

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Rear-Admiral C. B. Pratt, C.B.**, retired from the Navy in January, 1963, after a distinguished naval career of more than 35 years.

A scholar of King's School, Canterbury, he joined H.M.S. *Thunderer* as a cadet in 1925. After training at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, he served in *Enterprise*, *Furious*, *Frobisher* teaching cadets, on the staff at the R.N.E. College and in H.M.S. *Garland*. Having stood by H.M.S. *King George V*, he served in her as the Senior Engineer until promoted to Commander in December, 1941. His subsequent appointments were all connected with the Fleet Air Arm and included the R.N. Air Stations at Lee-on-Solent, Ford, Stretton and Arbroath and the Admiralty. Promoted to Captain in June, 1951, he became the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Nuthatch*, R.N.A.S. Anthorn, and remained there until 1953, when he became Chief Staff Officer to Flag Officer Reserve Aircraft. From October, 1956, until 1958 he was the Naval, Military and Air Attaché in Rio de Janeiro. He attained Flag Rank in July, 1959, and in the same month took up his last appointment as Chief Staff Officer to Flag Officer Air (Home).

Admiral Pratt received the C.B. in the Birthday Honours of 1961.

**Rear-Admiral R. H. Tribe, M.B.E., A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E, M.R.I.N.A.**, assumed his appointment with the C.-in-C., Home Fleet as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Inspector-General, Fleet Maintenance, in February of this year. A biographical note appeared in the last issue of the *Journal*.

**Rear-Admiral D. P. Mansfield, A.M.I.Mech.E.**, was promoted to his present rank on 7th January, 1963, and appointed Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Air Home.

Admiral Mansfield trained at the R.N.E.C., Keyham in the early 'thirties. At the outbreak of war he was serving on the staff of A.S.C.B.S., and in 1943 he became 2nd Assistant to M.E.D. in Chatham Dockyard. He was promoted to Commander in 1945 and, after completing the A/E course the following year, held successive Air appointments at the Admiralty and on the staff of Flag Officer Ground Training. He then went to sea as the E.O. of H.M.S. *Kenya* from 1951—53, part of which time he was the F.E.O. East Indies, and for the following two years was the Executive Officer of the R.N.E. College, Manadon, being promoted to Captain while in this appointment. From 1955—57 he commanded H.M.S. *Nuthatch*, R.N.A.S. Anthorn, and for the following two years was the Superintendent of R.N.A.Y., Fleetlands. From November, 1960 until taking up his present appointment he was the Director of Fleet Maintenance at the Admiralty, Bath.

While training at Keyham, Admiral Mansfield was a prominent member of the College XV and Devonport Services.

**Captain H. G. H. Tracy, D.S.C., M.I.Mech.E.**, who is the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Maintenance Captain on the Staff of Flag Officer Sea Training, is to be promoted to Rear-Admiral on 8th July, 1963, and in September will become the Director of Marine Engineering in succession to Rear-Admiral R. S. Hawkins, C.B.

Captain Tracy returns to the Admiralty as Head of the Department in which he has served on three previous occasions : from 1939 to 1941 in the Cruiser Section ; from 1948 to 1951 in the Turbine Design, Auxiliary Machinery and the Gas Turbine Sections ; and from 1956 to 1959 he was Assistant E.-in-C.,

and later Assistant Director of Marine Engineering, in charge of Research and Development.

Before the war he served in *Shropshire* and *Furious* and from 1942 to 1944 was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Illustrious*. He then became Assistant to M.E.D., Chatham. Promoted to Commander in 1946, he served for two years as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Manxman* and from 1951 to 1954 he was the Training Commander of the R.N.E.C., Manadon. He was promoted to Captain in December, 1955, after serving for two years as Deputy Manager to M.E.D., Portsmouth. From February, 1959, to December, 1960, he was the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Sultan*, and before taking up his present appointment attended the Imperial Defence College.

**Captain H. A. Martin, D.S.C., A.D.C.**, who has served since January, 1960, as the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Northern Area, retired from the Navy on 25th March, 1963.

