

PERSONAL NEWS

Vice-Admiral D. B. H. Wildish, C.B., C.Eng., M.I.Mar.E. retired from the Navy in September 1972 after a career lasting for more than 44 years.

Admiral Wildish joined B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, in 1928 and served as a cadet in H.M.S. *Ramillies* and *Revenge*, then units of the Mediterranean Fleet. Electing to specialize in engineering, he trained at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, from 1933 to 1936, and then served for two years in H.M.S. *Nelson* and two years in H.M.S. *Fisgard* as an artificer apprentice training officer. During the war he served successively in the *Prince of Wales*, *Kedah* and *Isis*; he was in the *Prince of Wales* during the action against the *Bismarck* and was a survivor when she was sunk by Japanese aircraft in 1941. In 1944 he returned to Keyham, this time on the Staff, and was promoted to Commander in 1948 after two years as the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Implacable*. His subsequent appointments included Officer-in-Charge of the 'Q' course at Keyham; Assistant Naval Attaché Rome, Prague and Berne; and two years on the staff of D.C.N.S. in London as a member of the Officer Planning Section. Promoted to Captain in December 1957, he became the Admiralty District Engineer Overseer, Southern District, and in April 1960, joined the Department of the Director-General Dockyards and Maintenance in Bath as Deputy Director of Fleet Maintenance. He was promoted to Flag Rank in July 1966, while serving as the Commodore in Command of Naval Drafting at Haslemere, and from October 1966 was the Admiral Superintendent of Devonport Dockyard until promoted to Vice-Admiral in June 1970, when he became Director-General of Personal Services and Training (Naval).

Admiral Wildish has represented the Royal Navy at cricket, and the Navy, Combined Services and Devon County at hockey in the pre- and post-war years.

Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, K.B.E., C.B., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., M.Inst.Pet. retired from the Navy in September 1972 after a long and notable career.

Joining B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, in 1929, Admiral Le Bailly first went to sea in H.M.S. *Hood* and served again in that ship after his engineering training at Keyham. His later sea appointments have included Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Naiad* and H.M.S. *Duke of York* and Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Bermuda*, where he was also F.E.O., South Atlantic. He has also held many important Staff appointments: during 1943-4 he was Lecturer in Marine Engineering at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and during 1947-8 was the Schools Liaison Officer. After taking a course in Petroleum Technology at Birmingham University, he served for three years with E.-in-C. as Inspector of the Fuels and Lubricants Section at the Admiralty, Bath, which entailed being Chairman, Naval Fuels and Lubricants Committee; Vice-Chairman, Inter-Services Fuel and Lubricants Committee, N.A.T.O.; and in 1951, Chairman of the Sessions on Detergent Lubricating Oils, World Petroleum Congress at The Hague. From 1953 to 1955 he was the Executive Officer at the R.N.E.C., Manadon, and from 1956 to 1958, the Staff Officer to the Dartmouth Course Review Committee, being promoted to Captain in June 1958. In January 1959 he became Assistant E.-in-C. (Personnel) and from June 1960 served for nearly three years as Naval Assistant to the Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy. After qualifying at the Imperial Defence College, he joined the Ship Department in Bath as Deputy Director of Marine Engineering, Ship Groups, where he served until December 1966.

After promotion to Flag rank in January 1967, he became Commander, British Naval Staff, Washington, and United Kingdom National Liaison

Representative to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, being the first officer of the engineering specialization to hold this post. Promoted to Vice-Admiral in April 1970, Admiral Le Bailly took up his last appointment as Director of Service Intelligence in August of that year.

Rear-Admiral F. C. W. Lawson, C.B., D.S.C., whose retirement was noted in Vol. 20, No. 2, took up his appointment as Chief Executive Royal Dockyards in succession to Mr. L. W. Norfolk on 1st September this year.

Rear-Admiral A. C. W. Wilson, C.B., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., who since 1970 has been Head of the British Defence Liaison Staff and Defence Adviser, Canberra, became the Senior Naval Member of the Directing Staff of the Royal College of Defence Studies in November of this year.

Rear-Admiral T. R. Cruddas, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., who since February 1972 has been serving as Rear-Admiral Engineering on the staff of Flag Officer, Naval Air Command, will succeed Rear-Admiral Illingworth as a Deputy Controller Aircraft in the Procurement Executive of the Ministry of Defence in January 1973.

Commodore J. S. C. Lea, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been Director of Naval Administrative Planning since April 1970, took up his appointment as Commodore of the Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth in October of this year.

