

6th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

MOISSON, FRANCE : 9th – 18th August 1947

INTRODUCTION

Following the Second World War, the 6th World Jamboree – The Jamboree of Peace, took place at Moisson in France. There were fewer international participants at this Jamboree, mainly due to the many post-war shortages, particularly the availability of foreign currency. 24 152 Scouts from 42 countries attended. South Africa could not send a contingent to Moisson, as no steamer could be found so soon after the Second World War. The sole representative was Assistant District Commissioner Archie Pringle of the Johannesburg Eastern District.

SCOPE OF THE EXHIBIT

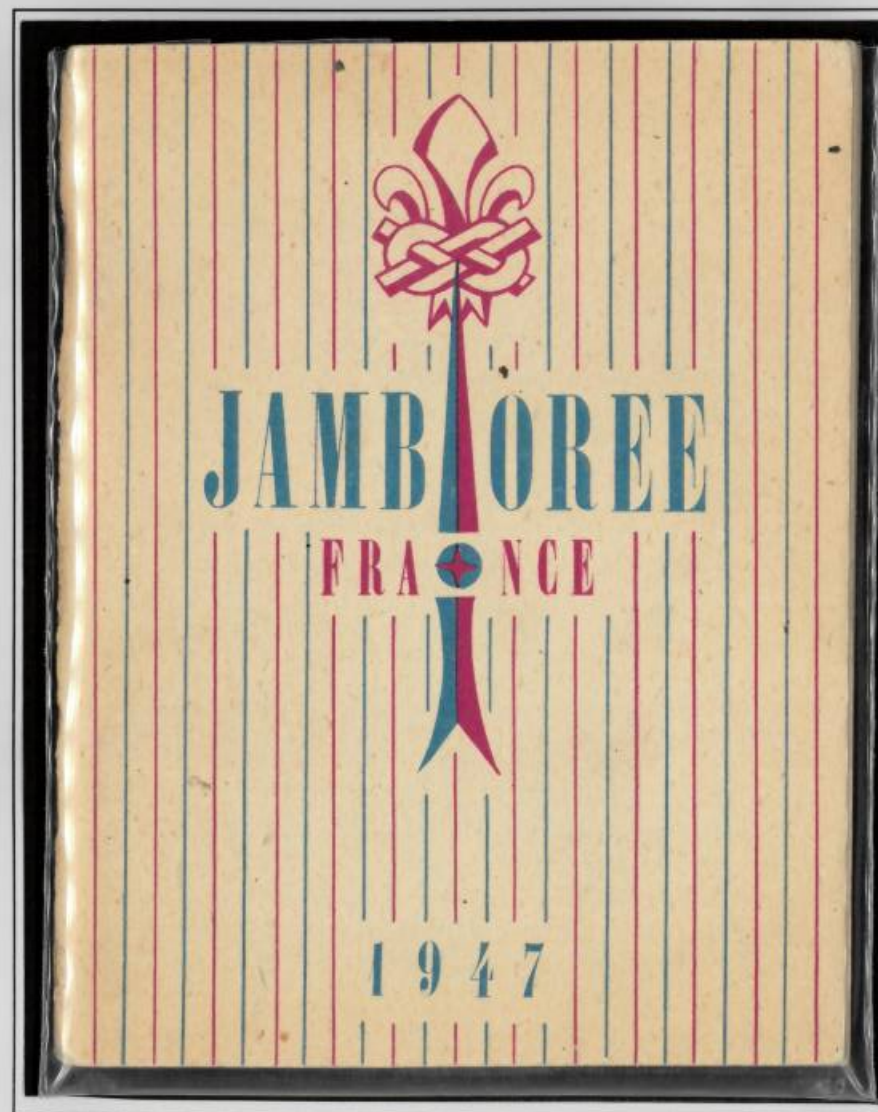
This open class exhibit tells the story of this Jamboree, through the special commemorative stamp issued to mark the occasion, and a range of covers, postcards and postmarks from the Jamboree site. Non-philatelic material is also used to illustrate and provide an understanding of the Jamboree experience. Important or scarce items are outlined in a thicker purple border.

