 1924)
 - Indian Memories
- 1916 Young Knights of the Empire
 - The Wolf Cub's Handbook
- 1917 Girl Guiding
- 1919 Aids to Scoutmastership
- 1921 An Old Wolf's Favourites
 - What Scouts Can Do
- 1922 Rovering to Success
- 1927 Life's Snags, and How to Meet Them
- 1929 Scouting and Youth Movements
- 1933 Lessons from the 'Varsity of Life
- 1934 Adventures and Accidents
- 1935 Scouting Round the World
- 1936 Adventuring to Manhood
- 1937 African Adventures
- 1938 Birds and Beasts in Africa
- 1939 Paddle Your Own Canoe
- 1940 More Sketches of Kenya
- 1941 B.-P.'s Outlook (Selections from The Scouter)



LIFE



ROBERT-STEPHENSON SMYTHE
BADEN-POWELL WAS BORN ON
FEB. 22, 1857, LONDON, ENGLAND.

HIS FATHER WHO WAS A DISTINGUISHED
CLERGYMAN & PROFESSOR AT OXFORD
DIED WHEN B.-P. WAS 3 YEARS OLD.



HE DEVELOPED HIS DRAWING TALENT
AND WAS AMBIDEXTROUS. HE
HAD A FLAIR FOR WRITING ALSO.



HIS FIRST PREPARATORY SCHOOL
WAS AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS.



B-P SAT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO
PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHEN HE WAS 13
& WAS SUCCESSFUL IN WINNING A
SCHOLARSHIP TO CHARTERHOUSE IN 1870.

EARLY EFFORTS



ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, B.-P. AND HIS BROTHERS TRAVELLED FAR AND WIDE ON CAMPING TRIPS, BOATING AND CRUISING. HERE, HE LEARNED MUCH OF OUTDOOR LIFE.



HE ENTERED INTO MANY ACTIVITIES DURING HIS SCHOOL LIFE... ACTING, SINGING, CADET CORPS, SPORTS, ART AND THE ORCHESTRA.





IN 1873, CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL MOVED TO GODALMING SURREY IT WAS IN A NEARBY WOODS THAT B-P. FURTHERED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF NATURE AND OUTDOOR LORE.



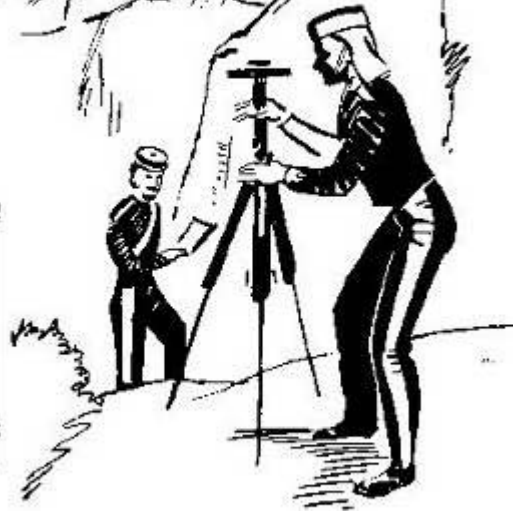
DR. HAIG BROWN, HEADMASTER AT CHARTERHOUSE, ENCOURAGED HIM TO SIT FOR ARMY EXAMS. HE WAS SUCCESSFUL & WAS COMMISSIONED AS LIEUTENANT IN THE 13th HUSSARS.

THE HUSSARS

B-P SAILED DIRECTLY TO JOIN HIS REGIMENT IN LUCKNOW, INDIA ON DECEMBER 16, 1876.



HERE HE TOOK COURSES IN SURVEYING & RECONNAISSANCE. B-P. WAS A GOOD SOLDIER & TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER HIMSELF IN HIS ARMY CAREER.

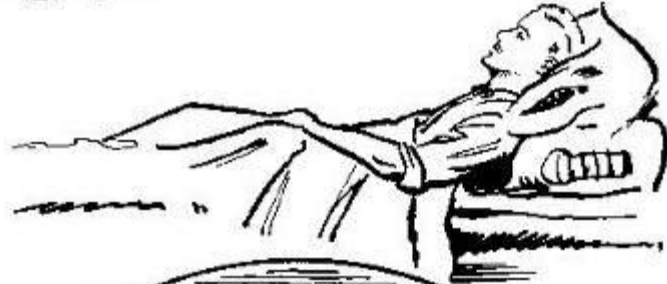


The Baden-Powell Story



HE SUPPLEMENTED HIS SMALL PAY BY DRAWING FOR "THE GRAPHIC," A LONDON MAGAZINE.

IN 1879 HE WAS SENT HOME TO ENGLAND ON SICK LEAVE.

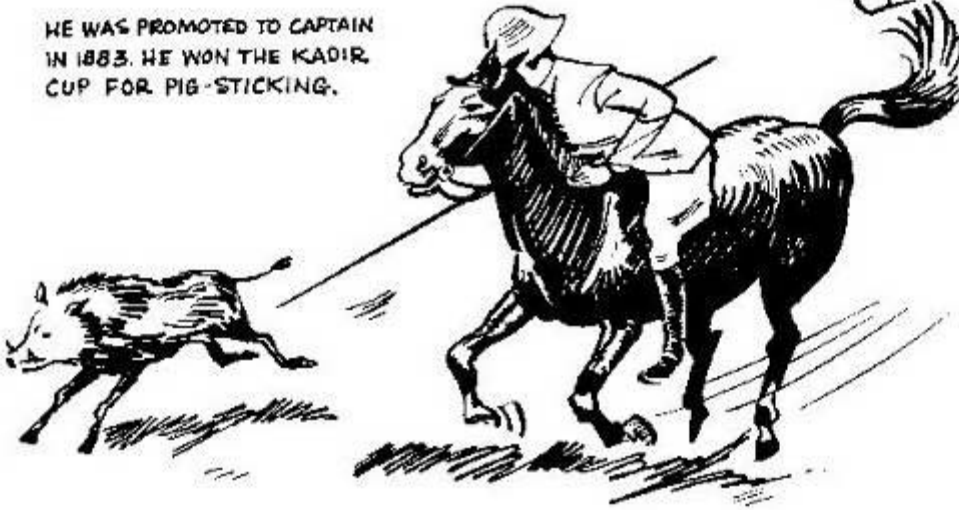


HE REJOINED HIS REGIMENT IN 1880 ON THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER OF INDIA.

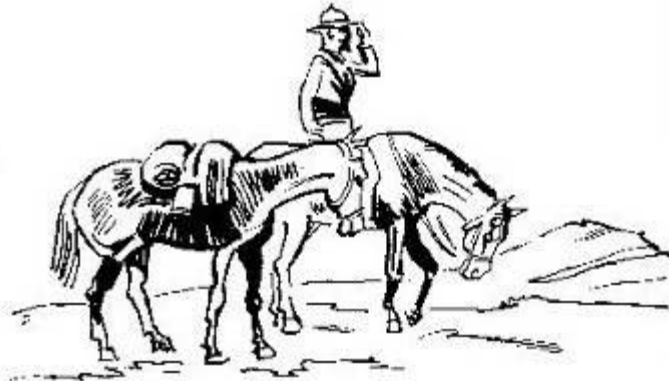
B-P. LOST NO TIME IN TRAINING
HIS MEN IN MILITARY SCOUTING.



