

Sylvan Setting for Sub Gudgeon Change-of-Command Ceremony

In a recent ceremony under the trees of Mare Island's Chapel Park, LCDR John M. Willsey as-

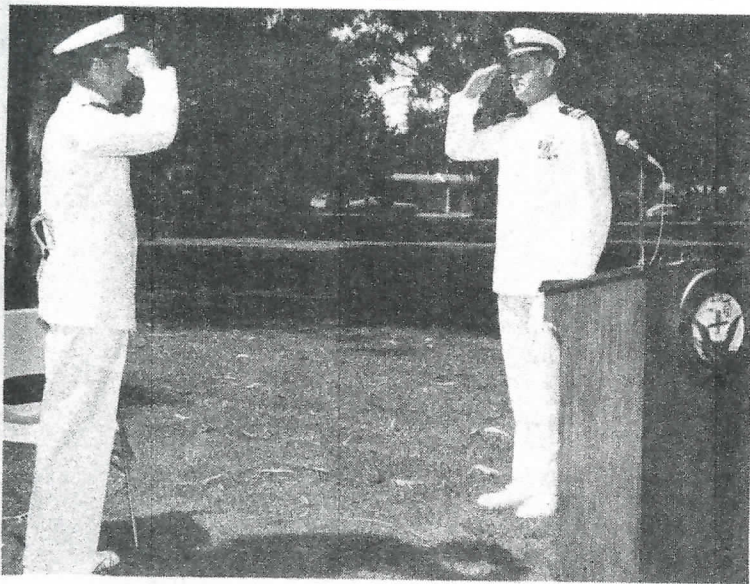
sumed command of the GUDGEON (SS 567), relieving CDR David F. Parrish. The departing skipper reports to Italy as a member of the staff of Commander, Sixth Fleet.

Commander Willsey, a 1960 graduate of Annapolis, reported here from the DARTER (SS 576) after serving as her Executive Officer since December 1971.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy, Willsey served aboard a destroyer until entering submarine school in 1962. Duty aboard the CUTLASS (SS 478) was followed by service on the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron Six.

In 1967 Willsey joined the BUGARA (SS 331) and served as Navigator and Operations Officer until returning to Annapolis in June '69 as an instructor in navigation.

His new command, GUDGEON, is midway through an extensive overhaul at the Shipyard, and will return to her San Diego homeport around the end of the year.



SALUTE —Highlight of the change-of-command ceremony in Mare Island's Chapel Park occurred as LCDR John M. Willsey (right) relieved CDR David F. Parrish of command of the submarine GUDGEON (SS 567). The submarine currently is being overhauled at the Shipyard.