

PERSONAL NEWS

Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Trewby, K.C.B., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., F.I.Mar.E., F.R.I.N.A., who has been Chief of Fleet Support since July 1971, retired from the Navy in August this year after a long and distinguished career.

Admiral Trewby entered the Navy as a Dartmouth cadet in January 1931, and was awarded the King's Dirk and the Eardley Howard Crockett prize on passing out in 1934. He received his early sea training in H.M.S. *Frobisher* and *Barham* and in 1935 transferred to the Engineering Branch as a midshipman (E). After the normal engineering training at Keyham and a further period of sea service, he qualified in the Advanced Engineering Course at Greenwich. During World War II he served in H.M.S. *Nelson* and *Duke of York* and in H.M.S. *Dido* as the Senior Engineer. After the war he was appointed to lecture in applied mechanics and design of naval machinery at the R.N.C. Greenwich and this was followed by a further period at sea as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Cadiz*. He then completed the Naval Staff Course and from 1951 to 1954 served as the Inspector of the Gas Turbine Section of the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath. A further period of two years' sea service as the E.O. of H.M.S. *Albion* followed and in 1956 he became the Director of Engineering at the R.N. Engineering College, Manadon. He returned to the Admiralty at Bath in November 1959 where for three years he served as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering. From January 1963, until November 1964, he was the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the Marine Propulsion Machinery School. After qualifying at the Imperial Defence College, he became Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Sea Training at Portland where he served until April 1968. In May 1968 he became Assistant Controller (Polaris) serving in the acting rank of Rear-Admiral and was promoted to that rank in July the same year. After taking up his last appointment, he was promoted to Vice-Admiral in August 1971.

Admiral Trewby presented many papers on naval marine engineering subjects in the United States, Italy and Sweden as well as in Great Britain, and in 1954–5 he won the Institute of Marine Engineers' Akroyd Stuart award.

In his early days, he represented the Royal Navy at athletics and for two seasons after the war was appointed as non-running captain to the R.N. Athletics team.

Rear-Admiral I. G. Lees-Spalding, C.B., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., M.B.I.M., who served as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to the Commander-in-Chief Fleet and as Inspector-General Fleet Maintenance from August 1971 until January 1974, retired from the Navy in April this year.

After leaving Keyham in 1943, where he was awarded the King's Commendation for Bravery in the Plymouth blitz, he served in seagoing appointments until 1956. These included being the Engineer Officer of four submarines and of H.M.S. *Duchess*. After a period responsible for officers' appointments at the Admiralty in London, he became the Commander of the R.N.E. College and then the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Tiger*. On promotion to Captain in June 1962, he became FMEO of the staff of C.-in-C. Home Fleet. After completing the Senior Officers' War Course, he was appointed to Bath where he served as a Deputy Director of Marine Engineering with DME and, after the reorganization of the Ship Department, as Deputy Director of Design, Marine Engineering. In June 1969 serving in the rank of Commodore, he became Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth. He was promoted to Rear-Admiral in July 1971.

Rear-Admiral H. D. Nixon, C.B., M.V.O., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., F.Inst.Pet., who became Senior Naval Member of the Ordnance Board in March 1971 and has been President since March 1973, retired from the Navy in April 1974.

Admiral Nixon joined the Navy as a Special Entry Cadet in May 1938 and trained in engineering at the R.N.E.C., Keyham. During the war he served in H.M.S. *Suffolk* in the Arctic, and in H.M.S. *Indomitable* at Sicily when she was torpedoed and later in the Far East with the British Pacific Fleet. After the war, he served afloat as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Devonshire*, the Cadet Training Cruiser, and as Engineer Officer of H.M. Yacht *Britannia*. His shore appointments included Hong Kong Dockyard as junior afloat assistant; Malta Dockyard as senior assistant in charge of factory production; two spells at the R.N.E. College, first as a lecturer in marine engineering and sports officer at Keyham and Manadon and then as First Lieutenant at Manadon and later as Executive Commander at Manadon; and for three years as the Inspector of the Fuels, Lubricants and Materials Section of the Ship Department. After promotion to Captain in June 1962, he served successively as the Naval Engineer Overseer Midland District and later Southern District; as the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the R.N. Marine Engineering School; and, after qualifying at the Imperial Defence College, as Director of Fleet Maintenance. He was promoted to Flag Rank in January 1971.

