

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Rear-Admiral E. Mill, C.B., O.B.E.**, retired from active Service in July, 1962, after an outstanding naval career.

He entered the Navy in 1919 as an artificer apprentice and was first commissioned in the obsolete rank of Mate (E) in July, 1929, subsequently serving in H.M.S. *Emperor of India*. He served as a lieutenant in the battle cruiser *Hood* from March, 1931 to April, 1933, and afterwards transferred to the cruiser *Carlisle*. He subsequently specialized in submarines and served in them for a number of years. He was in the destroyer *Intrepid* from March, 1942 to February, 1943, and in the following month joined an assault group for the Normandy invasion. He then specialized as an air engineer and held appointments in this field until March, 1949, at the Royal Naval Air Station, Abbotsinch, in Malta, and in the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Triumph*. From April, 1949, to September, 1951, he was at the Admiralty on the staff of the Director of Aircraft Maintenance and Repair. Promoted to Captain in June, 1951, he was appointed to the staff of Flag Officer Ground Training as the Technical Training Officer, and in February, 1954, became Superintendent of the Royal Naval Aircraft Yard at Belfast. He was appointed F.E.O. on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, in the spring of 1957 and was promoted to Flag Rank in July, 1958. From March, 1959, until his retirement he was the Director-General, Aircraft.

Admiral Mill received the C.B. in June, 1960.

**Rear-Admiral R. S. Hawkins, M.I.Mar.E.**, became the Chief Naval Engineering Officer in May, 1962, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Sanders, K.B.E., C.B., the appointment being additional to that of Director of Marine Engineering which was noted in Vol. 12, No. 3.

**Rear-Admiral R. H. Tribe, M.B.E., A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., M.R.I.N.A.**, was promoted to Flag Rank on 7th July, 1962, and appointed to the Admiralty for temporary duty with the Controller of the Navy.

He entered the Navy as an artificer apprentice in 1923 and was promoted through the now obsolete rank of Warrant Engineer. Early in the war he was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Fiji* until she was sunk off Crete in 1941. He then became the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Orwell* and served in her until April, 1944, mainly on North Russian convoys, and it was in this ship that he was awarded the Russian Medal for Distinguished Battle Service in recognition of his services to the U.S.S.R. In 1944 he was appointed to Devonport Dockyard, as Assistant to the Engineer Manager, where he dealt with the construction and repair of submarines, and later, from 1954-57 was the Deputy Manager in the Engineering Department, Portsmouth Dockyard. He has also served twice in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, first as the Inspector of the Cruiser and Destroyer Maintenance Section and later as Assistant E.-in-C., Fleet Support. Other of his Admiralty appointments include Engineer Assistant to the Director of Dockyards and more recently from 1958-60 he was first the Assistant Director and later Deputy Director of Fleet Maintenance with D.G.D. and M. In May, 1960, Rear-Admiral Tribe became F.E.O. on the staff of C.-in-C., Home Fleet, and S.E.O. to C.-in-C., Eastern Atlantic and Flag Officer Flotillas (Home).

**Rear-Admiral D. A. Williams, D.S.C., A.M.I.Mech.E.**, became the Director-General Aircraft in July, 1962.

He entered the Navy as a special entry cadet in September, 1929. In the early years of the war he was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Hasty* in which he served in the Mediterranean, South Atlantic, in Norwegian operations and in the Eastern Mediterranean. He was awarded the D.S.C. after the Battle of Matapan and his ship was sunk in a Malta convoy in June, 1942. He stood by *Implacable* while building in 1942, and later served in her in the Home and the British Pacific Fleets. After service in H.M.S. *Argonaut* he completed an air engineering course at the R.N.E.C., Manadon, and then served successively in several Air appointments including the R.N.A.Y., Fleetlands, as Training Commander and Air E.O. at the R.N.A.S., Yeovilton and later at the R.N.A.S., St. Merryn. He was promoted to Captain in June, 1955, and from then until 1957 he served on the First Admiralty Interview Board and after two years as Command Technical Officer on the Staff of Flag Officer Air (Home) went to Scotland in May, 1959, to become Commanding Officer of the R.N.A.S., Abbotsinch. He completed the Senior Officers' War Course in August, 1961, and from December of that year until taking up his present appointment was the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Command Engineer Officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth.

