

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear-Admiral H. G. H. Tracy, C.B., D.S.C., M.I.Mech.E., retired from the Navy in March, 1966, after a long and distinguished career.

Before the war he served in H.M.S. *Shropshire* and *Furious* and from 1939-41 in the Cruiser Section of the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath. From 1942-44 he was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Illustrious*, after which he became Assistant to M.E.D. in Chatham Dockyard. Promoted to Commander in 1946, he served for two years as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Manxman* and then returned to the E.-in.-C.'s Department where for three years he served in the Turbine Design, Auxiliary Machinery, and Gas Turbine Sections. From 1951-54 he was the Training Commander of the R.N. Engineering College, Manadon, and for the next two years was the Deputy Manager to M.E.D. in Portsmouth Dockyard. On promotion to Captain in December, 1965, he once more returned to the E.-in.-C.'s Department serving first as Assistant E.-in.-C. and later, on the formation of the Ship Department, as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering, in charge of Research and Development, after which he served successively as the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the Marine Propulsion Machinery School, and as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer Sea Training at Portland. He reached the pinnacle of his career when, on 8th July, 1963, he was promoted to Flag Rank and became the Director of Marine Engineering—the Head of his own Specialization in which, over the years, he had played such an important part.

Admiral Tracy was awarded the C.B. in the Birthday Honours of June, 1965.

Rear-Admiral R. C. Paige, whose promotion to Flag Rank was noted in the last issue of the *Journal*, assumed his appointment as the Admiral Superintendent of Portsmouth Dockyard in May, 1966. He was, until the end of 1965, the Admiral Superintendent of Singapore Dockyard.

Rear Admiral P. C. Gibson, M.I.Mech.E., on his promotion to Flag Rank in January of this year became the Deputy Controller of Aircraft (R.N.) in the Ministry of Aviation. He was, until December, 1965, the Superintendent of the R.N. Aircraft Yard at Fleetlands.

Captain H. A. Kidd, D.S.O., D.S.C., who was the Chief Engineer of Chatham Dockyard, took up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Material) on the staff of Flag Officer Submarines, H.M.S. *Dolphin*, in March, 1966.

Captain J. Sidgwick, M.I.Mech.E., M.R.I.N.A., was appointed Chairman of the Naval Nuclear Technical Safety Panel in March of this year. He was, until September of last year, the Superintendent of the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory.

Captain P. L. Cloete, O.B.E., M.R.I.N.A., retired from the Navy in January of this year after more than 38 years' service.

He joined Dartmouth in September, 1927, and, after a spell in the Mediterranean, trained at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, from 1932-35. He went to sea in H.M.S. *Leander* and served in her for six years, four of them on loan to the New Zealand Government. He then stood by H.M.S. *Argonaut* building at Cammell Lairds and was the Senior Engineer of her when she was torpedoed and subsequently rebuilt in Philadelphia. In 1944, he joined the Eastern Fleet as Assistant F.E.O. and subsequently held a number of staff appointments. He was the First Lieutenant at Arbroath from 1946-48 and the Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Raleigh* from 1953-55. Promoted to Captain in December, 1957, he was later appointed to the National Defence College of Canada and on return to the United Kingdom, joined the Ship Department at Bath where he served first as Assistant and later as Deputy Director of Marine Engineering. From February, 1964, until his retirement he was the Senior Officer Reserve Ships, Plymouth. In this capacity he was also the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Orion*, the Headquarters Ship, Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, and Fleet Maintenance Captain.

Captain R. A. H. Bartley, who was the Commodore, Reserve Ships Authority, at Portsmouth, was placed on the Retired List in January, 1966.

