

19, Winsters Ave,
STRETFORD,
Nr Manchester,
July 1948,

Dear Brother Scout,

At last, here is the circular promised to you by I.H.Q. I am extremely sorry that I have been unable to write earlier for many details have awaited confirmation from Austria. Will you please read the following very carefully and follow any instructions to the last letter.

1. MOBILISATION. The whole contingent will assemble at I.H.Q., 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., with kit etc., at 3pm on Saturday August 7th 1948. A meal will be arranged, for which I may have to ask you to pay, and following this we shall be treated to a preview of Austria by a native with the assistance of a lantern. We will spend the night at local Scout headquarters, using our own blankets etc., and lying will be hard. On Sunday 8th, we will rise early, breakfast at I.H.Q. and assemble at Victoria Station for 7.15pm. We leave Victoria at 8.00am.

2. PATROL ARRANGEMENTS. I have asked your Patrol Leaders to make contact with you and I am sure that this has already been done. Briefly the patrols are as follows -

'LAFONT'	destination	BLUDENZ	in	VORARLBERG	district	FRENCH	ZONE.
'BOYCE'	"	SALZBURG	in	SALZBURG	"	AMERICAN	ZONE.
'WEST'	"	BAD ISCHL	in	UPPER AUSTRIA	"	"	"
'ROWALLAN'	"	KLAGENFURT	in	KAERTEN	"	BRITISH	"
'EVEREST'	"	GRAZ	in	STEIRMARK	"	"	"
'ULRICH'	"	VIENNA	in	UPPER AUSTRIA	"	4 POWER	"

Your patrol is marked

3. JOURNEY. Your P.L. will have supplied you with a copy of the route plan. The journey will I expect be rather trying and it would be wise to consider arming yourself with anti-travel sickness pills if you are likely to feel seedy at all. It is most important that you should keep close to your P.L., and the whole contingent at all times.

4. MEALS ENROUTE. We are making great efforts to secure the co-operation of our brother Scouts all along the route in order to take aboard food and drink. It will be necessary that you bring a thermos flask. In order to 'Be prepared', will you also supply yourself with some food as iron rations, such as biscuits, fresh and dried fruits, chocolate, or other non-perishable foods, sufficient for 3 or 4 snacks - just to keep you alive and chirpy in case of hitches in the plan.

5. ARRIVAL IN AUSTRIA. Each patrol will be met by an adult Austrian Scouter in whose charge it will remain for the whole of the ensuing period.

6. UNIFORM. Your normal Scout uniform only. No special contingent scarves or insignia except the small Union Flag badge, which will be worn one inch above the top centre of the RIGHT pocket on shirts and in a similar position on jerseys. Two of these badges will have been sent on to you by your P.L. (The 'ULRIC' patrol will not sew these on - I suggest that you arrange for two press-studs in order that they may be detached. This is no insult to our flag or country but a wise precaution to avoid misunderstanding of our visit through the Russian Zone) Staves will not be carried unless absolutely necessary for hike tents. Scouters and Scouts who have national medals should wear the appropriate ribbon. Scout medals and decorations should be taken and worn on appropriate occasions.

7. RATION BOOKS & IDENTITY CARDS. Must be taken with you - although you will not need them for rations - pass-port regulations are that they must be produced if required.

8. LETTERS. Your parents and friends will want to write to you and although I am unable to supply at the present moment your precise address you should bring along with you paper and envelopes and be prepared to write often as soon as your address is known.

9. EQUIPMENT. The contingent will be travelling light i.e. no luggage van equipment - hike tents, cooking gear. Etc., should be planned for camping in pairs. I have asked your P.L. to write to you directly on this topic in order that he can arrange who should bring what and to avoid excessive weight. Overleaf I have drawn up a list of gear which you should consider carefully.

9. EQUIPMENT CONTINUED. REMEMBER THAT WE SHALL BE AWAY FOR THREE WEEKS!

(a) Personal - for each Scout.

Complete Scout Uniform including hat.	Sweater or warm jersey.
Two or three blankets.	Paliasse cover may be useful.
Pyjamas - two pairs if desired.	Stockings - several pairs.
Spare shirts and shorts - two sets.	Plimsolls or sandals.
Spare boots or shoes - on pair for hiking.	Bathing trunks.
Towels -about three.	Handkerchiefs - several.
Soap - good supply, Comb, brush, toothbrush etc., in bag.	
Mending materials.	Mackintosh or great coat.
Two enamelled soup plates.	Enamelled Mug.
Knife fork and spoon in bag	Thermos flask.
Ground sheet.	Haversack.
Rucksack or kit bag.	

(EVERYTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME -)

(b) Camp gear - for two Scouts.

Hike tent complete.	Small nest of billies or a
Sisal or rope for kitchen.	Gilwell canteen - each!
Dish and Drying Cloths.	Butter Muslin.
Scrubbers, soap powder.	Washing soda (not for alumin-
Wash bowl - canvas.	Tin opener (-ium ware
Torch. Matches. Candles.	Toilet roll

Entrenching tools may be useful.

(I will ask the Austrians to provide latrine stores)

(c) Patrol Leader

Union Flag with haliyards.	Good First Aid Kit.
Prayer Book.	Balls for games. Rope etc.
Wool for lives.	Song Book.

Log Book (to be kept by the whole patrol)

10. Pocket Money. The Bank of England will allow each Scout to change up to five pounds maximum. This amount or anything less than this amount must be sent at once to

Mr. K.W. Bird,
5 Upper Park Road,
Bromley,
KENT.

Mr. Bird (Deputy Leader) will arrange the exchange details and will hold your pass-port for this purpose (Note! It is unlikely that you will need much money for anything beyond souvenirs)

11. TRIP FEE. If you have not already done so , send in £16 to
The International Secretary,
Boy Scouts Association,
25, Buckingham Palece Rd.
London S.W1.

DO NOT SEND YOU POCKET MONEY TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY(see above)

12. OTHER MONEY. Do please ensure that you have a small amount of our own money, sufficient only for two or three meals and your fare from Victoria on your return.

General Remarks Gosh! What a list! Now for some odd things.

(a) Cameras and films - No films are obtainable in Austria.

(b) Food and Ratios - All we can expect is the Austrian ration which is less than our own. If you can manage to carry any extras please do so- what ever happens no grousing please - the Austrians will do their best and as their guests we will remember to be grateful.

(c) Queries - If you have any queries about the trip please write to me immediately. After the 26th inst will you please write to Mr Bird for I shall be away from home.

(4) Lastly - on our general aim end bearing. We are going to Austria as examples of British Scouting, to hold out the Left hand of friendship and brotherhood. All countries where Scouting flourishes look to us, the scouts of Baden-Powell Land, to show the way in Scout Spirit, efficiency and discipline. So it is up to us; we can show that we are really true Scouts, and I am sure that it will not be a serious strain and we shall have a jolly time.

I am looking forward to meeting you on the 7th,

Yours fraternally,

A. Done, Contingent Leader.