

SUMMER CAMP 1970
DENMARK - "RYGET" VAERLOSE
3RD-17TH AUGUST 1970

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Attending SCOUTERS

SL Alistair Cram, ASLs Robin Crawford, Alan Riddell, Sam Thomson, Alan Urquart, CSL Isabel McBride, and ACSL Kaa

Patrol Leaders

John Tait, Ian Notman, Graham Patrick, John McCallum, Kenneth McKenzie, Stanley Anderson, Alan Anderson

APLs

Christopher Wilson, John Dagleish, Peter Bennett, Billy Kerr, John Bruce, and Gordon McTavish

70th Scouts

Brian Anderson, John McCallum (II), John Black, Colin Bryce, Christopher Dagleish, Peter Kerr?, Graeme Peterson, Gordon Knight, Kenneth Miller, Craig Anderson? David McIlroy, John Johnstone, and Graeme Lyle

5th Scout

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Quarriers Home Scouts

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TWENTY-EIGHT SCOUTS from the 70th, two from the Quarrier's Homes Troop and one from the 5th Renfrewshire have just left for summer camp in Denmark. There are eight leaders with the boys—three of whom are lady Cub Scouters who are in charge of the quarter-mastering — but not the cooking; that will be left to the Scouts.

The party are sailing from Newcastle to Esbjerg and then travelling across Denmark to Copenhagen by train. The camp site is near a town called Voerlose, about 13 miles outside the capital.

The programme is varied. The Scouts will be spending four days in the homes of Danish boys and their hosts will be showing them round Copenhagen — not of course missing out on the Tivoli Gardens. A trip to Sweden has also been arranged for the Troop by the Danes.

Older members of the Troop will be given some equipment, and sent off to find out what they can about the way of life of the Danes in the country north of the city area. This will take the form of a three-day hike.

While the Scouts are in Den-

mark the British Explorer Belt (a national challenge expedition for Venture Scouts) will be taking place and this should give the Scouts a chance further to appreciate the wider aspects of Scouting.

Other items on the programme include a bus trip to North Zealand, a trip to Elsinore Castle and an 'At Home' day on the camp site to thank the Danes who have helped the Troop and given them hospitality.

The camp is being led by Scout Leader Alastair Cram, assisted by Cub Scout Leader Isabel McBride and six others.

Day 1 Monday 3rd August

We all arrived at the Scout Hut by 11 o'clock, where we were met by Sam who was handing out small tickets on which were to write out (our) name, the date and the name of the ship. After everyone had one, we had to get our photograph taken by Mrs Hall. Skip told us to dispose of our jackets while we were getting taken. Mrs Hall told us to put our bodies into a half decent order or group so that she could get our photo took for the local rag. After she had done her bit, we were getting fed up with people and Mrs Hall taking our photos, so we went into the hall and waited for the bus which arrived quite soon after. We all started to load our kits into the boot of the bus. We got into the bus and waved to our parents and we departed.



Skipper had left earlier than the bus and he was lucky this time (his car stayed intact). There is not much to say about the bus journey except that at 1 o'clock we had our lunch. After that, we did not do anything special until we arrived at Newcastle where there was a bit of a mix up about the roads, but the driver was able to work out which one to take. We arrived at Tynemouth at 4:15 in the afternoon. We were to wander about the dock until 5 o'clock when we joined the queue to get onto the boat which was named HS Princessa.

When we got onto the boat, we were shown the way to the cabins in which we slept for the night. Or should I say tried to sleep but the small boys were making a lot of noise and skipper was taking a large fit. By about 4:30 someone was using a ball, but I do not think that it was any of our scouts.

Author Chris Wilson (1st Scout Curlew)

Day 2 Tuesday 4th August

Everyone was roused at 8:30 to 9 o'clock. We had breakfast, then went and tidied our cabins. We were told to meet on the sun deck at 10:30, and at precisely 10.44, the last person arrived. First, we were told we were late (clever), then we were told that we had made a noise during the night and that some old dear couldn't get to sleep. She implied that it was us running around the corridor at 5 o'clock in the morning.

