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Biography of Captain John E Franklin Royal Navy



John E. Franklin in 1982.

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Instructor Captain John E. Franklin served as an RNIO between 1951 and 1984. His career began at Royal Naval College (RNC) Greenwich, immediately followed by a teaching appointment at the Royal Naval Engineering College (RNEC) Manadon. His first sea appointment was Squadron Instructor Officer of the 5th Frigate Squadron. After specialist training in meteorology and oceanography, appointments followed at the Fleet Weather Centre in Malta and the Director of Naval Weather Service, London, in 1959. Promoted to Instructor Commander in 1966, John then served in HMS *Bulwark* as Senior Instructor Officer (SIO) and Senior Meteorological Officer before taking up the position of Guest of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA in 1970.

In 1971 he was staff officer, Director of Naval Education Service (DNEdS) and later with Director General, Naval Manpower and Training (DGNMT). He was part of a highly significant study into the structure of Royal Naval Officers in 1973, and appointed Deputy DNEdS, Personnel, in 1974, the year he was promoted to Instructor Captain. In 1975 he was appointed Director of Mechanical Engineering and Deputy Dean at RNEC Manadon, then becoming Dean in 1978. He returned to the Ministry of Defence as part of Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (DCDS) Intelligence and was appointed Naval Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to Her Majesty the Queen in 1982. Captain Franklin retired from the Royal Navy in 1984 after a long and distinguished career.

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