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Dear Frank,

Dedication of a plaque to Lieutenant Richard Sandford

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for inviting me and my wife, Jacky, Deputy Lady Mayoress, to the Dedication of a Plaque to Lieutenant Richard Douglas Sandford on Saturday 24th September. Our visit certainly opened our eyes to the exceptional level of commitment of our armed forces and in particular the Submariners during World War I. From the presentation it became patently clear that Richard's bravery was exceptional. He was an exemplary role model to those who served with him and a credit to his family. Both my Grandfathers saw active Service during the WW1 conflict and I have more than a passing interest in the all matters 'Naval' as my Maternal Grandfather was a Leading Mechanic in the Royal Naval Air Service.

It was pleasing to see so many of Richard's descendants and extended family present and they will have been justifiably proud of what he had achieved.

It was also good to be able to meet, informally, other guests at the reception in the Cathedral Chapter House. Once again, Frank, thank you for inviting us and I wish the Submariners continued success in the years to come keeping our Nation safe!

Very best wishes,

Deputy Lord Mayor of Exeter
(Councillor Peter Holland)