Lunch was at about 12.30 and we were told to meet on the Sun deck at 2:30 to get our passports back (the boat was meant to have arrived at 1:30, but did not arrive until 3.15)

When the boat arrived, we found we had missed our train. When we did get a train, we only went for a while before having to change trains for the ferry. Some people had tea on the ferry and when the boat docked, we continued our journey to Copenhagen.

At Copenhagen, we were met by two Danish Scouters and went by bus to the camp. When we arrived, we were fed and then we retired to pit.

Author Brian Anderson (1st Scout - Duck Patrol)

Day 3 Wednesday 5th August

Duty Patrol Curlew

We got up just before nine this morning and had our breakfast after getting washed outside the hut. Breakfast consisted of cornflakes, hamburgers, bread and tea, then after that we went for a walk to see the campsite for an hour until 11:30 AM. Then we had a game of patrol football which was won by the Tiger. Then the Duck Patrol meet the lunch because Panly's patrol were too busy playing football but they agreed to make it on Thursday. Then after lunch (which consisted of tomato soup, corned beef and potato, and peaches) we all went into Vaerlose and bought lemonade and sweets and (stamps etc in the 'Boghandel')*. We returned to the campsite just before 7 o'clock. Then we went to different bases such as pioneering, learning about premus's, and campfire making and backwards cooking.

Then we came in for our dinner which was mince, carrot, and potato then custard and sponge. Then we went down to campfire which lasted quite a while and had some cocoa then went to pit just after 11 PM.

Author John McCallum II (Duck Patrol)

Additional comment probably made by SL Alistair Cram

'It will be noticed that the camp started on a troop cooking basis (first time since 1957). This proved so unpopular that we soon reverted to patrol cooking!'

**Boghandel in Denmark means book shop or book store*

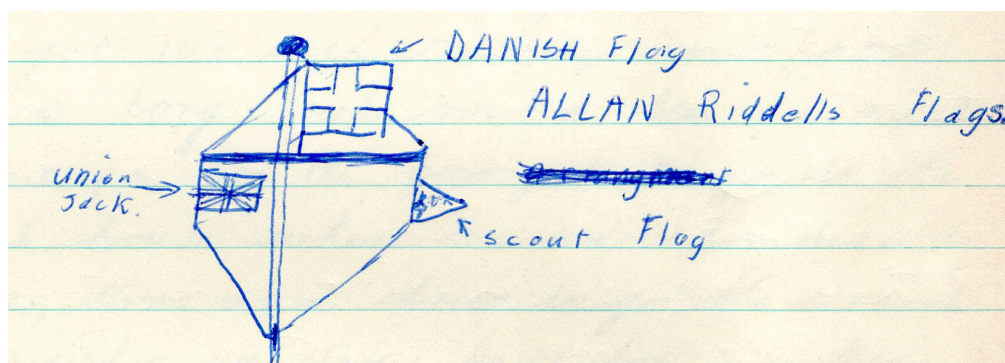
Day 4 Thursday 6th August

Duty Patrol Duck

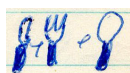
We (were) got up at 8 PM by the Scouters to go down to get washed and the basins outside the hut.

At approximately eight ten a.m., we started breakfast which was:- cornflakes, bacon, bread issued from the kitchen.

At ten a.m., three whistles went, so we gathered around the flagpole for flagbreak.



Then we had a inspection of kit and



At 10:15 AM, we had a game of football. After the number of different games of football we had our morning orange.

We went to the flagpole again for Robin to read out the activities.

- 1) Pioneering project with Robin
- 2) Backwoods meal and menus with Alan Riddle
- 3) Axemanship with Rusty
- 4) Visit an important building with Robin

At 12:30, we had a knockabout game (then at) 1:30 PM (we had) lunch.

After clearing up, we had a rest until 3 PM when we had a wide game, followed by a game of baseball.

