

William Gerrard Andrewes

He was born on 3 November, 1899 at St Giles Hill, Winchester, Hampshire and was the second son (with one brother and one sister) of Rev. Canon Gerrard Thomas Andrewes (1855-1941), Canon of Winchester, and Helen Louisa Kirby (1865-1936).

Married (26 February, 1927, Winchester Cathedral, Winchester, Hampshire) Frances Audrey Welchman ((September?).1902 to 12 November, .2006), eldest daughter of Herbert Guy Welchman (1860-1940), and Mary Cicely Newnum (1875-1953), of Grove House, Winchester;

They had one son & one daughter.

He died on 21 November, 1974 at St Cross, Winchester, Hampshire [Chilcomb Churchyard, near Winchester]

Education:

Twyford School, Winchester (1909-1912);

RN Colleges, Osborne (1 September, 1912-1914)

Dartmouth (1914-1915);

Emmanuel College, Cambridge University (10 October, 1919 to 20 March, 1920)

RN Staff College (psc, 1934);

Imperial Defence College (idc, 1939).

Naval Career

Naval Cadet **01.09.1912**

Midshipman **30.06.1915**

4 July, 1915 to 6 January, 1918

HMS Canada (battleship) (Battle of Jutland)

Acting Sub Lieutenant **15.09.1917**

7 January, 1918 to 1 February, 1918

Torpedo control officer's course at HMS Vernon [HMS Victory]

2 February, 1918 to 10 October, 1919
HMS Walrus (destroyer) (Baltic)

Sub Lieutenant **15.05.1918**

10 October, 1919 to 20 March 1920
HMS President (for course of instruction at Cambridge University)

26 April, 1920 to 6 September, 1920
Short course of instruction in gunnery, torpedo, etc. [HMS Excellent]

Acting Lieutenant **15.05.1920**

7 September, 1920 to 27 September, 1921
HMS Versatile (destroyer) (for watch-keeping and divisional duties)

Lieutenant **03.12.1920, seniority 15.10.1919**

28 September, 1921 to 1 June, 1923
Torpedo officer's 'long course' in torpedoes, mines, and electricity at the RN College, Greenwich, and HMS Vernon at Portsmouth

1 June, 1923 to 9 July, 1924
Instructor, HMS Vernon (torpedo school ship, Portsmouth)

10 July, 1924 to 20 August, 1924
HMS Dido (additional; for destroyers in reserve & for torpedo duties in flotilla (temporary) for Reserve Fleet exercises)

21 August, 1924 to 25 December, 1924
Instructor, HMS Vernon (torpedo school ship, Portsmouth)

26 December, 1924 to December, 1926
Torpedo Officer, 4th Submarine Flotilla [HMS Ambrose (submarine depot ship)] (China Station)

February, 1927)
No appointment listed

8 April, 1927 to 5 January, 1930
Instructor, HMS Vernon (torpedo school, Portsmouth)

Lieutenant Commander **15.10.1927**

6 January, 1930 to 7 April, 1931

Torpedo Officer, HMS Warspite (battleship) (Mediterranean & Atlantic Fleet)

30 April, 1931 to February 1933

Torpedo Officer, HMS Kent (cruiser) & as Fleet Torpedo Officer, Fifth Cruiser Squadron (China Station)

Commander **31.12.1932**

February, 1933 to October, 1933

Foreign service leave & unemployed time

4 October, 1934 to 15 January, 1934

HMS Vernon (additional (temporary) & for course (temporary))

16 January, 1934 to December, 1934

Staff course, RN Staff College, Greenwich [HMS President]

3 January, 1935 to 11 January, 1937

Fleet Torpedo Officer, 2nd Battle Squadron [HMS Nelson (battleship), in 1936 possibly some time at HMS Rodney (battleship)] (Home Fleet)

12 January, 1937 to 24 February, 1937

In charge (as Executive Officer), HMS Warspite (battleship) (Portsmouth)

10 May, 1937 to 23 July, 1937

Tactical course, HM Dockyard, Portsmouth [HMS Victory]

26 July, 1937 to 5 September, 1938

Executive Officer, HMS Rodney (battleship) (Home Fleet)