HE WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN
IN 1883. HE WON THE KADIR
CUP FOR PIG-STICKING.



IN 1884, THE REGIMENT WAS
SENT TO DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.
B-P CARRIED OUT 600 MILE
RECONNAISSANCE OF NATAL
FRONTIER.

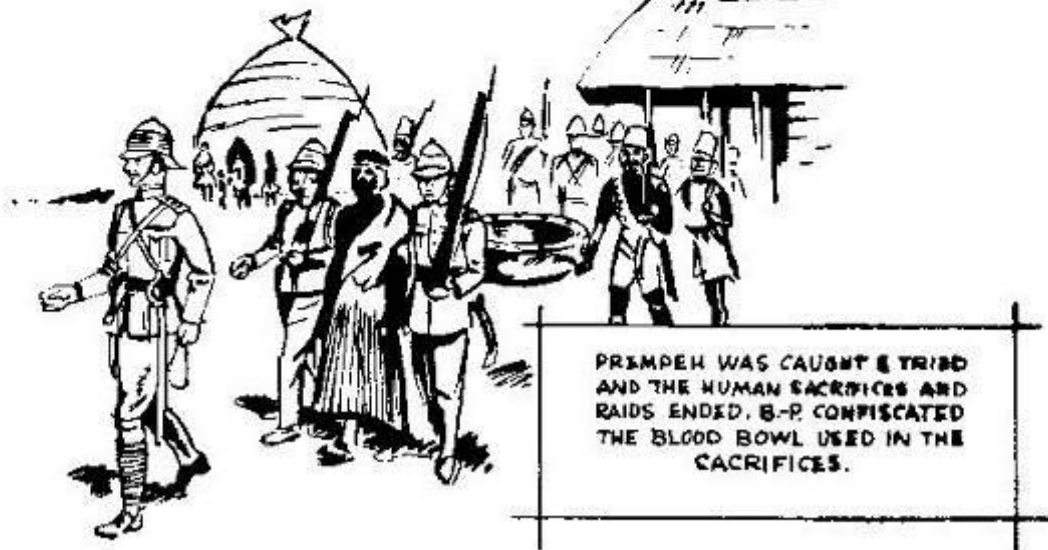






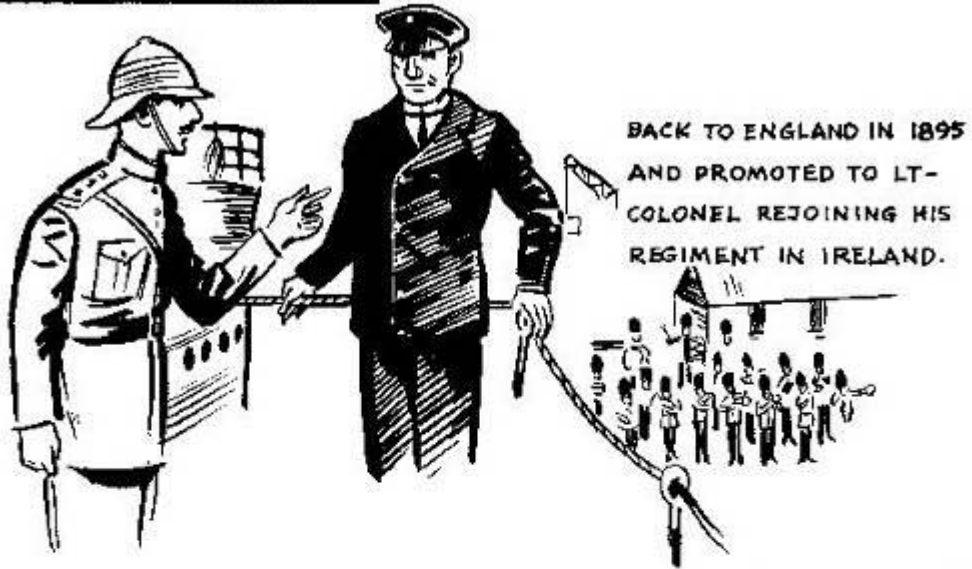


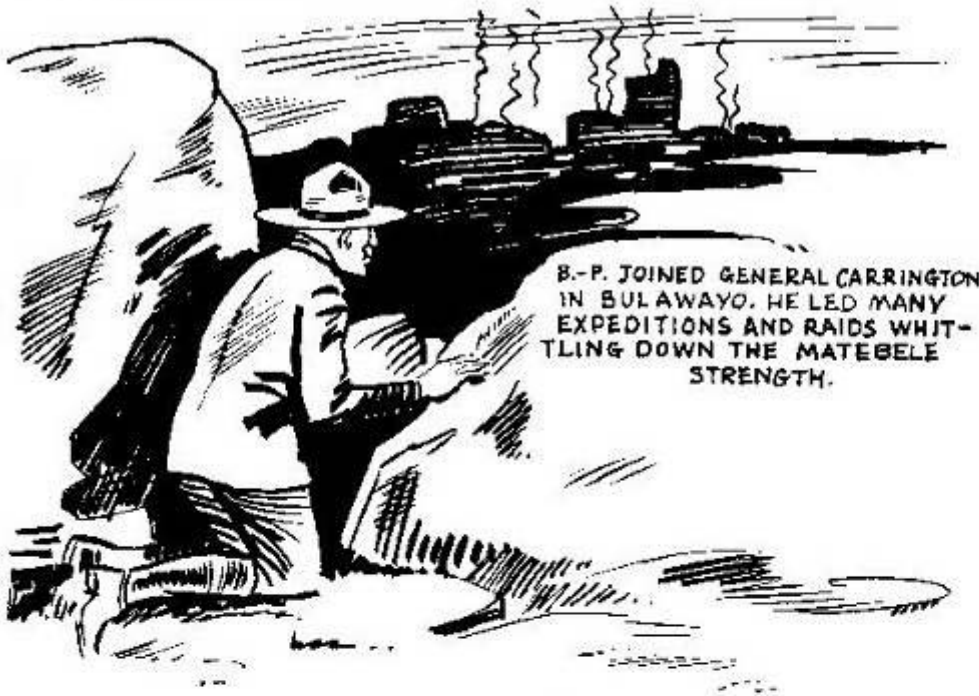
HIS SCOUTING PARTY ARRIVED AT PREMPEH'S VILLAGE AHEAD OF THE MAIN FORCE AND IN SO DOING PREVENTED PREMPEH'S ESCAPE.



PREMPEH WAS CAUGHT & TRIED AND THE HUMAN SACRIFICES AND RAIDS ENDED. B-P CONFISCATED THE BLOOD BOWL USED IN THE SACRIFICES.