EXHIBIT PLAN

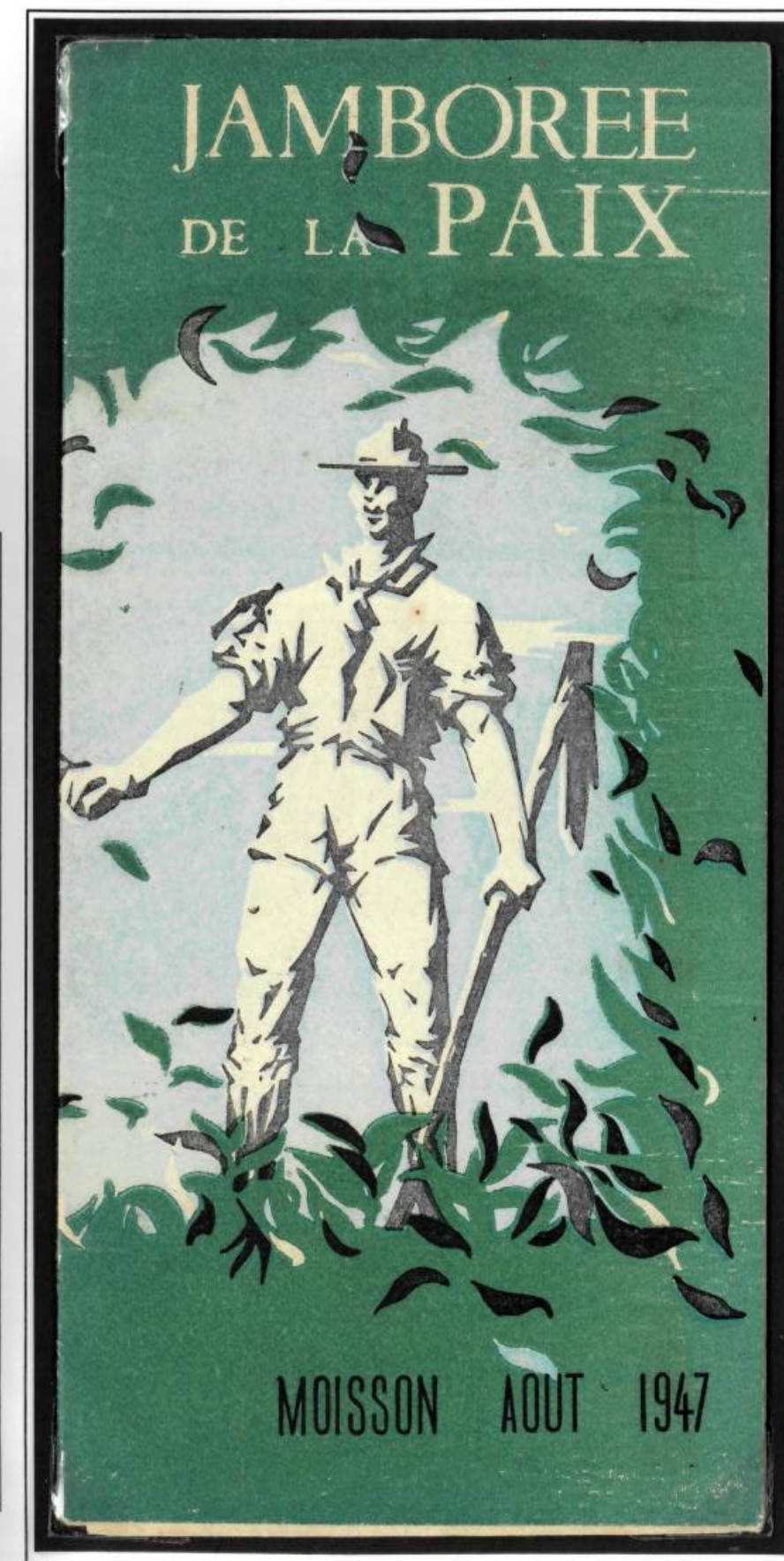
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Colour postcard postmarked with a Type 1 Hand Cancel on the opening day – 9th August.



Participant Handbook, published by the 'Association Du Jamboree' 6 Rue Ampère, Paris. It contains a welcome from General Lafont, Chief Scout of France and useful information about the Jamboree site.



Map of the Moisson region, including the layout of the Jamboree campsite.

