

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear-Admiral S. E. Post, O.B.E., M.I.E.E., became the Director of the Engineering and Electrical Training Division of the Training Department, Admiralty, and Deputy Chief Naval Engineer Officer on 17th August, 1961, after serving from July, 1960, as the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, and Command Electrical Officer, Portsmouth.

He entered the R.N.C., Dartmouth in January, 1924, and after service as a midshipman in H.M.S. *Nelson*, served for three years in submarines on the China Station and later in a Home Fleet destroyer on the North Spain patrols. He qualified as a specialist torpedo officer in 1937-8 and served in cruisers for most of World War II. He was in H.M.S. *Norfolk* for the sinking of *Scharnhorst* and was promoted to Commander, and awarded the O.B.E., while First Lieutenant of H.M.S. *Devonshire*.

He transferred to the Electrical Branch when it was formed in 1946 and became the first Fleet Electrical Officer in the Mediterranean. Appointments as Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Collingwood*, to the Admiralty, in London and Bath, followed before his promotion to Captain in June, 1952. He then served for three years on the Staff of F.O.C.R.F. until 1955, when he became the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Ariel*. From August, 1957 until January, 1960 he commanded H.M.S. *Collingwood*, the Naval Electrical School at Fareham.

Captain K. M. Symonds, D.S.C., M.I.Mech.E., retired from the Navy in June, 1961, after 35 years' service, and in August, in a retired capacity, became an Assistant Director of the Ship Department in Bath, responsible for the new Spare Gear organization.

He joined H.M.S. *Thunderer* as a special entry cadet in 1926 and in 1934 specialized in ordnance engineering. While serving as the E.O. of H.M.S. *Ashanti* in 1942-3, which was employed on Russian and Malta convoys and the North African landings, he was awarded his first D.S.C. and he gained his second as the E.O. of H.M.S. *Norfolk* at the Battle of the North Cape. His last sea appointment was in H.M.S. *Devonshire*, the cadet training cruiser, from 1951-53, and for three years up to his retirement he was the Deputy Director of Underwater Weapons at the Admiralty, Bath.

Captain E. C. Beard, M.I.Mech.E., M.R.I.N.A., F.R.Ae.S., retired from the Navy in August, 1961, after nearly 40 years' service.

He entered the Navy as an E.R.A. apprentice and was commissioned soon after the completion of his training in H.M.S. *Fisgard*. He served mainly in seagoing appointments and early in the war years was the Senior Engineer of H.M.S. *Malaya*. Since specializing in A/E in 1944, except for short appointments to H.M.S. *Implacable* and to the M.T.E., Chatham, his appointments have all been in connection with air engineering and have included a period of three years at the R.A.E., Farnborough; Chief Staff Officer to Flag Officer Reserve Aircraft; Assistant Director (Organization) in D.A.M.R. and from September, 1958, until his retirement he was the Deputy Director of R.N. Aircraft, Research and Development at the M.O.S., later, the Ministry of Aviation. He was promoted to Captain in June, 1954.

Captain J. S. Shiffner, A.M.I.Mech.E., became the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) on the staff of Flag Officer Medway on 30th September, 1961. For the previous two and a half years he was the Chief Engineer, Gibraltar Dockyard, and Base E.O. on the staff of Flag Officer, Gibraltar.

Captain D. A. Williams, D.S.C., A.M.I.Mech.E., will become the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Command E.O. to the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, on 22nd December, 1961. He was the Commanding Officer of R.N.A.S. Abbotsinch and the R.N.O., Glasgow, from May, 1959, as noted in Vol. 12, No. 1.

Captain D. P. Sparham, O.B.E., who was Assistant Director (Nuclear) in the Dockyard Division of D.G.D. and M. at Bath, became the Engineer Manager, Portsmouth Dockyard, in July of this year. Before going to Bath, he was the Manager, Engineering Department, of Malta Dockyard.

Captain H. G. H. Tracy, D.S.C., M.I.Mech.E., will take up his appointment as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and Maintenance Captain on the staff of Flag Officer Sea Training in January, 1962. He relinquished his command of H.M.S. *Sultan*, the Mechanical Training Establishment at Gosport, in December, 1960, and has since attended the Imperial Defence College.

Captain J. A. Osborne, D.S.C., relinquished his command of H.M.S. *Raleigh* in July of this year and joined the Dockyard Division of D.G.D. and M. as the Engineering Specialist of the Ship Section, at the Admiralty, Bath.

