

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear-Admiral A. C. W. Wilson, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., was promoted to Flag Rank on 7th July, 1970, and became Head of the British Defence Liaison Staff and Defence Adviser, Canberra, in succession to Major General I. G. Gill, O.B.E., M.C., He is the first officer of the Engineering Specialization to hold this important appointment.

Admiral Wilson entered the Navy in 1937 and served in the training cruiser until joining the RNEC, Keyham, in 1938. He spent the war years in the cruisers H.M.S. *Euryalus* and *Nigeria*, and was then in Malta Dockyard until 1949. He served in H.M.S. *Diamond* until 1953 when he joined the Department of the Engineer-in-Chief as a Commander. In 1956 he was attached to the U.K. Services Liaison Staff in Australia and returned in 1959 to join H.M.S. *Ark Royal*. In 1961, as a Captain, he became an Assistant Director of Marine Engineering, in Bath. He joined H.M.S. *Victorious* in 1964 as the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers. In 1967 he was appointed to serve in the same capacity on the staff of the Commander, Far East Fleet. On return from the Far East in 1969 he attended the Imperial Defence College, during which he toured Canada and the U.S.A., and for the six months before taking up his present appointment he was employed on the H.Q. Staff of the Ministry of Defence.

Rear-Admiral P. A. Watson, M.V.O., C.Eng., F.I.E.E., F.I.E.R.E., took up his appointment as Director-General Weapons (Naval) on 9th November, 1970, in the acting rank of Rear-Admiral. He is to be promoted to Rear-Admiral on 7th January, 1971.

After his initial training as an Electrical Engineering Student Apprentice with the L.M.S. Railway Company, Admiral Watson joined the R.N.V.R. early in 1940 as an Electrical Sub-Lieutenant and first went to sea in H.M.S. *Seagull* in August of that year. He subsequently served during the war years in H.M.S. *Hebe* in the First Minesweeping Flotilla, in H.M.S. *Nelson* as Assistant Torpedo Officer, and in H.M.S. *Berwick* as the Torpedo Officer. On 1st January, 1946, he transferred to the Royal Navy as a Lieutenant (L) and after completing the Long Radio Course at H.M.S. *Collingwood* joined the staff of Captain D. 5th Destroyer Flotilla in H.M.S. *Solebay* and H.M.S. *Gabbard*. He then served at the Admiralty in London with DNLD before returning to *Collingwood* as Assistant to the Training Commander. As a Lieutenant-Commander he served in the Radio Section in Malta Dockyard for more than two years, and in H.M.S. *Decoy*. Promoted to Commander (L) in December, 1955, he served for two years with DNLD in London and from 1957-59 he was the Electrical Officer of H.M. Yacht *Britannia*. In 1959 he was appointed to Chatham Dockyard where for three years he was in charge of the Electrical shops and the Weapon Section, after which he served for a period as the Weapon and Electrical Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Lion*. He was promoted to Captain (L) in June, 1963, and appointed to the Ship Department in Bath where he served for three years, first dealing with submarine design and later with aircraft carriers and Commando ships. From 1967-69 he was the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Collingwood*, the R.N. Weapons, Electrical and Radio Engineering Training Establishment, and in August, 1969, he returned to the Ship Department as the Deputy Director of Engineering (Electrical) where he served until taking up his present appointment.

Captain L. D. Dymoke, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., is to be promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral on 7th January, 1971, and in February will become the Director of Engineering (Ships) in the Ship Department at Bath in succession to Mr. H. C. Fitzer, O.B.E., C.Eng., F.I.E.E.