**Rear-Admiral J. S. Raven, B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E.**, became the Director of Engineering and Electrical Training and Deputy Chief Naval Engineering Officer in August, 1962.

He served during the Second World War as a Temporary R.N.V.R. Electrical Officer, mostly at sea in the Mediterranean. In January, 1946, he transferred to a regular commission as a Naval Electrical Officer and was appointed to the Admiralty to assist in the organization of the Electrical Branch. From 1949 to 1951 he was the Fleet Electrical Officer on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and after various appointments in the Admiralty became the Director of the Radio Division of the Weapons Department. He was promoted to Flag Rank on 7th July, 1962.

**Captain M. P. Lawson, M.I.Mech.E.**, was placed on the Retired List on 3rd June, 1962, having served since June, 1959, as A.D.E.O., North-Western and North-Eastern District.

Captain Lawson joined H.M.S. *Thunderer* as a Special Entry cadet in 1925, the last term to complete training in that ship before it was relieved by H.M.S. *Erebus* in September, 1926. Apart from the normal training at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and a period as Divisional Officer at R.N.B., Chatham, his first twenty years of service were spent practically wholly in seagoing appointments which included *Courageous* and *Effingham*, Senior of *Emerald* on the East Indies Station, *Aurora*—first building at Portsmouth and later in service as the flagship of R.A. (D), Home Fleet—and H.M.S. *Furious* in the early years of the war. After a short period at Manadon in charge of the 'offshoot' from Keyham, he was promoted to Commander in 1942 and then served successively as the E.O. of *Birmingham* and *Diadem*. From 1946-48 he was the Training Commander of the Stokers Training Establishment, H.M.S. *Imperieuse*, and later, with the transfer of that establishment, in H.M.S. *Raleigh*. It was in 1948 that he took the conversion course to A/E and he subsequently served in Air appointments at the R.N.A.S., Anthorn, on the staff of F.O. R.A. at Arbroath, and at Lee-on-Solent where, in 1953, he was promoted to Captain. He then served for three years as Assistant D.A.M.R. at the Admiralty and for two and a half years on the First Admiralty Interview Board at H.M.S. *Sultan*.

**Captain R. K. Hodgkin, M.I.Mech.E., M.R.I.N.A.**, was placed on the Retired List on 12th June, 1962, on relinquishing his last appointment at the Admiralty, London, where he had served since April, 1960, as Assistant Director of Naval Intelligence (Technical).

He entered the Navy as a Special Entry cadet in September, 1926, and after the normal training left Keyham in 1931 and in January, 1932, went to sea in H.M.S. *Renown*. His subsequent appointments included H.M. Ships *Shropshire*, *Revenge* and *Gallant* and the Mechanical Training Establishments at Devonport and Rosyth. Promoted to Commander in 1944 while serving in H.M.S. *Furious*, he then became S.E.O.(D) in the Mediterranean during the latter part of the war, and was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Ceylon* from 1947-8. From January, 1949 until March 1952, he was on loan service to the Government of India as Director of Naval Engineering, serving in the Rank of Acting Captain, and for the following two years was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Vanguard*. After promotion to Captain in June, 1954, he served for three years as the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Midlands Area and for two years as F.E.O. to Flag Officer Commanding Reserve Fleet in H.M.S. *Bellerophon*.

**Captain T. W. E. Dommett, C.B.E., A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.** who from December, 1960, was the Superintendent of the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory at West Drayton, retired from the Navy in September, 1962.