Captain W. R. Stewart, A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E., was appointed to H.M.S. *Terror* as the Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and F.E.O. to the Commander-in-Chief, F.E.S., in November, 1961, having served for the previous three years as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering in the Ship Department at the Admiralty, Bath.

Captain J. W. Mott, M.V.O., A.M.I.Mech.E., was appointed to the staff of Flag Officer Air (Home) as the Command Engineer Officer in October, 1961, after serving on the Home Commands Review Committee in London since March.

Entering the Navy as a Dartmouth cadet in 1930, he trained in H.M.S. *Frobisher*, qualified in M/E at the R.N.E.C., Keyham, and went to sea in H.M.S. *Exeter* in 1938. He was the Damage Control Officer of this ship during the Battle of the River Plate and for his services in this action he was mentioned in Despatches. In 1940 he joined H.M.S. *Malaya* which was operating with Force 'H' in the Mediterranean and Atlantic, and in 1942 went to stand by H.M.S. *Jamaica*, then building at Vickers-Armstrongs in Barrow and which, after commissioning, took part in the North African landings and the Battle of Barents Sea. The following year he went to Canada for flying training and returned to R.N.A.S., Worthy Down before completing the A/E conversion course at the R.N.E.C., Manadon where he remained on the staff in charge of A/E Instruction. Then followed a short period with the Director of Naval Training as Schools Liaison Officer and in 1949 he went to R.N.A.S., Lossiemouth. Promoted to Commander in December, 1949 he joined the D.A.M.R. where he was in charge of Spares Provisioning and in November, 1952, he was appointed E.O. of the Royal Yacht building at John Browns. The *Britannia* was launched by Her Majesty the Queen in April, 1953, and commissioned the following January. For his services in the Royal Yacht he was appointed a Member of the Victorian Order. More recently he was Deputy Superintendent of the R.N.A.Y., Belfast, and on the staff of D.O.A. (E) where he dealt with A/E Officers' appointments. Captain Mott was promoted to his present rank in December, 1960.

Captain F. T. Healy took up his appointment as Assistant Director of Ship Production (Engineering) at the Admiralty, Bath, in June, 1961, having previously served on the staff of C.-in-C., Plymouth, as Secretary to the Chief Staff Officer (Technical).

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, more recently, the Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Raleigh*. He was promoted to Captain in June, 1961.

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

Captain A. C. W. Wilson took up his appointment as Assistant Director of Marine Engineering (ADME/IV) in the Ship Department at the Admiralty, Bath, in September, 1961.

He joined H.M.S. *Frobisher* as a special entry cadet (E) in January, 1937, and after completing two cruises in her and one in H.M.S. *Vindictive* he later trained at the R.N.E.C., Keyham. In 1941 he joined H.M.S. *Euryalus* and took part in several Malta convoys before returning to the R.N. College, Greenwich, late in 1942 to undertake the advanced engineering course. In August, 1943, he joined H.M.S. *Nigeria* and saw service in her for the remainder of the war, firstly in northern waters and subsequently in the East Indies. After the war he was appointed to Malta Dockyard as an assistant to M.E.D. and served there until February, 1949. After returning to the U.K. he joined H.M.S. *Diamond* being built at John Browns and was intimately connected with the main machinery shore trials at Pametrada before the ship was commissioned. He was promoted to Commander in June, 1952, and left *Diamond* a year later to join the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at Bath in the Project Section where he was closely concerned with the Y.E.A.D.1 trials and the inception of the gas turbine boost project. More recently he was for three years the Technical Liaison Officer to Australia and New Zealand returning early in 1959 to become the Engineer Officer of H.M.S. *Ark Royal* where he served until taking up his present appointment. He was promoted to Captain in June, 1961.

Captain T. T. Brandreth, M.I.Mar.E., was placed on the Retired List in October, 1961, after more than 36 years' service in the Royal Navy.

Entering as a Dartmouth cadet in 1925, he trained at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Keyham, and, after service in H.M.S. *Renown* was, in 1935, selected for the Advanced M/E Course at Greenwich. His subsequent seagoing appointments included a destroyer, a cruiser, two battleships and an aircraft carrier. He also served twice in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department at the Admiralty, Bath ; as First Assistant to the Engineer Manager in Portsmouth Dockyard ; and as the Executive Officer of H.M.S. *Fisgard*, before his promotion to Captain in December, 1953. He then was appointed for the third time to the Admiralty, Bath, as an Assistant E.-in-C., and from 1958 until his retirement he was the Command Engineer Officer on the staff of C.-in-C. The Nore and, later, Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to Flag Officer, Medway.