At the outbreak of the war he was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Illustrious*. He left her in 1942, after a very active and eventful commission, for a short period at the Admiralty, Bath, where he was promoted to Commander. He then qualified as an A/E officer and from 1944 held a series of Air appointments which included Air E.O. at Lee-on-Solent for the invasion of Normandy ; H.M.S. *Unicorn* in the Pacific theatre from 1944 to 1946 ; R.N.A.S., Abbotsinch and H.M.S. *Falcon* at Malta. From 1951 to 1953 he served in D.A.M.R. in London. He was promoted to Captain in December, 1954, while serving in H.M.S. *Cleopatra* and from early 1955 was in charge of the S.P.C.D. at Eaglescliffe where he had the task of the turn-over to D. of S. when it was transferred in September, 1957. Later, after completing the Senior Officers War Course at Greenwich, he became the Officer in Charge of the R.N.A.S. and Superintendent of the R.N.A.Y. at Donnibristle.

**Captain A. E. Wood**, was placed on the Retired List on 1st February, 1963. Since December, 1960, he had served as Commodore Reserve Ships at Portsmouth.

His long and distinguished career commenced in 1926 when he joined H.M.S. *Fisgard* as an artificer apprentice. Two years later he was selected for promotion to Midshipman (E) and appointed to the R.N.E.C., Keyham. He went to sea in H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign* in 1932 and from 1934—36 instructed the Mechanician Candidates at the M.T.E. in Devonport. He then served as the E.O. of H.M.S. *Fearless* and as Assistant S.E.O. (Destroyers), Home Fleet, and it was during this latter appointment that he was promoted to Lieutenant-Commander. Promotion to Commander followed in 1944 and the following year he took the A/E course at Manadon. This was followed by successive appointments as the Air E.O. at the R.N. Air Stations at Hinstock and St. Merryn and, later, as the Vice-President of N.A.M.E.B. From 1951 he served for three years at the Admiralty with D.A.M.R. as Head of the Air Frames Section. It was while serving as the Staff Engineer Officer to Flag Officer Flying Training in 1955 that he was promoted to Captain and from May, 1958, until December, 1960, he was the Command Engineer Officer to Flag Officer, Scotland.

**Captain F. A. Lowe, C.B.E., D.S.C., A.M.I.Mech.E.**, who, since July, 1960, was the Command Engineer Officer on the staff of C.-in-C. Portsmouth, retired from the Navy in February, 1963.

In the early part of the war, Captain Lowe was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Eskimo* taking part in Malta and Russian convoys and the North

African and Sicily landings. In 1943 he became S.E.O.(D) on the staff of Captain (H) in Malta and in 1944 joined the Department of Naval Ordnance in Bath. In 1949 he returned to Malta as the Gunnery Assistant to M.E.D., Malta Dockyard and on return to the United Kingdom was appointed to N.O.D. as an Assistant Director. Promoted to Captain in June, 1955, he became the A.O.E.O., Midland Area, and Superintendent of the Admiralty Gunnery Equipment Depot, Coventry, and more recently was the Engineer Manager, Chatham Dockyard.

**Captain G. W. Tanner, M.I.Mech.E.**, was placed on the Retired List on 18th March, 1963.

In the early part of his career up until 1944, Captain Tanner had a varied experience in ships which included service in a battleship, two cruisers and three destroyers, and standing-by a cruiser and a destroyer while building. In 1944 he qualified in Air Engineering and subsequent served in Air appointments. These included Air E.O., R.N.A.S., Easthaven, Head of the Modifications Section of the Department of Aircraft Equipment and Naval Photography, Air E.O. and Training Commander, R.N.A.S., Yeovilton, and Deputy Superintendent and Works Manager, R.N.A.Y., Fleetlands. After promotion to Captain in December, 1955, and completion of the S.O.W.C. in Greenwich, he became the Assistant Director of Aircraft Maintenance and Repair in London and from October, 1960 until his retirement served on the 1st Admiralty Interview Board at H.M.S. *Sultan*.

