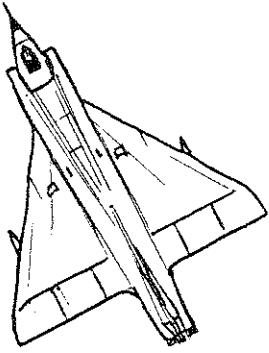
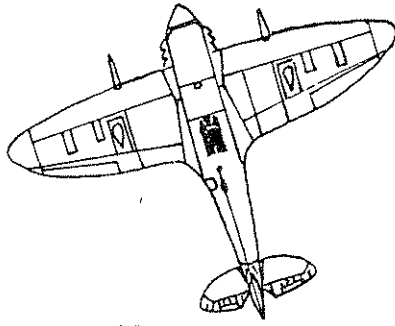


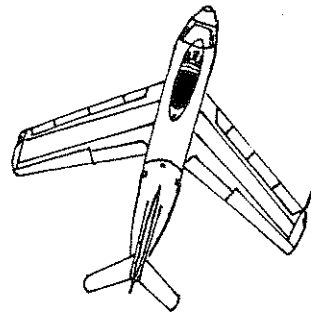
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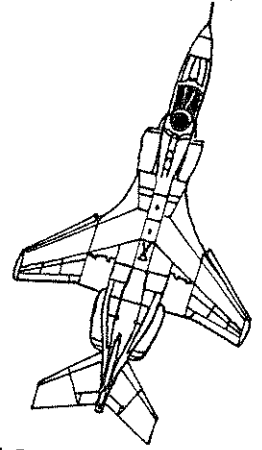
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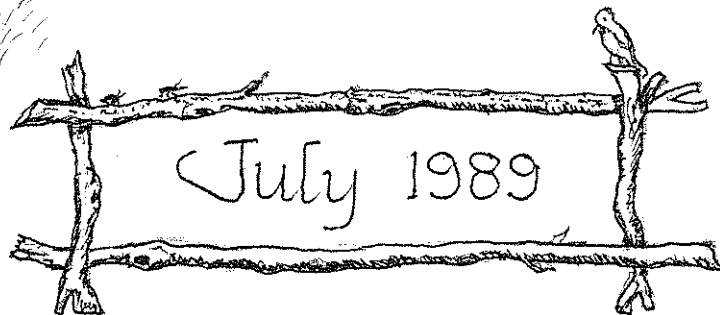
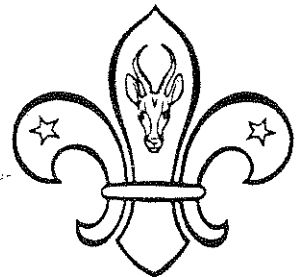
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From the
COUNCIL ROCK

This term was marked by various activities which were enjoyed by all those who were able to participate.

Four boys, Lorenzo Coccia, Kevin Penney, Mark Olver and Darryl Stow, did their Link badge camp at the end of the last holidays and obtained their badges. We congratulate Mark Olver and Darryl Stow on being awarded their Leaping Wolf badges and on the 12th May they were invested as Scouts. We wish them Good Hunting along the Scout Trail. The other two boys will be going to Scouts at the beginning of the new term - 28th July. It is hoped that all Cubs will be able to attend Scouts that evening to say goodbye to their fellow Cubs.

The District Lion Camp was a very enjoyable and successful weekend. This camp is arranged for all boys who are 10 years old and has proved to be one of the highlights of their time in Cubs.

District Cub Sports afternoon was a great success. All the boys who attended took part and all contributed to our victory. Congratulations to Justin Thorpe who won the Sixers Steeple chase just managing to get his apple out of the water before Kevin Penney! Well done to all Cubs for doing their best.

On the last afternoon of the term we took in the tranquility of the National Botanical Gardens - an outing planned with the themes of Observation and Conservation being our actual objective.

Three boys completed their Leopard badges, namely Sean Holtz, Matthew Olver and P J Vowles. Well done!

We also invested eight new chums into our Pack this term and we hope that they will enjoy all their years of Cubbing and Scouting and always remember to do their best.

Congratulations to all boys who obtained Interest badges.