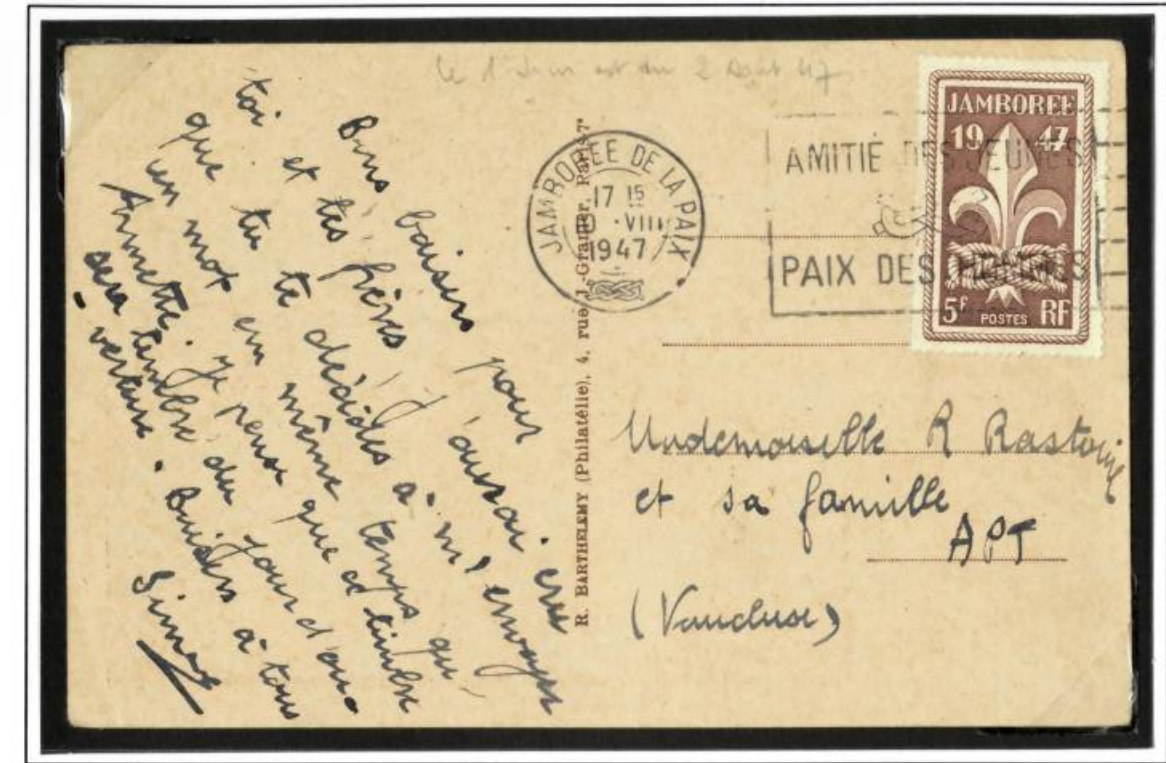
Jamboree Stamps and Camp Postmarks

France issued a single five-franc stamp to mark the occasion. Designed by J.Piel and printed by the French Stamp Printing Office. 2,875,000 stamps were printed. The stamp design includes the Scout emblem with a Carrick Bend knot, which was also used as the Jamboree emblem. The knot symbolizes how all Scouts are 'tied together' in one big Scouting brotherhood.