Admiral Nixon represented the Royal Navy in bayonet fighting at the 1947 Royal Tournament, played hockey for Devon in 1948, and in 1954 won the Mediterranean Fleet dinghy sailing championships.

Rear-Admiral P. R. Marrack, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., M.B.I.M. was promoted to his present rank in July 1974 and took up his appointment as Director of Naval Ship Production in the same month.

Admiral Marrack joined the Navy as a Special Entry Cadet in January 1940 and, after training at the B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, and at the R.N.E.C.,

Keyham, saw war service in the cruiser H.M.S. *Orion* and in the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Argus*. After qualifying in the Advanced Engineering Course at the R.N.C., Greenwich, he specialized in submarines and subsequently served in H.M. Submarines *Templar* and *Token*. His shore appointments after promotion to Lieutenant-Commander included three years on the staff of the R.N.C., Greenwich, and two periods in charge of ship and equipment design sections at the Admiralty. He served at sea in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Glory* and on promotion to Commander in 1956 became Squadron Engineer Officer of the 5th Frigate Squadron and later was appointed Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Hermes*. Promoted to Captain in 1965, he served successively as an Assistant Director of a Ship Engineering Group with D.M.E.; in command of the Admiralty Reactor Test Establishment; as Chief Technical Officer of the Submarine Command; and as Assistant Director Nuclear with C.E.D.

Captain J. D. East, A.D.C., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., who was serving as Planning Manager at H.M. Naval Base, Portsmouth, retired from the Navy in July this year.

Captain East joined the Navy as a Special Entry Cadet in January 1941 and, after training at the B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, and at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, became assistant to the Admiralty Engineer Overseer at Fairfields, Glasgow, before serving as a watchkeeper in H.M.S. *Theseus* and as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Amethyst*. On promotion to Lieutenant-Commander in December 1951 while serving at H.M.S. *Fisgard*, he was appointed as Commander III at Rosyth Dockyard, and in 1954 became Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Newcastle*. In the rank of Commander, he served successively as Training Commander of H.M.S. *Raleigh*; on loan service to the R.N.Z.N. from 1957 to 1960; as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Bulwark* from 1960 to 1962; and as assistant to DNOA(E) from 1962 to 1965. Promoted to Captain in 1965, he served as Chief Engineer, H.M. Dockyard Chatham and as Deputy Superintendent of the Clyde Submarine Base before taking up his last appointment.

Captain H. W. F. Lowman, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been serving as Production Manager, H.M. Naval Base, Gibraltar, and as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Flag Officer Gibraltar, retired from the Navy in July this year.

Captain Lowman joined the Navy as a Special Entry Cadet in January 1940 and, after training at the B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, and the R.N.E.C., Keyham, served in H.M.S. *Duke of York* from 1944 to 1946. After doing the air engineering course at Keyham and flying training courses, he was appointed to Rosneath in September 1946. He served in H.M.S. *Hartland Point* and H.M.S. *Mull of Galloway* in 1948 and 1949 before joining H.M.S. *Royal Prince*, the headquarters of the Rhine Flotilla of the Allied Naval Forces. After serving as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Centaur* from 1951 to 1955, he was appointed to the MTRE at Portsmouth before becoming the Training Commander of H.M.S. *Sultan* in 1956. The course at the R.N. Staff College was followed by service as assistant to the Chief Engineer, H.M. Dockyard Hong Kong, in June 1958. From 1960 to 1962 he served on the staff of the Amphibious Warfare Headquarters and, after a short period as Admiralty Engineer Overseer at J.I. Thornycroft's at Southampton, was appointed Marine Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Victorious*. After promotion to Captain in June 1965, Captain Lowman served successively on the staff of the U.K. Military Representative at SHAPE; as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to FOCAS; and as Director of Fleet Maintenance before taking up his appointment at Gibraltar.

Captain G. W. Bridle, M.B.E., C.Eng., F.I.E.E., A.C.G.I., who became Assistant Controller of the Navy, with the acting rank of Rear-Admiral, in succession to Rear-Admiral J. R. Llewellyn, C.B. in October this year, is to be promoted to Rear-Admiral on 7th January 1975.

Admiral Bridle, who has been serving as Director of Surface Electronic Projects at the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment, joined the Royal Navy in 1944 as an instructor lieutenant. He spent much of the next fifteen years in sea appointments as an electrical officer and, after promotion to the rank of Commander in December 1957, became the Electrical Officer of H.M.S. *Newfoundland*. In this rank, he served as project officer for the development of the Seaslug ship-to-air missile and as Weapons Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Devonshire*. After promotion to the rank of Captain, he served successively with the Ministry of Technology, as commanding officer of H.M.S. *Collingwood*, and as Director of Weapons Equipment Surface (N), before taking up his appointment at the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment.