LT. COLONEL





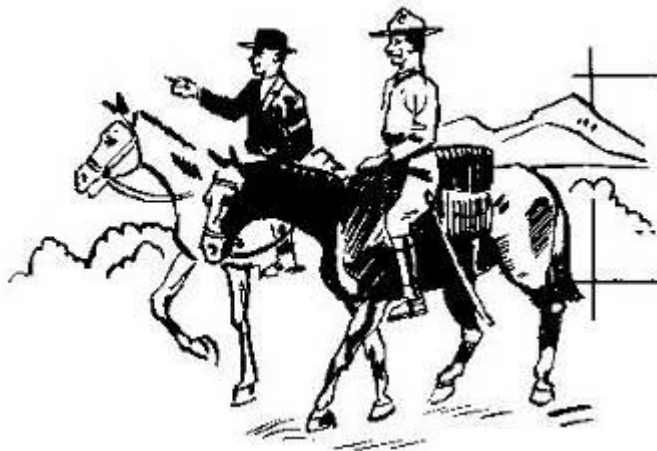
B.-P. JOINED GENERAL CARRINGTON
IN BULAWAYO. HE LED MANY
EXPEDITIONS AND RAIDS WHIT-
TLING DOWN THE MATEBELE
STRENGTH.

HE WAS ORDERED TO CAPTURE
AN IMPORTANT WITCH DOCTOR,
UNWINI.



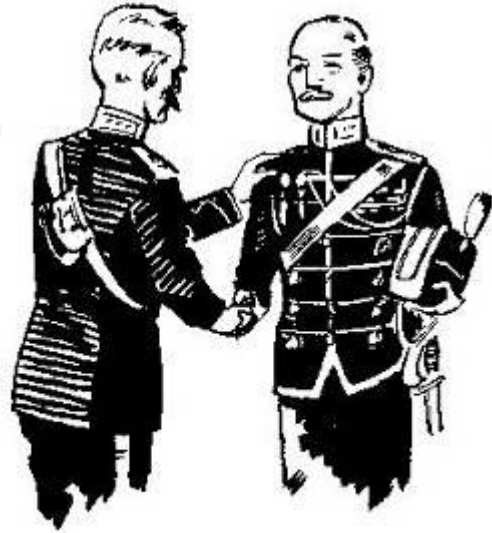
B.-P. DID CAPTURE HIM & THE
NATIVES WERE READY FOR PEACE.





THE CAMPAIGN OVER B.-P.
RODE TO CAPETOWN WITH
CECIL RHODES, THE GREAT
EXPLORER.

HE RETURNED TO ENGLAND IN
1897 & WROTE "THE MATEBELE
CAMPAIGN". HE WAS APPOINTED
TO COMMAND THE FIFTH
DRAGOONS IN INDIA.



PARTING WITH THE 13TH HUSSARS AFTER 21 YEARS WAS A SAD MOMENT. THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE REGIMENT WAS A GREAT HONOUR TO B.-P.

BACK TO INDIA



HE INTRODUCED NEW TRAINING METHODS, HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAMMES, & EMERGENCY DRILLS TO HIS NEW COMMAND.

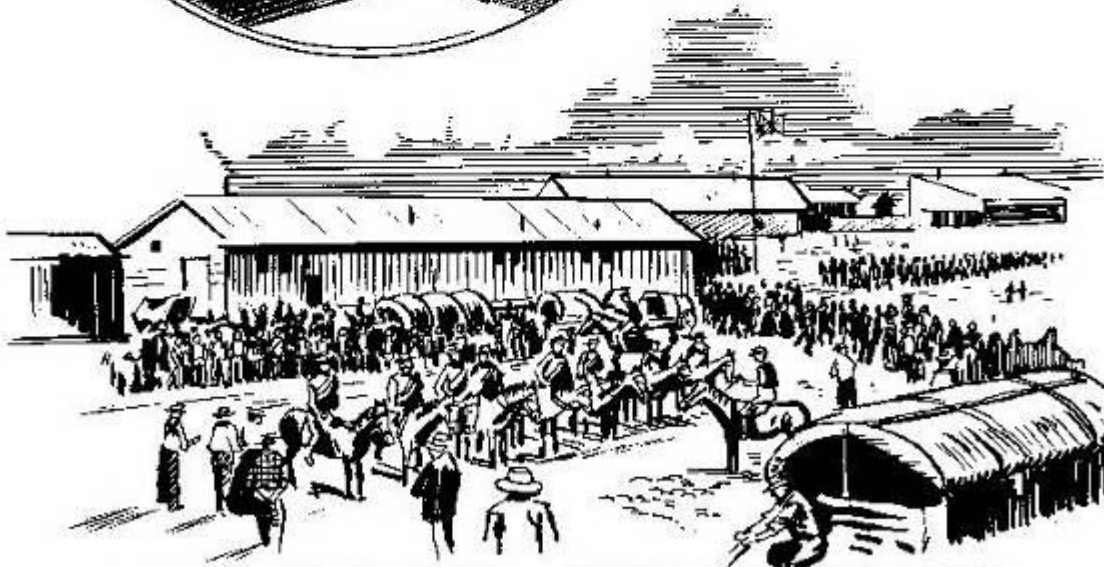
REGIMENTAL SCOUT PATROLS WERE ORGANIZED & TRAINED. THEY WERE AWARDED BADGES OF PROFICIENCY OF THE ARROWHEAD DESIGN.



HE WROTE AN OUTLINE OF AN ARMY TRAINING MANUAL - "AIDS TO SCOUTING".

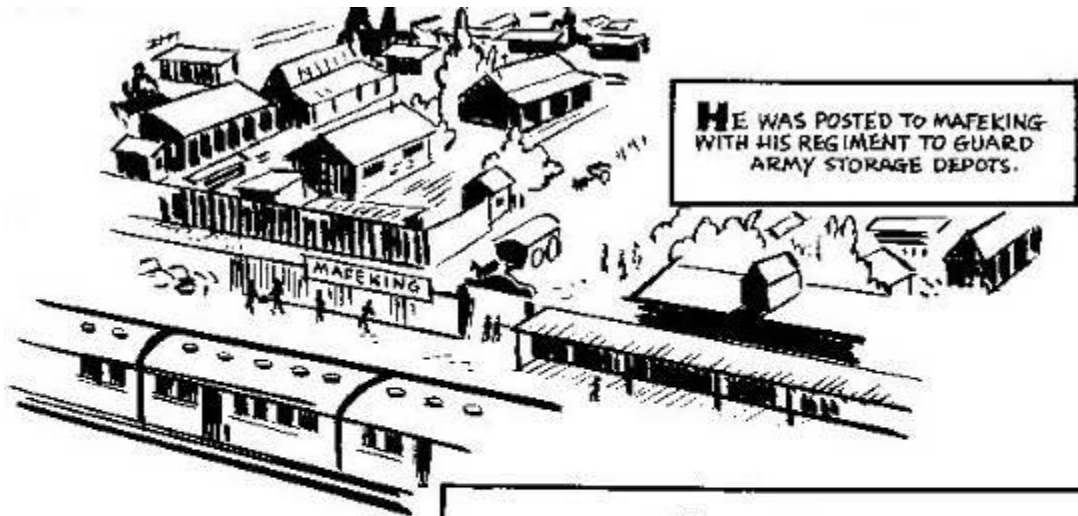


HE WAS RETURNED TO ENGLAND IN 1899 & LEFT IMMEDIATELY FOR SOUTH AFRICA WHERE WAR THREATENED WITH THE BOERS.