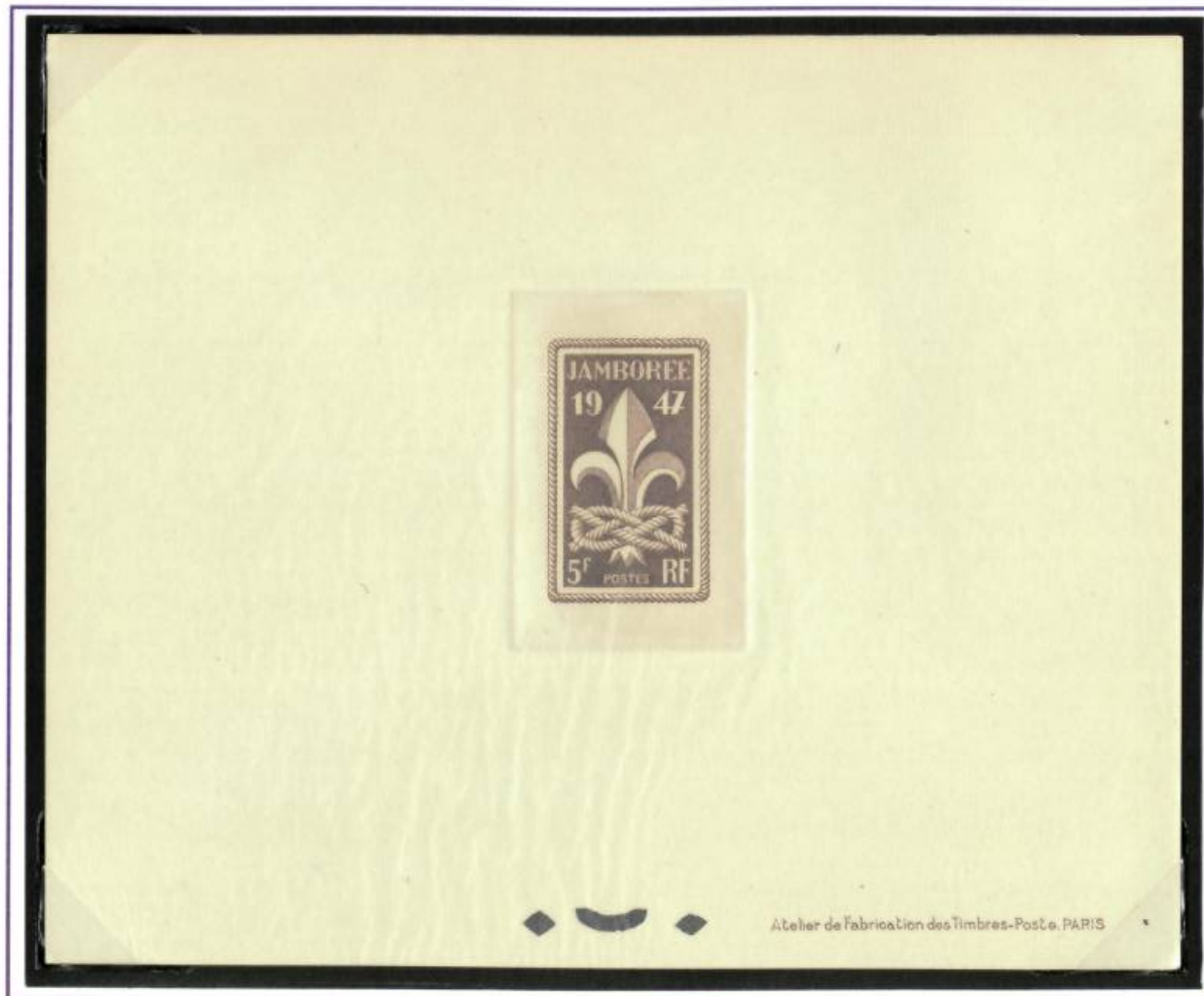
Five different postmarks were used in camp. Two machine cancels and three hand cancels, which are illustrated on the following page.



Colour trials of the special 5f stamp, with the final selected colour shown above right. Example of the final mint stamp (top), engraved printing, perforation 13 with no watermark shown for comparison.



Postcard posted from the Jamboree on 10th August with an example of the machine cancel Type 1.



Printer's proof of the issued stamp



Marginal block of four stamps, with sheet number 74166



Postcard of the Jamboree stamp (right), postmarked with hand cancel Type 1, on the closing day -18th August. A cachet in blue ink depicting the Jamboree logo has also been applied.

The Postmarks

Two machine cancels with the inscription 'Jamboree de la paix amitie des jeunes / paix des hommes', and three hand cancels with the abbreviated 'Jamboree de la paix'



Examples of the machine cancels – Type 1 (above left), Type 2 (above right), and the abbreviated hand cancels – type 1 (below left), type 2 (below middle) and type 3 (below right), shown reduced original size.



Postcard posted from the Jamboree on the 15th August, with an example of the machine cancel Type 1 (top) and postcard posted on the 19th August, with example of the machine cancel Type 2 (bottom).



Pre-printed Jamboree envelope (left) posted to Paris on the opening day – 9th August. The postmark is an example of the Type 1 hand cancel used at the Jamboree.



Postcard showing location of the Jamboree campsite, with hand cancel Type 2 dated 10th August and Jamboree label in bottom left hand corner.



Example of Type 3 hand cancel dated 9th August on Jamboree postcard.



Colour postcard (above) postmarked with a Type 2 hand cancel on the 12th August.