He joined the Navy as a Special Entry cadet in September, 1928 and after the normal training served successively in H.M.S. *Berwick*, *Suffolk*, *Coventry* and, after Gun Mounting training, in H.M.S. *Glasgow*. In the early war years he served at the Admiralty with the Naval Ordnance Department and in the Gun Mounting Department at Woolwich, and in November, 1944, joined the Staff of C.-in-C., British Pacific Fleet, serving first in H.M.S. *Tyne* and later in H.M.S. *Tamar*, being promoted to Commander in June, 1944. He then returned to the Naval Ordnance Department serving for three years on the Naval Staff of the Admiralty Gunnery Establishment, Teddington, and early in 1950 he became the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Liverpool*. He returned from the Mediterranean in 1951 and became Assistant M.E.D., Devonport, for Armament Work, and after promotion to Captain in December, 1954, was for three years the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Southern District. More recently he has served the Deputy Superintendent, A.G.E., Portland, and on the First Admiralty Interview Board at H.M.S. *Sultan*.

Captain Dommett was awarded the C.B.E. in the Birthday Honours of 1962.

**Captain D. N. Callaghan, A.M.I.Mech.E.**, on completion of the Senior Officers War Course, assumed Command of H.M.S. *Caledonia*, the Artificer Apprentices Training Establishment, on 19th October, 1962. He had previously served at the Admiralty, Bath, as Assistant Director in the Weapons Department. A previous biographical note appeared in Vol. 12, No. 1.

**Captain J. Sidgwick, M.I.Mech.E., M.R.I.N.A.**, a note of whom appeared in Vol. 12, No. 3, became the Superintendent of the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory, West Drayton, in September of this year. From June, 1960, he served as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering at the Admiralty, Bath.

**Captain J. K. Pearsall, A.M.I.Mech.E.**, relinquished his Command of H.M.S. *Fisgard* in August, 1962, and at the end of September became the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Scotland. A previous biographical note appeared in Vol. 12, No. 3.

**Captain W. T. C. Ridley, O.B.E., A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E.**, who has served since March, 1958, as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering, Nuclear Propulsion, and Deputy Technical Chief Executive of the *Dreadnought* Project Team, at Bath, assumed his new appointment as Commanding Officer, H.M.S. *Thunderer*, the R.N. Engineering College at Manadon, on 30th August, 1962.

He entered the Navy as a Dartmouth cadet in 1928, trained at Keyham from 1933-36 and went to sea in H.M.S. *Exeter* before undergoing the Advanced Engineering Course at Greenwich. At the outbreak of war he was the Damage Control Officer of H.M.S. *Valiant* and in 1940-41 was the E.O. of H.M.S. *Firedrake*, in which he was twice mentioned in Despatches. He then joined the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Bath, where he served for three years, first in the Cruiser Section and later on Machinery Space Habitability. He subsequently spent six months in the Eastern and British Pacific Fleets dealing with habitability problems. From 1945-47 he was the Senior of *Indefatigable* and from 1947-50 served at the Admiralty Fuel Experimental Station at Haslar, being promoted to Commander in December, 1947. He then spent more than three years at the R.A.E., Farnborough, as 'Seaslug' Project Officer and six months in U.S.S. *Mississippi* witnessing 'Terrier' trials, and from 1955-57 was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Ark Royal*. Captain Ridley was promoted to his present rank in December, 1957.

**Captain T. B. Yates, M.I.Mech.E.**, retired from the Navy in August of this year having served since April, 1960, as the Director of Logistic Readiness and Capabilities on the Staff of SACLANT.