IN THREE MONTHS COLONEL BADEN-POWELL HAD RECRUITED AND

TRAINED TWO REGIMENTS IN BECHUANALAND.



HE WAS POSTED TO MAFEKING WITH HIS REGIMENT TO GUARD ARMY STORAGE DEPOTS.

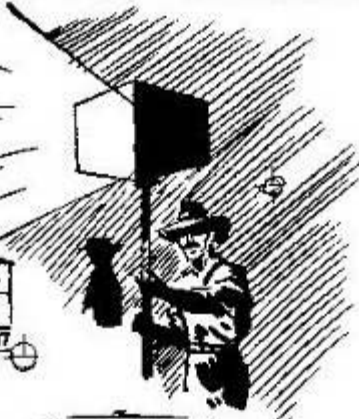
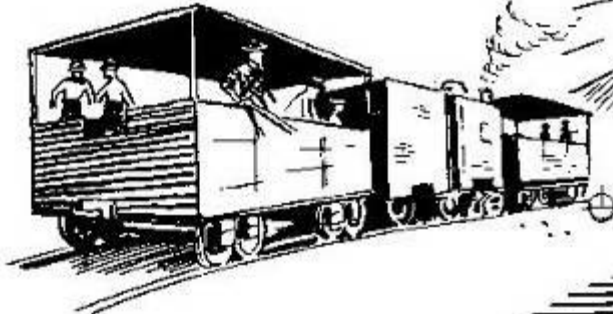


WITH ONLY 1,000 MEN, HE SET UP A NETWORK OF FORTS AND TRENCHES & BY BLUFF & QUICK SORTIES KEPT THE BOERS OFF-BALANCE.



WHILE HERE HE MAILED PROOFS OF HIS NEW BOOK 'AIDS TO SCOUTING' JUST BEFORE WAR WAS DECLARED ON OCT. 11, 1899. OVER 9,000 BOERS ADVANCED ON MAFEKING.

HE USED AN IMPROVISED
ARMoured TRAIN & MADE
BISCUIT TIN SEARCHLIGHTS.



OLD TIN CAN GRENADES WERE THROWN
BY USING A FISHING ROD



HE GAVE ORDERS BY A
MEGAPHONE TO IMA-
GINARY TROOPS.



ON SUNDAYS, A DAY OF TRUCE, THE
BOERS WATCHED WHILE THE BRITISH
STEPPED OVER "BARBED WIRE".
IT WAS A BLUFF.



HE ORGANIZED BOYS INTO THE MAFEKING CADET CORPS B.-P. WAS IMPRESSED BY THEIR EFFICIENCY.



ON MAY 17, 1900 AFTER 217 DAYS OF SIEGE, MAFEKING WAS RELIEVED. B.-P.'S BROTHER WAS IN THIS FORCE.



B.-P. BECAME A NATIONAL HERO & WAS SENT A CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM

BY QUEEN VICTORIA, SHE PROMOTED HIM TO MAJOR GENERAL.



LATER IN 1900 HE WAS ASKED TO FORM THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY. HE WAS GREETED IN CAPE TOWN BY VAST CHEERING THROGS.

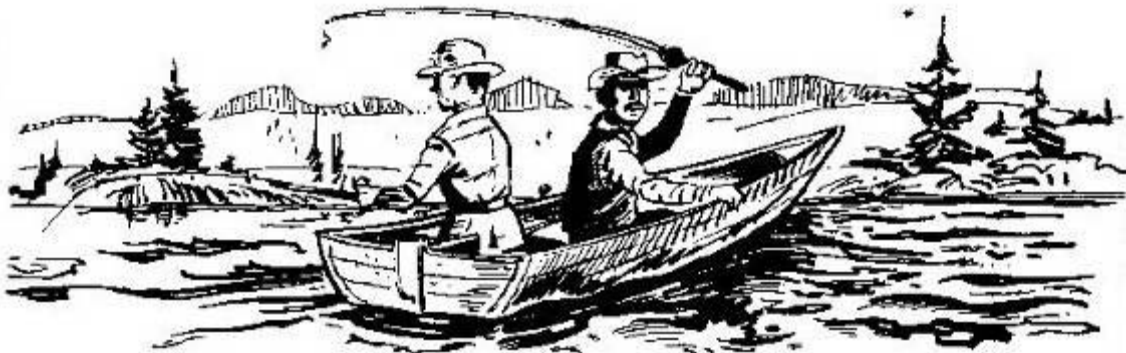


BY JUNE 1901, THE CONSTABULARY WAS ORGANIZED & TRAINED. B.-P. WAS SENT TO ENGLAND FOR A REST.



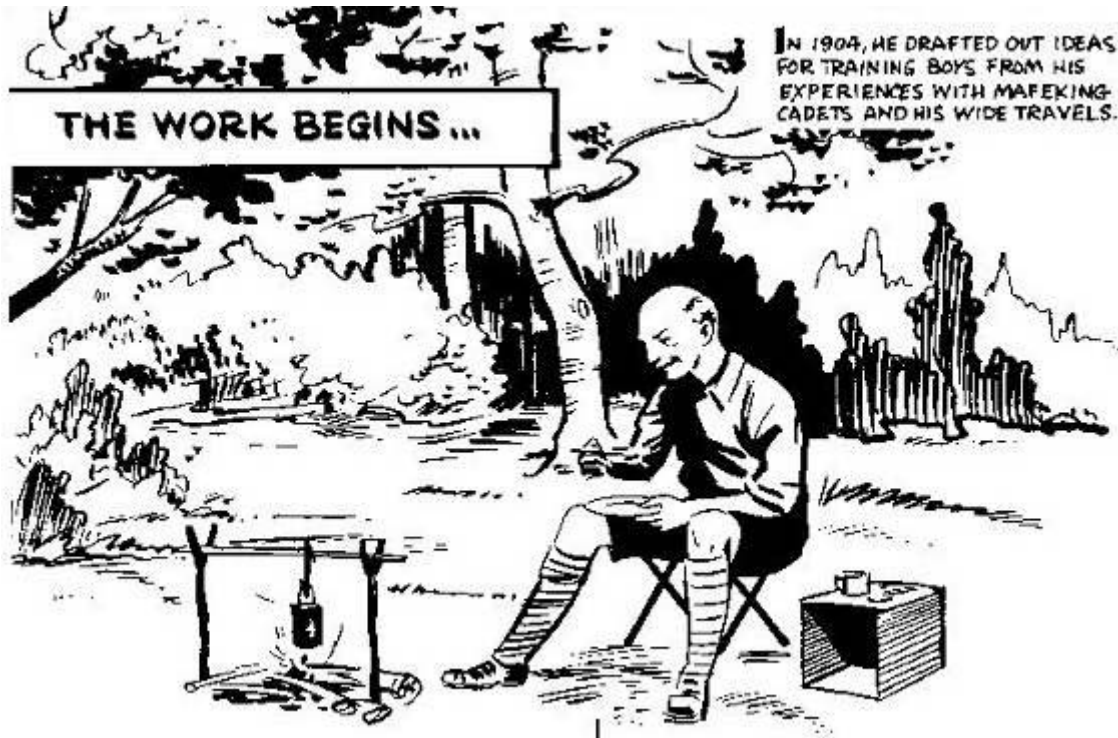
ON LEAVE HE FOUND THAT HIS BOOK "AIDS TO SCOUTING" WAS BEING USED BY THOUSANDS OF BOYS & TEACHERS.

