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Commissioning Booklet

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By The Commanding Officer

This book has been produced to welcome you to the ship and to help you get acquainted with *MOHAWK*.

This new ship, built with consummate skill and incorporating every modern technical advance, is the eighth warship to bear this illustrious name. Each ship since the first in 1813 has contributed with distinction to some page in British History.

It will therefore be up to every one of us to hope that we can uphold those fine traditions of our predecessors.

In order to achieve this our individual aims must be - it will certainly be mine - that we have an efficient, happy and well behaved ship.

We must be efficient because we are going to be stationed in an area of the world when at any time we may have to give military or civil assistance to those with whom this country has had Treaty Obligations and Alliances for many years.

We must be a happy ship because in times of stress and strain there is nothing that cannot be overcome by determination, teamwork and a sense of humour.

Above all our behaviour must be exemplary, so that we can show to people at home, and those we meet in other countries, that we are intensely proud of the Royal Navy and that we believe the British way of life remains unsurpassed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "I G W Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "I" and "G".

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SHIP'S OFFICERS

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<u>Lieut. J. M. T. Hilton</u>	<i>Weapons and Radio Engineer Officer</i>
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Lieut. J. R. Brookes	<i>Navigating Officer, Communications Officer</i>
Lieut. W. J. Flindell	<i>Flight Deck Officer, Correspondence Officer</i>
Lieut. R. J. Ross, R.M.	<i>R.M. Officer, MT Officer</i>
Elect. Lieut. (R) R. F. Messer	<i>Deputy Weapons and Radio Engineer Officer</i>
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Midshipman (S) N. Dixon	<i>Assistant QD Divisional Officer</i>
Midshipman	<i>Assistant FX Divisional Officer</i>

SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER

Action on joining

- 1 Get to know the ship. This means knowing:
 - (a) The general layout
 - (b) The position of fire appliances
 - (c) The quickest route from where you are now to your Emergency, and Action Stations
 - (d) The details of your job.
- 2 Read this pamphlet which gives a brief resume of the more important orders which affect you - then read the orders themselves.
- 3 Learn the names of the officers and senior ratings under whom you will be working.
- 4 You are now a member of the ship's company of H.M.S. *MOHAWK*. At all times bring credit on yourself and your ship.

Keeping yourself up to date

Make a habit of reading the notices on the Notice Boards every day.

Daily Orders: will tell you what special things are happening, what to wear and when to wear it, who is duty, etc.

Ship's Routines: will tell you the day to day routines of the ship.

Other Notices: will tell you about all other activities in the ship or ashore.

A ABCD

Like the alphabet - elementary, once you know it - get to know what the markings mean.

Articles Lost or Found

Take any article found or report any article lost to the Coxswain in the Regulating Office.

Availability of Officers

If you have any personal problems, or require advice, do not hesitate to approach your Divisional Officer (routine requests should always go through Divisional Petty Officers).

Appearance of the Ship

This is the responsibility of all onboard. You can help by putting your cigarette ends and rubbish in the right place. Don't throw things over the ship's side or leave gear loafing.

Alarms

Know them. They are as follows:

Series of rings on 'rattler' - Hands to Action Stations.

Series of rings on 'rattler', followed by pipe (e.g. Hands to Emergency Stations) - As indicated.

N.B. (i) All exercises of alarms are to be prefixed by 'for exercise'.

(ii) The alarm rattlers will be tested weekly prior to Captain's messdeck rounds and will indicate that rounds will start in five minutes time.

B Bedding

Blankets and pillows will be issued to you on joining. Upper and middle bunks have plastic zip-up bedding bags fitted round the mattress. Lower bunk bedding must be stowed away during the day, as the bunk serves as a settee. Use your sheets and pillow cases.

Baggage

Only 'Pussers' (or pussers shape) suitcases will stow in the messdecks. So no others are permitted.

C Canteen

Canteen opening hours and current price lists are shown on the Notice Board outside the canteen.