Jamboree Advertising Labels

Booklets containing special Jamboree Advertising Labels were also printed. The three different varieties of the booklets containing 10 labels are depicted below.

Postcard (right) depicting a flag lowering ceremony, postmarked on the 12th August, using a Type 2 Hand Cancel. It also has an example of the Jamboree advertising label affixed to the top left corner.



Example of the inside printing of all three booklets, with an advert for CIF scouring powder on the left pane, and details of the Jamboree on the right pane. The advertising printed in the margins reads 'Gondolo the biscuit you need' is for a brand of biscuit. Back of booklet cover has the advert for Scottish Polish as below left.



Copy of the back page of the booklet shown reduced original size.



Booklet of unused Jamboree advertising labels. The advertising printed in the margins 'Lion Noir' is for a brand of shoe polish. On the reverse side of the booklet is an advertisement for Scottish Polish (illustrated above left). The text reads 'neither rain, mud or snow will damage it. This is really the best'.



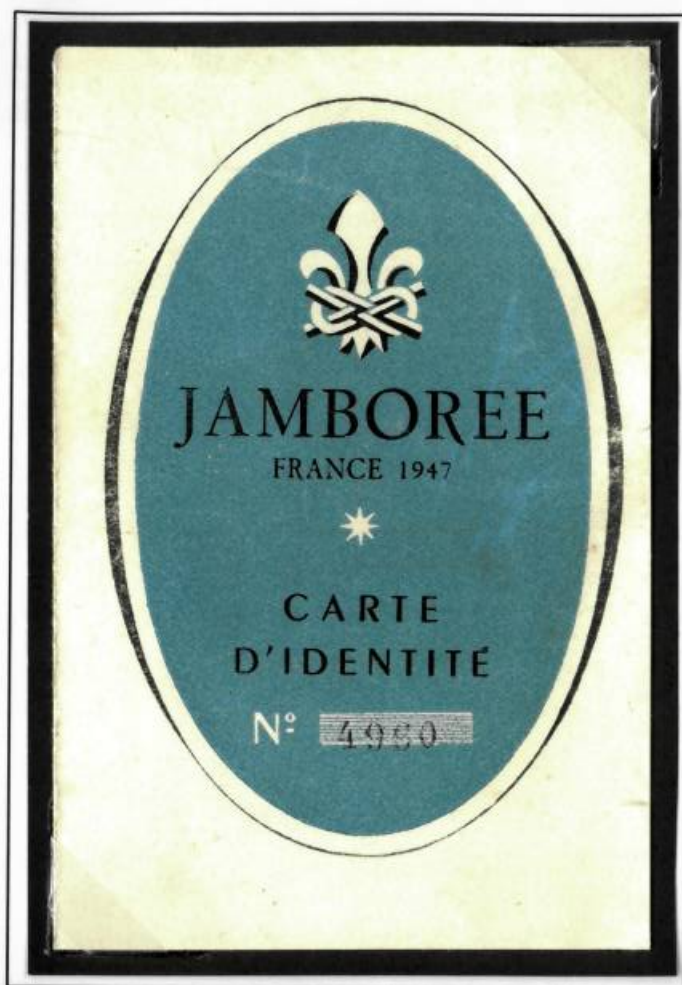
Booklet of unused Jamboree advertising labels. The advertising printed in the margins 'Piles Mazda' is for a brand of battery. On the reverse side of the booklet is an advertisement for Spontex Sponges (illustrated above right). The text reads 'the duty of the Scout begins at home'.



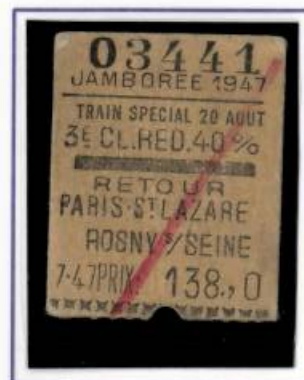
Copy of the back page of the booklet shown reduced original size.

Travelling to the Jamboree

Scouts travelling to the Jamboree site had to take Rosny-sur-Seine train at Paris St. Lazare station. A special reduction of 40% of the regular fare was given to all participants on presentation of their Jamboree Identity Cards.



Participants Jamboree Identity Card (left). The card also entitled the holder to free entrance to all sub-camps and to the public parts of the campsite.



Return train ticket - Paris, St. Lazare station to Rosny-sur-Seine (right). Scarce item.



