

# PERSONAL NEWS

**Rear-Admiral A. C. W. Wilson, C.B., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.**, who has been Senior Naval Member of the Directing Staff of the Royal College of Defence Studies since November 1972, retired from the Navy in April this year.

Admiral Wilson joined the Navy in 1937 and after serving in the training cruiser joined the R.N.E.C., Keyham, in 1938. He spent the war years in the cruisers *Euryalus* and *Nigeria* and subsequently served in Malta Dockyard until 1949. After standing by and serving at sea as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Diamond* in which appointment he was promoted to the rank of Commander, he joined the Department of the Engineer-in-Chief in 1953. In 1956 he was attached to the U.K. Services Liaison Staff in Australia until, in 1959, he joined H.M.S. *Ark Royal* as the Engineer Officer. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in June 1961 and then became an Assistant Director of Marine Engineering in the Ship Department at Bath. He joined H.M.S. *Victorious* in 1964 as the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers and in 1967 was appointed to serve in the same capacity on the staff of the Commander, Far East Fleet. On return from the Far East in 1969 he attended the Imperial Defence College, during which time he toured Canada and the U.S.A., and subsequently became Head of the British Defence Liaison Staff and Defence Adviser, Canberra.

**Rear-Admiral J. R. Llewellyn, C.B.**, who was Assistant Controller of the Navy from January 1972 until October 1974, retired from the Navy in April this year.

Admiral Llewellyn joined the Navy in 1938 as a special entry cadet and after early training in H.M.S. *Erebus* and *Vindictive* and at the R.N. Engineering

College, Keyham, he was appointed in 1942 to H.M.S. *Bermuda*. He subsequently qualified at the Advanced Engineering Course at Greenwich and in 1945 joined H.M.S. *Illustrious* as the Flight Deck Engineer Officer. From 1947 to 1949 he served in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department as Assistant Inspector of the Flight Deck Machinery Section during the early development of the steam catapult. He left Bath to join H.M.S. *Sluys* as the Engineer Officer until 1951 and after a brief period in the Reserve Fleet was appointed to the staff of the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon. Promotion to Commander in 1953 was followed by a period at sea as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Diamond*. In 1954 he was appointed on loan service to the Royal Canadian Navy and spent four years as an Assistant to the Engineer-in-Chief, R.C.N., responsible for the administration of the engineering of the Y.100 machinery in the *St Laurent* and *Restigouche* Class ships then building in Canada. On return to the Royal Navy in 1958, he became Officer-in-Charge of the Admiralty Fuel Experimental Station at Haslar, leaving there in 1960 to join H.M.S. *Victorious* as the Engineer Officer. He was promoted to Captain in June 1963, and was appointed to the Ship Department in Bath as an Assistant Director of Marine Engineering. He then became the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Fisgard* and, in April 1969, returned to the Ship Department where he served as the Deputy Director of Design (Marine Engineering) until the end of 1971.

**Captain P. E. Melly, C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E.**, who has been serving as Deputy Director of Engineering (Marine) in the Ship Department, retired from the Navy in March this year.

Captain Melly joined the Navy as a special entry cadet in September 1940 and, after training at the B.R.N.C. Dartmouth and the R.N.E.C. Manadon and Keyham, served in H.M.S. *Unicorn* from 1944 to 1945. After qualifying at the Advanced Engineering Course at the R.N.C. Greenwich, he served in H.M.S. *Vanguard* before taking up an appointment to H.M. Dockyard Malta early in 1949. He then served in the Battle Class destroyer H.M.S. *St. Kitts* from 1952 to 1953 before joining the staff of the Advanced Engineering Course at Greenwich for two years from 1954. He was promoted to Commander shortly after taking up an appointment to H.M. Dockyard Chatham in 1957. In 1960 he became the Squadron Engineer Officer of the 5th Frigate Squadron, serving in H.M.S. *Scarborough*, from whence he was appointed to the Ship Department as Inspector of the New Construction Steam Frigate Section. In 1964 he was appointed to H.M. Dockyard Devonport and on promotion to Captain in 1965 he was appointed as Naval District Engineer Overseer in Manchester. In 1968 he returned to Devonport Dockyard this time as Deputy Manager of the Engineering Department and also in other appointments during the reorganization of the Dockyard. Before taking up his last appointment in the Ship Department, he completed the Senior Officers' War Course.