**Captain T. H. Maxwell, D.S.C., A.M.I.Mech.E.**, took up his appointment with D.G.P.S. at the Admiralty, London, as the Director of Officer Appointments (E) in May of this year. He had previously served in H.M.S. *Dolphin* since December 1960, as the Deputy Chief Staff Officer (Material) to Flag Officer Submarines, as noted in Vol. 12, No. 3.

**Captain C. F. Kemp** took his appointment as Superintendent, R.N.A.Y., Belfast, in November, 1962. He has served since 1961 in H.M.S. *Daedalus* on the staff of Flag Officer Air (Home) and as the Command Technical Officer.

**Captain J. K. McA. Tod, A.M.I.Mech.E.**, who was the Admiralty Weapons Overseer, Northern District, was placed on the Retired List in November, 1962.

Captain Tod was serving in H.M.S. *Devonshire* in 1931 when she was sent to China for the first of the Communist disturbances. After standing by and commissioning H.M.S. *Neptune* from 1933—34, he was again in China from 1934—36 in H.M.S. *Daring*. He subsequently served in two appointments in Chatham Dockyard, was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Sheffield*, and Assistant Naval Attaché (Technical) in Stockholm and Copenhagen, and from 1952—54 was the E.O. of *Gambia*. More recently he has served at the Admiralty Bath, with the Director-General Dockyards and Maintenance.

**Captain R. G. Raper**, who has served since April, 1961, in the Ship Department as Deputy Director of Marine Engineering, will shortly take up his new appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Maintenance Captain on the staff of Flag Officer Sea Training at Portland. A personal note on his career appeared in Vol. 12, No. 1.

**Captain W. A. Haynes, O.B.E.**, who has spent 1962 at the Imperial Defence College, took up the post of Director of Ship Production in the New Year in succession to H. T. Johnson, C.B.E., R.C.N.C.

Captain Haynes entered B.R.N.C. Dartmouth in 1927 and first went to sea in H.M.S. *Dorsetshire*. After training at Keyham, he spent a year of the Abyssinian crisis in H.M.S. *Leander* before going to Greenwich. At the outbreak of war he was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Glasgow*, in which ship he was awarded the O.B.E. after she had survived two torpedoes in Crete. He joined Chatham Dockyard as M.E.D.'s Assistant for catapults in 1941; then stood by H.M. Ships *Aine and Gabbard* building on the Tyne, going to sea as E.O. of the latter, after serving with the Royal Marines in Germany at the end of the war there. On promotion to Commander in 1947, he joined the E.-in-C.'s Department as Inspector of the Flight-Deck Machinery Section being responsible for administering the development of the steam catapult. Returning to sea, he served as the E.O. of H.M.S. *Ceylon* in the Korean War and as F.E.O., East Indies. He left the East in 1952 to become the Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Fisgard*, whence he returned to Chatham Dockyard serving as Deputy M.E.D. and later as the first Personnel Manager.

Captain Haynes is a member of the R.O.R.C. and the R.N.S.A. and was Branch Captain of the Nore (later the Medway) Branch while at Chatham where he raced a 'Dragon'.

**Captain G. W. Gay, M.B.E., D.S.C., M.I.Mech.E.**, relinquished his command of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the Mechanical Training Establishment, in January, and in March of this year took up his appointment in H.M.S. *Dolphin* as Deputy Chief Staff Officer (Material) on the staff of Flag Officer Submarines. A previous biographical note appeared in Vol. 12, No. 1.

**Captain G. A. Hewett, D.S.C., B.Sc.**, was appointed Deputy Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of C.-in-C., Home Fleet, and Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of C.-in-C. *Eastlant*, on 8th February, 1963.

Captain Hewett graduated in engineering at Durham University and joined the Navy as a Sub-Lieutenant (E) in 1937, a member of the first 'restarted' university entry. Before and during the war he served in H.M.S. *Devonshire*, the R.N. Torpedo Depot, Portsmouth, and in H.M.S. *Orion*, and in 1944 he was appointed to Malta Dockyard. From 1948—50 he served in H.M.S. *Duke of York* and from 1950—53 in the Personnel Section of the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, London. More recently he was the Manager, Organization and Development, in Chatham Dockyard.