Captain Dymoke entered the Navy as a cadet in May, 1938, and trained in H.M.S. *Erebus* and *Vindictive* and at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and from 1942-44 served in H.M.S. *Kenya*. He then qualified at the Advanced M/E Course at Greenwich before becoming the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Dido*. From 1948-49 he was the Development Overseer at Rolls-Royce dealing with the RM 60 gas turbine project and for the next three years was Assistant to M.E.D. in Chatham Dockyard where he dealt with the design and manufacture of catapult ancillary equipment. After qualifying at the Joint Services Staff College in 1954 he served in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath as Head of the Turbine Section, and from 1958-60 he was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Tiger* during her building and the first commission. He was promoted to Captain in December, 1961, and after completing the Advanced Nuclear Engineering Course at Greenwich, became Assistant Director of Marine Engineering, Nuclear Propulsion, in the *Dreadnought* Project Team at Bath, in which capacity he served for more than four years. He then served for two years as the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the Marine Propulsion Engineering School. Captain Dymoke is at present serving on the staff of Flag Officer, Spithead, as Captain Fleet Maintenance and Captain Reserve Ships.

Captain R. H. P. Elvin, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., retired from the Navy at the end of June, 1970, after a notable career of more than 33 years.

He entered the Navy in January, 1937, as a cadet(E) and trained in H.M.S. *Frobisher* and *Vindictive* before joining the RNEC, Keyham, in 1938. While at Keyham, he represented both the College and the Command at cross-country running. He also took an active part in the fire-fighting and rescue work during the Plymouth blitzes and was awarded the King's Commendation for bravery. Leaving Keyham in 1941 he was appointed to the only battle cruiser to survive the war, H.M.S. *Renown*, where he served for nearly four years and took part in the attack on the *Bismark*, the North African landings, and some of the first naval offensives in the Pacific in 1944. During the latter part of this period in *Renown* he served as the Damage Control Officer and he developed many ideas which were later adopted as standard practice. From 1944-6 he served in the Damage Control Section of the E.-in-C.'s Department where he furthered his ideas. After the war he gained much experience in maintenance and repair work, having held appointments in Dockyards and in the depot ships *Forth* and *Tyne*. He also handled the transfer of the M.T.E., Flathouse, to, and the commissioning of, H.M.S. *Sultan*, where he served as both Executive Officer and Training Commander. In 1952 he was the E.O. of H.M.S. *Jamaica* and from 1952-4 was the E.O. of H.M.S. *Superb* and F.E.O. on the staff of C.-in-C., A.W.I. Later, as Head of Training in the Dockyard Department, he was responsible for establishing Management Training in the Dockyards. Promoted to Captain in December, 1960, he became, in February, 1961, the Commanding officer of H.M.S. *Caledonia*, the Artificer Apprentices Training Establishment. He then served successively as CSO(T) and Command Engineer Officer to C.-in-C., Portsmouth and Captain Fleet Maintenance to C.-in-C., Home Fleet and as the Captain-in-Charge, Ship Maintenance Authority and Deputy Director of Fleet Maintenance. On completion of the Senior Officers War Course in 1967 he served as the Naval District Engineer Overseer, Northern District.

Captain Elvin remains a keen sailor and, although he has had experience of Passage Races, his reputation has mainly been gained from small boat racing. In 1955 he represented Portsmouth in the Inter-Command Dinghy Championship.

Captain R. H. Webber, D.I.C., retired from the Navy in July of this year after a long and notable career, almost the whole of which was concerned with aircraft and aeronautical engineering.

Entering the Navy as a special entry cadet(E), he joined H.M.S. *Frobisher* in 1936 and after the normal training at Keyham, served in H.M.S. *Galatea* and the *Revenge*. He was selected for the Advanced M/E Course at Greenwich but arrived home too late for the 1941 course and, having previously volunteered for flying training and subsequent service on A/E duties, was held over for the Advanced A/E Course which was then under consideration. In the meantime he carried out his flying training in 1943 and joined 807 Squadron for six months' operational flying experience, during which time the Squadron embarked in H.M.S. *Indomitable* covering the Sicily invasion. He was withdrawn from flying duties in September, 1943, for the promised Advanced A/E Course which had by then been instituted and comprised a one-year post graduate and aeronautical engineering course at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, on the satisfactory completion of which he was awarded the Diploma of the Imperial College, followed by a six-months' attachment to the R.A.E. at Farnborough. In 1945 he was appointed to the Ministry of Aircraft Production (later the Ministry of Supply and Aircraft Production), serving first as a technical officer on naval aircraft research and development, and later as the Technical