**Captain A. Coleman, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E.**, who has been serving as CSO(M) to Flag Officer Submarines, retired from the Navy in April this year.

Captain Coleman joined the Navy in May 1940 and after training in engineering served at sea during the 1939-45 War in H.M. ships *London* and *Adamant* and in H.M. submarine *Rorqual*, being Mentioned in Despatches while serving in the latter in 1945. After promotion to Commander in June 1956, he served as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Defender* before joining H.M.S. *Forth* as Squadron Engineer Officer. From 1961 to 1962 he served at the Admiralty with DNTWP and then joined the staff of Flag Officer Submarines as Flotilla Engineer Officer. After promotion to Captain in December 1965,

he completed a course at the Indian National Defence College and subsequently became Naval Assistant to the Controller of the Navy. Captain Coleman served as commanding officer of H.M.S. *Fisgard* from 1969 to 1971 after which he did the Nuclear General Course and the Senior Officers' War Course at the R.N.C. Greenwich before taking up his final appointment.

**Captain W. G. McC. Burn, A.D.C., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.** who had been serving as Director of Naval Manpower Planning, retired from the Navy in January 1975.

Captain Burn joined the Navy in January 1940 and after completing his engineering training saw war service at sea in H.M.S. *Victorious*. In the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, he served as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Montclare* and as a training officer at H.M.S. *Raleigh*. After promotion to Commander, he joined the Admiralty in 1956 for duty in the Ship Requirements Section of the Tactical Ship Requirements and Staff Duties Division. He became Assistant Naval Attaché (Technical) Rome and Attaché for Naval Questions Berne and Vienna in 1959 and subsequently did the Joint Services Staff Course before joining H.M.S. *Adamant* in 1962 as Squadron Engineer Officer. After promotion to Captain in 1965, he served as Naval Adviser to United Kingdom High Commissioner New Delhi, and then became Commanding Officer H.M.S. *Caledonia* after first completing a course at the Imperial Defence College. Before taking up his final appointment Captain Burn had served from 1971 to 1973 as Superintendent of the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory at West Drayton.

**Captain G. St. M. Mills, C.B.E., A.D.C., B.Sc.,** who has been serving as CSO(T) on the staff of Flag Officer Sea Training, retired from the Navy in January this year.

Captain Mills joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve during the 1939-45 War and transferred to the Royal Navy in the rank of Lieutenant in January 1946. During the war he served at H.M.S. *Mercury* and H.M.S. *Orlando* and in H.M.S. *Formidable*. From 1951 to 1953 he served on the staff of the Experimental Section at H.M.S. *Excellent*, and this was followed by three years loan service with the Royal Australian Navy before joining H.M.S. *Agincourt* as Squadron Electrical Officer of the 4th Destroyer Squadron. After promotion to Commander in 1957, he spent three years with the Admiralty first with D.G. Ships and then with DGW's System Tuning Groups, subsequently doing the R.N. Staff Course before joining H.M.S. *Hampshire* as Weapon and Radio Engineer Officer. From 1964 to 1965 he served as Staff Weapons and Radio Engineer Officer on the staff of Flag Officer Sea Training and after promotion to Captain in December 1965 was appointed to the MOD as Assistant Director Radio (Material). On completing a course at the Imperial Defence College, Captain Mills was again appointed to the MOD this time as Deputy Director Naval Ship Production in 1970.

**Captain E. P. C. Kelly,** who has been serving as Director of Naval Administration Planning, retired from the Navy in January this year.

Captain Kelly joined the Navy in May 1941 and after completing his engineering training served at sea during the war in H.M. ships *Howe* and *Swiftsure*. Subsequent appointments included Assistant to the Engineer Manager of Malta Dockyard from 1951 to 1954 and, Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Vanguard* from 1956 to 1957. After promotion to Commander in June 1957 he joined the Department of the Engineer-in-Chief at Bath and on the formation of the Ship Department in 1958 was Inspector of the Flight-Deck Machinery Section. In 1962, he became Marine Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Bulwark*, and after being promoted to Captain in December 1965 was

appointed Assistant Chief Engineer, H.M. Dockyard, Singapore. From 1966 to 1969, he served again in the Ship Department on this occasion as Assistant Director (NP) and Assistant Director S/M. In 1969 until taking up his last appointment Captain Kelly served as Deputy Planning Manager (Projects and Nuclear) and Naval Base Development Officer, Devonport.

