

## BADEN-POWELL ACTION/CIRCLE STORY

<u><b>BP</b></u>	STAND UP, SALUTE
<u><b>AFRICA</b></u>	BEAT DRUMS (SLAP THIGHS OR THUMP TABLE)
<u><b>SCOUTS</b></u>	STAND UP AND YELL “YAHOO”
<u><b>ENGLAND</b></u>	SAY “JOLLY GOOD”
<u><b>SOLDIERS</b></u>	SAY “YES, SIR”

AS A BOY, **BP**, LOVED THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND WITH HIS FOUR BROTHERS, DID LOTS OF CAMPING AND HIKING AND BOATING. HE WENT TO CRATERHOUSE SCHOOL, ONE OF **ENGLAND**'S MOST FAMOUS OLD SCHOOLS. HE WAS GOOD AT SPORTS, ACTING, MUSIC, AND DRAWING. HE COULD MAKE TWO DIFFERENT DRAWINGS AT THE SAME TIME, ONE WITH THE LEFT HAND AND ONE WITH THE RIGHT.

**BP** BECAME A SOLDIER WHEN HE GREW UP AND ROSE IN RANK RAPIDLY UNTIL HE FINALLY BECAME A MAJOR-GENERAL. HE HAD MANY ADVENTURES, BUT THE MOST FAMOUS WAS HIS DEFENSE OF MAFEKING IN SOUTH **AFRICA**.

DURING THE BOER WAR, **BP** FOUND HIMSELF TRAPPED AT MAFEKING AND FOR 217 DAYS, FROM OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1899 TO MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 1900, WITH HIS SMALL BAND OF **SOLDIERS**, HE HELD OUT AGAINST A HUGE FORCE OF BOERS, WHICH HAD BESIEGED THE TOWN.

**BP** USED THE BOYS OF THE TOWN AS MESSENGERS, FIRST AID ATTENDANTS AND FOR OTHER JOBS. FROM HIS EXPERIENCE, HE GOT A LOT OF THE IDEAS FOR SCOUTING. HIS DEFENSE OF MAFEKING MADE HIM A HERO.

AS A RESULT OF HIS EXPERIENCES IN **AFRICA** AND INDIA, **BP** WROTE A BOOK CALLED “AIDS TO SCOUTING”, WHICH IS USED FOR TRAINING **SOLDIERS**. WHEN **BP** CAME BACK TO **ENGLAND**, HE DEVELOPED A PLAN WHICH HE CALLED “SCOUTING FOR BOYS” IN 1907. TO TRY THIS PLAN, HE HELD A CAMP FOR BOYS ON BROWNSEA ISLAND OFF THE ENGLISH COAST. THIS IS THE FIRST BOY SCOUT CAMP IN HISTORY.

HAVING TESTED HIS IDEAS, **BP** WROTE A BOOK CALLED “SCOUTING FOR BOYS”

AS A RESULT, PATROLS AND TROOPS OF BOYS CALLING THEMSELVES BOY **SCOUTS** STARTED ALL OVER **ENGLAND**. SOON AFTER, BOY **SCOUTS** STARTED IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD.

BY 1909, GIRLS WANTED TO BE BOY **SCOUTS** TOO, AND TRIED TO JOIN. AT THIS TIME, THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THE THINGS BOYS DID, BUT **BP** ASKED HIS SISTER AGNES BADEN-POWELL AND LATER HIS WIFE TO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR GIRLS. THESE GIRLS WERE CALLED GIRL GUIDES AND LATER THE YOUNGER ONES WERE CALLED BROWNIES.

WELL THIS STORY HAS A HAPPY ENDING NOW BECAUSE GIRLS CAN NOW BECOME **SCOUTS** TOO.