

PERSONAL NEWS

Vice-Admiral Sir William Pillar, K.C.B., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., F.I.Mar.E., who has been Chief of Fleet Support since April 1979 is to be promoted to the rank of admiral in January 1982 and is to become Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freen, K.C.B., O.B.E.

Rear-Admiral K. H. G. Willis, B.A., who has been Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command since July 1979, retired from the Navy in November 1981.

Admiral Willis joined the Navy in 1946 and, after training at H.M.S. *Gosling*, R.N.E.C., Manadon, and the R.N.C., Greenwich, read for his Bachelor of Arts degree at Jesus College, Cambridge, before spending a further two years' training at H.M.S. *Collingwood*, H.M.S. *Ariel*, and in H.M.S. *Forth*. Subsequently, in 1951, he joined H.M.S. *Crossbow* as the Electrical Officer. In 1954 while serving in Department of Electrical Engineering at the Admiralty at Bath, he was engaged in the design and build of the Clausen rolling platform. In 1955, he joined H.M.S. *Girdleness* as the Seaslug Fire Control and Launcher Officer, and afterwards served for three years in the Ministry of Aviation as Assistant Seacat Project Officer. In 1961, he joined H.M.S. *Kent* as the Deputy Weapons and Electrical Engineer Officer. Promoted to commander in 1963, he returned to Bath, this time as deputy to the Polaris Logistics Officer. Subsequently, he spent three years at Faslane as the Resident Officer, Polaris Executive, for the build of the Clyde Submarine Base. In 1968, he joined the Dartmouth Training Squadron as the Squadron Weapons and Electrical Engineer Officer. In September 1969, he became Training Commander and Director of Training Design at H.M.S. *Collingwood*. He was promoted to captain in June 1970 and appointed an Assistant Director in the Underwater Weapons Equipment Directorate at Bath and, two years later, joined the Admiralty Underwater Weapons Establishment at Portland as Assistant Director, Submarine Weapons Systems. He attended the Senior Officers' War Course in 1974, and was then appointed Deputy Director of the R.N. Staff College at R.N.C., Greenwich, before, in 1976, becoming the Director of the Staff College. In September 1976, he became Captain of H.M.S. *Collingwood*.

Rear-Admiral A. S. George, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.B.I.M., who joined the Dockyard Department of the Ministry of Defence at Bath in July this year, was promoted to his present rank on 7th July.

Admiral George joined the Navy in May 1942 and, after training at the B.R.N.C. Dartmouth and in H.M.S. *Frobisher*, transferred to the Engineering Branch and went to the R.N.E. College, Keyham, for technical training. His sea training in 1948 as midshipman and sub-lieutenant(E) was in H.M. ships *London* and *Consort* with the British Pacific Fleet. In 1949, after completion of training, he joined H.M.S. *Nigeria*, the Flagship of the Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic, later transferring to H.M.S. *Bermuda*. After serving as a Cadets' Divisional Officer in H.M. ships *Devonshire* and *Triumph*, he joined the staff of the R.N.E.C., Manadon, and subsequently was employed on R. and D. work at the National Gas Turbine Establishment. In 1959 he was appointed Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Victorious* and, after three years in that ship, joined the New Carrier Section of the Ship Department at Bath. After promotion to the rank of commander in December 1964, he took the Staff Course at the Royal Naval Staff College and subsequently joined the B.D.L.S. in Canberra. Returning to the U.K. in 1968, he became Marine Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Hampshire* and from

early 1970 until 1972 was Staff Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of F.O.S.T. After promotion to the rank of captain in June 1972, he served for three and a half years in Portsmouth Dockyard after which he was appointed to the Royal College of Defence Studies. From December 1976 to February 1979, he was Chief Staff Officer (Training) to the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command responsible for all aspects of naval training. In March 1979, he rejoined H.M. Dockyard Portsmouth as Production Manager, in which appointment he served until April 1981.

Captain P. B. Archer, A.D.C., C.Eng., M.I.Mech. E., who has been the 'E' member of the Admiralty Interview Board since 1979, retired from the Navy in June this year.

