



*The Commanding Officer, Officers and Ship's Company
request the pleasure of the company of*

*at the Commissioning Service of
HMS BERKELEY
in the presence of
Lady Gerken*

*With Lunch to follow onboard the Ship
on Thursday, 14th January, 1988 from 1030 to 1330
at Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth*

Dress: Officers No4's Ratings No1's Civilians Lounge Suits



Commissioning Service of
HER MAJESTY'S SHIP
BERKELEY

at Her Majesty's Naval Base, Portsmouth on
on Thursday, 14th January, 1988

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 1030 Divisions fall in
- 1040 All guests requested to be seated
- 1050 Guard Marches on
- 1100 Principle guest arrives
Guard gives a General Salute — guests are
requested to stand
Inspection of Guard
- o/c Mrs R.J. HOOLE cuts the Commissioning cake
The Captain is piped onboard
Principle guests proceed onboard
Guests are invited to proceed onboard
Buffet Lunch

HMS BERKELEY

ENGLISH CHANNEL 1942

NORTH SEA 1942

DIEPPE 1942

HMS BERKELEY is named after the hunt of the same name in Gloucester. She is also affiliated with the town of Berkeley, the nearby castle owned by the Berkeley family, and Berkeley Power Station.

The only previous BERKELEY was a Type I "HUNT" Class destroyer of 1000 tonnes built by Cammell Laird and Company Limited of Birkenhead. She was completed in June 1940 and subsequently saw action in European waters escorting convoys and conducting anti-ship sweeps off France and Belgium. On 19 August 1942, she was heavily bombed whilst supporting the Dieppe raid and sunk by HMS ALBRIGHTON with torpedoes after the rescue of survivors.

The current HMS BERKELEY is a "HUNT" Class Mine Countermeasures Vessel of 685 tonnes. She was launched at Vosper Thornycroft's yard, Woolston on 3 December 1986 by Lady Gerken. The twelfth of the class, she is constructed with glass re-inforced plastic and has the latest in computerised systems to enable her to sweep mines with influence and mechanical systems or hunt them with sonar and render them harmless with divers or explosive charges placed by her remote-controlled submersibles. She joins her sisters of the "HUNT" Class, some of whom have seen service in the Falklands and the Gulf in the battle against the ever-possible menace of the mine.

Some details

Length: 60 metres
Beam: 10.5 metres
Displacement: 685 tonnes
Complement: 41 ratings
5 Officers

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R.J. HOOLE, ROYAL NAVY

Robert John Hoole was born in Totnes, South Devon on 19th July, 1952. He was raised in England before emigrating to the United States with his family in 1965 where he attended schools in California and Washington State.

In 1970, he returned alone to Britain to join the Royal Navy and entered Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in May 1971 as a cadet. He completed his training at sea in the frigates HMS SCARBOROUGH and HMS TORQUAY.

As a Sub Lieutenant, he served as the Navigating Officer of the diving training vessel HMS LALESTON and as the ship's Diving Officer of the frigate HMS MINERVA during a West Indies deployment. He was promoted Lieutenant and served in the frigate HMS JAGUAR before qualifying as a Minewarfare and Clearance Diving Officer at HMS VERNON in 1976. He then served as First Lieutenant of HMS WILTON, the world's largest plastic warship at the time; then with Flag Officer Plymouth's Clearance Diving Team; and in various billets on the instructional staff of HMS VERNON at Portsmouth where he was promoted Lieutenant Commander in 1983. His latest appointment was as the Staff Operations Officer to the Commander Third Mine Countermeasures Squadron based at Rosyth before assuming Command of HMS BERKELEY whilst building at Woolston, Southampton in April 1987.

Lieutenant Commander Hoole married in 1981 and lives with his wife Linda and their three children at Waterlooville in Hampshire. He enjoys gardening, tennis, reading and classical guitar.

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Order of Service

The Captain will read the Commissioning Warrant

The Ensign will be hoisted and the Masthead Pendant broken

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

The Captain shall address the Ship's Company in these words:

Seeing that in the course of our duty we are set in the midst of many and great dangers and that we cannot be faithful to the high trust placed in us without the help of Almighty God, let us unite our prayers in seeking his blessing upon his ship and all who serve in her.

The Captain shall call on the Ship's Company to ask for God's Blessing on the ship, using this ancient call:

FROM THE GAELIC BLESSING, 1589

The Captain: I call upon you to pray for God's blessing on this ship. May God the Father bless her.

Ship's Company: Bless our ship.

The Captain: May Jesus Christ bless her.

Ship's Company: Bless our ship.

The Captain: May the Holy Spirit bless her.

Ship's Company: Bless our ship.

Then this hymn may be sung:

He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel and the prayer following shall be read by the Roman Catholic Chaplain:

With the coming of evening that same day, he said to them, 'Let us cross over to the other side'. And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him'.