Cap Tallies

These will be issued on joining. They are to be fitted to caps before the commissioning ceremony and are to be worn with the M of Mohawk over the nose.

Cash Clothing

Except for Cap Tallies, cash clothing is not carried. When in a Naval Base or Dockyard Port, arrangements will be made for the purchase of cash clothing requirements on application to the Victualling Office.

Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint it must only be made in the service manner - see the Notice Board outside the Coxswain's Office.

D Daily Orders

Written for your information; read them. Items for inclusion should be in the Routine Office by 1100 on the previous day.

Danger

It is dangerous:

To interfere with the ship's electrical equipment, which works on 440 volts and is therefore lethal,

To go aloft without complying with Ship's Order 1.421,

To stand in way of gun mountings, the mortar, or the lift when power is on,

To smoke in unauthorised places.

It is important that all onboard read and comply with Part 1.4 - SAFETY - of the Ship's Orders.

Note also that the fire main pressure is 100 lbs. (not 40 as in most ships) and the jet from a fire hose can cause serious injury.

Divisional Organisation

The Divisional Organisation is given in Ship's Orders. Under the new scheme:-

The *Weapons and Radio* department is responsible for the maintenance and efficiency of all Weapons, Communications and Radar equipment and for the generation and distribution of electric power.

The *Marine Engineering* department is responsible for the maintenance and efficiency of propulsion and auxiliary machinery and Hull Electrics.

Dress

The Dress of the Day is published in Daily Orders. Detailed regulations for the correct wearing of uniform are given in Part 1.2 of Ship's Orders. The orders on the wearing of overalls and the wearing of night clothing are designed so that people will wear clean clothes for meals and in the evening; living conditions for all will be much pleasanter if these are obeyed.

Drying Room

Opening times are displayed on the door.

Duties

Make sure you study Daily Orders and Watch and Station Bills to find out your duties.

E Entertainment

The entertainments Officer (Lieutenant J. R. J. Parry) is responsible for all entertainments other than the cinema and S.R.E. He is open to any ideas.

The cinema and S.R.E. Officer (Lieutenant R. F. Messer) is responsible for the cinema shows and S.R.E. programmes. Volunteer S.R.E. operators are required.

Electrical Appliances

Use of private electrical appliances is encouraged; but before they are used onboard a request is to be made to the First Lieutenant and the appliance tested for safety and interference by the Weapons and Radio Department. (See Ship's Order 1.628.)

Emergencies

Collision

In an emergency the pipe 'close all RED openings' will be made followed by 'Hands to Emergency Stations'. The

order is addressed to all onboard and every effort is to be made to close all hatches, doors and valves marked with red markings. If left open, they are the ones which affect the ship's watertightness most. Then, DC parties close up and the remainder fall in on the upper deck as for Divisions.

F Fire

If you discover a fire you must at once:

Try to put it out

Send or shout for help

Phone the Q.M. in harbour/O.O.W. at sea.

Know how to use the extinguishers, their locations and which to use in different sorts of fire:

Oil Fires: Foam extinguishers

Electrical Fires: CO₂ extinguishers (and switch off the source of supply)

Other Fires: Gas/Water extinguishers.

G Gash

If you throw gash over the side, it invariably blows back and someone has to clean up the mess, therefore ditch gash only in the gash chute or garbage disposal units.

The garbage disposal units (one in the Main Galley and one in the Scullery) are internal gash chutes fitted with revolving blades to grind up waste food and eject it from the ship. The blades are easily damaged by any hard objects such as forks, bones or bottle tops. Should the units be put out of action in this way gash must be ditched by carrying buckets on to the upper deck and the whole ship will suffer.