Visitor badge with original string (left). Issued to the many day visitors who came to see the Jamboree site.

NOM NAME N° 016204

DOMICILE PERSONAL ADDRESS

DESTINATION
JAMBOREE de la PAIX
EN GARE DE
ROSNY-sur-Seine
FRANCE

DELEGATION }
SOUS-CAMP }
SUB CAMP }
TROUPE TROOP } N°

Unused luggage label, No. 016204

FICHE DE SECURITE
A METTRE
DANS LE COLIS
BAGAGE
ENREGISTRE ou NON

NAME NOM
Lipphart Josef

DOMICILE PERSONAL ADDRESS

DESTINATION
JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX
EN GARE DE
ROSNY-SUR-SEINE
FRANCE

DELEGATION }
SOUS-CAMP }
SUB-CAMP }
TROUPE TROOP

SECURITY CARD
TO BE PUT INSIDE
THE LUGGAGE
(REGISTERED OR NOT)

Security card to be placed inside the luggage.



Original souvenir pack of six postcards (left), depicting various towns and country scenes, issued by the French Railways specifically for the Jamboree.

Postcard depicting Scouts enjoying the sights of Paris (right). The stamp has been cancelled with Hand Cancel Type 1 during the Jamboree. Date on the cancellation is not legible.



The Jamboree Campsite ...

In preparation for the Jamboree 20 kilometers of roads, 200 hectares of activity areas and meeting places, 1 000 campsites and an arena with 6 000 seats was constructed. A hospital with 300 beds was also built and 300 kilometers of telephone wires were laid. The 15 Sub-Camps were named after French Provinces. Gateways and various other structures around the sub-camps were typical representations of each province.



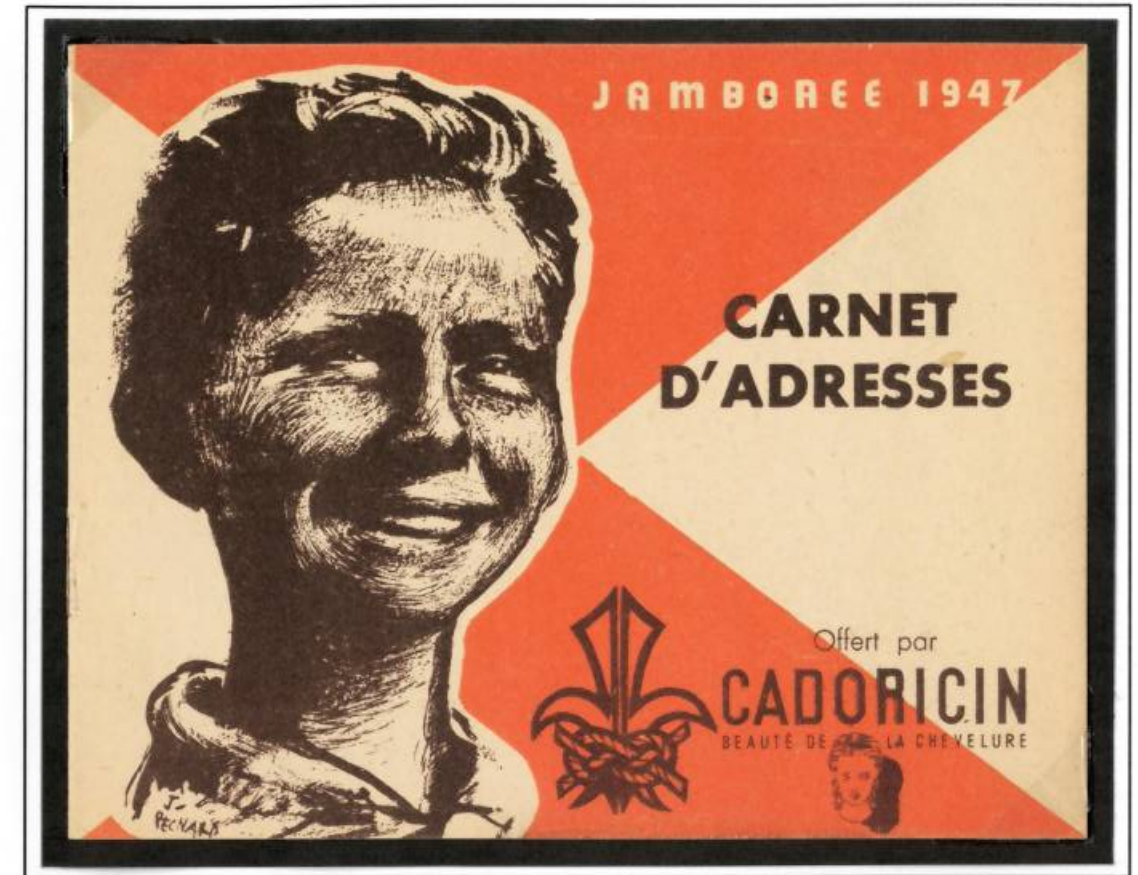
Postcard sent from the Jamboree site, with a single Jamboree stamp postmarked with machine cancel Type 1. Card produced by Editions Univers, Paris.



