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Dear Jubilee Scouts:

Well, by now I hope all of you have your shots, pass ports, red jackets, and every bit of your gear with your name on it. Time is getting short and we want to make sure we are ready. Again, be sure that everything has your name on it - even your handkerchiefs. Remember, at Valley Forge there will be 55,000 hats and they all look alike.

I hope by now you have a good strong duffle bag because this will store your gear while we are making our tour of Europe. All of your bedding, camping gear, towels, etc. will go into that and you won't see it again until you arrive in New York. Put your name, totem, or monogram on the bottom. You can use the official Troop 23 color - royal blue. That way you will be able to find it easily.

Incidentally, if you want to contact some of your neighboring firms they are very gracious about supplying small gift items with their name on it. If we all do this we will have lots of little items to give to our friends over seas as a memento of our visit with them.

Another good idea is to get canvas pockets or multi shoe bags that can be hung in the tent to store all the little odds and ends that usually are kicking around. With regard to Patrol Medallions, we will wear the Universal Explorer emblem and not Patrol Medallions. However, we will have Patrol Flags. Several of the fellows have asked about shoulder strips and it seems it would be much better to wear a strip with the name of your city on it rather than the name of your Council. It means much more abroad.

I hope all of you received your rucsacs. They were mailed out May 24th. If you did not receive yours please write me immediately so that we can start a tracer on it. The rucsacs look good to me and certainly will hold all of the equipment that we will need to carry. It is a good idea to put your totem or monogram on the back of the pack so that we could easily pick it out and identify it.

I have ordered a special Troop 23 neckerchief which I think you will enjoy wearing. This you will receive at Valley Forge. Within a few days you should be receiving your Jamboree emblems sent to you from the Regional Office. Be sure that one is sewn on your red jacket. If you have any questions write to me so that we can answer in time.

Some of the fellows are good at Indian Dancing so if you have any Indian equipment please bring it along and we can put on a little demonstration for the foreign Scouts. If all of us bring a little bit, it won't be any problem. Please try to bring something to contribute to the act.

Most of all, be sure that you arrive at Valley Forge before 4 o'clock on July 9th. You can probably pool your transportation in order to get down there but please, please remember you also have to be picked up Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at New York City. It is a big place so be sure that you have definite arrangements on getting picked up. Your parents can, of course, check the arrival time of our ship. We are all looking forward to seeing you at Valley Forge on July 9th.

Best regards,

B.C.Hains
Scoutmaster

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P.S.

Our mail address in England will be:

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U. S. Contingent
ARROWE PARK SUB-CAMP
JUBILEE JAMBOREE
SUTTON COLDFIELD
WARWICKSHIRE, ENGLAND

We now have word that the Troops going on the Fairsea will leave Valley Forge on 3 special trains July 21st at 10:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, arriving in Quebec the next morning. We hope to board ship about noon and sail in the mid-afternoon. This ship sails from LeHarve on August 26, arriving in New York City September 4th.