

Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct – Example Citation

Our Scout Troop had almost fulfilled the requirements for their Chief Scout's Award, but two Scouts needed to complete one remaining element. A third Scout, Joe, still had two elements of the Award to complete.

To enable all three Scouts to complete the Award, the Group leaders arranged for them to take a trip overseas so they could meet a foreign Scout Troop, visit a museum, compile a report on the trip and deliver it to the rest of the Troop. The plan was for the three Scouts, accompanied by leaders, to travel to Dover, stay at a campsite three miles from the port, cycle to the ferry terminal, cross to Belgium, cycle north into Holland, spend a week there and return. In many ways, it would be more of a holiday for three Scouts who had worked really hard than a traditional Scout camp.

Unfortunately, one of the Scout Leaders had an accident and broke his collarbone during the cycle ride to the ferry terminal.

Joe acted promptly, calmly moving the twisted bicycle and other wreckage away from the casualty, and helping him to safety at the side of the road before calling the emergency services.

His quick thinking and calm actions in dealing with the situation are a true inspiration to others in Scouting.

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Jack was involved in a very serious road traffic accident whilst driving a lorry at work which resulted in the fire brigade spending two hours cutting him free.

He was taken to hospital with multiple fractures to his left leg and arm, two broken ribs and injury to his left foot.

Jack had to undergo several operations to plate and screw the breaks and plastic surgery to reconstruct his foot.

During his stay in hospital over the Christmas period, he occupied himself with reading books about Scouting and thinking of programme ideas. When he was finally discharged from hospital, he wasted no time was quickly back to attend Scout meetings.

Jack has become involved in all Group activities again and attended family camp this July. Unfortunately, by the end of July he was back in hospital for more reconstructive surgery and missed the summer camp.

Jack's progress is very slow with more operations to face, but he still manages to stay cheerful and doesn't let his personal suffering affect his Scouting.

In the circumstances, it would be appropriate to recognise Jack for his cheerful determination despite his difficulties.