

We even witnessed a change of command

## TIDEWATER Departing

Captain William H. Watson, Jr. was born November 13, 1907 at Marianna, Florida. He attended the Virginia Military Institute from 1923 until 1925. Entering the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis in June 1925, he became part of the class of '29. Captain Watson had served aboard battleships, cruisers, destroyers, as an instructor at the Armed Forces Staff College and at the Naval Ordnance Test Laboratory before assuming command of the Tidewater May 1, 1953. Captain Watson's new billet is Commander of Destroyer Squadron 34.

