

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear-Admiral L. D. Dymoke, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., F.I.Mar.E., who has been Director of Engineering (Ships) since February 1971, became Deputy Director-General Ships in December 1973.

Rear-Admiral D. G. Satow, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., F.I.Mar.E. was promoted to Flag Rank on 7th July 1973 and will take up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to the Commander-in-Chief Fleet in January 1974.

Admiral Satow joined the Navy in 1941 and trained in engineering at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, before serving at sea first in H.M.S. *Ceylon* and later in H.M.S. *Duke of York*. After serving as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Newcastle* from 1951 to 1953, he joined the Naval Ordnance Department in the guided weapons research and development division in which appointment he was promoted to Commander in June 1955, He was appointed Director of Engineering at the R.N.E.C., Manadon, in May 1959 and subsequently served as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Tiger*. After promotion to Captain in June 1964, he became Assistant Director of Marine Engineering in the Ship Department at Bath and in the following year became a Deputy Director. In June 1969, after one year at the Imperial Defence College, he assumed command of H.M.S. *Thunderer*, the R.N.E. College at Manadon, and in June 1971 became Director of Naval Officer Appointments (E).

Rear-Admiral H. Gardner was promoted to Flag Rank on 7th July 1973 while serving as Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command.

Admiral Gardner entered Dartmouth as a Special Entry cadet in 1940, trained there and at the R.N.E. College and then served in H.M.S. *Nigeria* and *Cumberland* in the Far East. In 1944 he qualified as a submariner and for the next ten years served in submarine appointments which included: H.M.S. *Adamant* and E.O. of *Totem* in Trincomali and Australia; Assistant Inspector of the I.C.E. Maintenance Section of E.-in-C.'s Department at Bath; and E.O. of H.M.S. *Telemachus* in Australia. For two years he was the Admiralty Representative at Barrow during the development and shop trials of the H.T.P. plant for the S/Ms *Explorer* and *Excalibur*. Returning to general service in September 1954, he became the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Eagle* where, in December 1955, he was promoted to Commander. For the following two years he was the Training Commander of H.M.S. *Caledonia* and from 1958 to 1960 was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Blackpool* and S.E.O. of the 6th Frigate Squadron. He then went to Rosyth Dockyard, first as Commander

II and later as Commander I, and, in November 1963, served for a short period in H.M.S. *Maidstone* at Faslane as the S.E.O. and Chief Technical Officer of the 3rd Submarine Squadron before his promotion to Captain in June 1964. After being Deputy Manager, Engineering Department, Devonport Dockyard from 1964 to 1967, he became Chief Engineer of Singapore Dockyard in October 1967 and in November 1968 was appointed as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Commander, Far East Fleet.

Captain A. H. Little, C.B.E., R.N., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., F.I.Mar.E., F.Inst.Pet., who was Director of Quartering in the MOD(N) from 1970 to 1973, retired from the Navy in July 1973.

Captain Little joined the Navy as a Special Entry Cadet in May 1938 and, after training in H.M.S. *Erebus* and H.M.S. *Vindictive*, trained in engineering at the R.N.E.C., Keyham. During the war he served as a watchkeeper in H.M.S. *Kenya* and H.M.S. *Frobisher* before becoming Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Shuys* in 1947. This was followed by two years on the staff of the R.N.E.C. before serving as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Vanguard*. Promoted to Commander in June 1954, he served for two years at the NATO headquarters as a logistic planner from 1955 to 1957. Subsequently he became Engineer Officer of B.R.N.C. Dartmouth and then of H.M.S. *Albion* before joining the Ship Department as Head of the Materials Section. After promotion to Captain in June 1964, he served as Admiralty Engineer Overseer, Southern Area (1964–5) and as Assistant Director of Naval Ship Production in the Ship Department (1965–7) before being appointed as Captain Fleet Maintenance and Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the Staff of Flag Officer Medway from 1968 to 1970.

Captain D. L. Alexander, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., F.I.Mar.E., M.I.N.E. retired from the Navy in July, 1973.

His appointments in his present rank include Captain Superintendent of the Admiralty Fuel Experimental Station (now the A.M.E.E.) at Haslar, Chairman of the Nuclear Safety Panel, and with the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff as Naval Staff Officer of the Way Ahead Committee.

Captain J. C. Frederick, who has been serving as Yard Services Manager, Devonport Dockyard, since 1969, retired from the Navy in July 1973.

Promoted to Captain in June 1964, he became Assistant Director of Marine Engineering in the Ship Department, and in March 1967 was appointed as Deputy Manager (Design), Devonport Dockyard.

Captain R. A. Harcus, C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E., who has been Captain of H.M.S. *Sultan* since January 1971, is to be promoted to Rear-Admiral in January 1974 and is to be Assistant Chief of Fleet Support.

