

His wife and their two sons made their first visit to the Rock when HMS Salisbury berthed in Gibraltar harbour for a week and the family flew out and stayed at Both Worlds.

Hugo White left Dartmouth as Cadet Captain. He joined HMS Blackpool for standard Naval training and sailed out to Japan via Gibraltar and South Africa. Trouble in the Eastern Mediterranean precluded use of the Suez Canal. He saw action as an acting Sub Lieutenant in the early Kuwait crisis and was selected for training as a pilot.

Hugo White by then however had set his heart on becoming a submariner and was poleaxed to have been selected for a career above the sea. At that time there existed a quaint Royal Naval custom that if a member of the Admiralty Board set foot in a ship any member of the ship's company could request a private meeting and discuss any grievance with no risk of any recriminations. He exercised this privilege when by chance the Fifth Sea Lord visited his ship and to his delight was moved from aircraft to submarines. This resulted in a career below sea in which he became one of the most successful submariners of his generation. This Dateliner has spoken to several submariners who have served with him and they swear by him. To a man they are delighted that he is going out to Gibraltar as a serving Royal Naval Officer and are of the opinion that the Gibraltarians could not have been sent a better Governor. He is regarded as a totally straight, without guile, tolerant, sharp, in

Her father is now retired from medical practice but remains an expert on camellias. Dr Pedler has played a life long role in the Adelaide St John Ambulance Service and is a Knight of the Order.

Lady White, universally known as 'Jo', inherited a love of classical music, horticulture and gardening from her father, and is longing to see the huge improvements to the Alameda Gardens and to explore the Convent garden.

Sir Hugo's mother, not realising at the time that her son would be an Admiral, gave birth the day after Trafalgar Day and Jo was born on the 23 October. But nevertheless an excellent grouping for a Royal Naval family.

His next posting was to HMS Tiptoe which used to sail beneath the sea around the coast of the United Kingdom. He then joined the submarine HMS Odin and sailed on a tour around South America.

In 1966, after his marriage, he went on a long navigation course and became a specialist in navigating nuclear submarines. These were the first submarines to use ship's inertial navigation systems - known inevitably as SINS. He was appointed navigation officer of HMS Warspite and the submarine dived off the coast of the United Kingdom and, apart from surfacing off Mauritius at Christmas to collect mail, sailed under water continuously until reaching Singapore.

From 1968 - 69 he was the First Lieutenant in HMS Osiris and towards the end of '69 was given his first command. HMS Oracle. One of her tasks was to escort

In 1973 White was promoted Commander and tasked with the job of setting up the submarine sea training operation. This led to his second collision in a submarine; not it must be stressed that he was in command or responsible on either occasion. The first time was in the Tasman Sea when HMS Tabard, taking part in a mock attack on a frigate, had part of her conning tower removed. The second took place when he was on board a Canadian submarine which collided with a Royal Fleet Auxiliary during work up. Once again the conning tower was knocked out. Although frightening to those on board there is inconvenience rather than danger so long as the pressure hull has not been pierced.

Sir Hugo and Lady White have two sons; Jonathan, 27, and Thomas, 24. Both were educated at the Dragon School. They went on to Sherborne. Jonathan read English at London University whilst Thomas went to Manchester University to read comparative religion. Jonathan has currently just completed a long trek through India, Pakistan, China and Tibet. Thomas is teaching English as second language to the Karen tribe in a village in the midst of a teak forest on the Burmese Thai border. The brothers have recently met up in Thailand. However their activities will keep them away from Gibraltar this Christmas.

In 1975 Hugo White had his first command of a frigate. HMS Salisbury which was equipped as long range radar picket and fighter control platform. The frigate was deployed to take part in the Icelandic cod war where it spent an exciting time 'fending off