He joined H.M.S. *Erebus* as a cadet in 1928 and trained there and at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, where he won the Newman Memorial Prize, and subsequently he qualified in the Advanced Engineering Course at the R.N.C., Greenwich. During the war he served as Assistant Inspector in the Destroyer Section of the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Bath, and in destroyers. Promoted to Commander in December, 1943, he returned to the E.-in-C.'s Department where, from 1944-47, he was the Inspector of the Cruiser and Destroyer Maintenance Section. After a commission as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Birmingham*, he was appointed to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1950, and to H.M.S. *Jupiter* in 1952. On promotion to Captain in December, 1954, he served as the Fleet Engineer Officer, Far East Station, for two years and from 1957-60 was the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Scotland.

Captain Yates was a member of the Royal Cruising Club and the R.N.S.A., of which he was for some time the Honorary Secretary of the Clyde Branch. He was also a hockey umpire and in recent years has turned his attention to farming.

**Captain R. Young, D.S.C.**, has recently assumed Command of H.M.S. *Fisgard*, the R.N. Artificers Training Establishment at Torpoint.

Captain Young himself joined the Navy as an artificer apprentice in August, 1931, and was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant in July, 1939. It was as a young Lieutenant that he was awarded his D.S.C. for gallantry and skill in the Battle of Crete, while serving in H.M.S. *Dido*. He then specialized in Gun Mountings and Ordnance Engineering and subsequently has served in G.M. and O/E appointments at Barrow, Woolwich the Admiralty and at the R.A.E. Farnborough. He was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Cumberland* from 1955-6 and then he returned to the Admiralty, Bath, to serve with the Department of Naval Ordnance and later the Director General Weapons, Surface Division, where he dealt with Research and Development. From August, 1959, until taking up his present appointment he served with the Ministry of Aviation as Director of Guided Weapons (Naval).

**Captain N. H. Malim, M.V.O.**, took up his appointment in the Ship Department as Assistant Director in the Marine Engineering Division on 27th October 1962, having served since May, 1960, as the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Scotland. He is no newcomer to the Admiralty, having served in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath in the Projects Section from 1951-54 and in London in the Personnel Section from 1956-58.

He joined H.M.S. *Frobisher* as a cadet in September, 1936, and subsequently trained at the R.N.E.C. Keyham. Early in the war he was serving in H.M.S. *Manchester* when she was sunk in the Mediterranean and he became a 'guest' of the Vichy French, being an internee in Algeria for a few months. On his return he served in H.M.S. *Norfolk* for six months before qualifying at the Advanced Engineering Course at Greenwich. From 1945-47 he served in H.M.S. *Jamaica* on the East Indies Station and was the Senior Engineer for the latter half of the commission. He then served for nearly three years on the staff of the R.N.E.C., Manadon. He was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Triumph*, the Cadet Training Ship, from 1954-56 and his last seagoing appointment was as the Engineer Officer of H.M. Yacht *Britannia* from 1958-60.

Captain Malim was promoted to his present rank in June, 1960.

**Captain L. D. Dymoke, A.M.I.Mech.E.**, who has recently completed the Advanced Nuclear Engineering Course at the R.N.C., Greenwich, took up his appointment as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering, Nuclear Propulsion at the Admiralty, Bath, in August of this year.

Entering the Navy as a cadet in May, 1938, he trained in H.M.S. *Erebus* and *Vindictive* and at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and from 1942-44 served in H.M.S. *Kenya*. He then qualified at the Advanced M/E Course in Greenwich before becoming the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Dido*. From 1948-49 he was the Development Overseer at Rolls-Royce dealing with the R.M. 60 gas turbine project and for the next three years was Assistant to M.E.D. in Chatham Dockyard where he dealt with the design and manufacture of catapult ancillary equipment. After qualifying at the Joint Services Staff College in 1954 he was appointed to the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Bath, as the Inspector of the Turbine Section, and from 1958-1960 was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Tiger* during her building and the first commission.

**Captain D. J. Spickernell, A.M.I.Mech.E., A.M.I.Mar.E.**, took up his Appointment as the Deputy Engineer Manager of Portsmouth Dockyard in June of this year having previously served in the same Yard as the Deputy Manager (Production).

