R.M. Christie
Eskbank, Scotland

It was discovered that Bob Christie could produce the antibody AntiD which is used for the prevention of the Rhesus disease in newborn babies

A wine merchant from Eskbank, Scotland, Bob Christie, celebrated Christmas on Monday, December 24, 1990 by giving his 600th “armful" of blood - through the Plasmapheresis procedure - at the Lauriston Place donor centre in Edinburgh. After moving to the Edinburgh area in 1974, Christie went to the centre every Monday before work to donate blood to provide valuable anti-D, a concentrated antibody which was given to mothers to prevent Rhesus disease in new-born babies.

His 600 donations were a record number by an individual donor in Scotland. He was awarded the British Empire Medal by Her Majesty the Queen and went on to donate just short of 800 donations before the British Health Service decided that they would no longer require these services.

Today, Bob Christie sent this message:
“I would encourage anyone and everyone to become a Blood Donor, you never know when you or any member of our family may require a donation of blood or plasma.”

The picture on the left shows Christie with Sister Bremner at the blood donation center in 1990, at the time of the 600 donation. Right side picture is a current one with his wife Ray.