Captain Archer joined the Navy in September 1944 and after training at the R.N.E. College, Keyham, went to sea in H.M.S. *Cleopatra* in Sept. 1948. Further appointments in the rank of lieutenant and lieutenant-commander included the cadet training cruiser H.M.S. *Devonshire*, the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Warrior*, the staff of the R.N.E.C., Manadon, and H.M. yacht *Britannia*. On promotion to commander in December 1963, he became Marine Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Galatea* and Squadron MEO of the 27th Escort Squadron. From 1966 to 1968 he served on the staff of Commander British Navy Staff Washington and subsequently joined the Ship Department at Bath, firstly as Head of the Ship's Service Machinery Section and then as Head of the Cruiser Section. After promotion to captain in June 1972, he was appointed to Defence Intelligence Staff (SAAS) for language study and briefing before becoming Defence Naval Military and Air Attaché at Santiago and Quito. He was Superintendent of the Admiralty Marine Engineering Establishment (later re-designated the NGTE) at Haslar from 1976 until 1979.

Captain K. B. Denison, A.D.C., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., who became Planning Manager of H.M. Dockyard Rosyth in 1979, retired from the Navy in September this year.

Captain Denison joined the Navy in May 1944 and, after training in marine engineering, his subsequent appointments before promotion to commander included H.M.S. *Mauritius*, H.M.S. *Campania* (flagship of the special squadron at the Monte Bello Islands in 1952), in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath, and H.M.S. *Ark Royal*. He was serving in the Ship Department when promoted to commander in June 1963. In 1964 he was appointed to H.M. Dockyard Chatham and in 1966 took up duties at the R.A.E. Bedford. He was M.E.O. of H.M.S. *Eagle* 1969-70 before becoming Project Officer at Devonport Dockyard for the conversion of H.M.S. *Hermes*. After promotion to captain in December 1972, he continued with H.M.S. *Hermes* as Superintending Mechanical Engineer until undertaking the Senior Officers' War Course in 1974-5. Subsequently he served as CSO(E) on the staff of F.O. Scotland and Northern Ireland and CFM Rosyth, as an assistant director in the Ship Department from 1976 to 1978, and for special duties with Devonport Fleet Maintenance Base.

Captain P. G. Howard, A.D.C., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Caledonia* from February 1980 until October 1981, retires from the Navy in January 1982.

Captain Howard joined the Navy as a cadet in 1945 and, after training at the B.R.N.C. Dartmouth and R.N.E.C. Keyham and Manadon, joined H.M.S. *Liverpool* in January 1950. In June 1952, he was appointed to H.M.S. *Raleigh* and subsequent appointments included H.M. ships *Modeste* and *Victorious*, and ashore at H.M.S. *Sultan* and the B.R.N.C. Dartmouth. He

became Base Engineer Officer at Hong Kong in March 1964 and was promoted to commander in June 1965. In March 1966, he joined H.M.S. *Phoebe* as Squadron M.E.O. and in April 1968 was appointed to the Department of C.E.D. at Bath. He became M.E.O. of H.M.S. *Eagle* in October 1970 and subsequently joined the Department of DGNMT. Promoted to captain in December 1972, he served as NSPO South-east before becoming CSO(E) to FOCAS in March 1975. After graduating from the NATO Defence College in Rome in July 1977, he became Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) to SACLANT in Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain H. A. Ford, who has been Director Aircraft Engineering with DGA(N) since 1980, retired from the Navy in October this year.

Captain Ford entered the Navy as an electrical mechanic in 1945, became a midshipman R.N.V.R. in 1946 and transferred to the Royal Navy in 1947. In the ranks of lieutenant and lieutenant-commander his appointments included H.M.S. *Implacable*, H.M.S. *Sanderling* (the R.N.A.S. at Abbotsinch), H.M.S. *Daedalus*, and H.M.S. *Ariel*. After promotion to commander in June 1964 when serving with the Ministry of Aviation as Deputy Project Officer for the Buccaneer aircraft, he joined H.M.S. *Victorious* as Deputy Air Engineer Officer. From 1966 to 1969, he was Staff Electrical Officer on the staff of Flag Officer Naval Flying Training, before becoming DGA(N)'s Head of Technical Policy (Electrical). From 1971 to 1973, he was Project Manager for the Lynx helicopter, which post he continued to hold until 1975 after promotion to captain in December 1973. In 1975 he became an Assistant Director Material Aircraft Department and in 1978 assumed the duties of Command Engineer Officer on the staff of FONAC.