Admiral Harcus entered the Navy as an Engine Room Artificer Apprentice in August 1935 and, after joining H.M.S. *Nigeria* in 1941, was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant in July 1943. His subsequent appointments included H.M.S. *Jamaica* and the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath, before becoming the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Ocean* in October 1951. After two years on the training staff at H.M.S. *Raleigh*, he was promoted to Commander in June 1956 and served successively as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Dainty* until 1958, on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief Plymouth from 1958 to 1960, as Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Caledonia* from 1960 to 1962, and on the staff of the Flag Officer Sea Training from 1962 to 1964. After promotion to Captain in December 1964, he was appointed Fleet Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet, and in 1968,

after undertaking a course at the NATO Defence College in Rome, became the Captain-in-Charge of the ship Maintenance Authority and Deputy Director of the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Captain R. M. Inches, C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E., who has been serving as Assistant Chief of Staff to the Combined Military Planning Staff of the Central Treaty Organization since June 1971, took up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Administration) on the staff of FONAC in September this year.

Captain W. J. McClune, M.Sc., C.Eng., M.I.E.E., who has been in command of H.M.S. *Collingwood* since June 1971, took up his appointment as Director of Naval Manning and Training (Engineering) in September this year.

Captain D. W. Crammond, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was serving with D.G.A.(N) as Director of Aircraft Maintenance and Repair before attending the Senior Officers War Course, took up his appointment on the staff of FONAC as Captain Aircraft Reserves and Repair in September this year.

Captain J. M. C. Dunlop, C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E., who has been serving as an Assistant Director of Design Marine Engineering with D.G. Ships at Bath, took command of H.M.S. *Ganges* in October 1973.

Captain E. J. Horlick, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., who recently attended the Senior Officers War Course, took up his appointment as Fleet Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Fleet in October this year. He previously served as Assistant Director Submarines, Marine Engineering, with D.P.T.(S/M) and D.G. Ships.

Captain L. W. Bartlett, who has been Deputy Director of Fleet Maintenance since April 1972, took up his appointment as Director in October this year.

Captain J. Hood, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., who attended the Senior Officers War Course after being Naval Attachè Buenos Aires and Montivideo since December 1970, became Assistant Director Naval Manpower Requirements (Ships) in August 1973.

Captain J. D. Checketts, who has been Assistant Director of Naval Plans, in August 1973 became Assistant Director (R.N.) Aircraft and Helicopters with D.R.N.A.H.

Captain R. G. Baylis, O.B.E., M.A., C.Eng., F.I.E.E., A.F.R.Ae.S. after being Captain-in-Charge of the Ship Maintenance Authority since January 1971 took up his appointment as Fleet Weapons and Electrical Engineer Officer on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief Fleet in August 1973.

Captain C. B. Willcock, M.A., C.Eng., M.I.E.E., A.M.B.I.M. took up his appointment as Deputy Director of Fleet Maintenance in October this year.

Captain G. A. Thwaites, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was promoted to his present rank in December 1971, took up his appointment as Captain in Charge of the Ship Maintenance Authority in July 1973.

Captain N. C. Fitzgerald, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was promoted to his present rank in June 1973, took up his appointment as Assistant Director (Repair) with the Aircraft Department(Naval)in the MOD in October this year.

Captain J. C. Warsop, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been head of the Forward Design Group (Mechanical) in the Ship Department, became an Assistant Director of Design Marine Engineering in October 1973.

Captain M. A. Vallis, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., F.I.Mar.E., who was promoted to his present rank in December 1973, became Head of the Forward Design Group (Mechanical) in October.

OBITUARY

Engineer Rear-Admiral Sir Henry William Wildish, K.B.E., C.B., died on 9th July 1973 at the age of 89.

Admiral Wildish joined the Navy in 1900 and was trained in engineering at the R.N.E.C., Keyham. His early appointments included the cruiser *Hermes* and the battleship *Duncan*. He was promoted to Engineer Commander in June 1921 while serving on the staff of the Rear-Admiral Malta, and subsequently was appointed as Engineer Officer of the cruisers *Canterbury* and then *Weymouth* before taking charge of the Haslar Fuel Experimental Station from 1926 to 1928. After being the Engineer Officer of the aircraft carrier *Furious*, he was promoted to Engineer Captain in December 1930. In that rank he served in the dockyard at Gibraltar before joining the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, from 1934 to 1936. Promoted to Flag Rank in May 1937, he was appointed as Engineer Rear-Admiral on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Nore, and in 1940 as Engineer Rear-Admiral on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Western Approaches, in which appointment he remained until the end of the hostilities.

Of Admiral Wildish, *The Times* says, 'Straight thinker, inventor, and man of foresight, vision and determination, he spent most of his long life in the Royal Navy with ships and men. All his great and wide experience was brought to bear during the Second World War, firstly, in preparing and then directing technical support for our East Coast forces in the critical early days and over Dunkirk and, finally, in planning and later directing the technical side of the Battle of the Atlantic under his great contemporaries and friends, Admirals Noble and Horton. Only those who served in this long-drawn-out battle will fully appreciate the extent of his part in the final outcome. The credit for the measures to ensure the continuous high availability of our escorts so necessary to victory was his, and for this he was knighted.'

As the inventor of the Wildish brick, Admiral Wildish's name is very familiar to at least two generations of naval engineer officers.