**Captain M. J. Button**, who has been serving as Director of Naval Recruiting since 1971, retired from the Navy in January this year.

Captain Button entered the Navy as an artificer apprentice and was awarded a cadetship in January 1942. He trained at the R.N.E.C. and was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant(E) in 1944. He saw sea service during the 1939-45 War in H.M.S. *Kent*, and between 1953 and 1957 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander served as Senior Engineer of the R.N.A.S. Hal Far, Malta, and at the Admiralty with DAMR. He was promoted to Commander in December 1957 and from 1958 to 1960 served on the staff of Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers as Officer-in-Charge of Fleet Work Study Team No. 5. After serving for three years as Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Fisgard*, he became Technical Assistant to Director General Aircraft (Naval). Promoted to Captain in December 1965, he completed the Senior Officers' War Course before taking up an appointment as Officer-in-Charge Hovercraft Project with DGA(N). He served as Officer-in-Charge NATEC from 1967 to 1969 and from 1969 to 1971 was Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Ganges*.

**Captain J. C. Brandt, C.B.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E.**, who has been serving as Director of Quartering (Naval), retired from the Navy in January 1975.

Captain Brandt, after serving with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve at the R.N. Air Stations at Worthy Down, Inskip and Donibristle, transferred to the Royal Navy while serving as Air Radio Officer in H.M.S. *Illustrious*. After serving at the R.N.A.S. Gosport, as Electrical Officer of H.M.S. *Perseus*, as Naval Adviser at the Radio Research Establishment, Malvern, and as Technical Training Officer at H.M.S. *Ariel*, he was promoted to Commander in June 1957. His appointments in the rank of Commander included the Naval Ordnance Department as Technical Project Leader of the Airborne G.W. Group; H.M.S. *Ariel* as Officer-in-Charge, Equipment and Trials Section; Staff Electrical Officer on the staff of Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers; and Deputy to the Command Engineer Officer (Material) on the staff of Flag Officer Naval Air Command. After promotion to Captain in June 1966, he became Seaslug and Sea Dart Systems Chief Engineer with D.G.W. before taking up his appointment as Naval and Air Attaché Rio de Janeiro. Captain Brandt was appointed a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in the Birthday Honours in 1972.

**Captain E. J. W. Flower**, who has been serving as Deputy Director of Design Marine Engineering in the Ship Department at Bath since December 1971, is to be promoted Rear-Admiral in July 1975 and will take up his appointment as Flag Officer Portsmouth and Port Admiral Portsmouth in August.

Captain Flower joined the Navy in September 1941 and, after training at the R.N.E. College and at sea in H.M.S. *Norfolk*, served in H.M.S. *Duke of York* before doing the advanced engineering course at the R.N.C., Greenwich. After further sea service in H.M.S. *Liverpool*, he served ashore successively at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, as Development Overseer in the North West District, and at Pametrada before standing by and serving at sea in H.M.S. *Whitby*. After being promoted to Commander in December 1957, he served as Technical Assistant to Rear-Admiral Nuclear Propulsion before becoming Squadron Engineer Officer of the 17th Frigate

Squadron in H.M.S. *Urchin* and subsequently in H.M.S. *Tenby*. He then served in the Ship Department in the Cruiser Section and in the Forward Design Group, being promoted to Captain in June 1966. After attending a course at the Canadian National Defence College, he became Fleet Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Western Fleet, in December 1967 and from March 1970 until joining the Ship Department was Captain, H.M.S. *Vulcan* at Dounreay.

**Captain J. S. C. Lea, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.**, who was Commodore Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, before becoming chairman of a working party investigating aspects of maintenance and technical upkeep of ships, is to be promoted Rear-Admiral in January 1976 and is to be Assistant Chief of Fleet Support in succession to Rear-Admiral R. A. Marcus.

Captain Lea joined the Navy in 1941 and after training at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, specialized in submarines, in which branch he served in H.M. submarines *Talent*, *Tireless*, *Aurocks*, *Explorer* and as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Forth*. After serving on the staff of the R.N.E.C., he was promoted to Commander and subsequently served in H.M.S. *Daring* as Squadron Engineer Officer of the 2nd Destroyer Squadron and then as Officer-in-Charge of the F.M.U.s at Portsmouth when the organization was being set up. After serving on the Naval Staff in the Naval Operation Division in London, he became Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Centaur* before joining H.M.S. *Dolphin* as Officer-in-Charge of the Submarine Maintenance and Refit Authority. After promotion to Captain in June 1966, he was appointed as Deputy Superintendent of the Clyde Submarine Base and, on completing a course at the Imperial Defence College in 1969, he became Director of Naval Administration Planning. He served in this appointment until August 1972.