AT THE END OF 1901 B.-P. WAS BACK AGAIN IN JOHANNESBERG, THE WAR ENDED IN 1902 & THE CONSTABULARY BEGAN ITS REAL WORK OF MAINTAINING LAW & ORDER.



HE WAS FOND OF CANADA. ON HIS MANY TOURS OF OUR COUNTRY

HE TOOK TIME TO FISH AND CAMP.



THE WORK BEGINS ...

IN 1904, HE DRAFTED OUT IDEAS FOR TRAINING BOYS FROM HIS EXPERIENCES WITH MAKEKING-CADETS AND HIS WIDE TRAVELS.



AFTER AN INSPECTION OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE, SIR WILLIAM SMITH THE FOUNDER, ENCOURAGED HIM TO WRITE A BOYS EDITION OF "AIDS TO SCOUTING".

Where are you off to Pearson?

A children's cripple home. You must never let the children down.

IN 1907 HE SENT HIS FIRST OUTLINE OF THE BOOK TO YOUTH LEADERS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND. MR. C. ARTHUR PEARSON THE INFLUENTIAL PUBLISHER ENCOURAGED HIM IN HIS WORK.

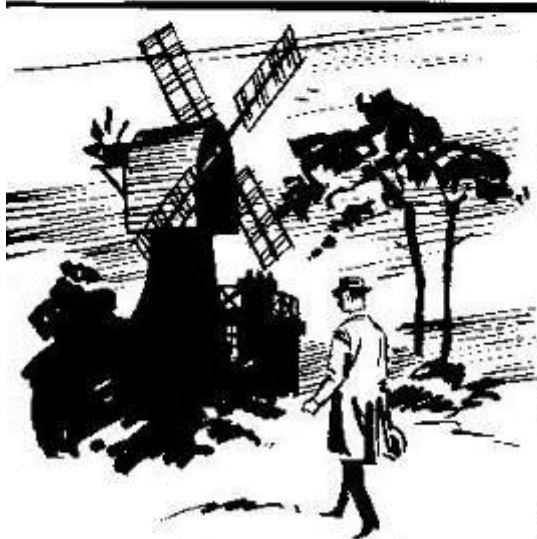
BROWNSEA ISLAND



HE HELD A SUCCESSFUL WEEK'S EXPERIMENTAL SCOUT CAMP JULY 25-AUG. 8, 1907 AT BROWNSEA ISLAND. HE USED THE PATROL SYSTEM.



FOLLOWING THE CAMP HE WAS SURE THAT HIS IDEAS FOR THE TRAINING OF YOUTH WERE SOUND.



B-P. WROTE 'SCOUTING FOR BOYS' IN A WINDMILL ON WIMBLEDON COMMON & IN JAN, 1908 THE BOOK APPEARED IN SIX FORTNIGHTLY PARTS. THIS YEAR SCOUTING STARTED IN CANADA.



SCOUTING CAUGHT ON. BOYS ACROSS THE COUNTRY FORMED PATROLS. THEY ASKED MEN TO BECOME THEIR SCOUTMASTERS & TROOPS BEGAN IN SCHOOLS & CLUBS.



THE SCOUT MAGAZINE STARTED ON APRIL 14, 1908 & IT WAS SOON OBVIOUS THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR A SPECIAL SCOUT ORGANIZATION.



1909 WAS THE YEAR OF THE FIRST RALLIES. OVER 11,000 SCOUTS ATTENDED AT CRYSTAL PALACE AND 6,000 AT GLASGOW.

GIRLS WERE INTERESTED TOO B.-P. REALIZED THAT A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION WAS NEEDED.



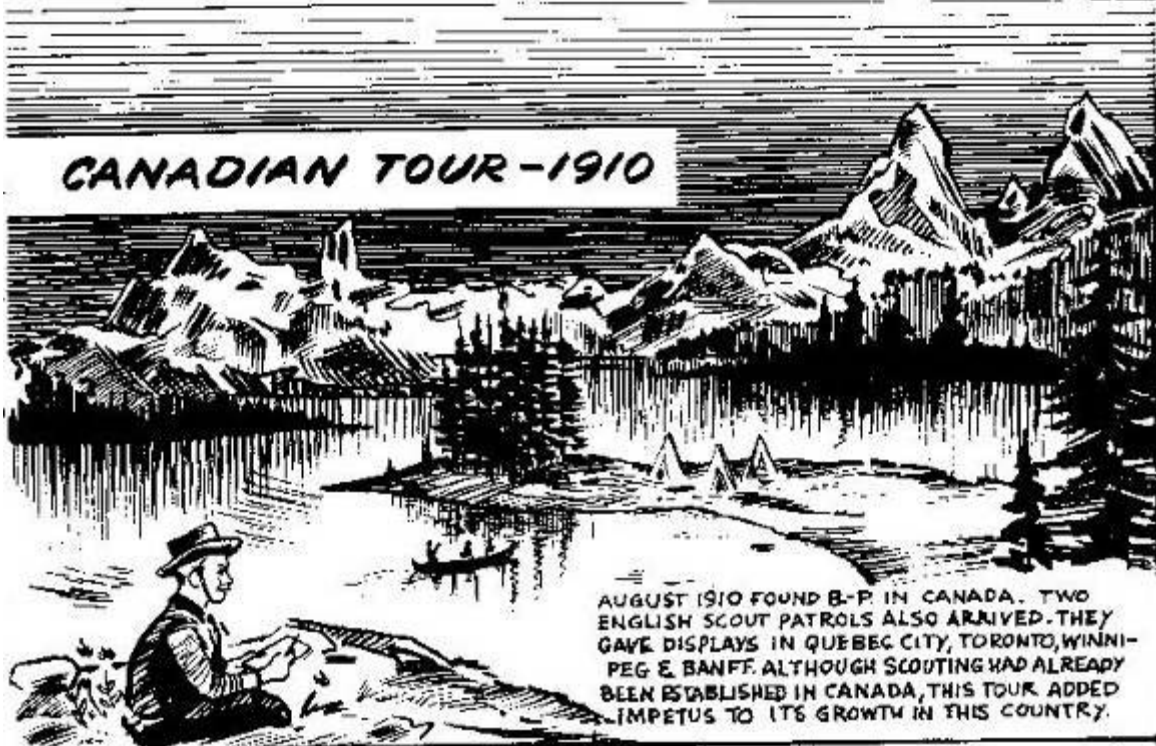
LATER IN 1909, B.-P. WAS KNIGHTED BY KING EDWARD VII. ON THIS OCCASION THE KING'S SCOUT RANK WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE SOVEREIGN'S APPROVAL.



B.-P. RESIGNED FROM THE ARMY ON KING EDWARD'S ADVICE SO THAT HE COULD DEVOTE ALL HIS TIME TO THE GROWING YOUTH MOVEMENT.



