

## PERSONAL NEWS

**VICE ADMIRAL Sir Robert WALMSLEY, KCB, MA, MSc**, retired in May 1996 on becoming the Chief of Defence Procurement. His biography was printed in the June 1993 issue of the *Journal*.

**REAR ADMIRAL F.P. SCOURSE, MBE, MA, CEng, FIEE**, became the acting Controller of the Navy in May 1996. His biography was printed in the June 1994 issue of the *Journal*.

**CAPTAIN C.J. CHILDS, BSc(ENG), MIMechE, MIMARÉ, AIFireE**, retired in June 1996.

Educated at Hemel Hempstead Grammar School before joining Dartmouth as a Cadet in September 1961. His initial introduction to submarines came when, serving on the destroyer HMS *Corunna* as a Midshipman, he was lent to the submarine HMS *Thermopylae* in the Mediterranean. In 1963 he attended the RNEC Manadon reading an External University of London Mechanical Engineering Degree followed by submarine training, at HMS *Dolphin*, RNC Greenwich and ARTE Dounreay. In 1967 he joined HMS *Resolution* as the Assistant Marine Engineer Officer (AMEO) during her first commission and left at the end of her first refit to spend an 18 month exchange tour with the Royal Australian Navy in the submarine HMAS *Ovens* as the Marine Engineer Officer (MEO); on the return to UK he became Nuclear Training Officer at HMS *Dolphin*. Promoted to lieutenant commander in 1974, he joined HMS *Courageous* as MEO, leaving after refit to join HMS *Neptune* late 1978 as the Deputy Base Engineer Officer.

Promoted commander in June 1979 he was appointed the project manager for the refit of HMS *Churchill*—the last nuclear submarine refit undertaken at Chatham. In September 1983 he joined the assault ship HMS *Fearless* as MEO, and took part in peace-keeping activities ashore in Beirut. He returned to *Neptune* as the Base Engineer Officer in 1985.

Selected captain in 1987, he spent nine months heading a chemical warfare study at Porton Down and helping in a project concerned with the disposal of the nuclear submarine *Dreadnought*. Following an appointment as the Naval Assistant to Chief of Fleet Support, the next 3½ years were spent as Chief Staff Officer (Engineer) to Flag Officer Submarines. In 1993 he was appointed Director of Naval Environment and Safety responsible for all aspects of Royal Naval Environment and Health and Safety matters, both ashore and afloat; he was also the RN member of the Defence Fire Services Steering Group. In 1994 he was nominated to be the leader of DCS Minor E on the Defence Fire Services; this study has led to his last appointment, in October 1994, as Director MoD Fire Services and promotion to commodore.

He is a Freeman of the City of London and an active member of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, liaising with the City & Guilds on craft qualifications.

**CAPTAIN R.E. CRAWFORD, BSc, CEng, FIMARE**, retired in January 1996 as Chairman of the Naval Nuclear Technical Safety Panel (CNNTSP).

He joined the Royal Navy in 1964 and after training at the BRNC Dartmouth and in HMS *Plymouth*, he read for a mechanical engineering degree at the RNEC Manadon. He was selected for submarines and served in HMS *Narwhal*. Following nuclear propulsion training at RNC Greenwich and NRTE *Vulcan*, he qualified as an Engineer Officer of the Watch in HMS *Renown* and in 1972 was appointed to HMS *Sovereign* building in Barrow-in-Furness. He then served in the Submarine School in HMS *Dolphin* before returning to sea in HMS *Sceptre* as the MEO from 1977–1981.

On promotion to commander he was appointed as NLO with Rolls-Royce and Associates, the nuclear reactor plant Design Authority. In 1984 he renewed his acquaintance with *Sceptre* as refit project manager in Devonport Dockyard. In 1987 he was appointed AD Reactor Safety in MoD(PE) Bath and was promoted to captain in 1990. He served as Assistant Director in In-Service Engineering Submarines, before his final appointment as CNNTSP in London. As light relief from nuclear submarines he was also Chairman of the Editorial board of the *Naval Engineering Review* from 1991–1993, and Chairman of the Royal Navy Boxing Association from 1993–1995.

During the period covered by this *Journal*, the following senior officers have also retired:

CAPTAIN I.D.G. FRANKLIN, MSc, MIEE

CAPTAIN P.N. GALLOWAY, MSc, CEng, FIEE

CAPTAIN C.R. HUTCHINGS, BSc, CEng, FIEE, FBIM

CAPTAIN B.S. MORGAN, BSc, CEng, FIEE

CAPTAIN J.B. SIMPSON, BSc, CEng, MBCS

CAPTAIN K.G. TULLETT, MSc, CEng, MIEE

CAPTAIN R.A.S. TURNER

CAPTAIN P.J.A. WYATT, BSc, CEng, FIEE