Captain K. G. Ager, who has been serving as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, is to be promoted to Rear-Admiral on 7th January 1975 and is to become Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board in February.

Captain Ager joined the Royal Navy in 1944 as a Lieutenant after serving in the R.N.V.R. Until 1946, he served in H.M.S. *Formidable* and H.M.S. *Boxer* and then became Electrical Application Officer for gunnery projects at H.M.S. *Mercury*. From 1951 to 1953 he was Assistant to the Electrical Engineering Manager at Chatham Dockyard. Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander during this period, he then served as the Electrical Officer of H.M.S. *Duchess* and as Deputy Electrical Officer of the Royal Naval Aircraft Yard, Fleetlands, and the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton. After promotion to Commander in 1958, he became Electrical Officer and Squadron Electrical Officer, 1st Destroyer Squadron, in H.M.S. *Solebay*. In 1960 he became Head of the Asdic Equipment Section, Weapons Department, Underwater Weapons Division. Three years later he joined the General Manager's Department at Chatham Dockyard where he stayed until 1965, when he became Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Collingwood*. Promoted to Captain in 1967, his first post was as a Superintending Electrical Engineer with Director-General Ships. Two years later, he became Fleet Weapons Electrical Engineer Officer on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Western Fleet. After attending the 1971-72 Senior Officers' War Course at Greenwich, he became Captain Fleet Maintenance, Rosyth.

Captain M. S. Drewett, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been serving as an Assistant Director of Engineering in the Ship Department at Bath, took up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of FOST in November this year.

Captain K. H. Wyman, C.Eng., M.I.E.E., M.I.E.R.E. became Planning Manager with the General Manager H.M. Naval Base Portsmouth in May 1974.

Captain K. W. Bradley, B.Sc., who has been serving at the Admiralty Underwater Weapons Establishment, takes up his appointment with the Director-General Ships as Assistant Director Design Electrical in January 1975.

Captain P. B. Hogg, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been Commanding Officer H.M.S. *Caledonia* since February 1973, became Director of Naval Recruiting in November 1974.

Captain K. B. Birkett, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., takes up his appointment as Deputy Director of Engineering (Marine) with Director-General Ships in January 1975.

Captain C. A. Johnson, who has been Command Engineer Officer on the staff of FONAC, took up his appointment as Defence Advisor Wellington in July 1974.

Captain T. G. F. Hardy, B.Sc(Eng.), M.Sc., D.C.Ae., F.R.Ae.S., took up his appointment as Director of Helicopter Projects with the Deputy Controller Aircraft (B) in September this year.

Captain R. A. H. Dring, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., who has been Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of CINCNAVHOME since October 1972, became Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Caledonia* in October 1974.

Captain J. A. Beadon, M.Sc., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., became Superintendent of the R.N.A.Y., Fleetlands, in October 1974.

Captain K. H. G. Willis, B.A. took up his appointment as Deputy Director of the R.N. Staff College in August 1974.

Captain A. R. Manvell, B.Sc(Eng.), C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., was appointed Director of Guided Weapons Trials in November 1974 and to serve in the rank of Commodore.

Captain C. McK. Little, A.F.C., took up his appointment as Naval and Air Attaché Tokyo and Seoul in July 1974.

Captain G. V. P. Crowden, O.B.E., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been serving as Assistant Director (Collaboration) with DNOR, will become Naval Ship Production Overseer South East in February 1975.

Captain J. Hurworth, after completing the Senior Officers War Course at the R.N.C., Greenwich, took up his appointment as Superintendent of the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory West Drayton in September 1974.

Captain K. V. Hadow, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been serving with CED at Bath since January, 1972, became Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of CINCNAVHOME in September 1974.

Captain J. P. Edwards, M.V.O., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been Deputy Director of the R.N. Staff College since October 1972, joined the Ship Department as Assistant Director of Engineering 6 in October 1974.

Captain C. C. Loxton, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E. took up his appointment as Director of Naval Physical Training and Sport in August 1974.

Captain P. W. S. Stearns, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., A.M.B.I.M., was appointed for duty with the General Manager H.M. Naval Base Rosyth as Divisional Manager Shops in September this year.