KING EDWARD VII DIED IN 1910. HE HAD BEEN A GREAT PATRON OF SCOUTING & HAD ENCOURAGED B.-P. IN MANY OF HIS ENDEAVOURS.



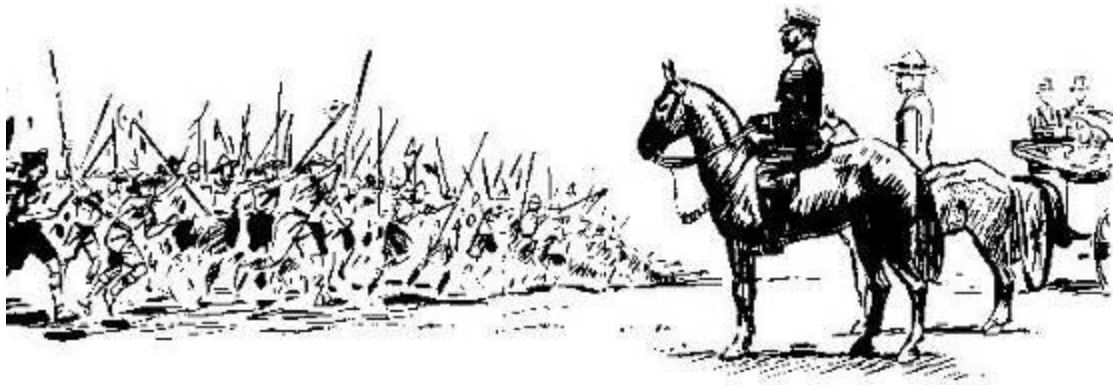
AUGUST 1910 FOUND B-P IN CANADA. TWO ENGLISH SCOUT PATROLS ALSO ARRIVED. THEY GAVE DISPLAYS IN QUEBEC CITY, TORONTO, WINNIPEG & BANFF. ALTHOUGH SCOUTING HAD ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN CANADA, THIS TOUR ADDED IMPETUS TO ITS GROWTH IN THIS COUNTRY.

IN 1910 THE GIRL GUIDES WERE BEGUN AND IN THE SAME YEAR THE SEA SCOUTS WERE INTRODUCED.



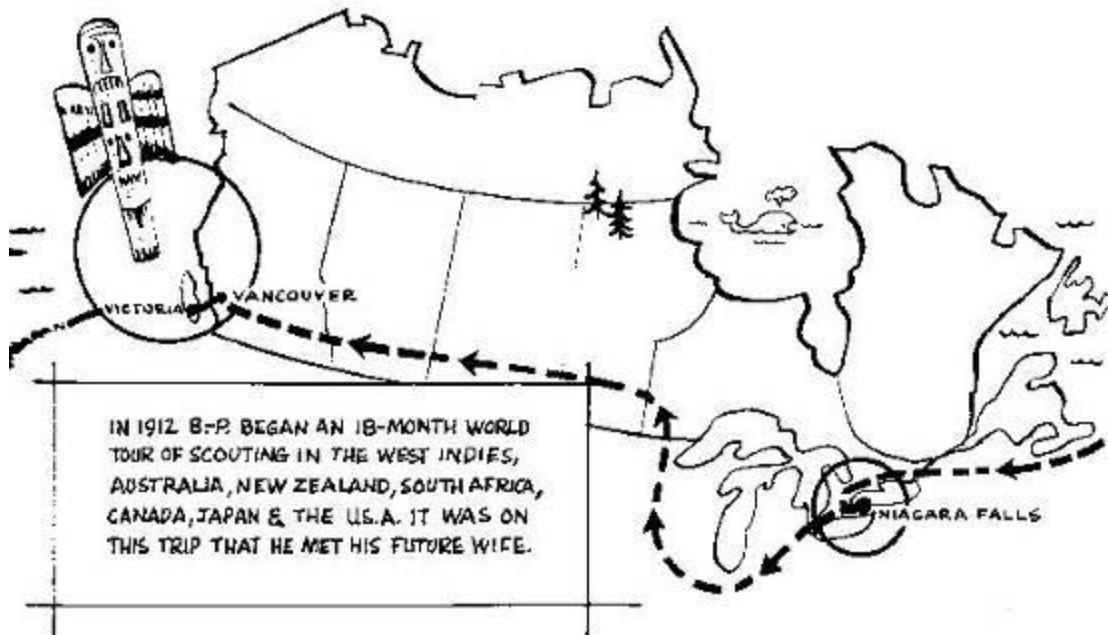
HE VISITED U.S.A. & OFFERED IDEAS FOR SCOUTING THERE. HE ALSO VISITED RUSSIA & DISCUSSED SCOUTING WITH THE CZAR.





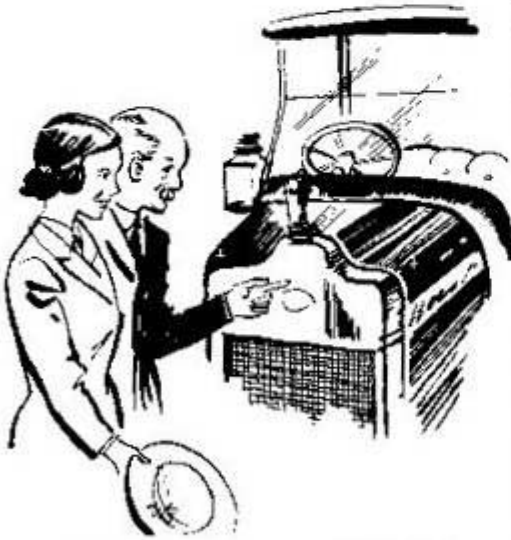
ON JULY 4, 1911 A ROYAL SCOUT REVIEW WAS HELD BY KING GEORGE V. OVER 30,000 SCOUTS INCLUDING A CANADIAN CONTINGENT

ASSEMBLED AT WINDSOR FOR THIS HISTORIC INSPECTION. LORD GREY, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, BECAME CANADA'S FIRST CHIEF SCOUT.





ON OCTOBER 30, 1912 B.-P. WAS MARRIED TO OLIVE ST-CLAIR SOAMES AT PARKSTONE, DORSET.



SCOUTS COLLECTED A FUND IN ORDER TO BUY THE COUPLE A CAR FOR THEIR WEDDING PRESENT.



AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT INCORPORATED BOY SCOUTS IN CANADA. THERE WERE 13,565 SCOUTS IN CANADA.



