

# CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir

## ‘FIFTY YEARS OF INNOVATION’

The brief note under this heading on page 403 of the December 1996 issue of the *Journal* gives the impression that YARD developed the Y100 propulsion machinery. Whilst the Group was involved in the conceptual design through the earlier Y.E.47A studies and was responsible for the machinery room arrangement, credit for the design of the actual machinery should go to the English Electric Co. This comes out clearly in the paper by COWLIN and VEICH, which was read on Tuesday 8 October 1957 at the Headquarters of the Institute of Marine Engineers. By my reckoning 211 engines of this type were built in the UK and around the world, surely a record for British Steam turbines.

English Electric and its successors went on to design and build the main engines for all Royal Navy nuclear submarines after *Dreadnought*. This again gets no recognition in the note. Perhaps you could set the record straight.

Yours faithfully,

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