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**ST. GEORGE'S DAY**  
WITH BEST WISHES



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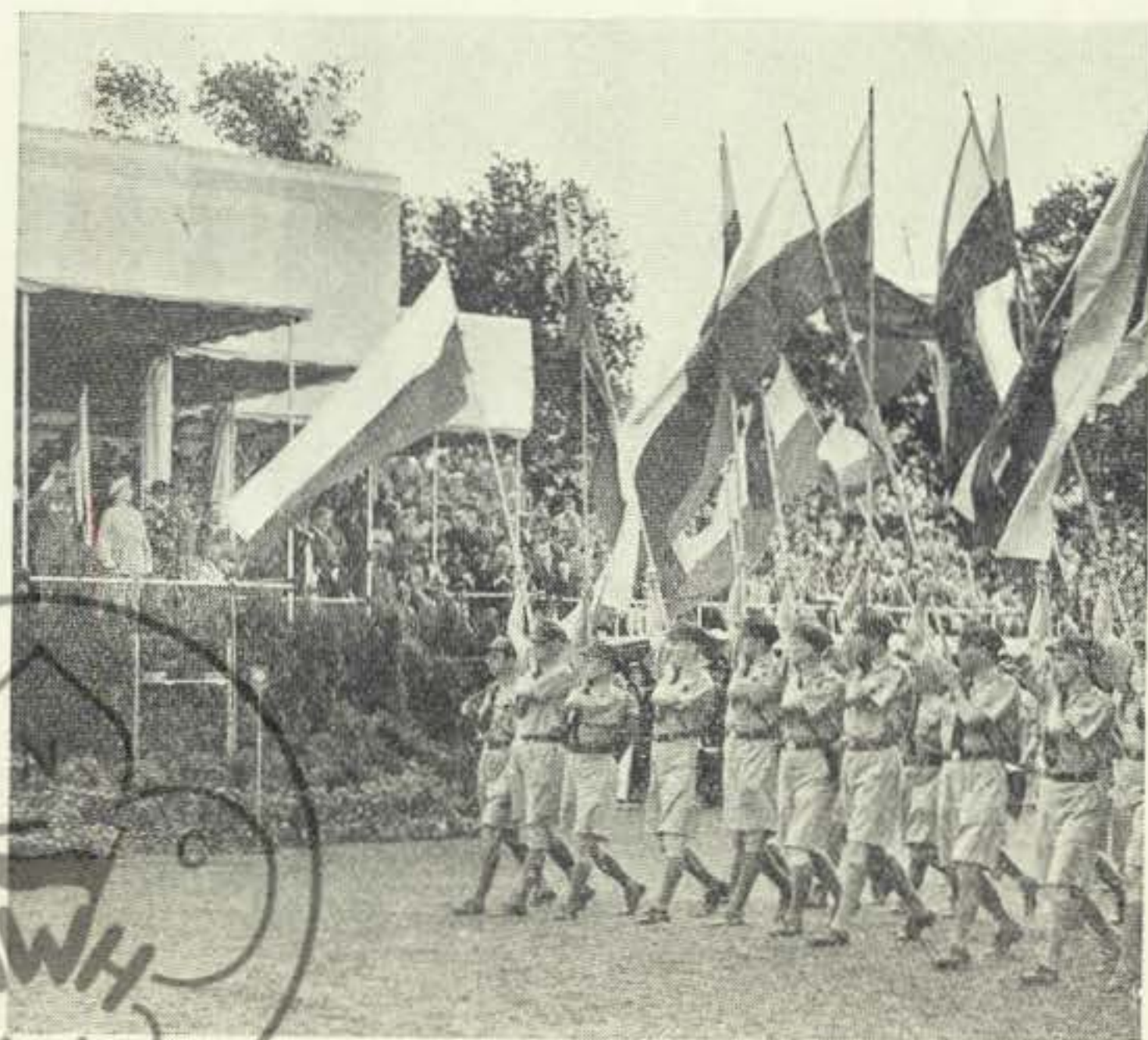
FROM THE LAST B.P. LETTER  
TO POLISH SCOUTS.

... I hope and expect that you will have found my countrymen fully sympathetic to you and yours. Even away out here we all have felt shocked and enraged at the brutalities which your nation has suffered, coupled with an immense admiration for the bravery and endurance of your men: and we look forward with hope to your day of deliverance — to "Polonia Restituta" once more. I hope that those of the Scouts and Guides who succeeded in getting out of Poland are finding help and hospitality from their brother Scouts in France and elsewhere.

With cordial good wishes.