Commodore Lea joined the Navy in 1941 and, after completing his training at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and at sea, joined the submarine service. He served as the Engineer Officer of H.M. Submarines *Talent*, *Tireless*, *Aurochs*, and *Explorer* before becoming Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Forth*. After serving on the staff of the R.N.E.C., Manadon, he was promoted to Commander in December 1957 and was appointed as the Squadron Engineer Officer of the 2nd Destroyer Squadron in H.M.S. *Daring*, and subsequently was the officer in charge of the Fleet Maintenance Units at Portsmouth at the time of the setting up of that organization. A two and a half year appointment to the Naval Operations Division of the Naval Staff was followed by a sea appointment as Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Centaur* before joining the staff of the Flag Officer Submarines as officer in charge of the Submarine Maintenance and Refit Authority. After promotion to the rank of Captain in June 1966, he was appointed Deputy Superintendent of the Clyde Submarine Base at the time of its setting up and initial operation.

Captain M. A. Wilson, M.B.E., D.S.C., retired from the Navy in October this year after a career of more than 35 years.

Captain Wilson entered the Royal Navy as a special entry cadet in January 1937, and, after sea training in H.M.S. *Frobisher* and H.M.S. *Vindictive*, was trained in engineering at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, from 1938 to 1941. He then served in H.M.S. *Kenya* in both northern waters and the Mediterranean from 1941 to 1943. On completion of a submarine training course, he served as E.O. of H.M. S/M *Osiris*, where he was awarded an M.B.E. as a member of a team who salvaged equipment from a U-boat destroyed in the Red Sea, and then as E.O. of H.M. S/M *Tradewind* in the Far East, where he was awarded the D.S.C. After standing by H.M. S/M *Alliance* building at Barrow in 1945, he served as Senior Engineer first of H.M.S. *Wolfe* and then of H.M.S. *Newcastle* both in the Mediterranean. Promoted to Commander while serving as junior assistant in Devonport Dockyard, he was then appointed as Inspector of the Diesel Ship Section in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department dealing with Type 41 and Type 61 frigates. In 1956 he was appointed Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Diana*,

then employed on special Monte Bello trials and subsequently in the Red Sea during the Suez operations.

After serving in the Management Techniques Section of D.G.D. and M, he was appointed from 1960 to 1964 to Rosyth Dockyard as Senior Assistant and Yard Services Manager during which period he was promoted to Captain. After completing a nuclear course at the R.N.C., Greenwich, Captain Wilson served as Commanding Officer and Superintendent of the Admiralty Reactor Test Establishment, Dounreay (now H.M.S. *Vulcan*). From 1967 until his retirement, he served as C.E.D.'s Assistant Director (Nuclear) working as a member of DPT(S/M) with responsibilities for nuclear submarine refitting techniques, resources and programmes.

Captain B. B. Mungo, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., F.R.Ae.S., who until recently has been the Faculty Adviser at the NATO Defence College, Rome, is to be promoted to Rear-Admiral on 7th January 1973 and is to succeed Rear-Admiral Cruddas as Rear-Admiral Engineering on the staff of Flag Officer Naval Air Command.

Captain Mungo entered the Royal Navy in 1939 and after specializing in engineering, served in H.M.S. *Indomitable* from 1943 to 1945. After the war he qualified as a pilot at H.M.S. *Heron* and served in Naval Air Stations and on test duties at R.A.E., Farnborough. He was promoted to Commander in 1953, and from then until 1962 he served as a project officer in the Air Department of the Ministry of Supply, on the staff of the Commander British Navy Staff Washington, and as executive officer in H.M.S. *Sultan*.

In 1963 he was promoted to Captain and from 1964 to 1967 was Director of Guided Weapons (Navy) in the Ministry of Aviation. He was Command Engineer Officer on the staff of Flag Officer Naval Air Command from 1967 to 1968 and Director of Aircraft Engineering, Naval) from 1968 to 1970.

Captain R. L. McClement, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., M.B.I.M., retired from the Navy in September 1972 after 33 years of service.

Captain McClement entered the Navy in the last pre-war Public School entry in the summer of 1939 and trained at Dartmouth, in H.M.S. *Frobisher* and at the R.N. Engineering College, Keyham. Leaving Keyham in July 1943, he served successively in H.M.S. *Spartan*; in H.M.S. *Penelope*, where he was one of the few engineering department survivors when the ship was sunk off Anzio in February 1944; in H.M.S. *King George V*, the Flagship of the B.P.F. which took the surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo Harbour in August 1945; and in H.M.S. *Gambia* as the Senior Engineer. From January 1948 until May 1949, he was Assistant to F.E.O., B.P.F., in Hong Kong, and on return to the United Kingdom joined the staff of the R.N.E.C. as a lecturer in marine engineering. He was promoted to Commander in December 1953, while serving as the First Assistant to the Chief Engineer, Gibraltar Dockyard, and in May 1954, he returned once more to Keyham, this time as the Deputy Commander, the last one before the transfer to Manadon. Then followed two and a half years on loan service to the R.N.Z.N. as the Director of Naval Engineering and Equipment, where he was responsible for introducing and setting to work a new functional material department in the Navy Office, Wellington, for dealing with their new ships, the *Royalist* and the Type 12 frigates. In August 1958, he became the E.O. of H.M.S. *Albion* and from 1959 to 1962 served with D.O.A.(E) as the appointing officer for Marine Engineer Officers at the Admiralty, London. He was promoted to Captain in June 1963 and appointed to the staff of D.G.D. and M. at the Admiralty, Bath, as the Marine Engineering Specialist of the Dockyard Division. At the end of October 1966 Captain McClement became Naval Attache Ankara, Teheran, and Damascus and has, since August 1969, been Production Manager of Rosyth Dockyard.

