

William John Yendell

He was born on 29 December, 1903

Exeter, Devon and was the eldest son of late Charles Yendell, of Teignmouth.

Married (1937) Monica Duncan, second daughter of Mr & Mrs John Duncan, of Murrayfield, Edinburgh; one daughter.

He died on 10 July, 1988 in Newtonmore, Invernessshire

Naval Career

Education: RN Colleges Osborne & Dartmouth

Midshipman **15.01.1922**

1922 to 1924

HMS Caledon

15 May, 1923 to August, 1923)

HMS Warspite (battleship)

Acting Sub Lieutenant **15.05.1924**

25 September, 1924 to January, 1925

Promotion course, RN College, Greenwich

[HMS President]

Sub Lieutenant **31.10.1925, seniority 30.11.1924**

17 October, 1925 to May, 1926

HMS Delhi (cruiser) (Mediterranean)

Lieutenant **30.08.1926**

11 May, 1926 to July, 1927)

HMAS Adelaide (cruiser) [lent to RAN]

27 January, 1928 to August, 1929

HMS Repulse (battle cruiser) (Atlantic Fleet)

29 September, 1929 to August, 1930
Qualifying for gunnery duties [HMS Excellent (gunnery school, Portsmouth)]

15 October, 1930 to February, 1931
HMS Excellent (gunnery school, Portsmouth)

1 October, 1931 to September, 1932)
Assistant Gunnery Officer, HMS Revenge (battleship) (Mediterranean)

9 May 1933 to July, 1935)
Gunnery Officer, HMS Colombo (cruiser) (East Indies)

Lieutenant Commander **30.08.1934**

Commander **31.12.1937**

17 February 1936 to February, 1938
Experimental Department, HMS Excellent (gunnery school, Portsmouth)

March, 1938 to October, 1938
Commanding Officer, HMS Bittern (escort vessel) (Portland)

10 January, 1939 to August, 1939
Staff course, RN Staff College, Greenwich [HMS President]

24 August, 1939 to April, 1940
HMS President (for special and miscellaneous services)

15 May, 1940 to February, 1941
Lent to Government of Greece [Head of Naval Mission to Greece]

30 July, 1941

**11 August, 1942 Awarded Medal of Military Merit 1st class (Greece):
services to Greece & Alexandria as Greek Naval Liaison Officer Alexandria**

February, 1943 to February, 1943
Staff of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean [HMS Nile (RN base, Alexandria)]
Staff Officer (Operations)

20 February, 1943 to August, 1943

Staff Commander-in-Chief, Levant [HMS Nile (RN base, Alexandria)]

October, 1943 to July, 1945

Commanding Officer, HMS Shah (Ruler class escort carrier)

Captain

30.06.1945

9 January, 1946 to June, 1948

Naval Adviser to the Director of Armament Development, Ministry of Aircraft Production, later Ministry of Supply [HMS President]

July, 1948

No appointment listed

07.1948 to unknown

Assistant Naval Attaché, Washington

5 November, 1949

Captains' air course

April 1950 to May 1950

Flag Captain, cruiser HMS Glasgow (America and West Indies)

1950

Commanding Officer, cruiser HMS Superb & as Flag Captain and Chief Staff Officer, America and West Indies Station

18 June 1951 to June 1954

Director of Naval Ordnance, Admiralty [HMS President]

7 January, 1954 to 7 July, 1954

Also: Naval ADC to the Queen

Rear Admiral

07.07.1954

October, 1954 to July 1957

Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Warfare), Admiralty [HMS President]

1 January, 1957 **Awarded CB New Year 57 [investiture 26.02.57]**

Date unknown Awarded Commander of the Order of Brazilian Naval Merit: inauguration of the Brazilian president 50

Retired as Rear Admiral July, 1957

Note: There is a photo of his naval officer's sword probably bought by him in 1924 / 1925 when he was promoted from midshipman. (<http://www.antique-swords.eu/643-WW2-RN-Officers-Sword-WJ-Yendell.html>) picture of sword.