

PERSONAL NEWS

Vice-Admiral L. S. Bryson, B.Sc., C.Eng., F.I.E.E., F.R.Ae.S., who has been Director General Weapons (Naval) since February 1977 and Chief Naval Engineer Officer since January 1979, is to become Controller of the Navy in March 1981. Admiral Bryson will be the first engineer officer to hold this post.

Vice-Admiral E. J. Horlick, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., the Director General Ships, is to become Chief Naval Engineer Officer in January 1981.

Rear-Admiral C. B. Williams, C.B., O.B.E., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been Flag Officer Medway and Port Admiral Chatham since August 1978, retired from the Navy in August this year.

Admiral Williams joined the Navy as a special entry cadet in September 1942 and, after training in engineering at the Royal Naval Engineering College, served as a watchkeeper in H.M.S. *Nigeria* on the South Atlantic Station. He subsequently served in the first and experimental gas-turbine M.T.B. at H.M.S. *Hornet*, as Flight Deck Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Triumph*, and as Officer-in-Charge of the Flight Deck Machinery Trials and Training Unit based at H.M.S. *Siskin*, now H.M.S. *Sultan*. In 1956 he became Officer-in-Charge of the Naval Wing of the National Gas Turbine Establishment after which he served as Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Cumberland*, at that time the trials cruiser. While serving as Chief Experimental Officer at the Admiralty Marine Engineering Establishment, he was promoted to commander in December 1960 and the following year joined H.M.S. *London* then building and which he subsequently took to sea. In 1965, he went to Aden as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Flag Officer Middle East at the end of which appointment he was made an O.B.E. After serving in the Directorate of Naval Operations and Trade, he was, in June 1969, promoted to captain and appointed Deputy Manager of the Production Department in H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth. Subsequently he was Superintendent Base Support at the Clyde Submarine Base before becoming Captain, H.M.S. *Sultan* in September 1975.

Rear-Admiral A. P. Comrie, C.Eng., F.I.E.E., F.R.Ae.S., who is at present Director General Aircraft 3, is to be Director General Aircraft (Navy) in January 1981 in succession to Rear-Admiral J. Hood.

Rear-Admiral J. P. Edwards, M.V.O., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was Chief Staff Officer (Engineering) on the Staff of Flag Officer Sea Training and Captain Portland Naval Base from September 1978, became Director General Fleet Support Policy and Services this month in the acting rank of rear-admiral and is to be promoted to that rank on 7th January 1981.

Admiral Edwards joined the Navy from H.M.S. *Conway* in September 1944 and trained in engineering at the R.N.E. College where he was awarded the King's Sword. After leaving the College, he served in H.M.S. *Vengeance* and, from February 1949, in H.M.S. *Mauritius* until joining H.M.S. *Caledonia* in July 1951. Subsequently he served in H.M.S. *Torquay* and then with the R.C.N. as an instructor in engineering. After being Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Lion*, he returned to H.M.S. *Caledonia* until joining H.M.S. *Diamond* in January 1963 in which ship he was promoted to the rank of commander. He then served as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Defender* before joining the Second Sea Lord's Department as a manpower planner. He became Engineer Officer of H.M. Yacht *Britannia* in February 1969 and, after being promoted to the rank of captain in December 1971, joined the R.N. College, Greenwich, where he took the Senior

Officers' War Course before becoming Deputy Director of the R.N. Staff College in August 1972. From 1974 to 1976 he was an Assistant Director with Director General Ships, and in 1977 while a member of the Royal College of Defence Studies he was amongst the first group of military officers to visit China since the Revolution.

Commodore J. E. K. Croydon, M.A., C.Eng., F.I.E.E., who has been Director of Underwater Projects (Navy) since 1978, becomes Director General Weapons (Navy) in the acting rank of rear-admiral in January 1981 and is to be promoted to that rank in January 1982.

Commodore Croydon joined the Navy in 1947 as a cadet in the then newly-formed Electrical Branch and, after a year at the B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, and in the training cruiser, went up to Selwyn College, Cambridge, to read the Mechanical Sciences Tripos. After graduating in 1951, he continued his training with electrical engineering application courses at H.M.S. *Collingwood*; industrial training with Muirheads, the GEC at Witton, the D.P. Battery Company, and with Mullards at Mitcham; and six months in H.M.S. *Vanguard*. In 1954 he joined H.M.S. *Verulam* as the Electrical Officer and, in August of the same year, transferred to H.M.S. *Undine* then converting at Alexander Stevens on the Clyde. At the end of 1954 he was appointed to the ASRE, Portsdown, as a technical applications officer concerned with communications projects. In 1957, he joined the Department of Electrical Engineering at Bath, and the following year joined the Weapons Department, Bath. In 1961, after two years on the staff of the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, he joined the guided missile destroyer H.M.S. *Devonshire*. Subsequently he served as technical applications officer at the ASWE, Portsdown, and, after promotion to the rank of commander in June 1966, was appointed to the Ministry of Defence, London, with the Polaris Executive. On completing the Joint Services Staff Course at Latimer, he became the Weapons and Electrical Officer of H.M.S. *London* in 1970, being promoted to captain in December 1972. He then joined the Controller of the Navy's Department, London, before, in 1975, becoming Captain Weapons Trials. In 1977, he was appointed Deputy Director Surface Weapons Projects.