

PERSONAL NEWS

Captain C. M. Robinson, A.D.C., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was Director of Naval Manning and Training (Engineering) from January 1979 until early this year, retired from the Navy in April.

Captain Robinson joined the Navy in January 1945 and trained in marine engineering at the R.N.E.C. His appointments in the ranks of lieutenant and lieutenant-commander included H.M.S. *Indefatigable*, H.M.S. *Newfoundland*, and H.M.S. *Battleaxe* and also with the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath before being promoted to the rank of commander in December 1964. In this rank, he served first at the Ship Department before joining H.M.S. *Fisgard* in 1965. In September 1967 he became Marine Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Fearless* and subsequently, in August 1969, he joined the Directorate of Naval Operations and Trade. In September 1971 he became the marine engineers' appointer with the Naval Secretary. After promotion to captain in June 1973, he attended the Senior Officers' War Course before becoming the 4th Member of the Admiralty Interview Board. From June 1975 until 1977 he was Chief Staff Officer (Engineering) to Flag Officer Medway and Captain Fleet Maintenance and Senior Officer Reserve Ships Chatham. In 1978 he attended the Royal College of Defence Studies before joining the Department of Director General of Naval Manpower and Training.

Captain A. A. Lockyer, M.V.O., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Sultan* since August 1980, is to be promoted to the rank of rear-admiral in August this year and is to become Chief Staff Officer (Engineering) on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Fleet.

Captain Lockyer joined the Navy in 1947 and after training in H.M.S. *Devonshire* joined the R.N.E.C., Manadon, for training in engineering including sea training in H.M.S. *Anson* and H.M.S. *Jamaica*. Subsequently he served in H.M.S. *Superb*, at H.M.S. *Caledonia*, and in H.M.S. *Modeste* before joining the staff of the B.R.N.C., Dartmouth. In 1961, he became the Area Schools Liaison Officer for East Anglia and in 1963 joined H.M.S. *Bulwark* as Senior Engineer. After promotion to the rank of commander in June 1965, he became Deputy Fleet Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of COMFEF. He undertook the Joint Services Staff Course in 1968 before joining the Ship Department at Bath in 1969. In June 1973, while serving in H.M. yacht *Britannia* as Marine Engineer Officer, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. After attending the Senior Officers' War Course, he became the Naval Ship Production Overseer for Scotland and Northern Ireland from 1974 to 1976, when he joined the Fleet Maintenance Division as Deputy Director. From 1978 until 1980 he was Director Naval Officer Appointments (Engineer).

Captain G. G. W. Marsh, O.B.E., A.D.C., M.A., who has been Captain of the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, since June 1980, is to be promoted to flag rank in September this year and is to become Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operational Requirements) in succession to Vice-Admiral P. M. Stanford, M.V.O.

Captain Marsh joined the Royal Navy in 1947 entering the B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, as a cadet (L). On completion of his application training at H.M.S. *Collingwood*, he joined H.M.S. *Indefatigable* in 1953 as Deputy Electrical Officer. In 1954-5 he served in H.M.S. *Carron* as Electrical Officer

during the evaluation trials in that ship of the Flyplane Mk. 5 gunnery system. After a shore appointment in the Directorate of Electrical Engineering at Bath, he underwent the long GW course at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, subsequently joining H.M.S. *Girdleness* for the Sea Slug R & D and Acceptance firings off Malta. From 1962 to 1972, he worked on the Sea Dart project in a series of appointments finally becoming the Project Engineer. During this period, he also served in H.M.S. *Victorious*, from which ship he was promoted to the rank of commander, completed the JSSC at Latimer, and, in 1970, was Trials Commander of H.M.S. *Bristol* during the final development phase of that ship. In 1971, he became the WEO of H.M.S. *Norfolk*, being promoted to the rank of captain in June 1973. In that rank, he held appointments as Head of Propulsion Machinery Control Section in the Ship Department, as Assistant Director (Surface Weapons) in DNOR, and as Director of Weapons Co-ordination and Acceptance (Naval), before taking up command of the R.N.E.C., Manadon. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1970.