

CERTIFICATE.

Dear Uncle Ted,—What a long time it is since I wrote to you; but I have been very poorly, and have been in the Fever Hospital seven weeks, though I am better now. I am going to write and tell you about General Sir Baden-Powell addressing over three thousand lads at Middlesbrough Town Hall, because I think it will interest some of our members who were not fortunate enough to be there. I am a member of the Life-Saving Brigade here, and on Wednesday, November 1st, we, with the various Brigades, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, and "Wolf Cubs," etc., had to march to the Town Hall in full uniform, to hear the great General. Dr. Lang (Archbishop of York) was in the chair. General Sir R. Baden-Powell said we admired the soldiers and sailors for their pluck and self-sacrifice, and told us all about Jack Cornwell, the hero who stuck to his post, though mortally wounded, at the Battle of Jutland. He told us that Jack Cornwell was only a poor boy, brought up in a very poor part of London, and worked in a bottle factory, but at that time he was not punctual at his work, and spent most of his money on picture palaces, etc. Then he joined the Boy Scouts, and tried to be a different boy. He took the part of missionary to the aged and infirm, lighting fires and doing odd jobs for them. Jack Cornwell joined the Navv, and became a first-class boy in six months. He went to battle in his ship, and was brave to the last. Now comes a very interesting item. A "C" badge had been started in memory of Jack Cornwell, for boys who were particularly brave, and the first boy to receive it was a Middlesbrough boy, named Arthur Shepherd, for bravery with other Boy Scouts at the wreck of the *Rohilla* at Whitby, and also at the bombardment of Whitby. I should think he felt a very proud boy when the General pinned the badge on his breast and shook hands with him. I was pleased, too, when, at the close of the evening, the Archbishop said he had never addressed such an assembly of boys with so little trouble, as we had been so well-behaved. Now, I think my letter is long enough, so I will close. With love to you and all the Circle,

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