

Gentlemen

This year's chosen charity is:

'The Submariner VC Blue Plaque Initiative'



On Saturday 6th of July 2013, the first such plaque was unveiled by the Association President, Admiral Sir James Perowne KBE, at St Joseph's Convent in Newport Gwent.

The building is the birthplace of Commander John Wallace (Tubby) Linton VC, DSO, DSC, Royal Navy. The house was acquired by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1948 for use as a hospital and hospice. Commander Linton was born in the house on the 15th of October 1905. The sisters were presented with a framed copy of Commander Linton's birth certificate. After the ceremony the sisters provided tea and biscuits for those in attendance.

In recognition of his achievement, and the gallantry of Turbulent's crew, John Wallace Linton, DSO, DSC, RN was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross on 25 May 1943. The citation read: Commander Linton has been in command of submarines throughout the War. He has been responsible for the destruction of 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 20 merchant vessels, 6 schooners and 2 trains. A total of 81,000 tons of enemy shipping sunk. From 1st January 1942 to 1st January 1943 he spent 254 days at sea, including 2,970 hours diving. During this period he was hunted 13 times and had 250 depth charges dropped on him. His career has been one of conspicuous gallantry and extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.



Above, with the standards, are three former Commanding Officers of the last HMs/m Turbulent. On the far left is Capt. David Tall OBE. Second from the right is Cdr. Ian Richards and on the right is Commodore Steven Ramm OBE.

The picture below is Capt. Tall reading a message from Lady Cassidi, the sponsor of the last Turbulent.





Also in attendance at the ceremony were; The Right Worshipful Mayor of Newport Councillor Cliff Suller and the Lady Mayoress Christine. Three Standards were paraded. The Welsh branch of the Submariners Association, The Newport branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Newport branch of The Merchant Navy Association together with several members of those associations. Representing the National Management Committee of the Submariners Association were the Chairman Jim McMaster, Committee Members Rick Rothwell JP and Frank Pas together with the National Membership Secretary Keith Bishop.

In the picture below, the senior sister is being presented with a bouquet of flowers.



The ugly brute overlooking her left shoulder is Ricky Rothwell,