Original photograph of the Flanders Sub-Camp Gateway.

Address Book for Participants (right) to record the contact details of the friends that they have made during the Jamboree.

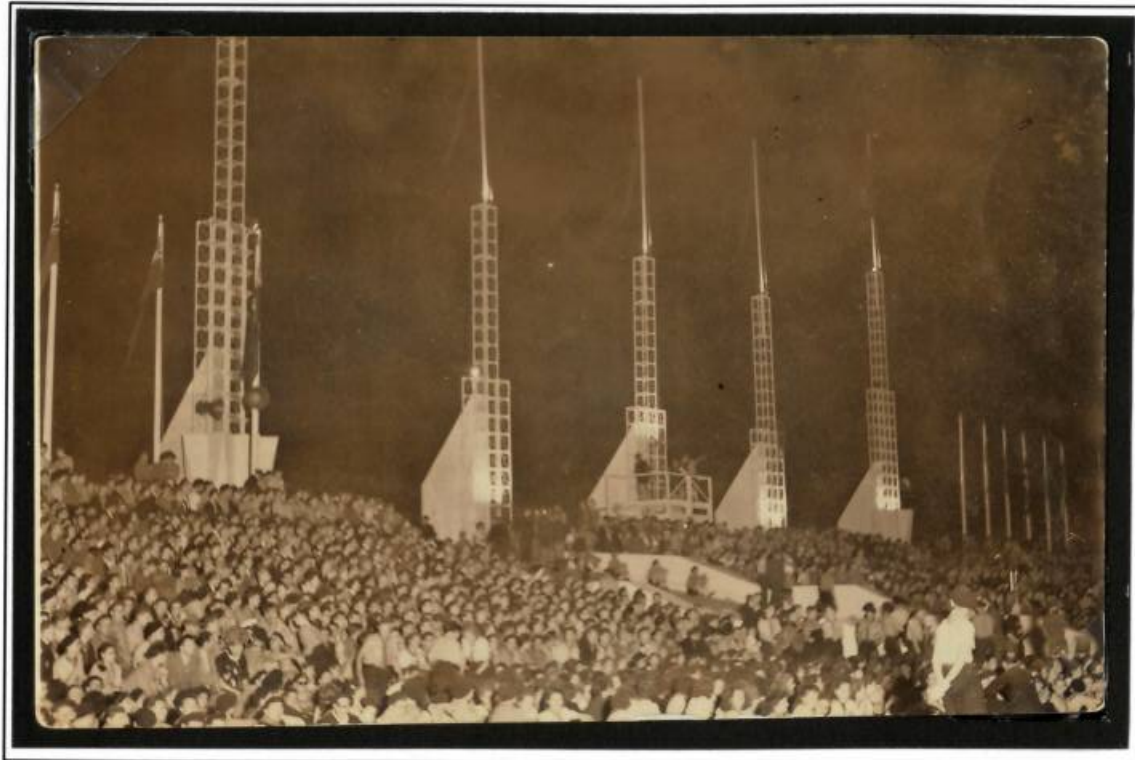
Two unused postcards of some of the entrances and structures in the Sub-camps. La Bretagne (Brittany) below and Beffroi des Flandres (Belfry of Flanders) below right. Publishers details on the reverse of the cards, Photo Manson – Print Hodbert, 8 Rue de Tournon, Paris.



... with a Special Railway

A small railway, brought from the Maginot Line, some 8 kilometers in length circled the campsite. Parking for 200 buses and 4000 motor cars was also provided. When all was complete a small town, the 'City of Peace' was ready to admit the participating Scouts and day-visitors.