Entering the Navy in May, 1925, he trained at Dartmouth, where he received the King's Dirk, and at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and then went to sea in H.M.S. *Dorsetshire* first on the South African Station and later in the Far East. He returned to the U.K. in H.M.S. *Cornwall* in 1935 and after a short period at the M.T.E., Chatham, was appointed to the staff of B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, where he trained cadets(E). Early in the war he was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Fearless* and later H.M.S. *Porcupine* which was torpedoed off Algiers in December, 1942, while on troop convoy duties. In 1943 he went as the Senior Engineer to H.M.S. *Anson* which took part in Russian convoys and the attacks against the *Tirpitz* and, after modernization in Devonport Dockyard, went to the Far East. He was mentioned in Despatches and promoted to Commander in December, 1946, and in 1947 served as S.E.O. to Captain D.4 in H.M.S. *Myngs*. From 1948-50 he was the Deputy Commander at Manadon, and for the next two years served on the staff of Admiral Commanding Reserves in London. In January, 1953, he became the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Devonshire* and later H.M.S. *Triumph*, cadet training ships, and in 1955, on completion of the Senior Officers War Course, he became the Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Condor*. He was promoted to Captain in December, 1957, and served for the next two years with the Ministry of Defence on the staff of SACLANT as Director of Logistic Readiness and Capabilities, in America. From 1960-62 he was the Captain-in-Charge of the Atomic Defence and Damage Control School at Portsmouth.

Captain Bartley's prowess at cricket, both behind and in front of the wicket, will be remembered by many. He was the captain of the R.N.E.C. cricket XI, 1932-33. He was also a keen golfer and hockey player.

Captain M. H. Griffin will assume his command of H.M.S. *St. Vincent* in July of this year. He had previously served in Chatham Dockyard as the Superintendent of Management Planning and Review during the reorganization and, more recently, has attended the Senior Officers War Course.

Captain P. T. Hoath, M.B.E., took up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the Staff of C.-in-C., Portsmouth, and for duty with C.-in-C., Home Station (Designate) and as Captain, Fleet Maintenance. Since April, 1953, he had served as the Chairman of the Naval Nuclear Technical Safety Panel in London.

Captain G. W. Gay, M.B.E., D.S.C., was appointed to H.M.S. *Sultan* for duty with the Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board on 18th April, 1966. He previously served on the staff of Flag Officer Submarines as Deputy C.O.S. (Material) in H.M.S. *Dolphin*.

Captain H. C. N. Goodhart became the Director of Aircraft Maintenance and Repair in June, 1966. He has recently qualified at the Imperial Defence College.

Captain H. S. Mulholland, who was serving with C.B.N.S. in Washington as the Senior Polaris Representative, took up his appointment with Director-General Weapons (Naval) as Assistant Director, Programmes (N), in December of last year.

Captain I. J. Lees-Spalding, A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., joined the Ship Department at Bath in March, 1966, taking up his appointment as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering. He had previously served as the Fleet Marine Engineer Officer on the staff of C.-in-C., Home Fleet, and more recently has completed the Senior Officers War Course.

Captain R. R. H. Boddy, who was the Naval Weapons Overseer, Southern District, took up his appointment as C.O.S. (Shipping, Logistics and Organization) to the Naval Deputy, Central Europe, in November 1965.

Captain D. L. Alexander, M.I.N.E., took up his new appointment as Captain Superintendent, Admiralty Fuel Experimental Station, at Haslar in April, 1966, having previously completed the Senior Officers War Course. He was promoted to his present rank in June, 1964, while serving in the Ship Department at Bath as the Superintending Mechanical Engineer, Nuclear Propulsion, of the *Dreadnought* Project Team.

Captain E. P. C. Kelly, A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., will take up his appointment in the Ship Department in August of this year when he will become Assistant Director of Marine Engineering, Nuclear Propulsion, in the *Dreadnought* Project Team. Before his promotion to Captain in December, 1965, he was the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Bulwark* and, for a short period, in Singapore Dockyard.

Captain J. O. Wigg assumed his appointment as the Chief Engineer of Gibraltar Dockyard on 14th May, 1966. He was promoted to his present rank while serving as the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Ark Royal* in June, 1965, since when he has been a member of the Admiralty Interview Board at H.M.S. *Sultan*.

CITY AND GUILDS AWARD TO C.E.R.A.

Chief Engine Room Artificer D. J. Court was placed top in the examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute in 'Refrigeration Practice', in 1965. As a result of coming first in this national examination he was awarded:

The Silver Medal for First Prize, awarded by the City and Guilds, and
A first prize of £10, awarded by the British Refrigerant Association.

Chief E.R.A. Court was instructing in Refrigeration Practice at H.M.S. *Sultan* from February, 1964, to November, 1965, and is now on loan service with the Ghana Navy.