At 5 PM, we selected our sites to cook our evening meal.

After clearing up, we had Advanced Scout Standard work (on) Pioneering and Compass.

At 8:10 PM we (had) a game.

(At) 9 PM we had flagdown.

After this, we had a 45 minute campfire then closedown

Author John Dalglish (APL Duck Patrol)

Day 5 Friday 7th August**Copenhagen**

On Friday morning, we walked to Vaerlose for the train to take us to Copenhagen. While we were getting the train, some of the Danish Scouters were packing our kits into a van to transport to Copenhagen.

In the morning, we went to the Carlsberg breweries to see round it and to get FREE lemonade. This was very interesting as we had a very good guide. It was dinner time when we reached the zoo and so we got 10 K each to buy some food.

After a long look round we met at 4 PM at the zoo gate to go to (Danish) Scout houses where we were divided into ones, twos and threes to go to the Danish hosts who we stayed with for three nights.

I was with a Danish Scouter and his wife (who) were very nice.

Author John Dalglish (APL Duck Patrol)

Day 6 Saturday 8th August**Copenhagen**

On Saturday morning, we went round the town and in the afternoon we (went) to visit a museum. Then we went back to the host house for tea and then at night we went to the Tivoli. At 12 PM, the Tivoli ended with fireworks.

Author John Dalglish (APL Duck Patrol)

Day 7 Sunday 9th August**Copenhagen**

We went to the scout house where we had a Scouts Own. After this, we went a sight seeing trip in Copenhagen.

- 1) We saw the changing of the guard at the palace.
- 2) After that, we went into a park beside the place crown jewels are kept for dinner
- 3) We went to see the crown jewels.

After all this, we went to the host house for tea and the night.

Author John Dalglish (APL Duck Patrol)

Day 8 Monday 10th August**Copenhagen**

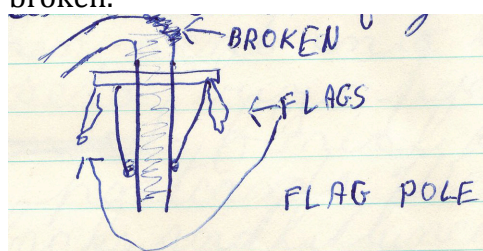
We rose early at the host house at 8 AM to go to Sweden. We went over by ship and we had our lunch on the boat inside as it rain all the time. We reach Sweden at 12:10 PM. From then until 2:45 PM, we walk round Sweden in the rain.

At 3 PM, we got a ticket to go on the hydrofoil to come back in only 35 minutes. From the pier, we walk to get a bus to the station. At the station, the Scouters thought it was to wet to get a train so they chartered a bus. We had to go back to the Scout house to get our kits then we came back to the campsite for tea at 8:15 PM. After tea, we had a campfire then we went to our pits.

Author John Dalglish (APL Duck Patrol)

Day 9 Tuesday 11th August

We rose at eight o'clock. After we had washed, we had breakfast which consisted of cornflakes, bacon and bread. At 10 o'clock, three vessels went and the flag was broken.



From 10 till 12 o'clock, the hikers left on a hike whither the younger Scouts went to play French cricket on the side of valley.

At 12:15, we came back to make the dinner which consisted of cold meat etc. After which we made gadgets (4.00pm). We had stew and steak for tea. When we finished washing up, we did training and testing at night after which we had a campfire. Lights (out) at 10:30.

