



The man of peace

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The horrors of war

Longing for peace after three years of war, in 1917 B-P wrote "The roots of Scouting have grown among young people of all civilised countries and are developing more each day. It might be thought that if in years to come, a considerable proportion of the future citizens of each nation forms part of this brotherhood, they will be joined by a bond of personal friendship and mutual understanding such as has never existed before, which will help to find a solution to terrible international conflicts."

The lessons of war

After the war, Baden-Powell assigned a new mission to Scouting: to strive for and maintain peace. From that moment the Founder visited other countries continuously, encouraging National Scout Organisations to educate for peace and understanding between peoples.

World expansion

After the publication of Scouting for Boys in 1908, Scout Patrols sprang up in many countries and on all five continents. Encouraged about Scouting's future, B-P created an "international department" in the the Scout Association's National Office in London.

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Key Dates :

1910 : Guiding is founded.

1911 : There are 500,000 Scouts throughout the world.

1914 : First World War breaks out. Baden-Powell begins writing the Scout Leader's Guide, which would not be published until 1919.

1922 : 1st World Scout Conference in Paris. The World Scout Bureau is created.

1945 : Second World War ends. There are 4 million Scouts throughout the world.

1998 : 25 million scouts throughout the world.