**Captain W. B. S. Milln**, whose appointment to the Ship Department as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering was noted in the last issue of the *Journal*, became the Deputy Director in charge of the Specialist Groups of the Marine Engineering Division on 3rd March, 1963.

**Captain G. F. A. Trewby, A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., M.R.I.N.A.**, who from November 1959, was Assistant Director of Marine Engineering at the Admiralty, Bath, assumed command of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the Mechanical Training Establishment at Gosport, in January of this year.

Captain 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 the R.N.C., Greenwich. During the last war 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 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—54 served as Inspector of the Gas Turbine Section of the E.-in-C.'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.E. College, Manadon.

Captain Trewby has presented many papers on naval marine engineering subjects in the United States, Italy and Sweden as well as in Great Britain, and in 1954—55 he won the Institute of Marine Engineers' Akroyd Stuart award.

In his early days, Captain Trewby 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.

**Captain R. P. H. Elvin, A.M.I.Mech.E.**, relinquished his command of H.M.S. *Caledonia*, the Artificer Apprentices Training Establishment, in October, 1962, and in January of this year became the Command Engineer Officer on the staff of C.-in-C., Portsmouth.

**Captain E. G. Griffin** took up his appointment as Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Northern District on 25th February, 1963. He had previously spent two years in Malta as the Deputy Admiralty Repair Manager. A former biographical note appeared in Vol. 13, No. 1.

**Captain I. J. Lees-Spalding, A.M.I.Mech.E.**, who is the Fleet Engineer Officer on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, was promoted to his present rank in June, 1962, and it is noteworthy that since completing his training at Keyham, with the exception of one period at the Admiralty, London, as Assistant to E.A.P. and another as the Executive Officer of the R.N.E.C. Manadon, all of his service has been in seagoing appointments.

/ He entered the Navy as a Public School entry cadet, left Keyham in 1942 and went to sea in H.M.S. *Sirius*. He then qualified as a submariner and subsequently served as the E.O. of the submarines *Trespasser*, *Truculent*, *Teredo* and *Andrew*. Returning to General Service, he served successively as the Senior Engineer of *Cleopatra* and the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Duchess* before being appointed to the Admiralty in London. In his next appointment, at Manadon, he was the first President of the new mess with the Great Hall, and it was also his privilege to be the Parade Commander of the Queen's Birthday Parade on Plymouth Hoe—an unusual, if not unique experience for a technical officer. In 1960 he became the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Tiger*. He left this ship in Japan and made his own way back to the United Kingdom via Siberia, Poland and East Germany, being arrested only once. In his present appointment he is involved in setting up the new Home Fleet Technical Organization.

Captain Lees-Spalding was a keen swimmer and water-polo player. He was also awarded a Commendation for Gallantry in the Plymouth 'blitz' while at Keyham.

**Captain P. D. Tatton-Brown** took up his appointment as Commanding Officer and Superintendent in charge of the Dounreay Admiralty Reactor Test Establishment in December, 1962.

Joining the Navy as a cadet in 1938, Captain Tatton-Brown carried out his early training in H.M.S. *Erebus* and *Vindictive* and at the R.N.E. College,

Keyham. He then served in H.M.S. *Euryalus* from 1942—44 before qualifying in the Advanced Engineering Course at Greenwich. In 1947, after a short period at sea in H.M.S. *Indefatigable* he qualified as a submariner and subsequently served in the submarines *Taciturn* and *Artemis*. From 1949—51 he served in the S/M Section of the E.-in-C.'s Department at the Admiralty, Bath, and for the following two years was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Maidstone*, the S/M depot ship. He was promoted to Commander in June, 1953, while qualifying at the R.N. Staff Course and later, from 1955—57, served with the British Joint Services Mission in Washington as the Staff Engineer Officer (Propulsion). On return to the United Kingdom he was appointed once again to the Admiralty, this time with the *Dreadnought* Project Team. His last seagoing appointment was as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Hermes*, from 1961—63, and before taking up his present appointment he qualified at the Joint Services Staff College.

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