

Two of our Scouts, pictured below, have a connection with B.P. through their Great-Grandfather, Lt Col Kyrke, (right) who served in the Boer War. B.P. became famous for commanding the town of Mafeking while it was besieged by the Boers from October 1899 to May 1900. During the siege, B.P. used boys as messengers and developed some of the ideas that he used in founding the Scout movement. Lt Col Kyrke led a detachment of soldiers from the Royal Welch Fusiliers as part of the force that relieved the siege of Mafeking in May 1900.

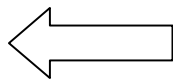
Lt Col Kyrke kept in touch with B.P. and you can see a letter to him from B.P. inviting him to lunch to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of the relief of Mafeking in May 1932.



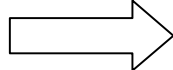
Lt Col Henry Venables Vernon Kyrke
1881 - 1932



Chris Rimmer



James Rimmer



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The Roughts
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