**Captain D. J. N. Porter, M.A., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.** took up his appointment as Captain Fleet Maintenance and Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Spithead in February this year.

**Captain D. W. Barthelmas, B.Sc., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E.** took up his appointment with Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board as Engineering Member of the Board in March 1975.

**Captain J. R. D. Nunn, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E.**, who has been serving at the NATO Defence College, Rome, became Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) on the staff of SACLANT in April 1975.

**Captain C. B. Williams, O.B.E., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.**, who has been serving as Superintendent of Base Support, Clyde Submarine Base, and Staff Engineer Officer to Commodore Clyde, is to become Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Sultan* in September 1975.

**Captain C. A. Pask, C.Eng., M.I.E.E.**, who was serving as the Engineering Member of the Admiralty Interview Board, took up his appointment as Deputy to the UKNMR SHAPE and Commanding Officer R.N. Element SHAPE in April 1975.

**Captain C. W. Awmack, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.** became Commodore, H.M.S. *Centurion* in May 1975.

**Captain D. Evans, O.B.E.**, who has been serving as Assistant Director of Design Electrical in the Ship Department, retired from the Navy in May 1975.

Captain Evans entered the Navy as an electrical artificer apprentice in 1938 and after completing his apprenticeship in H.M.S. *Caledonia* and H.M.S. *Vernon* served at sea during the 1939–45 War in H.M.S. *Weston*. He was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant in 1947 at the time of the formation of the Electrical Branch. After training at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and at H.M.S. *Collingwood*, he became the Electrical Officer of H.M.S. *Dainty* in her first commission. This was followed by two years on the staff of H.M.S. *Collingwood* before doing the long Guided Weapons Specialist course at the Military College of Science, Shrivenham. Subsequently, he became the Guidance Project Officer for the Seaslug missile and then served in H.M.S. *Girdleness* for the development and acceptance firings of the weapon. After promotion to Commander in December 1962, he served for four years in the original Polaris Weapon Group of the Polaris Executive. This was followed by an appointment to H.M.S. *Fife* as the Weapon and Electrical Officer. On promotion to Captain in June 1969, Captain Evans headed the new Torpedo Project Executive, before taking up his final appointment with D.G. Ships in 1973.

**Captain D. W. G. Robotham, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.** took up his appointment as Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Daedalus* in April this year.

**Captain A. J. Towers** is to become Deputy Director of the R.N. War College in September 1975.

**Captain J. S. Grove, O.B.E., B.Sc., C.Eng., M.I.E.E.** became Chief Staff Officer (Material) on the staff of Flag Officer Submarines in February 1975.

**Captain A. D. Barlow, M.A., C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., A.M.B.I.M.** took up his appointment as Superintendent Base Support Clyde Submarine Base and Staff Engineer Officer to Commodore Clyde in May 1975.

**Captain J. C. Warsop, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.,** who has been serving as an Assistant Director of Design Marine Engineering in the Ship Department, is to become Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Fisgard* in August this year.

**Captain D. F. N. Meares, M.A., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E.,** who has been serving as Naval Ship Production Overseer, West Midlands, retired from the Navy in April this year.

**Captain K. B. Denison, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.** became Captain Fleet Maintenance Rosyth and Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland in December 1974.

**Captain P. G. Howard** was appointed as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships in March this year.

**Captain J. Thomas, M.Sc., C.Eng., M.I.E.E.** became Naval Attaché Buenos Aires and Montevideo in October 1974.

**Captain C. M. Robinson, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.,** took up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Medway and Captain Fleet Maintenance and Senior Officer Reserve Ships Chatham in April 1975.

**Captain A. J. Bastick, D.C.Ae., C.Eng., A.F.R.Ae.S.** was appointed as Assistant Director of Engineering with HAD(N) in March this year.

**Captain M. A. Vallis, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.** is to become an Assistant Director Design Marine Engineering with D.G. Ships in July this year.

**Captain D. Hargreaves** took up his appointment as Naval Ship Production Overseer West Midlands in February 1975.