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[idiom](#): more than one is required or expected to do.

received an award for service beyond the call of duty. In helping them, he went beyond the call of duty.

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