Secretary to the Chief Naval Representative to the Ministry. As a Lieutenant-Commander he served at the R.N.A.S., Hal Far, in Malta, and in 1949 with the Operational Research Unit, a special group studying utilization of aircraft and manpower in various Fleet Air Arm units. Promoted to Commander in 1951, he served first as the Air E.O. of H.M.S. *Siskin*, the R.N.A.S. Gosport, and later on the staff of Flag Officer Air (Home). In 1955 he went to Washington where he dealt with naval aircraft research and development matters with the Ministry of Supply Staff of the B.J.S.M. Returning to the United Kingdom at the end of 1958, he served as Production Manager and later as the Deputy Superintendent at the R.N.A.Y. Fleetlands until 1961, when he was promoted to Captain, and served for three years as Assistant Director (Repair) in the Aircraft Department, Admiralty.

In 1964 he became the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Condor*, R.N.A.S. Arbroath, and in 1966 he qualified at the Imperial Defence College before serving for a short period on the Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board at H.M.S. *Sultan*. From June, 1967, until his retirement he served at the Ministry of Defence in London, first as Deputy and later as the Director of Administrative Planning.

Captain F. T. Healy, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., was placed on the Retired List in September, 1970, after a long and varied career.

Entering the Navy as a cadet (E), he joined H.M.S. *Frobisher* in September, 1936, trained at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and served in the early war years in H.M.S. *Prince of Wales* and *Resolution*. From 1943-46 he was the Assistant First Lieutenant of H.M.S. *Imperieuse*, then the Stokers Training Establishment at Devonport. He then became the E.O. of H.M.S. *Cheviot* which was carrying out Palestine Patrols and on return to the U.K. he joined H.M.S. *Alaunia*, the Mechanical Training and Repair Establishment at Devonport, as the First Lieutenant and Training Officer. He was promoted to Commander in December, 1951, while serving in H.M.S. *Lochinvar* as the Base E.O., Rosyth, and in 1953 he joined the staff of the R.N.E.C. Manadon, where he was in charge of the Administration Course until April, 1955. For the following two years he was the E.O. of H.M.S. *Kenya* and, later, the Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Raleigh*. He then served on the staff of C.-in-C., Plymouth, as Secretary to the Chief Staff Officer (Technical). On promotion to Captain in June, 1961, he was appointed as Assistant Director of Ship Production (Engineering) at Bath, after which he spent nearly three years on loan service to the R.N.Z.N., where he served as Third Naval Member and Chief of Naval Services in the rank of Commodore. On return to the United Kingdom in 1967 he became the Commanding officer of H.M.S. *Caledonia*, the Artificer Apprentices Training Establishment, and later, until his retirement, served on the Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board at H.M.S. *Sultan*.

Captain Healy has played and is interested in all games: he played rugby for the Royal Navy and Cornwall and is at present a member of the Devon County Rugby Referees Association.

Captain D. G. Spickernell, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.P.M., M.B.I.M., M.I.Mar.E., took up his new appointment as Deputy Chief Executive of the Defence Quality Assurance Board in London on 14th September, 1970, where he will serve in the rank of Commodore. He had served since March, 1967, as the Deputy Director of Naval Ship Production in the Ship Department at Bath.

Captain H. S. Mulholland became the Director of Fleet Work Study and Management Services on 16th November, 1970. For the previous two years he was the Deputy Director of the R.N. Staff College in Greenwich.

Captain K. A. W. Pilgrim, O.B.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.E., F.I.E.R.E., joined the staff of Flag Officer Sea Training as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Captain of the Naval Base at Portland in October of this year. He had previously attended the Senior Officers War Course in Greenwich.

