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Encl: (1) Chronology (JASON Annual Ship's History)  
(2) Narrative of Ship's History  
(3) List of Commanding Officers since commissioning  
(4) 1968 "Welcome Aboard" Pamphlet  
(5) Photograph of USS JASON (AR-8) (1 April 1968)

1. Enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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**USS JASON**

**Command History**

**1968**

# **Part I**

# **Chronology**

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# **Part III**

# **Annexes**

**Annex A**    Commanding Officers of USS Jason (AR-8)

**Annex B**                    1968 Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

**Annex C**                    USS Jason Photography 1 Apr 68

Part I - Chronology

1 Jan - 26 Feb 1968 Moored Pier One, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, providing repair services to units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

27 Feb - 14 Mar 1968 Independent ship exercises in the Southern California Operation Area.

15 Mar - 31 Mar 1968 Moored Pier Six, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, providing repair services to units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

23 Mar 1968 Captain G.M. Metze, USN was relieved of his command by Captain L. J. Curtin, USN.

1 April - 7 April 1968 Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

8 April - 9 April 1968 Moored Pier Kilo, berth Ten, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

10 April - 25 April 1968 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

26 April - 21 May Moored Buoy Nineteen, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

22 May - 23 May 1968 Underway for Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

24 May - 5 July 1968 Moored Buoys One and Two, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

6 July - 7 July 1968 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

8 July - 13 July 1968 Moored Buoy Nineteen, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

14 July - 22 July 1968 Moored Lava Pier, Berth Five and Six, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

23 July - 26 July 1968 Underway for Mui Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam.

27 July - 14 Aug 1968 Anchored Mui Vung Tau Harbor, Republic of Vietnam.

15 Aug - 17 Aug 1968 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

18 Aug - 13 Sep 1968 Moored Riveria Pier, Berth Nine & Ten, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

ENCLOSURE (1)

Part I - (Cont.)

14 Sep - 15 Sep 1968	Underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony.
16 Sep - 20 Sep 1968	Moored Buoy One, Hong Kong, British Crown Colony.
21 Sep - 22 Sep 1968	Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.
23 Sep - 24 Sep 1968	Moored Buoy Twenty-five, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.
25 Sep - 7 Oct 1968	Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
8 Oct - 1968	Moored Pier Mike, Berth Four, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
9 Oct - 15 Oct 1968	Underway for San Diego, California.
16 Oct 1968 - 31 Dec 1968	Moored Pier One, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

ENCLOSURE (1)

Part II - USS JASON NARRATIVE HISTORY (1968)

The USS JASON (AR-8) spent the greater part of 1968 as a member of the United States Seventh Fleet under Commander Service Group THREE in the Western Pacific.

The JASON was moored to Pier One, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, from 1 January until 26 February providing repair services to units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. Independent ship's exercises were carried out in the Southern California Operation Area from 27 February to 14 March.

JASON returned to San Diego and moored to Pier Six and continued to provide repair services.

Captain L. J. Curtin, USN, relieved Captain G. M. Metze, USN, as Commanding Officer of the USS JASON (AR-8) on 23 March.

JASON prepared for overseas movement until 1 April when she departed from San Diego en route Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. JASON entered Pearl Harbor on 8 April and moored to Pier Kilo, Berth Ten. Two days later, on the morning of 10 April, JASON departed Pearl Harbor and steamed directly for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippine Islands.

The transit to Subic Bay lasted until 26 April at which time JASON moored to Buoy Nineteen. JASON provided repair services to numerous ships of the U. S. Seventh Fleet in Subic Bay until 21 May.

JASON got underway for Kaohsiung, Taiwan on 22 May and arrived two days later. JASON remained in Kaohsiung from 24 May until 6 July servicing numerous units of the U. S. Seventh Fleet. A large percentage of these units were undergoing repairs after operations off the coast of Vietnam.

ENCLOSURE (2)

Part II - (Cont.)

After six weeks of exceptionally hard work, JASON left Kaohsiung on 6 July and returned to Subic Bay to continue her availability to ships of the Seventh Fleet.

When JASON completed her stay in Subic, she took a four day trip across the South China Sea and anchored in Mui Vung Tau Harbor, Republic of Vietnam, on 27 July. During her stay in Vietnam, JASON completed 926 job requests, assisted fifteen different commands including a variety of naval ships.