We are at the moment on the threshold of changing to the new system both in Cubs and Scouts. A delightful book, "The Cub Trail" written by Jean Gobey (National Commissioner for Cub Training) is now available at the Scout Shop, and I highly recommend it for both yourself (to familiarise yourself with the system), and your son. With this change over all boys require a new membership card. I would like to purchase these as soon as possible and would be grateful if you could send 85c with your son (except newly invested boys), to Cubs.

Thank you
Yours in Scouting
AKELA

THERE'LL BE FABULOUS EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AT SANJAMB '89
A choice of over 72 activities during the day, and the evening fun
will take place in a giant Circus tent, with everything from
gospel singers to rock groups, a famous Irish group and much more.
SANJAMB '89 will be held at beautiful Midmar Dam in the Natal
midlands from 14th to 21st December, 1989.
Open to all Scouts aged 13 to 17, plus 500 Guides, entries close
at NKZ Area HQ on 31st August, 1989. Ask your Area HQ for full
details.

from Brown Six, Kevin Penney

Our Irene Cub Pack has done a lot of things this term, like the
Sports Day. Justin Thorpe from Green Six won the sixers Steeple
Chase and we have been to a Lion camp and we have been to the
bocanikle gardens! We saw lots of trees and plants.

Deadline: Please would all cubs, scouts, scouters/scoutmasters
and parents submit articles for the next issue of "Air Trails"
before the 22 September!

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B-P ON NATURE

"The study of nature brings into a harmonious whole the question
of the infinite, the historic, and the microscopic as part of the
Great Creator's work. And in these, sex and reproduction play an
honoured part."

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Thanks to Cynthia West and Charles Ross we now have a new cover. Cynthia used the 4 aircraft designed by Charles to create our attractive new look!

WORDS FROM WASP

Hi,

I took over as Scout Master in May 1989 and would like to comment on the past two months. Things have been moving fast.

We went on a visit to 12 Squadron at Waterkloof AFB. The boys really enjoyed the trip.

Thank you to all the Parents who helped get the pioneering equipment which was greatly needed for the development of pioneering skills.

During Spring we will kick off with a camp for the whole Troop at which the boys will compete for Mossie log. Come on guys let's make this a good camp. Look out for more information!

Good luck for the new school term and lets work hard on completing our Scout badges.

Yours in Scouting
PAUL DRAPER



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B-P WROTE

If you are really out to make your way to success, i.e. happiness, you must have a religious basis to your life. This is not a mere matter of going to church, of knowing Bible history, or understanding theology. Many men are sincerely religious almost without knowing it and without having studied it. Religion very briefly stated means:

Firstly : Recognising who and what is God.

Secondly: Making the best of the life that He has given one and doing what He wants of us. This is mainly doing something for other people.

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THE BEST PATROL - JAGUAR!

They seek Them here
They seek Them there
Those other patrols seek
Them everywhere.
Are They the winners?
Ofcourse They are
That winning team - JAGUAR!

Tûshâi Alatâi

by L Willis (Jaguar)

Jaguar is good
Jaguar is better
Jaguar is best
Jaguar is excellent!

"everything keeps
going right,

JAGUAR!"

BRAVO JAGUAR!



JAGUAR PATROL REPORT

This term Jaguar has received a new addition to the patrol Jaguars. Welcome Darryl Stow!

The troop has started working to a point system again after a long break, and Jags are going to take this opportunity to show their stuff.

After achieving second place at the end of 1988 Jaguars are planning on breaking Mirage Patrol's rate, which has been for the past 4 years.

I would like to encourage the members of Jaguar patrol to attend scout meetings regularly as this brings in many points.

S Wallis (P.L)

SABRE PATROL

Unfortunately since I took over the patrol we have not had many opportunities of doing patrol activities due to the variety of schools represented and other activities but when we've got together to do something we have definitely enjoyed ourselves. Hopefully during the July holidays we shall be able to go on a hike (school permitting). We have been well represented at other troop functions like field day with a full patrol at them. Well done guys! I'll try hard to organise these things and you guys try hard to make it and we'll have a rave.

Mozzie Jnr (P L)

1989 marks 100 years since the birth of Olave,
Lady Baden-Powell, whose philosophy of life is
summed up in these words:

"Plan as if you were going to live
for years. Live each day as if
you were going to die tomorrow"



Examples from Sabre graffiti wall

by SHAUN O'MAHONY

Forget about the whales.
Save me!

I'm a schizophrenic.
No I'm not.

If pigs could fly
We'd be shooting pork, and
We'd have stronger umbrellas.

