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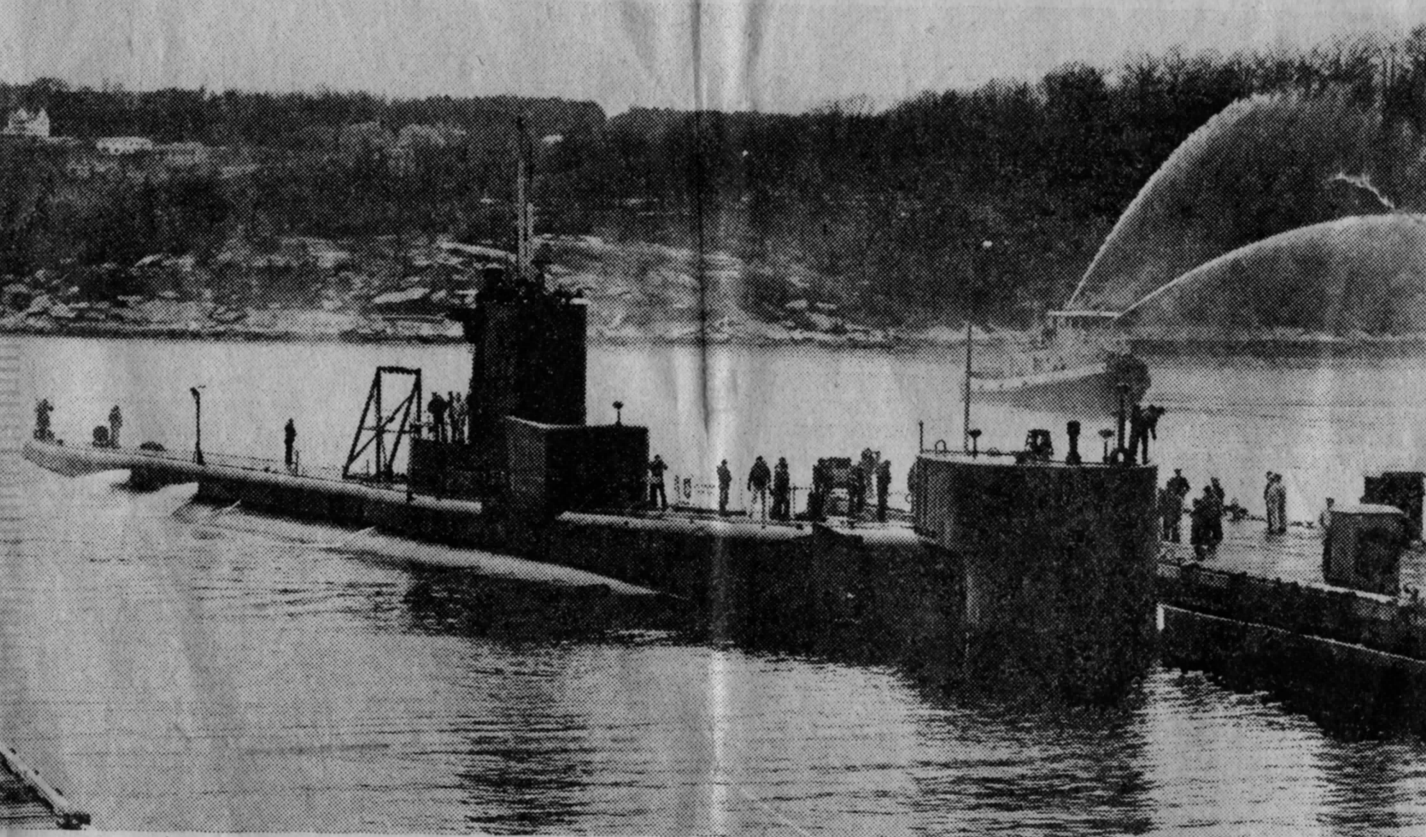
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*Submarine Tigrone completes last deployment*

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# Navy's oldest submarine ending 31-year career

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GROTON — Collision alarms and fog horns blared from boats up and down the piers at the Submarine Base today to salute the Navy's oldest submarine as it returned to port for the last time.

The diesel Submarine Tigrone was escorted up the Thames River by flanking fireboats which sprayed

water in high fan-shaped fountains. The biggest sign on the pier, where wives, children, naval officers and crewmen awaited, read, "Tiger-One Forever."

The Tigrone, commissioned Oct. 25, 1944, will be retired from the active fleet in June. The boat's week at sea which ended today is scheduled to be the last deployment.

Built at Portsmouth

Naval Shipyard during World War Two, the vessel entered the war to set an all-time record by saving 31 downed aviators in three separate rescues within five days. The submarine made two Pacific war patrols under Cmdr. Hiram Cassidy.

In December, 1963, it was converted to a research and development platform for new, highly-sophisticated underwater acoustic systems, the only submarine of its kind.

Navy officials are arranging a joint decommissioning ceremony in late June for both the Tigrone and Submarine Clamagore, another World War II veteran.

With the retirement this June of these and the Submarine Tiru in Charleston, S.C., the Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet, will consist only of nuclear-powered attack and missile submarines. There still are several later diesel boats stationed in San Diego.

The Navy has made no decision yet about the disposition of the Clamagore and Tigrone, Submarine Base officials said.

The Tigrone is commanded by Lt. Cmdr. James W. Philbrick of Gales Ferry. The Clamagore is commanded by a former Tigrone skipper, Cmdr. Tracy M. Kosoff, also of Gales Ferry.