Author Scout Graeme Peterson

Day 10 Wednesday 12th August

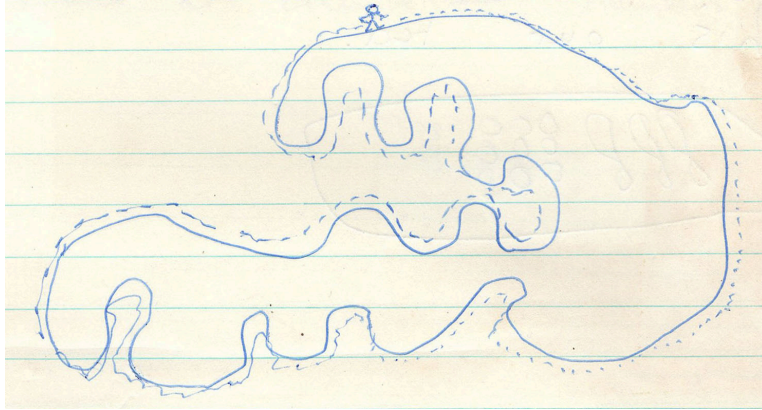
After we arose, we had scrambled eggs for breakfast which tasted like some of Alan Riddle's Spew!! We had inspection and then went into little Vearlose to buy presents and finish sending our postcards. We then came back and had lunch. Then in the afternoon, some Danish Scouters Keen to take us to a lake and threw tons of millions of metals. We could not go to a marsh which if you went of the path you would sink to your neck in mud, but it was to wet. On the way back, we so a standing stone.

Author Last Scout Kenny Miller

Day 11 Thursday 13th August

Today, all those who came back from there 30 mls hike had the day free until 3.30. We all went into Vearlose and had a lovely time. We came back and mozed around for one hour. Had our tea. We then had campfire and pit.

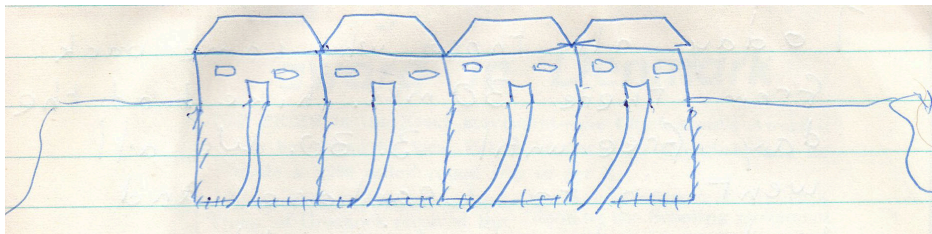
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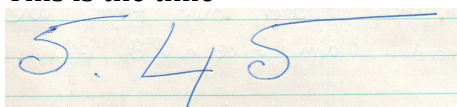
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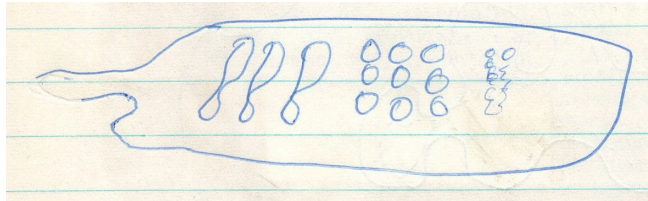
This is Vearlose



This is the time



This is our tea



Author - Unknown

Additional entry for Thursday 13th August

At camp fire on Thursday evening, we had as our guest Jorgen Rasmussen (see newspaper clipping) who presented Alan Crumlish with his Chief Scouts Award. Well done!

Alan got top Scouting award in Denmark

TOP PRIZE in the Scout movement—the Chief Scout's Award—has been won by local Patrol Leader Alan Crumlish—and he made a 3,000 miles' round trip to get it.

Alan, of the 70th Renfrewshire Troop, of Greenock received the award while the troop was at summer camp near Copenhagen, in Denmark.

Denmark's International Commissioner for Scouts, Mr Jorgen Rasmussen, visited the camp to make the presentation.

HARDWORK

Alan had two years' hard work for the award which required exacting standards in mountain climbing, hiking, leadership, voluntary service and a large number of other activities.

Mr Rasmussen, who travelled specially from his island home to make the presentation, stressed the importance of international co-operation at all levels, and referred to the work done by the Scouting movement in fostering communication and friendship between young people of all nationalities.

EXPLORER AWARDS

Earlier, Mr Rasmussen had presented the awards to the British Explorer teams in Denmark. Scout Leader Alastair Cram of Greenock is a member of the British panel of judges for these awards.

