

THE KUDU HORN AND SCOUTING

AT THE BROWNSEA ISLAND CAMP IN 1907, THE FIRST SCOUTS WERE WOKEN EVERY MORNING BY THE SOUND OF B-P'S KUDU HORN. B-P HAD BROUGHT TOGETHER SOME OF HIS FAVOURITE MILITARY TROPHIES TO INSPIRE THE BOYS. BADEN-POWELL USED THE SAME KUDU HORN TO CALL THE JAMBOREE TOGETHER.

THE INSTRUMENT ITSELF IS THE HARD, CURLED HORN FROM THE KUDU; AN AFRICAN ANTELOPE WHICH CAN STAND A METRE AND A HALF TALL. NOT LONG AFTER THAT, THE VERY FIRST SCOUTS WERE FORMED UNDER ROBERT BADEN-POWELL AT BROWNSEA ISLAND. EACH MORNING, BADEN-POWELL WOULD BLOW THE HORN TO WAKE HIS SCOUTS AND TO INSPIRE THEM TO TACKLE ANOTHER DAY.



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1962: PARAGUAY, FIRST DAY COVER, SOUT FLAG SPECIAL CANCELLATION ON COVER
SCOUT MORNING HORN AND BADEN POWELL STAMPS ON COVER

THIS CALL TO ARMS GOES BACK TO 1907 AT THE VERY FIRST SCOUT MEETING. IN THE 1890S, ROBERT BADEN-POWELL (CHIEF SCOUT OF THE WORLD) FOUGHT IN THE MATABELE WARS IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT WAS DURING THIS TIME THAT BADEN-POWELL FIRST HEARD THE KUDU HORN. NOW, OVER 100 YEARS LATER THE SCOUTS STILL USE THE KUDU HORN TO SUMMON THEIR MEMBERS.



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