

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear-Admiral R. Walmsley, M.A., M.Sc., was appointed ACDS(CIS) on promotion in January 1990.

Admiral Walmsley entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1958. An engineering specialist, he was promoted captain in 1981 and has subsequently been in the PE, Naval and Defence Staffs. He was DOR(Sea), as a commodore, from his appointment in April 1987 until his promotion to flag rank.

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Captain R. H. M. Richardson-Bunbury left the Navy in October 1989, having been a member of the Ordnance Board since 1987.

He joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth as a 13-year-old cadet in April 1948. He requested to transfer to the Engineering Branch while he was at Dartmouth and approval was given while in the training cruiser (H.M.S. *Devonshire*). He served as a midshipman in H.M. Ships *Vanguard* and *Barrosa* and did the Basic Course at R.N.E.C. Keyham and Manadon before returning to sea as a sub-lieutenant to acquire an Engine Room Watchkeeping Certificate in *Kenya*. After the AE (Mechanical) Specialization course at Manadon he joined 737 Squadron (Gannet ASW) at R.N.A.S. Eglinton, transferring subsequently to 719 Squadron when 737 disbanded. In 1958 and 1959 he was AEO Protector flight (Whirlwind Mk.1s) and Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Protector*. Then came the Dagger Course (Advanced Weapons Course) at R.A.F. Technical College Henlow, after which he served as a project officer in the Ministry of Aviation on Seaslug (1961-64) before being appointed Weapons AEO in *Victorious* (1967-68), a project officer at ASWE on *Seawolf* (1968-70), and WEO H.M.S. *Sirius* (1971-73).

While Senior WE at Manadon, he was promoted commander and appointed Missile Project Officer USGW (subsequently R.N. Sub-Harpoon), 1974-77. An appointment as WEO *Glamorgan* was followed by N.D.C. Latimer and appointment to the Defence Operational Requirements Staff (DORS) in 1978-80. Then CED at Bath with responsibility for formulating dockyard upkeep and support policy for above-water weapons. His promotion to captain in 1983 was followed by a course at NATO Defence College Rome and appointment to ACDS(CIC)'s staff as Project Director Pindar (1984-87), before going to the Ordnance Board.

Captain Richardson-Bunbury claims to have spent substantially more time at sea than any of his WE contemporaries (or successors).

Captain P. J. Stickland, M.A., M. Phil., retired in January 1990 as the Deputy Director of Science (Sea) on the Defence Staff of the MOD.

He joined the Navy in 1953 as a special entry cadet(L) and, after training at B.R.N.C. Dartmouth and in H.M. Ships *Triumph* and *Enard Bay*, he read for a degree in electrical engineering at St. John's College, Cambridge. After gaining a watchkeeping certificate in H.M.S. *Newfoundland* in the Far East he completed electrical Long Course 9 and spent nearly three years as the fire control section officer in H.M.S. *Tiger*. Appointments to H.M.S. *Excellent* and H.M. Dockyard Singapore preceded the Naval Staff Course in 1969. Thereafter he returned to the Far East as the WEO of H.M.S. *Yarmouth*, spent a year on the joint service staff in Malta, and became the Naval Assistant to DGW(N). On promotion to commander he served on the Fleet Engineering Staff, as the WEO of H.M.S. *London*, as DCSO(E) at Portsmouth, and as the Commander of H.M.S. *Vernon*.

He was promoted to captain in 1982 and took command of Naval Party 2010 in M.V. *Stena Inspector* during and after the Falkland Islands conflict. Captain Stickland was the Director of the Naval Staff College from 1983 to 1985, before taking an M. Phil. in International Relations at his old College in Cambridge and returning to the MOD in 1986.