Gambling

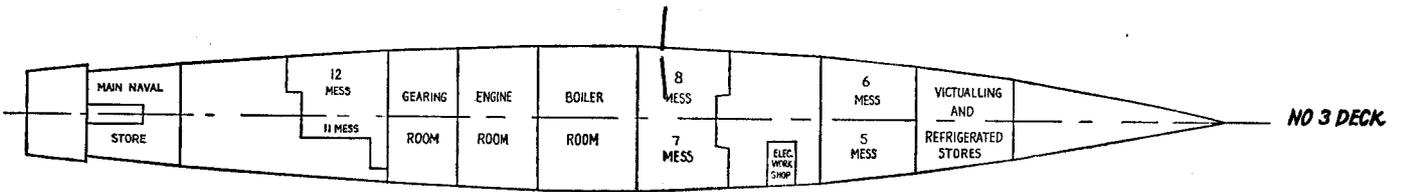
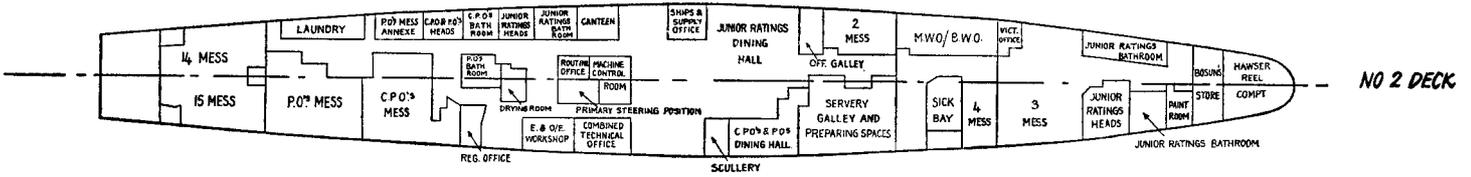
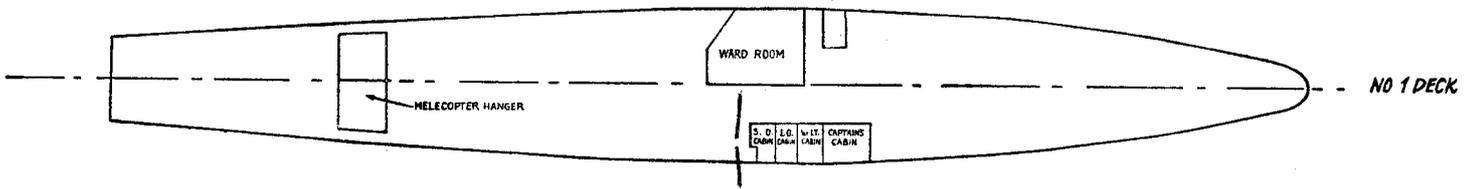
No gambling is permitted but Tombola will be run by a Committee authorised by the First Lieutenant.

H Heads and Bathrooms

The position of heads and bathrooms are shown on the Deck Plan in the centre of this booklet. Officers' and Senior Ratings' heads and bathrooms are marked and are only to be used by the people so designated.

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W.R.E.O. CABIN



Junior Ratings' bathrooms are allocated:

After bathroom 11, 12, 14, 15 Messes

Forward bathrooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Messes.

I Identity Cards

Keep your Identity Card on you at all times when ashore.
Leave your paybook onboard.

K Kit Lockers

Lockers are at present tidily marked with name and rate on a piece of white card in the space provided, keep them so. Replacement keys cost 2/6. No lockers are to be changed without the permission of the Coxswain. If you leave your locker unlocked, it is putting temptation in the way of others and can only lead to unpleasantness and distrust. Following normal service custom, it is therefore an offence not to lock it.

L Laundry

Prices and times of accepting and issuing are posted on the Notice Board outside.

Liferafts

These are valuable stores and may one day be required to save life so do not tamper with them or sunbathe on their sponsons.

Leave

Leave will be given whenever possible. Details about requests for leave, subs etc. are shown in Ship's Order Part 1.2.

Library

Ship's Library is situated in the Main Dining Hall and will be open at the times shown thereon. A volunteer librarian is required.

Loss or Theft

Never expect to get back money you have left sculling. Keep your valuables under lock and key in your locker. Mark all

your kit. We are all against the thief: don't make it easy for him.