Yours truly,

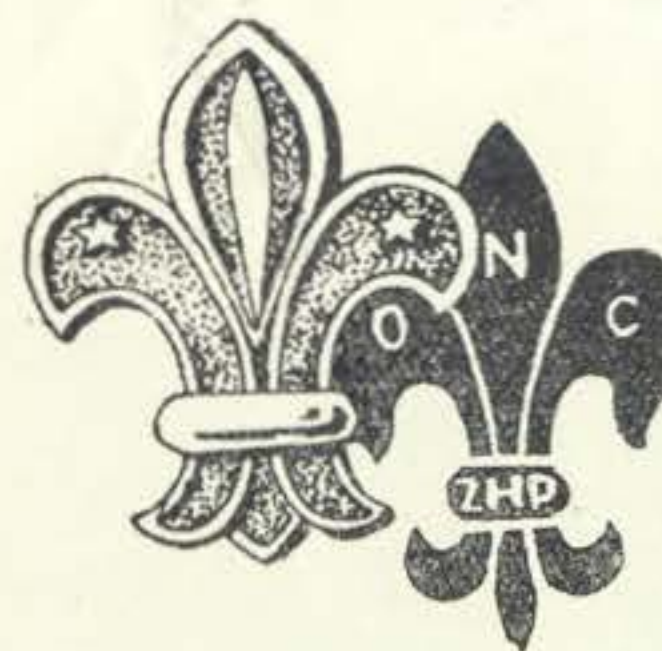
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POLISH SCOUTS ON PARADE BEFORE B.P.  
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POLISH SCOUTING IN BRIEF.

The Supreme Council of the Association of the Polish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides directs the whole work of Scouting from London. The Council consists of 20 Commissioner and Guide Officers with Mme. Olga Malkowska as Chairman.

GREAT BRITAIN.

There are about 1,000 Scouts and Guides in Great Britain. 600 of them, Scoutmasters and Rovers are now serving in the Polish Army, Air Force and Navy. 150 Scouts and over 100 Guides are amongst Polish Boys and Girls who are educated in different Polish and British Schools. There are in Great Britain 3 Guide Companies and 6 Scout Troops. Two Troops are in the Polish Air Apprentices School.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

More than 1,000 Scouts are soldiers of the Polish Forces in the Middle East organised in Crews in their Units and about 8,000 Scouts and Guides are to be found in different countries where Polish children evacuated from Russia have been given hospitable refuge. There are Scout Troops and Guide Companies in India, Iran, Palestine, Egypt, Tanganyika, Uganda, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and South Africa. In Mexico there are about 500 Scouts and Guides. Recently a new group of these children have been brought to New Zealand. Scouting and Guiding has been started amongst them.

REPRINTING POLISH SCOUT LITERATURE.

Because of the destruction of Polish literature during the war it is necessary to reprint Scout and Guide Handbooks for present and future use. Much has already been done and is proving very useful to our Scouts in the Middle East, Africa, India and Great Britain. The Polish translation of "Scouting for Boys" has been reprinted by the Boy Scouts of Canada to whom we are very grateful.

POLISH TROOPS and COMPANIES are being adopted by their BRITISH BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

25 Troops and Companies in Poland have been adopted just now by British Guide Companies and Scout Troops.

The 10th Malvern Scout Group, Victoria, Australia, has adopted the Polish Troop in Jaworze, Silesia.

Mr. Ken. Brewster, Group Scoutmaster, says in his letter to a Polish Scouter:—

"We will definitely help you in your self-imposed task. If I can't produce old uniforms then rest assured that new ones will be provided. I, and my Scouters, think it's a splendid, practical way of demonstrating the greatness of the Scout movement. We wear khaki shorts, shirts and socks with the usual wide-brimmed khaki felt hat. Please let me know, in due course, just what you would require in regard to uniform and smaller sundries."

MILLOM LEADING.

During the last few months the Millom Guides and Scouts have gained the sum of over a hundred-and-twenty pounds in aid of the Polish Scout Relief and reconstruction Fund.

The effort made by the Millom Guides and Scouts will always be remembered in Poland.



## DESTRUCTION and RECONSTRUCTION.

At the outbreak of the present War there were no fewer than 1,699 Nursery Schools, 28,881 Elementary Schools and 789 Secondary Schools. In addition there were 2,085 Vocational Schools, 641 Continuation Classes and 28 Universities and Institutions of equivalent rank.

### ALL THIS HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE GERMANS.

First Religion and then Education have been persecuted. Polish Schools of every kind were closed, all books and school equipment were destroyed. Teachers were deported, shot or sent to Concentration Camps. Scouting and other Youth Movements were disbanded. The result is that the losses incurred and the damage inflicted will make the restoration of Polish Education an exceedingly difficult task. The full reconstruction within any reasonable period of time will be practically impossible without the help of Britain and America.

First of all provision must be made for feeding the population and health and physical education.

Our Association has already planned for future work and will always collaborate with the Post War Relief Work.

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#### FROM THE EDITOR.

This Bulletin, No. 2, is the outcome of the initiative of our British friends who desire to keep in close touch with the activities of Polish Scouts, and to keep this spirit of brotherhood alive. We must keep in touch even when land and sea divides us. This is the reason why we started this bulletin.

To begin with, I must say thank you for the help given to our "Czuwaj—Be prepared". In the beginning we were not sure whether the paper would be popular, but we can now go ahead with full confidence in the future.

We wish every friend in turn to contribute to the contents of our future issues. Every suggestion, question and idea given to us will help to keep the Bulletin progressing in the right direction.

I hope that this Bulletin will form a new and strong link in the big chain of the Guide and Scout World-Brotherhood.