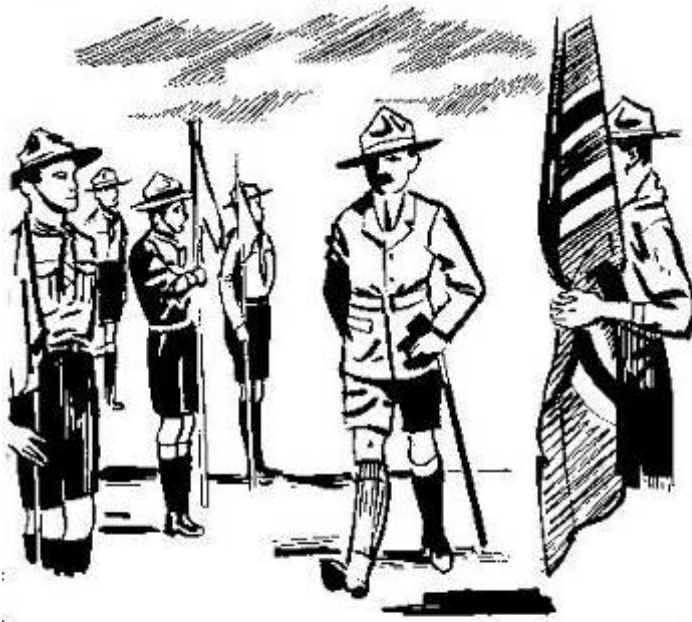
HE DEVELOPED THE PROFICIENCY
BADGE SYSTEM TO ENCOURAGE
HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS.



IN THE FIRST HOURS SCOUTS WERE
GUARDING BRIDGES, TELEGRAPH
LINES & OTHER STRATEGIC LOCATIONS.



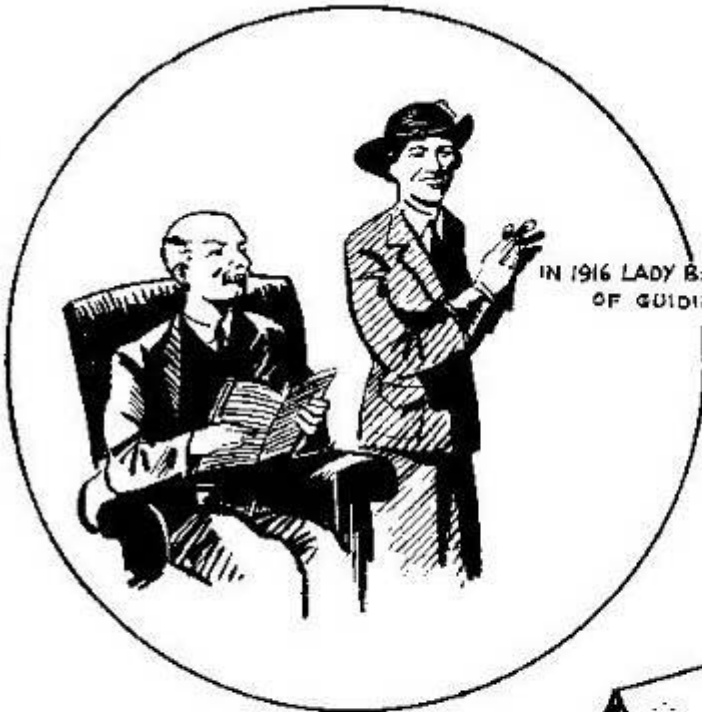
B-P PUT HIS MOBILIZATION PLAN
INTO ACTION WHEN WAR WAS
DECLARED IN 1914.



B.-P. VOLUNTEERED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE BUT WAS TOLD THAT THE BOY SCOUTS WERE IMPORTANT AND THAT HE SHOULD REMAIN WITH THEM.

IN 1914, SEA SCOUTS TOOK OVER COAST GUARD STATIONS AND CARRIED OUT DUTIES UNTIL 1920.



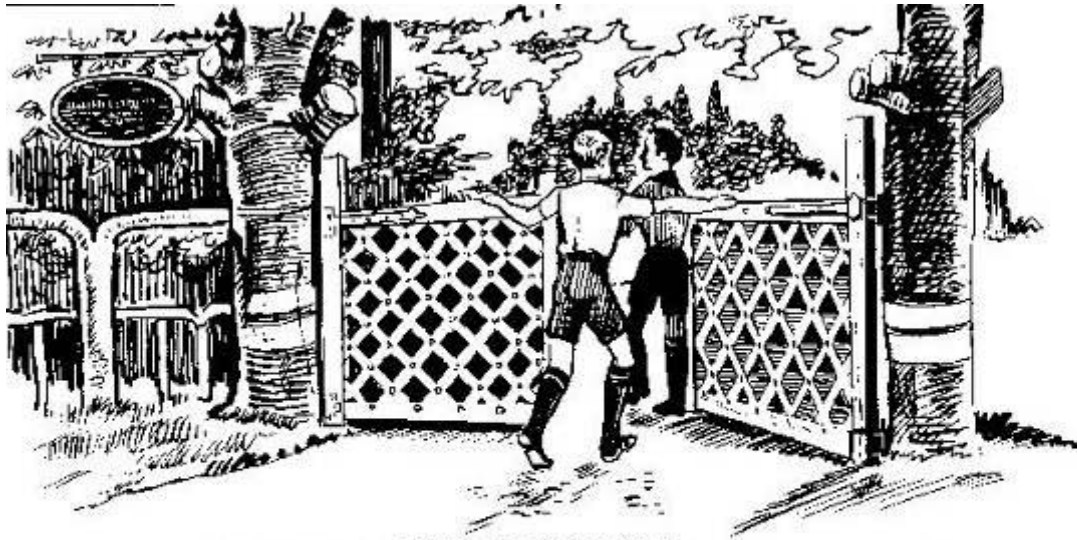


IN 1916 LADY B-P BECAME CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF GUIDING IN THE EMPIRE.

EARLY IN 1916, B-P ORGANIZED THE WOLF CUB SECTION & THE WOLF CUBS HANDBOOK WAS PUBLISHED. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES & TRAINING CAMPS FOR THE LEADERS WERE STARTED.



THE WAR ENDED ON NOV. 11, 1918. OVER 150,000 SCOUTS HAD SERVED EARNING 11 VICTORIA CROSSES.



IN 1919 GILWELL PARK WAS OPENED AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE & CAMP. THE SITE HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY... MR. W. DU BOIS-MAC LAREN.



THE FIRST JAMBOREE WAS HELD AT OLYMPIA, JULY 29, 1920. B-P WAS PROCLAIMED CHIEF SCOUT OF THE WORLD. THE WORLD BUREAU STARTED.

*Could you spare a minute, Sir?
I've read "Rovering to Success"
and I have a problem.*



"ROVERING TO SUCCESS" WAS PUBLISHED IN 1922 TO ASSIST ROVERS IN THAT SECTION OF THE MOVEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN STARTED IN 1917.



B-P VISITED CANADA IN 1919 AND 1923 ON NATION-WIDE TOURS.



THE COMING-OF-AGE OF THE MOVEMENT WAS CELEBRATED IN 1929 AT ARDWE PARK, BIRKENHEAD, ENGLAND. THE SCOUTS PRESENTED B-P WITH A ROLLS ROYCE CAR & CAMP TRAILER.