I hate Rachel.
Stop Rachel discrimination.

Wet paint.
(This is not an instruction.)

Pyromaniacs of the world ignite.

MIRAGE PATROL

Mirage Patrol has just lost a fighter pilot by the name of Craig Martains, but Mirage has just assigned a new ace pilot, Private Mark Olver. Our patrol is planning to get ten patrol meetings off the ground (the runway!) before the end of the year. The patrol is also holding a patrol camp in the October break. Mirage Patrol were all present at veld-day on 31st May.

See you soon!
IVAN MEYER (P L)

AIRFORCE

Hello!

On Friday, 16th we had a trip to the Waterkloof Airforce base. We have been adopted by the Canbarra's!

We went into a briefing room and had a lecture on the Canbarrars. We were allowed to get into the craft and look around inside at the lookout for the navigator and inside the cockpit. The men at the base said that maybe they will take us up in a Puma for a spin over the mountain! I think this scouting year is going to be cool fun!!

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MIRAGE

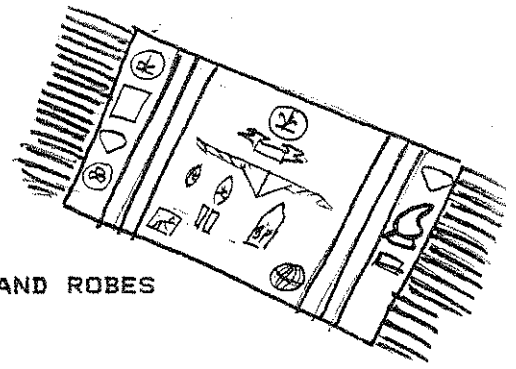
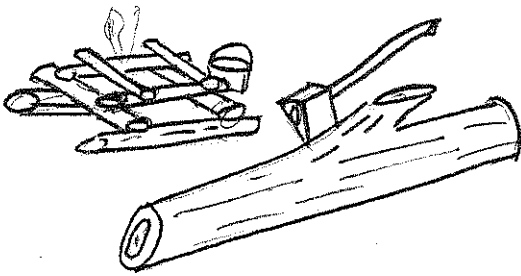
FIELD DAY - THE STAVING TEAM

Scout Field Day was on 31st May. I was put in the staving team where we had to make a prep table and a bicycle contraption, made out of two bikes with staves placed across the cross bars of the bikes, with a cage made out of staves placed on top of the staves. Our prep table was an original type with canvas draped over the top but the bike contraption gave way at the last minute due to a weak stave and weight in the middle when the bike tipped.

Although we didn't win the staving, our First Aid team won.

All in all it was an enjoyable day.

ALLEN WALLIS
MIRAGE



CAMPFIRE BLANKETS AND ROBES

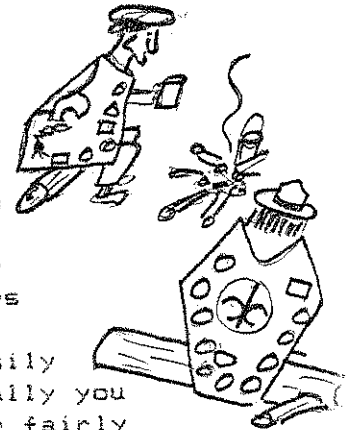
Every Cub, Scout and Scouter collects a badge or two during his or her career. Sooner or later the question of what to do with these colourful bits of cloth arises. The best way is to start sewing them onto a blanket.

Right from this point it must be clearly stated the owner of the badges must do the stitching, be he cub or scout or scouter. The stitching must be done by hand as blankets tend to be large so they are not easily manouvred in the trusty home sewing machine.

CHOICE OF THE BLANKET.

Lots of thought and careful thinking must go into the choice of the blanket as this could be the start of your scouting history or life story. These blankets are actually intended to keep your back warm when sitting around the fire. You must remember that this item need not only be used at the usual campfire but obviously can be used at home when Jack Frost does his bit of nonsense.

Acrylic material or anything which can easily catch alight should be avoided as occasionally you may be required to perform an item or dance fairly close to the flames. Nothing can be worse than stamping out a flaming cub or scout. (On the odd occasion, I dare say, Akela would have liked to try...).