Loan Clothing

Except for bedding and anti-flash gear, which must be signed for individually, loan clothing will be held by Senior Ratings nominated by Heads of Departments and re-allocated to individuals as necessary. Loan clothing is to be marked on the inside only and is to be in regulation black or white type. It is not to be marked with nicknames. Loan clothing marked other than in the correct way will not be accepted for return and the person responsible for the 'defacing' may be liable for the Rate Book value of the article.

M Meal Times

Breakfast: 0700, stop serving 0730, clear tables 0740 (morning watchmen 0800-0830)

Dinner in harbour: 1200, stop serving 1245, clear tables 1300 (afternoon watchmen 1130)

Dinner at .sea: 1130, stop serving 1245, clear tables 1300
Tea 1600, clear tables 1630 (First Dogwatchmen 1530)

Supper in harbour: 1830, stop serving 1915, clear tables 1930 (Dogwatchmen 2000)

Supper at Sea: 1800, stop serving 1900, clear tables 1915

Married Quarters

Ship's company are eligible for Married Quarters at Portsmouth or Chatham. Lieutenant R. F. Messer is the Married Quarters Officer.

Medical and Dental Treatment

Fresh cases are to report to the Sick Bay during the breakfast hour. They will then be given an appointment chit by the L.S.B.A. stating when to attend for examination and treatment. Urgent cases are to contact the L.S.B.A., or in his absence, the Duty Petty Officer.

Mail

Letter boxes are situated in the Sick Bay Flat and outside the Coxswain's Office. Mail will be distributed from the Coxswain's Office. Mail routines are posted on the Notice Board outside the Coxswain's Office. Stamps will be sold by the canteen.

N Notice Boards and Watch Bills

These are situated on 2 deck along the main passageways and cover all activities in the ship and ashore. The departmental Watch and Quarter Bills tell you your station in any situation.

Naval Stores

Issues are made from the Main Naval Store between 0800 and 1145 Monday to Friday and between 0800 and 1015 on Saturday.

Next of Kin

Make sure your next of kin card is up to date. Keep the Coxswain and your Divisional Officer informed of changes.

O Orders

Ship's Orders and Departmental Orders (as appropriate to branch) are to be read by all *MOHA WK* ratings within a week of joining. Copies of ship's orders are available in all messdecks.

P Pay and Cash

The first fortnightly payment will be on Friday 6th December.

Pay Queries - At the ship's office immediately after main payment.

Other transactions - At times shown on Ship's Office Notice Board.

Allotments - If you are married and have been drawing marriage allowance in cash you will need to declare an allotment to your wife (or her bank) if you have not already done so. In any case you may wish to readjust your financial arrangements because you have now joined a seagoing ship;

but to give the ship's office staff a chance to sort out the pay documents of the ship's company and prepare for the first main payment, do not make any allotment changes during the first two weeks of the commission unless the requirement is urgent. When making allotment changes remember you are limited to not more than two changes in each ledger period.

Married Quarters - If you have been occupying a married quarter or hiring and have recently vacated same it is most important to you (financially) that you report the fact to the ship's office immediately.

Programme

The ship's company will always be kept informed of the future programme and future movements as soon as they are released, but these facts are not to be talked about ashore till they become unclassified. As always, programmes are inevitably subject to alteration.

Piping

Is to be kept to a minimum for the peace of all onboard. Obey pipes that concern you with all despatch.

Q Queries

If you have a query and cannot find the answer in the Ship's Orders or on the Notice Boards, enquire as follows:

Private matters	- Your Divisional Officer through the Divisional Petty Officer
Discipline, leave	- Coxswain's Office
Organisation, special duties	- Routine Office
Electrical or Engineering	- Combined Technical Office
Pay, allotments, etc.	- Ship's Office
Welfare matters	- Your representative on the Welfare Committee.

