

A NEW TITLE AND APPOINTMENT FOR THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FLEET

On 25th April, 1959, it was announced that Vice-Admiral N. E. Dalton, C.B., O.B.E., was to be Director-General of Training to take effect in May, 1959, and to be Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet in continuation.

Subsequently, on 8th May, 1959, the announcement was made of the change in title from Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet to Chief Naval Engineer Officer; a title more accurately descriptive of his present duties, which are, as Head of the Engineering Specialization of the Royal Navy, to advise the Board on major matters of personnel policy affecting the specialization.

The appointment as Director-General of Training arises from a reorganisation of the Second Sea Lord's Departments in the Admiralty, which involves, among other things, the disappearance of the Second Sea Lord's three Deputy Chiefs of Naval Personnel, and the appointment of three Directors-General responsible respectively for Training, Manpower (including complementing), and Personal Services (including officer appointing).

The Director-General of Training will be responsible to the Second Sea Lord for the individual training of all naval personnel (excluding aircrew training and certain other exceptions), and he will be served by a Director of Seaman and General Naval Training, a Director of Supply and Secretariat Training, and a Director of Engineering and Electrical Training. Rear-Admiral Buckley, the present Chief Naval Electrical Officer, has been appointed additionally to this latter post. The Director Naval Education Service will also act as a Director of Naval Education within the Training Department, though remaining separately responsible for his own Branch and for the education and training of non-service personnel.

Although both are held by Vice-Admiral Dalton, the posts of Director-General of Training and Chief Naval Engineer Officer remain functionally and administratively distinct.

Post Script

It is with the greatest pleasure that we are able to announce a new and more personal title shortly to be bestowed on Vice-Admiral Dalton by Her Majesty the Queen. He was promoted to Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the Bath in the Birthday Honours List, 1959.