

## OBITUARY

### REAR ADMIRAL D.C. KAPOOR

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The Directing Committee regrets its failure to include this obituary of Rear Admiral KAPOOR in the Review until this date, as it has been the practice to publish obituaries of all previous Members of the Directing Committee in this publication. An obituary has been published earlier in the IH Bulletin (see June 1993 p. 383).



Rear Admiral Darsham Chander KAPOOR died on 19 January 1993, in Mississauga, Canada. "Kap", as he was known to his many friends, was a member of the Directing Committee for two terms from 1972 to 1982. He had previously been the Chief Hydrographer to the Government of India from 1966 until joining the International Hydrographic Bureau.

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Admiral KAPOOR was born in 1923 and educated in India, undertaking a university course and later a naval training course before being promoted to Sub-lieutenant in 1943. Following the end of the World War, he became an assistant Hydrographic Surveyor in 1946. During his service with the Indian Naval Hydrographic Office he surveyed in most parts of the Indian coast and become commanding officer in charge of survey missions in 1954. While in charge of surveys he made surveys of the Madras Coast and Bay of Bengal. Later, he was occupied with Surveying and Oceanographic missions in the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal. In 1958, he became the Deputy Hydrographer in charge of the Cartographic Branch and Survey Planning.

During his time at the Bureau, Admiral KAPOOR took a particularly active interest in the editing of this journal, and in technical assistance to developing countries. In the course of the latter he was active in the formation of the FIG/IHO Advisory Board on the Standards of Competence for Hydrographers and became its first Chairman. He was also much involved in drafting the 1974 edition of the Staff Regulations and other administrative documents, a task for which he had a flair. The Law of the Sea was of particular interest to him, having been actively involved at the Third UN Law of the Sea Conference, providing technical advice to his national delegation, prior to joining the Bureau. Through this activity, he became one of the leading experts in the technical field of maritime boundary delimitation. An outcome of this activity, besides various technical papers was to co-author a book on that subject. "Kap" took an active interest in United Nations affairs in general, through his contacts with its Law of the Sea Office and with the International Maritime Organization. In 1977, he participated in a Group of Experts on the Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting that had been established by the United Nations. Yet another area of his involvement while working at the Bureau was the GEBCO programme, and he was an active member of the GEBCO Guiding Committee, during the critical period of producing the 5th Edition.

Following his departure from the Bureau, "Kap" went to Canada and joined the teaching staff of the Survey Science Department of Erindale College, the University of Toronto. There he taught a course on Maritime Boundary Delimitation which was supported by the Canadian Government and was most popular with persons from developing countries. During this period he was frequently involved as a consultant in various international boundary arbitration and studies, particularly in the Pacific islands. While at Erindale College, he was actively involved in the administration of the Survey Science Department.

Throughout his career, "Kap" was a prolific author of technical articles. He wrote several articles on technical matters of surveying before coming to the Bureau, but during his Service at the IHB he wrote a number of articles concerning education and technical assistance.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda, and three sons, who continue to live in Canada.

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