Leaving the R.N.E.C., Keyham, in 1942 he obtained his Watchkeeping Certificate in H.M.S. *Abdiel* and then spent a short time in the Fleet Repair Ship H.M.S. *Wayland* before qualifying as a submariner at H.M.S. *Elfin*. He then served successively in four submarines before becoming the Submarine Refits and Trials Officer at H.M.S. *Dolphin* and later the Second Assistant to M.E.D. Portsmouth Dockyard. On promotion to Commander in December, 1953, he was appointed to H.M.S. *Boxer* as the Squadron Engineer Officer and then became the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Maidstone* which at the time combined the duties of Home Fleet Flagship and Submarine Depot Ship. In 1958 he became the Superintendent of the Underwater Weapons Launching Establishment at Bournemouth where he became involved in the re-grouping of the four Underwater Weapon Launching Establishments into the one Establishment, the A.U.W.E. at Portland, where he served as the Deputy Captain Superintendent.

**Captain D. J. I. Garstin** took up his appointment at the Admiralty Bath, as Assistant Director in the Marine Engineering Division of the Ship Department on 31st August, 1962, after completing the Senior Officers War Course.

Entering the Navy in January, 1938, he trained at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and went to sea for a year in H.M.S. *King George V* before qualifying at the Advanced Engineering Course at the R.N.C. Greenwich. From 1945-6 he was the Assistant F.E.O., British Pacific Fleet, and from 1946-7 the Flight Deck Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Venerable*. He then joined the Admiralty, Bath, as Assistant Inspector of the Pipes and Valves Section of the Engineer-in-Chief's Department and this was followed by three years in the Carrier Equipment Department at the R.A.E., Farnborough, where he was concerned with the development of the BH5 and the early development of the slotted-cylinder catapults. He was the Engineer Officer of *Scorpion* from 1952-3 and, after completing the R.N. Staff Course, went to the Admiralty Fuel Experimental Station, Haslar, as the Chief Experimental Officer. In 1957 he served for two years on loan service to the R.C.N. as Head of the Naval Engineering Design Investigation Team in Montreal, and on return to the U.K. became the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Hermes*, standing by building and afterwards at sea. He was promoted to Captain in December, 1961, while serving for a short period as the Inspector of Carrier Section of the Ship Department.

Captain Garstin has always been a keen rugby player and is a member of the Somerset R.F.U. Referees' Association ; up to last year he was refereeing local Club games in Bath.

**Captain H. D. Nixon, M.V.O., R.N., A.F.Inst.Pet.**, who is the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Midland District, was promoted to his present rank in June, 1962.

He joined the Navy as a Special Entry cadet in May, 1938, and was training at Keyham during the Plymouth ' blitz ' period. During the War he also served in H.M.S. *Suffolk*, in the Arctic ; in H.M.S. *Indomitable* during the Sicily landings when she was torpedoed, and later in the Far East with the British Pacific Fleet. Since the War he has served afloat as the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Devonshire*, the Cadet Training Cruiser, and as the Engineer Officer of H.M. Yacht *Britannia*, undertaking the first voyage round the world of a Royal Yacht. His shore appointments have included two dockyards : Hong Kong as junior afloat assistant and Malta as a senior assistant in charge of factory production ; two spells at the R.N. Engineering College, first as a Marine Engineering lecturer and Sports Officer of Keyham and Manadon and later as the first First Lieutenant at Manadon and, more recently, as the Executive Commander ; and for three years as the Inspector of the Fuels, Lubricants and Materials Section of the Marine Engineering Division in the Ship Department at the Admiralty, Bath.

Captain Nixon represented the Royal Navy at the 1947 Royal Tournament in bayonet fighting, played hockey for Devon in 1948, and in 1954 won the Mediterranean Fleet dinghy championships, but his sole claim to fame is that of being the only ' E ' Officer (and the only Post Captain now serving) to have qualified in the long P.T. Course.

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