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to 31 Dec 1968

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD 830) Command History for Period 1 Jan 1968 to  
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History of USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD 830) For  
Period 1 Jan 1968 to 31 Dec 1968

I. Chronology of outstanding events:

28 January-2 March 1968: Arrived in Sea of Japan, joining TF 71 following USS PUEBLO's capture. Again served with TF 71 9-23 March 1968.

6 April 1968: LARSON's 23rd birthday; arrival at homeport after 8 months deployment.

20 May-10 June 1968: Drydocked at Long Beach Shipyard for hull repairs.

23 June-1 July 1968: Participated in HOLDEX 4-68.

24 July 1968: MK 29 towed target evaluation for DESDEVGRU Long Beach

30 September-15 October 1968: Surveillance Operations on Soviet ELINT vessel SARYCHEV

2-9 December 1968: Participated in HUKASWEX 12-68 as member of ASW Group One in SOCIAL OPAREAS.

## Basic Narrative

### (1) Command Organization and Relations

(a) Commander John G. PALMER, USN, having been Commanding Officer since 1 July 1966, was succeeded in command by Commander Alexander W. RILLING, USN, in a change of command ceremony at the U. S. Naval Station, Long Beach, on 20 September 1968.

(b) Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, California is LARSON's Home Port.

(c) Primary mission during the year was training for and conducting ASW operations as part of ASW Group ONE.

(d) Component units included:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
ASWGRU ONE	RADM J. H. KING, Jr., USN
USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33)	CAPT L. M. NEARMAN, USN
USS WATKINS (DD 723)	CDR T. W. WATSON, USN
USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754)	CDR A. S. MCLEMORE, USN
USS JAMES E. KYES (DD 787)	CDR A. J. TALLEY, USN
USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD 830)	CDR A. W. RILLING, USN
USS SCHOFIELD (DEG 3)	CDR E. H. GRAFFMAN, USN
USS BRONSTEIN (DE 1037)	LCDR W. D. BONHAG, Jr., USN

(e) Personnel assigned to LARSON as of 31 December 1968 was 231 enlisted and 19 officers.

### (2) Operations or activities

(a) The first quarter of 1968 found the LARSON on Yankee Station, plane guarding and serving from 6 January to 10 January as ASW Training Area Coordinator. Hong Kong was a port stop from 15 to 21 January with a passage on the 21st to Kaoshuing, Taiwan. After five days in Kaoshuing, LARSON was ordered to the Sea of Japan, arriving with the first U. S. units there after USS PUEBLO's capture. LARSON was the first DESRON 23 ship assigned to TF 71 for this operation, remaining from 31 January to 2 March. The 2-12 period in March was spent inport in Sasebo for upkeep, then a return to the Sea of Japan from 13 March to 21 March. While in the Sea of Japan, LARSON plane guarded and served as a surface action unit with USS CANBERRA. Once again inport in Sasebo, Japan 22, 23 March, LARSON readied to leave WESTPAC for the return home. Transit from Sasebo to Long Beach took from 24 March to 6 April. LARSON arrived in Long Beach (after having been deployed since August 1967) on her twenty-third birthday, 6 April 1968. From the 6th of April for the rest of the year, LARSON spent most of her time inport or in the Southern California Operations Areas, providing services for other units and in type training. 19 May to 8 June found LARSON in AFDL 48 in Long Beach Shipyard for repairs to her hull. LARSON participated in HOLDEX 4-68 from 23 June to 1 July. On the 24th of July, LARSON tested the MK 46 towed target and became the first towing vessel to successfully launch tube and DASH launched torpedoes on the target. On 26 July, Captain Joseph J. DOAK, Jr., USN relieved Captain Roger E. SPREEN,

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USN as Commander Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Three during ceremonies held aboard LARSON. LARSON went into QUICKSTART on 30 September and relieved a sister ship on station for surveillance operations on the Soviet BLINT ship SARYCHEV until relieved on 15 October. In December LARSON spent five days participating in HUKASWEX 12-68 as a unit of ASW Group ONE.

(3) Special Topics: (figures are for calendar year 1968)

(a) Operational Statistics:

Number of hours boilers steamed	6807.0	
Ammunition expenditures for shore bombardment	321	
Number of underway replenishments	24	
Number of DASH flight hours and landings made	51.8	415

(b) Performance of material and weapons systems, including engineering performance, problems in maintenance, and suitability of new equipment.

Engineering Department: No unusual problems encountered.

Weapons Department: No unusual problems encountered

(c) Development in command and control systems: NONE

(d) Developments in tactics or doctrine: LARSON participated along with ASWGRU ONE in the evaluation and refinement of tactical procedures applicable to ASW operations.

(e) Communications, including volume of traffic and special problems: No special problems. Traffic averaged 850 messages a month.

(f) Supply and logistics: Satisfactory

(g) Casualties to men and equipment: No serious personnel casualties.

(h) Awards:

Operations "E"  
ASW "A"

(4) Lessons learned, conclusions, or recommendations: None

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