

VICE-ADMIRAL A.K. CHATTERJI

Vice-Admiral Adhar Kumar Chatterji, is at present the Commandant of the National Defence College, New Delhi, which appointment he took over in January, 1964.

Born in November, 1914, Vice-Admiral Chatterji joined the Royal Indian Navy as a cadet in 1933. He qualified as an anti-submarine specialist in the United Kingdom in 1940, and completed his staff course in the United Kingdom in August 1947. On return from India, the same year, he was appointed Director of Naval Plans at Naval Headquarters.

In June 1950, he assumed the command of the Flagship, I.N.S. DELHI and was promoted to the rank of Captain. He was the first Indian Officer to command the Cruiser. From December, 1950 to January, 1953, he was the Naval Adviser to the High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom. On his return to India he once again commanded the DELHI for some time and then became the Commodore-in-Charge, Bombay in November 1954, which appointment he held for two years.

Vice-Admiral Chatterji then completed a course in the Imperial Defence College, England.

On return to India, he took over as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff in February, 1958, and was promoted to Rear-Admiral when the appointment was upgraded in February, 1959.

His last Fleet appointment was Flag Officer Commanding Indian Fleet, which he took over in May, 1962.