During the time he was under training and again when he was on the staff at Keyham, Captain McClement played rugger for the College XV and for Devonport Services. He was also the rugger coach to the College teams during the period when he was the Deputy Commander.

Captain J. O. Wigg, who took up his appointment as Yard Services Manager in H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, in July of this year, has been Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland and Captain Fleet Maintenance, Rosyth, since February 1970.

Captain P. R. Marrack, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., A.M.B.I.M., was appointed in August of this year as Assistant Director (Nuclear) with C.E.D. Captain Marrack's last appointment was as Chief Staff Officer (Material) to Flag Officer Submarines.

Captain E. P. C. Kelly, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., took up his appointment as Director of Naval Administrative Planning in August this year. Since July 1969, Captain Kelly has been serving in Devonport Dockyard as Deputy Manager (Projects) and as Naval Base Development Officer of H.M. Naval Base, Devonport.

Captain A. A. C. Gentry, C.Eng., M.I.Mar.E., was appointed as Chairman of the Naval Nuclear Technical Safety Panel in November of this year. He had been serving since December 1970 as Captain Fleet Maintenance on the staff of the Flag Officer, Spithead.

Captain J. C. Brandt, C.B.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., has been appointed to the post of Director of Quartering (Naval) to succeed Captain A. H. Little in April 1973.

Captain G. J. Fairley, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., became Head of the Aircraft Department (Navy) in succession to Captain D. W. Crammond in December this year. He had previously been Superintendent of the R.N.A.Y., Fleetlands.

Captain D. D. N. Long, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., will take up his appointment in command of H.M.S. *Sultan* in January 1973. Between 1969 and 1971, Captain Long was Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of the Commander, Far East Fleet.

Captain P. B. Hogg, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., has been appointed to succeed Captain M. S. Drewett as Commanding Officer H.M.S. *Caledonia* in February 1973. Before being appointed to a course at the Royal College of Defence Studies in February 1972, Captain Hogg was in command of H.M.S. *Tyne* and Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth.

Captain D. W. Barthelmas, B.Sc., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who had been serving on the Admiralty Interview Board at H.M.S. *Sultan* since December 1971, took up his appointment on the staff of Flag Officer, Spithead, as Captain Fleet Maintenance, Portsmouth in October this year.

Captain C. W. Awmack, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., took up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of the Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships in September this year after having served with the Director-General Ships as an Assistant Director Design Marine Engineering since October 1970.

Captain C. B. Williams, O.B.E., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who has been serving as a Deputy Production Manager in H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, since October 1969, was appointed to H.M.S. *Neptune* and took up his appointment as Deputy Superintendent of the Clyde Submarine Base and as Staff Engineer Officer to Commodore Clyde in November this year.

Captain R. A. H. Dring, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., succeeded Captain S. F. Barton as Chief Staff Officer (Training) on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, in October this year. Before starting the senior officer's war course in February, Captain Dring was Naval Assistant to the Chief Executive Royal Dockyards.

Captain P. S. Jones, B.A., C.Eng., M.I.E.E., took up his appointment as Superintendent of the R.N.A.Y., Fleetlands, in succession to Captain G. J. Fairley in October of this year.

Captain H. L. Pratt, M.A., who recently completed the senior officer's war course, succeeded Captain C. W. Awmack as an Assistant Director Design Marine Engineering with the Director-General Ships in August this year. Captain Pratt was promoted to his present rank in June 1971 while serving in H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth.

Captain J. P. Edwards, M.V.O., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was serving as the Marine Engineer Officer of H.M. Royal Yacht *Britannia* before being promoted to his present rank in December 1971, took up his appointment as Deputy Director of the R.N. Staff College in October this year.

Captain J. C. Warsop, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was promoted to his present rank in June after serving as the Marine Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Blake*, took up his appointment with the Director-General Ships in charge of the Forward Design Group (Mechanical) in July of this year.

Captain A. S. George, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., who was promoted to his present rank in June this year, took up his appointment as Deputy Production Manager (Weapons and Machine Shops) in H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, in August.