On 14 August JASON left Vietnam and returned to Subic Bay. JASON moored to Riveria Pier on 18 August continuing to provide her excellent repair services for about one month.

On 14 September JASON got underway for the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong for a period of rest and relaxation; she arrived on 16 September, after steaming through the Straits of Taiwan.

Leaving Hong Kong Harbor on 21 September, JASON returned to Subic Bay. After two days at sea, JASON arrived in Subic on 23 September and moored to Buoy Twenty-five.

JASON left Subic Bay on 25 September and steamed directly for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship arrived in Pearl on 8 October and moored alongside Pier Mike. On 9 October JASON departed Pearl Harbor en route the U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. After a week at sea, JASON arrived at the Naval Station in San Diego on 16 October and moored alongside Pier One.

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Part II - (Cont.)

Captain Albert F. Betzel, USN, Commander Service Group ONE, transferred his flag from the USS KLONDIKE (AR-22) to the USS JASON (AR-8) on 16 October.

From 16 October to 15 November JASON underwent a period of leave and upkeep status while providing limited fleet repair services.

From 15 November until the end of the year JASON provided regular fleet repair services to units of the U. S. First Fleet.

Special Events - Several special events took place during ~~the~~ Western Pacific Cruise.

While in Hong Kong, JASON welcomed aboard three college professors representing the Program Afloat for College Education. As a result of the program, seventeen men successfully completed college work receiving three units of credit from San Diego State College. Many men took advantage of the educational facilities made available to them. 106 men were advanced in rate as petty officers and 45 men were advanced to either Seamen or Firemen. 923 training courses were taken out. Numerous General Educational Development tests were administered to those desiring high school diplomas. Tours for the officers and the crew were organized by the chaplain in all ports-of-call in the Far East.

JASON was host for Commander Service Group ONE'S Annual Christmas Party held at the Tropic Garden Club, San Diego, on 21 December

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Part II - (Cont.)

Repair Report - During 1968 a total of \$528,857 was spent in the repair of 541 ships. A total of 7,165 jobs was completed by the year's end. These jobs required the completion of 32,497 separate items. Total production man/days amounted to 28,624. Some 76 ships moored alongside JASON. JASON provided these ships with a total of 1,193,961 kilowatt hours of electricity, 5,484 hours of steam service and 203,438 gallons of feedwater. JASON held 95 gyro inspections, 9 boiler inspections, and 60 underwater hull inspections.

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COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS JASON (AR-8)

Jun 1944 - Oct 1944	CAPT A.O.R. BERGESEN
Oct 1944 - Dec 1945	CDR. E. F. BECK
Dec 1944 - Jan 1947	CAPT J. F. BENNINGTON
Jan 1947 - Feb 1948	CAPT C. H. PERDUE
Feb 1948 - Feb 1949	CAPT W. S. WHITESIDE
Feb 1949 - Jul 1950	CAPT CAPT J. W. FOWLER
Jul 1950 - Aug 1950	CAPT J. V. QUERY
Aug 1950 - Jun 1952	CAPT W. B. EPPS
Jun 1952 - Sep 1953	CAPT S. A. SHEPARD
Sep 1953 - May 1955	CAPT T. F. FOWLER
May 1955 - Oct 1956	CAPT T. C. PHIFER
Oct 1956 - Feb 1957	CAPT E. W. ABBOT
Feb 1957 - Jun 1957	CDR A. H. BILDERBACK
Jun 1957 - Aug 1958	CAPT H. P. MCINTIRE
Aug 1958 - Oct 1959	CAPT. R. L. RAMEY
Oct 1959 - Nov 1960	CAPT K. E. MENEKE
Nov 1960 - Dec 1961	CAPT S. M. ZIMNY
Dec 1961 - Nov 1962	CAPT J. B. WILLIAMS, Jr.
Nov 1962 - Jul 1964	CAPT R. B. POAGE
Jul 1964 - Aug 1965	CAPT F. W. ZIGLER
Aug 1965 - Aug 1966	CAPT J. C. LOVEDAY
Aug 1966 - Mar 1968	CAPT G. M. METZE
Mar 1968 - Present	CAPT L. J. CURTIN

ENCLOSURE (3)