R Ration Allowance

Entitled married ratings who live locally at any port may go on R.A. subject to the ship's programme. Ratings wishing to

go on R.A. are to request to see the First Lieutenant through the normal channels. On being checked to R.A. a note will be made on your leave card. Meals taken onboard must then be paid for in advance at the times shown on the Victualling Office Notice Board.

Requests

Procedure for making requests is given in Ship's Order No. 1.608.

Routine Office

(Office of Chief G.I., Chief M (E), and Chief Electrician)
All queries regarding duties, watch and station bills etc. are to be referred to this office. Requests for turn of leave out of watch are also to be checked here by the 'Regulator' concerned.

S Smoking

You may smoke as much as you like except in places where smoking is:

- (a) Dangerous, e.g. MAGAZINES, INFLAMMABLE STORES, FUEL DANGER AREAS and when piped.
- (b) Objectionable, e.g. dining hall, during meals, provision rooms, galleys, pantries, sick bay.
- (c) Out of Place, e.g. on ceremonial occasions, during musters, near gangways, in boats, on the bridge.

Always use the ashtrays and spitkids provided.

Never throw your cigarette ends on the deck or over the side near boats.

Sports

It is intended that sporting activities will be organised whenever and wherever this is possible. We have representatives for:

Hockey	- C.P.O. Woodthorpe
Soccer	- C.E.A. Davies
Rugger	- O.A. Gash
Water Polo	- E.R.A. Dawson

If you are keen on any of these sports or wish to help in organising them or others, contact either the representatives, the P.T.I. (Leading Seaman Bessey) or the Sports Officer (Sub Lieutenant Draper).

Names of any qualified referees should also be reported to the P.T.I.

Further information is displayed on the Sports Notice Board.

T Telegrams

Details of telegram facilities are given in Ship's Order No. 1.520. Relatives and friends should be made aware of the existence of concession rates. The Radio Supervisor can advise on all matters connected with telegrams.

Tobacco

If you have signed the smokers declaration in your paybook, you are entitled to 6 blue coupons for the month of December.

The issue of coupons will be made shortly after joining.

Cigarettes and tobacco are sold in the canteen, but a small stock of service tobacco is held by the Victualling Department for those who prefer it (service pipe tobacco is now supplied in 1 oz and 4 oz tins).

Telephones

Apart from the normal sound powered telephones, the ship is fitted with a 25 line automatic exchange to which a shore line can be connected.

Outgoing private calls are to be made from telephones ashore: in an emergency or for service calls the exchange shore line may be used with permission from the O.O.D.

Whenever you answer a telephone state the compartment from which you are speaking and your rate and name.

Time

Be on time. It is a personal responsibility of each man to know and attend punctually his place of duty. A time check will be broadcast each day during the breakfast hour.

V Volunteers

Volunteers are required to perform the following duties:

Welfare Committee - Names to Divisional Petty Officer

- Tombola Committee
 - Librarian
 - S.R.E. Operators
 - Cinema Operators (Ratings who have passed 16 mm course only)
 - Welfare Committee Secretary
 - Schoolmaster
 - Private Firms (cobbler, hairdresser etc.)
- } By request to
First Lieutenant

Vendepac

This machine sells a variety of cold soft drinks for the price of 6d. Only 6d pieces are to be used in the machine which is to be carefully treated.

W Welfare Committee

Ex-Officio

- First Lieutenant President
- Supply Officer Vice President and
 Treasurer

Voting Members

- Chief Petty Officer - 1
 - Petty Officer - 1
 - Seamen - 2
 - Young Ratings - 1
 - Royal Marines - 1
 - Supply - 1
 - Engine Room - 1
 - Weapons & Radio- 1
 - Communications - 1
- } Leading Rates
and below.

The first meeting will be held during the next fortnight.

XYZ Damage Control

The safety of the ship depends at all times on strict watertight integrity.
Make yourself thoroughly familiar with the rules and meaning of all the markings on the [A.B.C.D. States](#) of Readiness, Watertight and Gas-tight Conditions Board displayed in the Galley Flat.

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