Unused postcard (right) depicting the train and railway brought from the Maginot line.




Unused photographic postcard, titled on the reverse side 'l'arène le soir du 9 août' (the arena on the evening of 9th August). It shows Scouts filling the arena for the official opening ceremony.



Unused postcard depicting one of the many Scout bands parading through the campsite.



The 'Great Scout Game' was available to Scouts and visitors alike. The postcard (right) could be detached and used, while the other half used to enter the competition. Participants had to provide a humorous title for the postcard drawing and estimate how many knives would be handed in at the camps lost property office. Part of the reverse side shown reduced original size, below.



Carte à détacher et à mettre dans les boîtes spéciales de nos librairies avant le 17 Août.
Post-card to be detach and to put in the special post-boxes of our Bookshops before August the 17 th.

1^{re} QUESTION :
1st QUESTION :

2^e QUESTION :
2nd QUESTION :

Nombre de couteaux trouvés
Number of lost knives

NOM :
NAME :

PRÉNOM :
FORNAME :

NATIONALITÉ :
NATIONALITY :

TROUPE :
TRUP :

SOUS-CAMP :
SUB-CAMP :

ADRESSE :
ADDRESS :

Les réponses peuvent être écrites dans n'importe quelle langue.
The answerd can be written in all languages.

GRAND JEU SCOUT
GREAT SCOUT GAME

THÈME

La carte postale de ce dépliant est l'élément principal de ce jeu. Il s'agit :

- I. De trouver au dessin de cette carte une légende la plus humoristique possible.
- II. Estimation. Combien aura-t-il été remis de couteaux de poche aux " objets trouvés " du camp entre le 7 et le 17 Août ?

RÈGLES

- Tous les scouts et visiteurs du Jam. peuvent participer à ce grand jeu. On peut donner un nombre illimité de réponses à condition d'utiliser chaque fois une nouvelle carte.
- Les résultats seront affichés à nos différents stands de librairie scouts, dès le 18 Août. Les prix seront distribués immédiatement. Très nombreux prix en volumes au choix.
- Utilisez la carte avec le timbre Jam. pour envoyer à vos parents ou amis un souvenir de votre séjour en France.
- Prix de la carte 5 frs. Pour tout achat de 150 frs à nos librairies, une carte est offerte gratuitement.

THEME

The pictured post-card is the most important element of this game. You have :

- I. To find out for the drawing of this post-card a humorous legend.
- II. Valuation : how many knives will be brought to the camp's lost parcel office between the 7 th and the 17 th of August.

RULES

- All the scouts and visitors of the jamboree may participate to the game. You are able to give as much answers as you want but you have to use at each time a new post-card.
- Results will be published at our different scout bookshops from August the 18 th. The winning prizes will be give immediately. Numerous prizes are turned into books you can select.
- Use the post-card with jam's stamp to send to your relatives or friends as souvenir of your French Trip.
- Price : 5 frs. For each 150 frs bought at our bookshops you get one post-card for yourself.

Final Views of Moisson ...

The forests of Moisson, are situated in the Yvelines department in the Île-de-France region of north-central France, approximately 50 miles from Paris. Interestingly, the word 'moisson' translated in English means 'harvest'. Appropriate then that this 'Jamboree for Peace', the first held since the end of the Second World War, and the first since the death of Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1941, should be held in such a place. A booklet of ten postcards 'Views of Moisson' was published and available for sale at the Jamboree.



Original postcard booklet. Copies of each postcard are shown reduced original size. Portrait postcards (left to right) are 1. Map of France, 3. Advertising Poster, 6. Camp Access Road, 7. The Marine Camp, 9. Gathering of leaders at flagpole, 10. The Commissioner General of the Jamboree and the Camp Chief. Landscape postcards (left) are 2. Relief Map of Jamboree, 4. Exploring Moisson by Jeep, and (right) 5. View of Moisson, 8. The loop of the Seine at Moisson.

... and Conclusion

After a ten year hiatus since the 5th World Jamboree in 1937, as a result of the Second World War, the Scout Jamboree was well and truly back on the international stage. It would continue to expand in the years ahead, to become the largest, most recognised and most influential gatherings of young people in the world. In the words of British actor, theatrical producer and songwriter Ralph Reader, "Jamboree, Jamboree ... come give three hearty cheers"!