

This ship has a 'bloody record'

THE CREW of Her Majesty's Ship Kirkliston has a record of blood - but they give it, not take it.

It is the proud boast of the 41-man crew that every time the Red Cross asks for a blood donation, the Society gets a 100 per cent response from them.

The last time the Red Cross went calling on the mine hunter stationed at HMS Tamar was yesterday, and, as usual, the crew turned out in full force.

Everyone aboard from the captain, Lieutenant Commander Ian Robinson to the **most junior seaman**, electrical mechanic Chris Moore (17), gave a pint of blood.

The Red Cross collected 38 pints from the ship.

Three men who were on leave for the day will make donations later this week to keep up the 100 per cent donation record of the Kirkliston crew.

In appreciation of the blood donating record of the ship, the Red Cross has given the crew a certificate, which hangs in a place of honour.

Why does the crew give blood so keenly? "It's a habit," a ship's member said yesterday. "People need blood so we give it."