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USS Jacob Jones (Destroyer # 130, later DD-130), 1919-1942



USS Jacob Jones, a 1090-ton Wickes class destroyer, was built Camden, New Jersey. After commissioning in October 1919 she operated briefly in the Atlantic, then transited the Panama Canal in January 1920 to join the Pacific Fleet. Except for a period in reserve between August 1920 and June 1921, the destroyer was active along the West Coast until she was decommissioned in June 1922.

During a general renewal of the Navy's destroyer force, *Jacob Jones* was recommissioned in May 1930. She served in the eastern Pacific until March 1931, when she went to the Caribbean for maneuvers. Jacob Jones was again in the Pacific from early 1932 into the spring of 1933, but was thereafter stationed in the Atlantic area, where she was involved in tactical exercises, training duties and diplomatic missions. In October and November 1938 she crossed the Atlantic to operate in European waters and North African as part of Squadron 40-T. Jacob Jones returned to the United States in October 1939, shortly after the outbreak of the Second World War.

During the next two years, Jacob Jones took part in submarine support work, anti-submarine training, and Neutrality Patrols off the U.S. coast and in the Caribbean area. Upon the United States' entry into World War II in December 1941, she began convoy escort operations out of Argentia, Newfoundland. She was assigned to anti-submarine patrols off the East Coast in February 1942, making one intense but unconclusive attack on a suspected submarine on the 22nd. While steaming off Delaware Bay on 28 February 1942, USS Jacob Jones was struck by at least two torpedoes from the German submarine U-578, causing heavy casualties among her crew and completely wrecking the ship. The remaining crewmen abandoned ship, but more were killed in the water when depth charges exploded as she sank. Only eleven of *Jacob Jones*' men survived their ordeal of explosions and exposure to the wintery seas.

USS Jacob Jones was named in honor of Commodore Jacob Jones, USN, (1768-1850), a naval hero of the War of 1812.

This page features, or provides links to, all the views we have related to USS Jacob Jones (Destroyer # 130, later DD-130).

For more images related to this ship, see:

• USS Jacob Jones (Destroyer # 130) -- Construction, 1918-1919.

For pictures of two officers who lost their lives in the sinking of USS Jacob Jones, see:

- Lieutenant Commander Hugh D. Black (1903-1942); and
 - Lieutenant Commander Thomas W. Marshall, Jr. (1906-1942).

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Photo #: NH 52165

USS *Jacob Jones* (Destroyer # 130)

Photographed soon after she was completed, in 1919.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

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Photo #: NH 52166

USS Jacob Jones (Destroyer # 130)

Transiting the Panama Canal, 1920.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

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Photo #: NH 67838

USS Jacob Jones (DD-130)

Photographed circa the 1930s.

Courtesy of Donald M. McPherson, 1969

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Photo #: NH 77258

USS Cuyama (AO-3)

With twelve destroyers tied up alongside, during the early 1920s. The ships present include (from left to right):

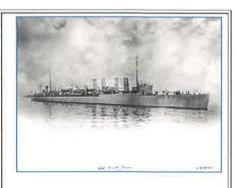
USS Jacob Jones (DD-130);

USS Hull (DD-330);

USS Thompson (DD-305);

USS *Corry* (DD-334);

USS Kennedy (DD-306);







USS Reno (DD-303);

USS Cuyama (AO-3;

USS Stoddert (DD-302);

USS Yarborough (DD-314);

USS Sloat (DD-316);

USS Litchfield (DD-336);

USS Shubrick (DD-268);

USS Young (DD-312);

Courtesy of Mrs. C.R. DeSpain, 1973. From the scrapbooks of Fred M. Butler.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

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Photo #: NH 42539

"Red Lead Row", San Diego Destroyer Base, California

Photographed at the end of 1922, with at least 65 destroyers tied up there. Many of the ships present are identified in Photo # NH 42539 (complete caption).

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.



Photo #: NH 69122

Destroyers laid up at San Diego, California

Some of the eighty reserve destroyers in San Diego harbor, part of some 260 destroyers laid up there and at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Photograph dated 29 December 1926.

Identifiable ships present include (from left to right):

USS Kennison (DD-138);

USS Jacob Jones (DD-130);

USS Aulick (DD-258);

USS Babbitt (DD-128);

USS Twiggs (DD-127); and

USS Badger (DD-126).

Courtesy of the San Francisco Maritime Museum, San Francisco, California, 1969.





U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

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Photo #: NH 64569

USS Tattnall (DD-125),
USS Jacob Jones (DD-130), and
USS Hopkins (DD-249) (listed left to right)

Moored together off San Diego, California, circa 1935. This view shows the ships' bows, with signal flags hoisted in the rigging in honor of a special occasion.

Donation of Franklin Moran, 1967.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

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Photo #: NH 64568

USS Hopkins (DD-249),
USS Jacob Jones (DD-130), and
USS Tattnall (DD-125) (listed left to right)

Moored together off San Diego, California, circa 1935. This view shows the ships' sterns, with propeller guards, depth charge racks and small craft visible.

Donation of Franklin Moran, 1967.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

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Photo #: NH 54261

USS Jacob Jones (DD-130), USS Erie (PG-50), and USS Manley (DD-74) (listed left to right)

In harbor, during a U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen's cruise, 3 August 1937.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

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Photo #: 80-G-463767

USS Yorktown (CV-5)

Tied up at Pier 7, Naval Operating Base Norfolk, Virginia, on 30 September 1937, with commissioning ceremonies underway on her flight deck.

USS *Jacob Jones* (DD-130) is on the opposite side of the pier.

Official U.S. Navy Photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives.

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Photo #: 80-CF-2115-11

USS Yorktown (CV-5)

With other ships at Pier 7, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, on 19 October 1937. The other ships present are (from left to right):

USS Texas (BB-35);

USS Decatur (DD-341);

USS Jacob Jones (DD-130) and

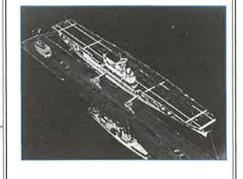
USS Kewaydin (AT-24).

Note automobiles parked in the foreground.

Photograph from Department of the Navy collections in the U.S. National Archives.

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• Photo #: 80-G-1024955

USS *Jacob Jones* (DD-130) in port (possibly at the New York Navy Yard), circa the 1930s. Port broadside surface view, showing the ship from her bow back to her mainmast. There is a good deal of shipyard structure behind the *Jacob Jones*.

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