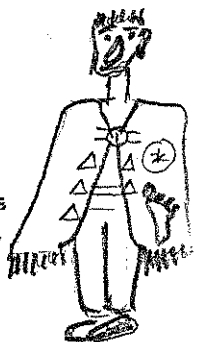
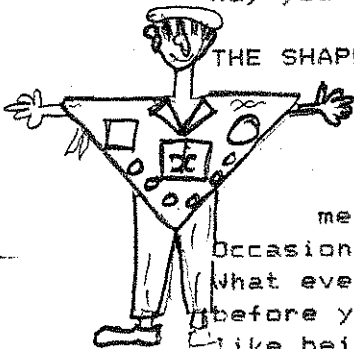
THE PATTERN

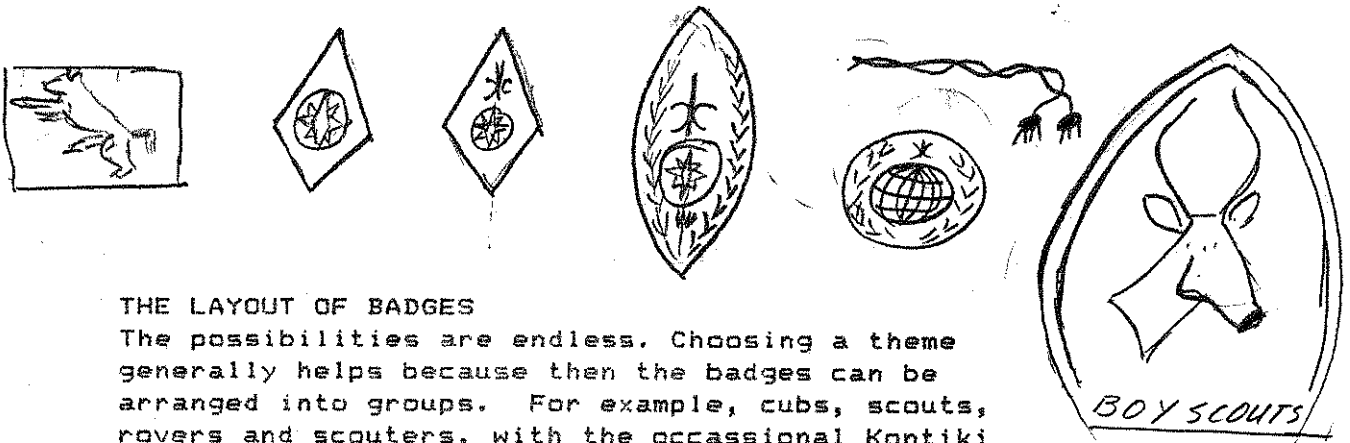
Here the choice is limitless, new designs, patterns and what have you come and go. Simple patterns are the best as intricate ones may overpower the relatively small badges. Animal patterns, such zebra or leopard heads, may spoil the lay out you choose. What ever pattern you choose first lay the blanket out and arrange your badges in a few patterns to see how it looks. If the you have not bought the blanket yet have a look at some in the local shops then sketch the patterns on paper. In this way you can try a few styles before you decide.



THE SHAPE (of the Completed Blanket.)

Some scouts like to cut a "T" shape hole in the centre of the blanket so that it may be worn as poncho. Others prefer to keep the blanket whole and drape it around their shoulders as a cape. This method requires a clasp so keep your cub or scout belt. Occasionally boys cut the material into various shapes. What ever shape you decide to use consult an expert (Mom) before you start cutting. Certain blanket materials do not like being cut and have a nasty habit of fraying rapidly. Secondly, the cut edge will have to be bound and this task is definitely a task for the expert. (thanks, Mom.)



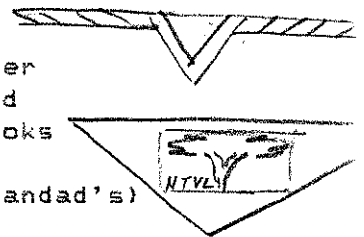


THE LAYOUT OF BADGES

The possibilities are endless. Choosing a theme generally helps because then the badges can be arranged into groups. For example, cubs, scouts, rovers and scouters, with the occasional Kontiki expedition, ACSSA, JOTA, PLTU, etc. Remember that the design should be such that anyone looking at it could have good idea of your history. Certain badges do have the year marked on them. Try to keep these badges in chronological order with the general pattern. Sometimes, if your scouting has been particularly active, a separate column, pattern or design can be used for these. Metal badges can also be included but then it depends on which part of the blanket you would like to have them. Remember, metal badges can hook and snag other materials. That part of the blanket which covers the shoulders or chest may be fine but other sections of the blanket get sat on. Pieces of body may get damaged, worst of all the badge may be damaged beyond repair.