The scheme includes expeditions designed to broaden the scouts' knowledge of foreign lands and their peoples.

Scotland was host last year to the Swedish teams and next year will receive the Danish scouts.

Alan Crumlish took part in a small explorer belt hike investigation Viking settlements and relics, as well as carrying out an enquiry into the facilities available for Danish teenagers.

Scottish Scouts, including Alan, will visit Canada and the Low Countries next year for the Explorer Belt.

Day 12 Friday 14th August

Got up. Got our swimming togs together. Had our lunch. Bus came and we all piled in. Went to a castle and toured round.

Went to the beach where we spent two hours sunbathing and swimming in glorious weather.

Reluctantly about 3 o'clock we had to move and we headed towards Kronborg Castle at Elsinore – 'Hamlet's castle'.

Two separate authors, neither identified

Day 13 Saturday 15th August

No report

Day 14 Sunday 16th August

The Journey Back

We left Esjberg round about 6 o'clock on the same ship as we went over on – the Princessen. Once we got some money from the PL s, we went and had tea which we all regretted very much indeed because just about everybody was sick.

Nearly everyone was in Pit quite early trying to get some sleep.

Author David McIlroy Last Scout SOX (Seagull and Fox)

Day 15 Monday 17th August

In the morning, hardly anyone got up, but just stayed in bed till we came into Newcastle. The sea was very rough and there was a force nine gale blowing. Once we get off the board, it seemed very queer indeed. As soon as we get on the bus, Alan started handing travel sickness bags to all the Scouts who wanted them. We left Newcastle at approximately 4 o'clock and stopped round about 6:30 PM for sweets, chips and lemonade. We set off again at 7 o'clock and didn't stop again till we got back to headquarters at 9:45 PM.

Author David McIlroy Last Scout SOX (Seagull and Fox)



ALL WAS QUIET at sea when this picture of the *Prinsessen* was taken. It was a different story when the Greenock Scouts were on it on their stormy passage from Denmark.

Scouts' ship lashed by gale on way back from Denmark

THIRTY-ONE Greenock Scouts and their leaders are back from a memorable summer camp in Denmark—but the part of the trip that was most memorable was the sea trip back to Newcastle.

For from the time they left Denmark till their arrival at Newcastle, their ship, the *Prinsessen* was lashed by a force 9 gale.

As one of the leaders put it: "You would be walking along a corridor. Suddenly a window would shatter and half the sea would come pouring in through the port hole".

A large number of port-holes in the ship were broken and most of the boys were seasick.

The Scouts were from the 70th Renfrewshire Troop — Greenock Finnart Scouts.

During their stay in Denmark, apart from normal camp activities, they spent most of their time in getting to know the country and the people.

Among the tours organised was a trip to the Carlsberg Brewery, the Tivoli Gardens, and to Hamlet's castle at Elsinore.

LIKE GREENOCK!

A trip to Malmo proved to be a little disappointing — the boys thought it looked too much like Greenock! — even down to the rain. The excitement however, of a journey on a hydrofoil more than made up for it.

But the highlight of the stay was when the Scouts spent a long weekend in Copenhagen as guests of Danish families eating Danish food finding out about Danish customs.

The troop were guests of a Danish Scout troop. The Danish families accepted the lads well,

showed them the city, and generally made them feel very much at home.

Finding out about the Dane's way of life came in very useful later as the boys' set out in small groups on exploring expeditions.

The Scouts returned the hospitality they had received by being hosts to their hosts at an "at home" campfire.

Both Danish and Scottish songs were sung — as well as some Japanese ones from a visiting Japanese troop.

The Danes had an opportunity to sample haggis — and were treated to some rather tall stories from the Greenock lads on the famous sport of hunting the haggis!

The Danes "survived" the Scottish boys' cooking and were on hand to see them off from Copenhagen raildday station.

Many of the Danes waved goodbye with 70th Renfrewshire neckerchiefs.