Captain A. H. Little, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., F.Inst.Pet., took up his appointment with the Chief of Fleet Supplies as Director of Quartering (Naval) in July, 1970. He had previously served since February 1968, on the staff of Flag Officer Medway as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Captain, Fleet Maintenance, in Chatham.

Captain R. A. Marcus will take up his new appointment as the Captain of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the R.N. Marine Engineering School, on 12th January, 1971. He was from August, 1968, the Captain-in-Charge of the Ship Maintenance Authority and Deputy Director of Fleet Maintenance in Portsmouth.

Captain P. R. Marrack, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., was appointed to H.M.S. *Dolphin* on 14th August, 1970, as Chief Staff Officer (Material) to Flag Officer Submarines. He was previously the Superintendent of the Admiralty Reactor Test Establishment at Dounreay, now known as H.M.S. *Vulcan*.

Captain H. W. F. Lowman, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., took up his appointment in Bath as Assistant Director of Fleet Maintenance on 6th November, 1970, and will become the Deputy Director on 7th January, 1971. From September, 1968, he was the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships.

Captain R. W. Handcock, O.B.E., B.Sc.(Eng.), C.Eng., F.I.E.E. joined the Ship Department in November of this year as Assistant Director Design (Electrical). He had previously served in London as Assistant Director of Naval Operational Requirements (W).

Captain G. St. Maur Mills, B.Sc., became the Deputy Director of Naval Ship Production in succession to Captain D. G. Spickernell in September, 1970. He was previously an Assistant Director in the Naval Ship Production Directorate.

Captain A. A. C. Gentry, C.Eng., M.I.Mar.E., joined the staff of Flag Officer Spithead as Captain Fleet Maintenance and Captain Reserve Ships in December of this year. He had previously served in the Ship Department at Bath as Assistant Director Design (Mechanical).

Captain M. Trounce, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., took up his appointment on the Staff of Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on 16th October, 1970. He was previously an Assistant Director Design (Mechanical) in the Ship Department at Bath.

Captain J. M. C. Dunlop, C.Eng., M.I.Mar.E., who was the Naval Ship Production Overseer, West Midlands, joined the Ship Department at Bath in November, 1970, as Assistant Director Design (Mechanical) in succession to Captain A. A. C. Gentry.

Captain C. W. Awmack, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who had been serving in the Ship Department as Head of the mechanical side of the Forward Design Group, became an Assistant Director Design (Mechanical) in October, 1970, in succession to Captain M. Trounce. Captain Awmack was promoted to his present rank in June, 1969, when he was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Eagle*.

Captain W. F. Moore, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., joined the Ship Department on 10th July, 1970, as Assistant Director, Engineering, in succession to Captain B. V. W. Tyler. He was promoted to his present rank in December, 1969, and has recently completed a course at the NATO Defence College in Rome.

Captain G. M. Cornish, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., became the Naval Ship Production Overseer, West Midlands, in November, 1970. He was promoted to his present rank in June of this year while serving as a Superintending Marine Engineer on the propulsion side of the Director Project Team (S/M) in the Ship Department at Bath.

Captain M. J. E. Howard-Smith joined the Ship Department as Head of the mechanical side of the Forward Design Group on 3rd September, 1970, in succession to Captain C. W. Awmack. He was promoted to Captain in June of this year while serving with the Director of Naval Operational Requirements in London.

Captain K. J. Douglas-Morris was appointed for duty with Director-General Personal Services and Training (Naval) as the Senior Naval Member of the Tri-Service Job Evaluation Judging Panel in October of this year. He had previously served since March, 1969, with D.G.N.M., first as the Director of Naval Manpower Planning and later as the Director of Public Relations (N).

Captain J. D. East who for the past two years has served in H.M.S. *Neptune* as the Deputy Superintendent of the Clyde Submarine Base, took up his new appointment as the Planning Manager of Portsmouth Dockyard on 2nd December, 1970.

Captain J. Hood, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., took up his appointment as Naval Attaché Buenos Aires and Montevideo in December, 1970. He was previously serving in London with the Defence Intelligence Staff and was promoted to his present rank in December, 1969.