SCARVES AND OTHER DANGLY BITS AND PIECES.

Scarves especially miniatures can really look nice on a camp fire blanket. You may have belonged to other troops or packs. Try to keep the original intact and make the miniature from other material so that it looks the same. Here again certain jamborees and national camps provide a source of scarves. Even Dad's (or Grandad's) old patrol flashes can be stitched on



SCHOOL BADGES.

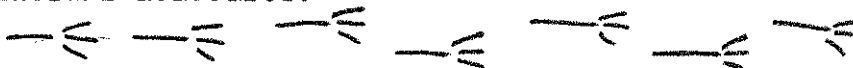


Some say that these school badges should not be put on. The choice is up to you. One or two school badges or scrolls should be in order especially your first or second team colours, not to mention those coveted N.T.V.I. ones...

BORDERS AND DESIGNS



Borders may be made around groupings of badges using wool, or a fairly thick embroidery yarn there are many colours available.

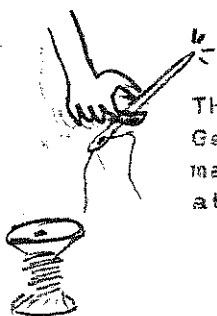


Other designs such as memorable events at camp or on hikes can be recorded using woodcraft symbols. You are only limited by your imagination. But remember simple designs usually look the best.



THE FINAL STEP

Get moving and stitch them on yourself. The thread used must match the border of the badge. NEVER EVER use glue (Yuugh) to attach a badge....



THANTONI. 1981



Scouts field day is an annual event and is held on the 31 of May

This year we won the First Aid trophy. The team was led by myself and the other members were Karl, Shaun and Bill. The first aid competition is based on all the first aid skills from a simple cut to other things like snake bites, broken arms and legs etc.

We entered other teams but there were some disasters

Next year we hope to win some more trophies

Michael Over

Done by: Jonathan Slater
Sabre patrol

Why was the scout so dizzy?

Because he did too many good turns...



SPITFIRES.

SPITS ARE HAVING A GOOD TIME AT SCOUTS.
WE MAY NOT BE WINNING EVERYTHING, BUT
"SCOUTING IS FUN!"

THE TROOP WENT TO ZWARTKOPS AIR SHOW
AND SOLD PROGRAMS. SEEN ALL THE STATIC
AND AIR DISPLAYS WAS A LOT OF FUN.

THANK YOU TO THE AIR MUSEUM FOR
INVITING US.

ONE FRIDAY AFTERNOON INSTEAD OF SCOUTS
THE TROOP VISITED 12th SQUADRON. THERE WE
WERE TOLD ALL ABOUT THE CANBRAS. WE
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK 12th SQUADRON
FOR INVITING US. THOSE WHO DIDN'T COME
MISSED A GOOD AFTERNOON, SO MAKE SURE
YOU ARE THERE NEXT TIME.

SPITFIRES WAS REPRESENTED VERY WELL
AT THE AREA FIELD DAY. THE TROOP
WALKED OFF WITH THE FIRST AID TROPHY.
WELL DONE! BOYS OF THE FIRST AID TEAM
ON THAT EXCELLANT ACHIEVEMENT. THIS YEAR
WE GOT ONE TROPHY ONLY, BUT NEXT YEAR
WE WILL BRING BACK THREE OR FOUR TROPHIES.

SPITFIRES ARE PULLING TOGETHER AT THE FRIDAY
NIGHT MEATINGS. WE HAVE BEEN WINNING
KIM'S GAMES AND TUG-A-WAR IN THE BOERE-
SPORTS (WITH A LITTLE BIT OF HELP) AND WILL
CONTINUE TO DO SO.

FROM

Spitfire P.L. / Bernhardt

P.S. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE BOYS AND
PARENTS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN FIELD DAY



A CAMP JOKE

P.L.: Anthony, wash your face. I
can see what you had
for breakfast.

ANTHONY: What did I have?

P.L.: Eggs.

ANTHONY: Wrong! That was yesterday

