I have been very fortunate in being able to purchase what may be called the first Scout Covers together with their letters written by the founder, Robert Baden-Powell, to a family friend, Mrs Langdale. The experimental camp was held on Brownsea Island situated in Poole Harbour in southern England. B.P. set up camp a few days before the boys arrived on 29th July 1907. The letter dated 26th July states......now I am down here preparing the Boys Camp. It is just the perfect place for it - a splendid island well wooded and wild giving plenty of scope for Scouting. I think we shall have a very good time if the weather is kind - which it doesn't promise to be just at the moment.

Arthur Pearson, the printer and publisher never imagined that the camp would be anything but a great success, and presented Baden-Powell with special stationery headed "Scouts Camp, Brownsea Island, Poole". The letter written and posted by Baden-Powell on the last day mentions...I am just breaking up Camp here - I am in a tearing hurry - The camp has been a great success but hardish work.

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BROWNSEA ISLAND,
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26 Jul. 07

I am so sorry that I was not able to see you the other day - the doctor was then the first line.

Scouts Camp,
Brownsea Island,
Poole.

9 Aug. 07

Thank you so much.

I am just breaking up camp here - so am in a tearing hurry - so