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Dear George,

I would like to take the opportunity to formally thank you for generously hosting my Ship's Company, their families and our distinguished guests after having the Freedom of the City of Exeter bestowed upon HMS DEFENDER on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The warm and kind welcome extended to us by every one of your members was greatly appreciated, and the unique location of the Exeter White Ensign Club provided the ideal setting for such an important occasion. Your splicing of the main brace was a fitting tribute and the perfect way to end an historic day in the life of HMS DEFENDER.

I am delighted that you could share in our celebrations and I would be grateful if you could convey my personal thanks to all of your members whose considerable efforts contributed to making the event a brilliant success. I have no doubt that the strong relationship that has been built between DEFENDER and Exeter White Ensign Club will be enjoyed for many years to come, and I look forward to welcoming you onboard some time in the future.

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