Let us pray:

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

THE PRAYERS

to be said by the Chaplain, Church of Scotland and free Churches:

Let us give thanks to God for all who have inspired us by their example and pray that we may uphold the best traditions of the Royal Navy.

Almighty and everlasting God, the creator and upholder of men, who hast in every age inspired thy servants with courage and skill, we give thee thanks for the example of those who have gone before us; for the seamen of our nation; for all who in great or small ships have braved the perils of the deep; for all who have given their lives for their country. For ourselves, grant, O Lord, that we may ever be conscious of thy ruling hand. May we be found watchful at our posts. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others, sharing our joys and bearing their burdens in the work which thou hast given us to do; and keep us always in thy love and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our homes

O God, who sent thy Son, Jesus Christ, to live in an earthly home for our sakes, we pray thee to bless our homes, and all who are in them; grant that we may always remain faithful to them, and they to us, and help us to remember that though time and distance part us, we are all one in thee for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for perseverance.

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished which yieldeth the true glory; through him, who for the finishing of thy work, laid down his life: our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

This hymn or some part of it may be sung:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O ruler of the earth and sky
Be with our airmen when they fly:
And keep them in thy loving care
From all the perils of the air.
O let our cry come up to thee
For those who fly o'er land and sea.

O Trinity of love and power
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

THE BLESSING OF THE SHIP

The Chaplain: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

The Ship's Company: Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Chaplain: Let us pray.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, LET THY BLESSING BE UPON THIS SHIP, AND UPON ALL THOSE WHO SERVE AND SAIL IN HER: MAY GOOD SUCCESS AND THY PROTECTION AND THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE HOLY ANGELS ALWAYS BE WITH THEM, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. *AMEN.*

All shall say together the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Led by the Chaplain, the following prayer shall be said by the whole Ship's Company:

THE NAVAL PRAYER

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and of the air, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH and her Dominions; and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Island and Commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve thee our God: and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore. *Amen.*

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Commander R.J. HOOLE, Royal Navy

Officers

Lieutenant K.E.J. FLOWER, Royal Navy

Lieutenant M.A. KING, Royal Navy

Sub Lieutenant P.A. IRONS, Royal Navy

Sub Lieutenant M.P. STANNARD, Royal Navy

Chief Petty Officers

CCMEA(M) C. MACLEOD

CPO MEA(L) J.E. CHURCH

CPO WEA I. HETHERINGTON

Petty Officers

PO(D) B. TEMPEST

POWEA I. MADDOCK

PO(MW) A.S. BAINBRIDGE

POMEM(M) P.F. EDMONDS

POMEM(M) M.P. HALLEY

PO(MW) R. TRUELOVE

Leading Hands

LRO(G) HARPHAM

LS(MW) M.R. FORD

LCK I.A. FINLAY

LS(D) J. GOFTON

LMEM(M) K.B. CHURCHILL

LMEM(L) A.J. HIGGINS

LS(MW) S.P. BLADON

Able Rates

MEM(M) C.H.K. BUTCHER

MEM(M) G. BEATTIE

MEM(M) B.G. CARLE

MEM(M) D.E. VENNARD

WEM(O) E. MCBETH

AB(R) T.E. COTGRAVE

AB(M) A. PETTITT

CK N. COWLING

AB(D) A.M. WRENS

AB(D) A. ENGLAND

AB(D) D.P. MCCARTHY

RO(G) T. HOCKRIDGE

RO(T) G.F. MABON

AB(MW) R.D. HORN

AB(MW) A.J. SAVAGE

STD P. DALES

S(MW) MCGUINNESS

S(MW) J.F. BLACKLOCK

AB(MW) A.E. LONG

S(MW) T.K. HODGE

S(MW) A.P. GILMORE

S(MW) M.S. JOACHIM



By *Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet, and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed and to be employed in the Fleet.*

HMS BERKELEY

COMMISSIONING ORDER

The Admiralty Board on behalf of the Defence Council having directed that Her Majesty's Ship BERKELEY is to be commissioned at PORTSMOUTH on 14th January, 1988 or as soon afterwards as circumstances permit, you are to proceed forthwith to commission her for Sea Service.

On commissioning you will be under my full command. You are to bring to my immediate notice, and to the notice of the appropriate local authority, anything which gives you cause for dissatisfaction with the ship or any part of her and any other matters of importance, in particular those relating to the welfare of the Ship's Company.

May God's blessing be upon the ship and the company hereby entrusted to your command, and may your joint endeavours to uphold the high traditions of the Royal Navy in the service of Her Majesty The Queen be crowned with success and happiness.

Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1987

ADMIRAL

To : Lieutenant Commander R.J. Hoole, Royal Navy

Copy to :

Flag Officer Portsmouth
Commodore Minor War Vessels and Mine Warfare
Commander First Mine Countermeasures Squadron