

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear-Admiral M. H. Griffin, C.B., C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E., F.I.Mech.E. who has been Director of Dockyard Production and Support since May 1972, retired from the Navy in July this year.

Admiral Griffin joined the Navy as an artificer apprentice in 1936. He went to sea as a 5th class artificer in 1940 and served in the cruiser H.M.S. *Devonshire* in the South Atlantic when she sank the German raider *Atlantis*. After being commissioned in 1941 he attended a course in engineering subjects at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and was then appointed to H.M.S. *Kent* on North Atlantic convoys. Early in 1944 he joined the submarine branch and during the next three years served in three 'T' Class submarines, *Trusty*, *Tactician* and *Tally Ho*, the last of which arrived in Hong Kong three weeks after V.J. Day. He then joined H.M.S. *Alderney* for a full peace-time commission before serving for two years in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at the Admiralty in Bath. Joining the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Eagle* for her first commission, he served first as the Flight Deck Engineer Officer and then as the Senior Engineer. He subsequently served on the staff of C.-in-C. Portsmouth as the Class Authority for carriers and maintenance ships, as Commander II in Rosyth Dockyard, and as the Squadron Engineer Officer of the 3rd Submarine Squadron at Faslane. Promoted to captain in December 1962, he went to Chatham Dockyard where he was responsible for installing new management and production control techniques and, in July 1966, he became the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *St Vincent*. In February 1969, he was appointed Commodore Superintendent Singapore, finally closing down that office in August 1971, just in advance of the British withdrawal from Singapore in November 1971. He was promoted to the rank of rear-admiral in January 1972.

Rear-Admiral J. S. C. Lea, who has been Assistant Chief of Fleet Support since January 1976, is to become Director General Naval Manpower and Training in succession to Vice-Admiral A. D. Cassidi in December 1977.

Rear-Admiral W. T. Pillar, who has been Port Admiral Rosyth since January 1976, became Assistant Chief of Fleet Support in succession to Rear-Admiral J. S. C. Lea in November this year.

Rear-Admiral E. J. Horlick, who was promoted to the rank of rear-admiral in July 1977, became Director of Project Team Submarines/Polaris in the acting rank of rear-admiral in May this year in succession to Mr. L. G. Bell.

Admiral Horlick joined the Navy in 1943 and qualified in marine engineering at the R.N.E.C. in 1947 and completed the advanced engineering course at the R.N.C. Greenwich in 1950. After serving in H.M.S. *Theseus* in Korea, he joined the Engineer-in-Chief's Department in 1951. In September 1953 he became Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Enard Bay* in the cadet training squadron, subsequently serving on the staff of the R.N.E.C. Manadon from 1955 to 1957. While serving in H.M. Dockyard Malta, he was seconded to Bailey Malta Ltd. on transfer of that dockyard to civil management. After promotion to commander in June 1960, he became Squadron Engineer Officer of the 2nd Frigate Squadron serving in H.M.S. *Whirlwind* and, in January 1963, joined the Ship Department in the gearing and transmission section. In March 1966 he became 1st Assistant to the Chief Engineer of Singapore Dockyard and while in this appointment was promoted to captain. In June 1969, he joined DPT as Assistant Director Submarines Marine Engineering. After attending the Senior Officers War Course, he became Fleet Marine Engineer Officer on the Staff of

Commander-in-Chief Fleet in October 1973. During 1976 he attended the Royal College of Defence Studies. Admiral Horlick is Chairman of the Royal Navy Rugby Union.

Rear-Admiral J. R. D. Nunn, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., who became Port Admiral Rosyth in the acting rank of rear-admiral in November 1977, was promoted to the rank of rear-admiral in January 1978.

