

**Commander Harold T. Lloyd VRD* RNR
1925 – March 2020**

Harold Lloyd joined the Royal Navy on 25th November 1942 as an Ordinary Seaman CW candidate. Feb 1943 joined HMS OFFA, a Home Fleet Destroyer, and immediately sailed for the Russian Convoy Escort and Home Fleet Screening north of Bear Island. The ship was switched to Atlantic Convoys in March at the height of the U Boat menace.

Sept 1943 Commissioned as a Midshipman RNVR in September 1943. He served in the Mediterranean in the Fleet Command Sweeper HMS AERIES. He was seconded to a Greek Minesweeping Flotilla as Liaison Officer for the invasion of Elba and the ship led the invasion of the South of France.

After the War he transferred to the RNR and eventually became Commanding Officer of the Reserve Communication Training in the South West area.

In civilian life Harold Lloyd became a banker and for many years was the Manager of the National Westminster Bank in Dartmouth.

2013 Award of the Arctic Star acknowledged at Lord High Admiral's Divisions, the Easter Passing Out Parade inspected by Royalty, at BRNC.

2014 Awarded Ushakov Medal.



From L to R:

Cdr Harold Lloyd VRD* RNR (88), Cdr Tommy Handley RN (90), Lieut. Freddie Harsant RNVR (A) (92), AB Syd Thompson DSM (94). The first three were all members of the Flotilla. (Freddie was not in the 2012 list however).

All are wearing the Arctic Star.

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Dear Mr Lloyd,

As you may be aware of, on 10 March 2014 President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin signed a decree awarding the Ushakov Medal to the British veterans of the Arctic Convoys, including yourself.

This summer the Russian Embassy has started a series of presentations in London and other parts of the United Kingdom. With the assistance of the Devon County Council we have been able to organise such an event in your area.

You are cordially invited to this presentation to be held at 11 a.m. on Friday 19 December 2014. You are welcome to be accompanied by two guests.

The ceremony will take place at the County Hall, Exeter (EX2 4QU). Location details and information about public transport and parking are available at <http://www.devon.gov.uk/travelling-to-countyhall.htm>. Please note that there is parking available at the venue, as well.

Tea and coffee will be available from 10.15. Please make sure that you arrive with sufficient time to register before the ceremony begins.

Please respond to confirm your attendance to Tikhon Kirichenko at tel.: 0207 229 36 28 or email bilateralrelations@rusemb.org.uk by 17th December. Please inform us of any special requirements that you may have on the day.

If you are unable to travel, a family member may receive this medal on your behalf. If this is impossible, please inform us so that we can make alternative arrangements for you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Kramarenko'.

Alexander Kramarenko
Minister-Counsellor