Captain **30.06.1938**

(October, 1938)

No appointment listed

17 January, 1939 to June, 1939

Imperial defence course, Imperial Defence College [HMS President]

14 June, 1939 to August, 1939

Joint Planning Staff of the Committee of Imperial Defence [HMS President (additional; for special service inside the Admiralty)]

21 August, 1939 to 22 August, 1939

Imperial defence course, Imperial Defence College [HMS President]

22 August, 1939 to February, 1940

Commanding Officer, HMS Albatross (seaplane carrier)

20 February, 1940 to 9 March, 1940

Chief Staff Officer, Dover [HMS Lynx]

1 April, 1940 to 7 April, 1940

HMS President (additional)

8 April, 1940 to 28 June, 1942

Assistant Director of Plans Division, Admiralty [HMS President]

29 June, 1942 to 7 July 1942

Plans Division, Admiralty [HMS President] (additional; temporary)

8 July, 1942 to 13 September, 1942

HMS Victory (additional; not to join; for unemployed time)

14 September, 1942 to 18 September, 1942

HMS President (additional; for duty outside the Admiralty at the Damage Control School)

19 September, 1942 to 1944

Commanding Officer, HMS Uganda (cruiser) (Mediterranean, Atlantic and Sicily Invasion 1943)

Commodore 2nd class

10.11.1944-07.1945

28 February, 1944 to November, 1944

Deputy Chief of Staff [= Chief Staff Officer for administration and turn round invasion duties] to Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth [HMS Victory] (CBE)

10. November, 1944 to July, 1945

Chief Staff Officer to Vice-Admiral (Q), British Pacific Fleet [HMS Golden Hind (RN manning depot, Sydney, NSW, Australia), from 01.04.1945 HMS Beaconsfield (RN base, Port Melbourne, Australia)]

August, 1945

Commanding Officer, HMS Formidable (aircraft carrier) [a knee problem contracted on the flight home after this taxing duty prevented Andrewes from taking up command of the carrier Formidable in 1945]

28 December, 1945 to 4 January, 1947

Commanding Officer, HMS Indomitable (aircraft carrier) (repatriation duties to and from Far East)

13 January, 1947 to 8 September, 1947

Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth [HMS Victory]

August, 1947 to January, 1948?)

Also: Naval ADC to the King

8 September, 1947 to 7 December, 1947

HMS Victory (additional: not to join; for end of war leave) [from 13-20.10.1947 special senior officers' course at School of Air Land Warfare at Old Sarum]

8 December, 1947 to 6 January, 1950

Senior Naval Member, Directing Staff of Imperial Defence College

Rear Admiral

08.01.1948

17 January, 1950 to 10 April, 1951

Flag Officer Commanding 5th Cruiser Squadron and Second-in-Command, Far Eastern Station [HMS Belfast] [commanded British and Commonwealth Naval Forces in Korean War, 1950, and UN Task Force 95, 1951 (KBE)]

15 October, 1951 to May, 1953











Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station [and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, 1952-1953] [HMS Superb]

January, 1954
Unemployed

12 April, 1954 to 7 December, 1956
President, RN College, Greenwich [HMS President]
Admiral 24.11.1954 (General List 01.01.1957)

Retired as Admiral 10 January, 1957

Director of the shipbuilding firm J. I. Thornycroft. MIEE, 05.1956. OStJ, 1960; CStJ, 14.01.1964.

	KBE	02.02.1951	Korea [investiture 31.07.51]
	CBE	01.01.1945	New Year 45 [investiture 20.05.47]
	CB	09.06.1949	HM's birthday 49 [investiture 12.07.49]
	DSO	23.05.1944	Operation Avalanche (Salerno landings 09.43) [investiture 07.11.44]
	MID	21.12.1943	Operation Husky (invasion of Sicily 07.43)
	GkWC	02.04.1946	Sicilian operations [decoration posted]
	LoM	30.10.1953	Korea
	LoM	28.05.1946	?
	SSM	29.06.1951	Korea
	Swo	1954	State visit of the King of Sweden 06.54

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