

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear Admiral (E) W. G. Cowland, C.B. (Retd) has been appointed Deputy Chief Engineer, Turbo Charger Department (Gas Turbine Division) of Messrs. D. Napier & Son Ltd.

Rear Admiral Cowland first joined the Company as Naval Consultant in 1951, following his retirement from the Royal Navy, in which he had served since 1908.

Rear Admiral (E) W. K. Weston, O.B.E., was appointed to the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, on 2nd October, 1954. He was promoted Rear Admiral (E) while serving as Admiralty Engineer Overseer, North Western District, an appointment he held from 1951-53. From 1948-51 he was in charge of the Naval Marine Wing of the National Gas Turbine Establishment at Pyestock.

Captain (E) H. Farquhar Atkins, D.S.O., D.S.C., M.I.Mech.E., is now Assistant Director of Naval Intelligence (Technical).

Technical intelligence covers warships, engines, weapons, guided missiles and electronics, and includes nuclear developments, so the field is wide.

His knowledge of French, Spanish and Italian is useful socially with Attaches, but he is finding the Russian alphabet tiresome.

Captain (E) H. White, D.S.C., has been appointed Engineer Manager, Rosyth Dockyard, and took up this appointment on 6th December. Captain White, who was promoted on 1st July, 1954, has spent the last three and a half years at Bath as the Inspector of the New Construction Section responsible for the Y.100 and Y.101 machinery installations being fitted in the new A/S Frigates.

Captain (E) R. K. Hodgkin, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.N.A., until recently the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Vanguard*, was promoted on 1st July, 1954, and appointed Admiralty Engineer Overseer, Midland District, on 2nd October, 1954. From January, 1949, until March, 1952, he was on loan service to the Government of India as Director of Naval Engineering. He attended the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer, from June to December, 1952.

Captain (E) E. A. G. Whittle, M.I.Mar.E., has been appointed Assistant E.-in-C. (R.D.2) from 27th September, 1954, after serving for two years as Assistant Director of Naval Intelligence (Technical). He served in H.M.S. *Thunderer* as Director of Studies from 1945-1948 and was on loan service to the R.N.Z.N. from 1949-1952 as Director of Naval Engineering.

Captain (E) P. Charig, F.R.S.A., a former Editor of the *Journal*, has been appointed Admiralty Engineer Overseer, North Western District. This area includes Northern Ireland and involves dealings with some 500 firms. From 1952–1954 Captain Charig served as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Eagle*. He was promoted to Captain (E) on 1st July, 1954.

Captain (E) J. D. Farrow, O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., who was promoted to Captain (E) on 31st December, 1953, was appointed Admiralty Engineer Overseer, Northern District, on 1st May, 1954. Captain Farrow, then a Lieutenant-Commander (E), was the first 'Officer in Charge' at Manadon, and arranged the old house and a few outbuildings to accommodate the first four terms of the R.N.E.C. Later, while serving as Commander (E) A.B.C.D. at *Phoenix* he was sent, on request, to assist the Danish Ministry of Defence in the design and layout of a new Damage Control and Fire Fighting School.

Captain (E) L. F. Ingram, A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., has recently left *Dolphin* where he was Fleet Engineer Officer, Submarines, to take up an appointment as Officer in Charge of the Mechanical Training and Repair Establishment, Portsmouth.

Most of his career has been spent in submarine appointments, but on promotion to Captain (E) he served as an Assistant E. in C. (Bath), being responsible for the earlier design work for the new 1st and 2nd rate Frigates. He subsequently held the appointment of F.E.O. Home Fleet.

Captain Ingram has been the Chairman of the Sea Cadet Corps, and a Member of Council for the Institute of Marine Engineers.

Captain (E) J. E. Best, A.M.I.Mech.E., will take up his appointment as Commanding Officer, H.M.S. *Caledonia*, on 21st January. From 1945 to 1947 he served in the Personnel Section of E.-in-C. London, and from this, went to Washington as Assistant Naval Attache. After serving as Assistant D.U.W. at Bath, he joined the Home Fleet as F.E.O. in 1952.

Captain (E) R. T. Sandars, M.I.Mech.E., relieved Captain Ingram as F.E.O. Submarines, in September, 1954.

Captain Sandars spent his early years in submarine appointments, including Chatham Dockyard and as the Engineer Officer of Malta Submarine Flotilla during the War. He led the Anglo-U.S. team which took control of 'U-Boat High Command', and remained in Germany as 'Staff Officer U-Boats' until completion of U-Boat disarmament.

He has since served in E.-in-C.'s Department, on Admiralty Interview Board, as Squadron E.O. (Flotillas) Mediterranean, and in command of H.M.S. *Fisgard*.

Captain (E) E. J. H. Kirby, D.S.C., who joined the Naval Ordnance Department at Bath as Assistant D.N.O. (Design) in November, 1954, had previously served as the Assistant Engineer-in-Chief (R.D.2). He has held many gunnery engineering appointments during his career, and from 1946 to 1950 was Deputy Superintendent (Naval) at the Admiralty Gunnery Establishment, Teddington. He was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Glasgow* from 1942 to 1944. In 1944 he joined H.M.S. *Proserpine* as Fleet Gunnery Engineer Officer and in 1945 he became also the Engineer Officer on the staff of Flag Officer, Orkney, in which appointment he served as an acting Captain (E).
