

**Robert Baden-Powell**

Audio Guide transcript of National Sound Archive recording

Here is Lord Baden-Powell, explaining the significance of DYB DYB DYB and DOB DOB DOB. The full recording, entitled Wolf Club Howl, was made in 1921 by Edison Bell Winner records.

‘Most fellows who wear a uniform have some duty to do and orders to obey. Well the order that the Wolf Cub has to obey sounds a funny one – it is as you heard just now: ‘Dyb Dyb Dyb’, it is spelt ‘D’ – ‘Y’ – ‘B’.

‘D’ stands for ‘do’, ‘Y’ stands for ‘your’, ‘B’ stands for ‘bit’. Do your bit. And when a pack of Wolf Cubs hears the order, they howl back, ‘We’ll Dob Dob Dob. We will do our bit!’

And they mean it too.

But wearing a uniform does not mean that cubs are imitation soldiers, they are nothing to do with soldiers, they are young boy scouts. Of course, a small boy would not be much use for helping other people, even if he did his best, unless he had learnt how to be useful by making himself strong, active and clever.’