Admiral Nunn joined the Navy in January 1944 and after training in engineering at the R.N.E. College subsequently specialized in ordnance engineering. His earlier appointments included serving on the teaching staff at H.M.S. *Excellent*, as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Amethyst*, on the design staff of the Naval Ordnance Department at Bath, and overseeing at the firm of Messrs. Sperry Gyroscope Ltd. at Stonehouse. After promotion to the rank of commander in December 1960, he served successively with the Director General Weapons at Bath, at the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment at Portsmouth, and as Weapons Electrical Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Glamorgan*. During this period in 1962 he attended the Joint Services Staff Course. While serving at the A.S.W.E. as Seaslug and Sea Dart Systems Chief Engineer he was, in December 1968, promoted to captain. In this rank he was appointed from 1971 to 1974 for duty in the Cabinet Office with the Intelligence Assessments Staff. In 1974 he served with the Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board before attending a course at the NATO Defence College. In 1975, he became Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) on the staff of SACLANT.

Captain K. B. Birkett, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., who has been Deputy Director of Engineering (Marine) and recently Deputy Director of Post Design (Ships) with Director General Ships, is retiring from the Navy in January 1978.

Captain Birkett entered the Navy as an ordnance artificer apprentice in 1939 and in 1941 joined the B.R.N.C., Dartmouth as a cadet (E) after passing the Special Entry examination. After training in engineering at the R.N.E.C. Keyham, from 1945 to 1947 he served in H.M.S. *Duke of York*, at H.M.S. *Imperieuse*, and in H.M.S. *Illustrious*, before completing the advanced engineering course at the R.N.C. Greenwich in 1949. He served in H.M.S. *Superb* from 1949 to 1951 when he joined the Engineer-in-Chief's Department. Between 1953 and 1957 he served as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Verulam* and H.M.S. *Volage* before joining the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough where he was promoted to the rank of commander in June 1959. After serving as Marine Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Devonshire*, he became Deputy Fleet Marine Engineer Officer from 1962 until joining the Ship Department in 1965 as Head of the Turbine and Auxiliary Machinery Design Section. After promotion to captain in December 1968, he became Assistant Director of Naval Operational Requirements (Collaboration) in 1969, and subsequently in 1971 Fleet Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Fleet. On completion of a course at the Royal College of Defence Studies, he joined the Ship Department in 1975.

Captain A. S. H. Kettle, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., who has been Production Manager, H.M. Dockyard Rosyth since 1975, retired from the Navy in September 1977.

Captain Kettle joined the Navy in 1943 and, after training in engineering at the R.N.E.C. Keyham, his earlier appointments included service in H.M.S. *Mauritius*, at H.M.S. *Raleigh*, and in H.M.S. *Implacable* and H.M.S. *Fierce*. He served on the staff at the R.N.E. College in 1957 and was promoted to the rank of commander in December 1959. His principal appointments as a commander were Assistant to the Engineer Manager H.M. Dockyard, Devonport from 1959 to 1962, Marine Engineer Officer H.M.S. *Centaur* from 1963 to 1965, and Deputy

Production Manager H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth from 1965 to 1968. After promotion to captain in December 1968, he served as Principal Naval Overseer, Singapore and as Naval Repair Superintendent until 1971, before becoming Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Medway, Captain Fleet Maintenance and Senior Officer Reserve Ships Chatham. From 1973 until 1975, he was Naval Base Development Manager/Yard Services Manager H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.

Captain C. A. Johnson, who has been Defence Adviser Wellington since 1974, retired from the Navy in July 1977.

Captain Johnson joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in October 1943 as a sub-lieutenant(A) and transferred to the Royal Navy in November 1945. His earlier appointments included service at H.M.S. *Condor*, the R.N.A.S. at Arbroath, in H.M.S. *Indomitable*, in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, and at the R.N.A.Y. Donibristle, before re-joining H.M.S. *Condor*. After being promoted to commander in December 1959, he became Squadron Work Study Officer on the staff of F.O.A.C., before serving in the Admiralty from 1962 to 1964 with the Director of Naval Plans. He served as Air Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Centaur* during 1964-5, Officer in Charge NAMDU 1965-7, and as Fleet Air Engineer Officer on the staff of Commander Far East Fleet from 1967 to 1969. After promotion to captain in June 1969, he became Officer-in-Charge NATEC at H.M.S. *Daedalus* before, in 1972, serving as Command Engineer Officer on the staff of F.O.N.A.C. until 1974.