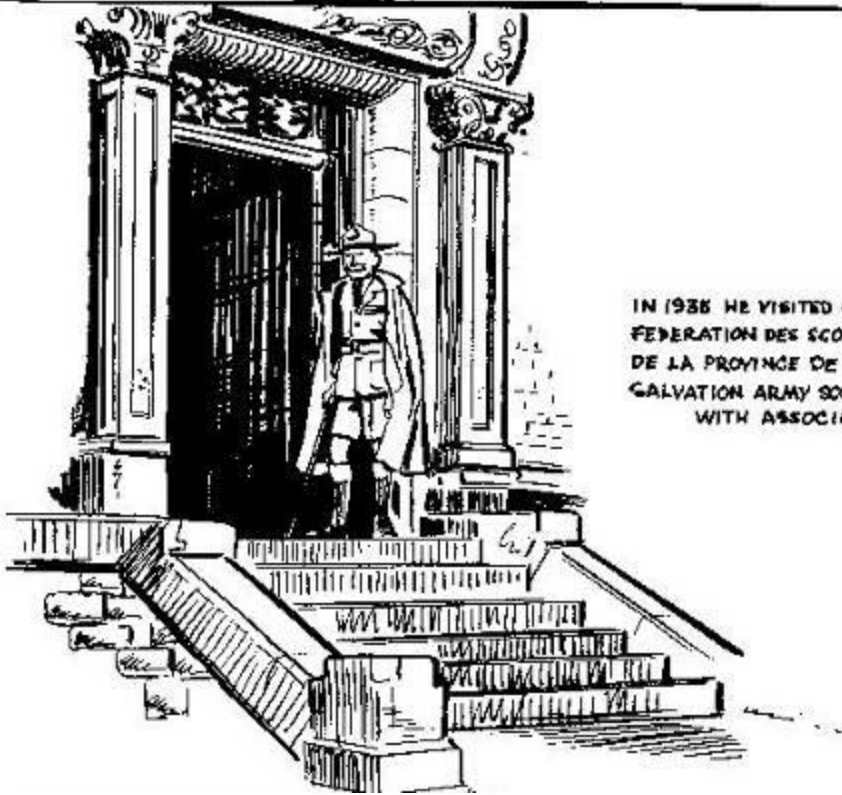
HE WAS ELEVATED TO THE PEERAGE AND TOOK THE TITLE LORD BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL.



IN 1931, THE 1ST WORLD ROVER MOOT WAS HELD AT KANDERSTEG, SWITZERLAND. LADY B.P. WAS ELECTED CHIEF GUIDE OF THE WORLD. - 1933 - THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING & THE 3RD WORLD JAMBOREE, HUNGARY.



IN 1934, HE SET OFF ON A WORLD TOUR OF ORGANIZATION.



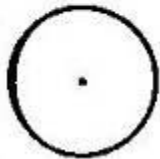
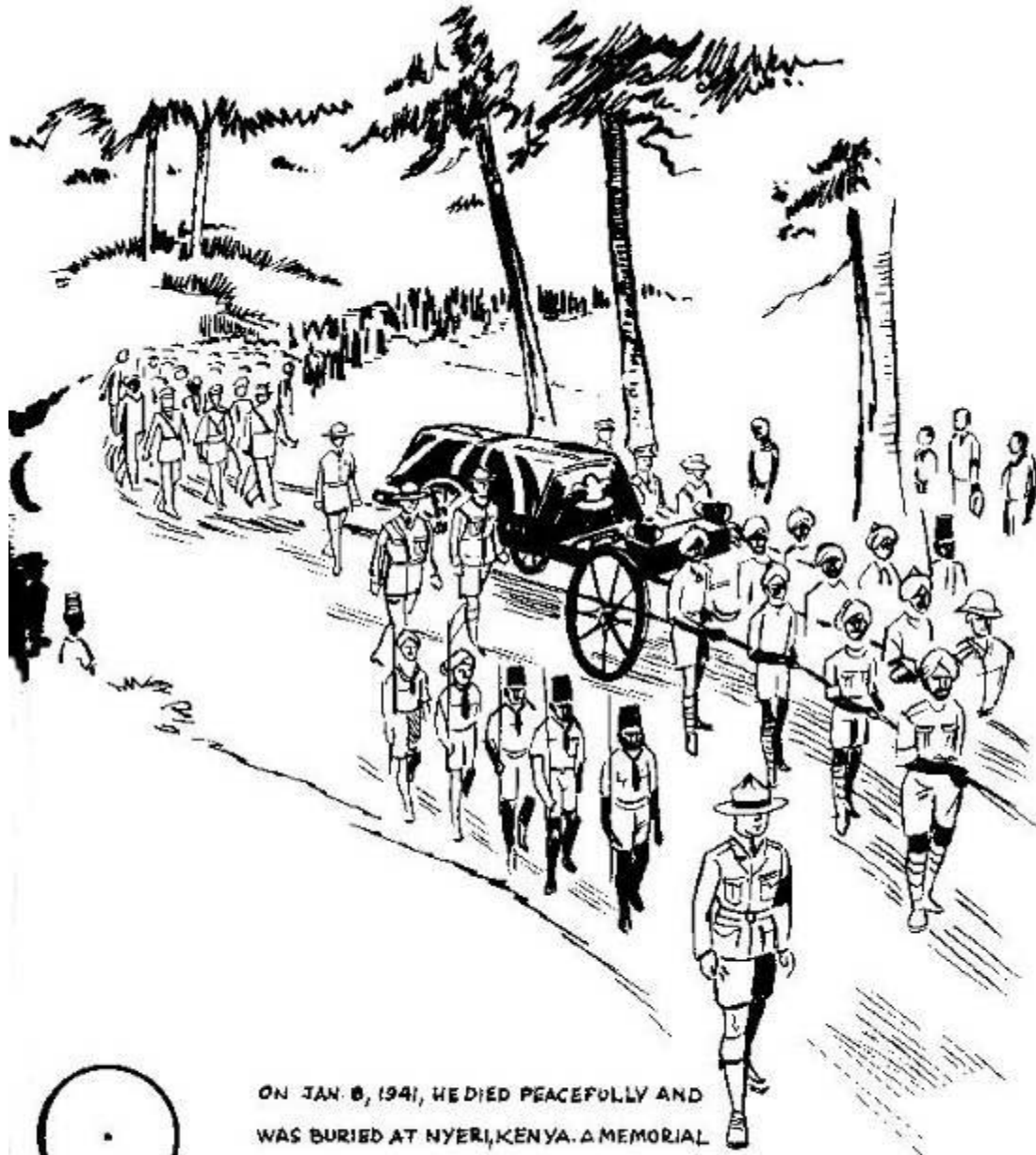
IN 1936 HE VISITED CANADA. LA
FEDERATION DES SCOUTS CATHOLIQUES
DE LA PROVINCE DE QUEBEC AND
GALVATION ARMY SCOUTS AFFILIATED
WITH ASSOCIATION.



IN AUGUST 1937 THE 4TH WORLD JAMBOREE WAS HELD IN HOLLAND. B-P. SPOKE TO THE GREAT ASSEMBLY REALIZING THAT THIS WAS TO BE HIS LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE TO THE SCOUTS OF THE WORLD.



B-P. HAD WORKED HARD AND ON MEDICAL ADVICE HE RETIRED TO KENYA, IN SOUTH AFRICA, IN 1928. HE SPENT THE LAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE HERE IN THE AFRICA HE LOVED.



ON JAN. 8, 1941, HE DIED PEACEFULLY AND WAS BURIED AT NYERI, KENYA. A MEMORIAL TABLET WAS PLACED IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY HONOURING HIS GREAT WORK FOR YOUTH.