

Red Sea and Med Cruise

1958

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U.S.S. WALDRON (DD-699)
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, New York

5 March 1959

ITENERARY DURING SIXTH FLEET DEPLOYMENT

On the 2nd of September 1958 the USS WALDRON (DD-699) departed from its homeport of Norfolk, Virginia for an extended period of duty under the command of COMSIXTHFLT in the Mediterranean Sea. On 12 March 1959 this ship will return to Norfolk, Virginia after successfully completing this tour of duty. The following is an itinerary of the six months during which time the WALDRON was employed with the SIXTH Fleet.

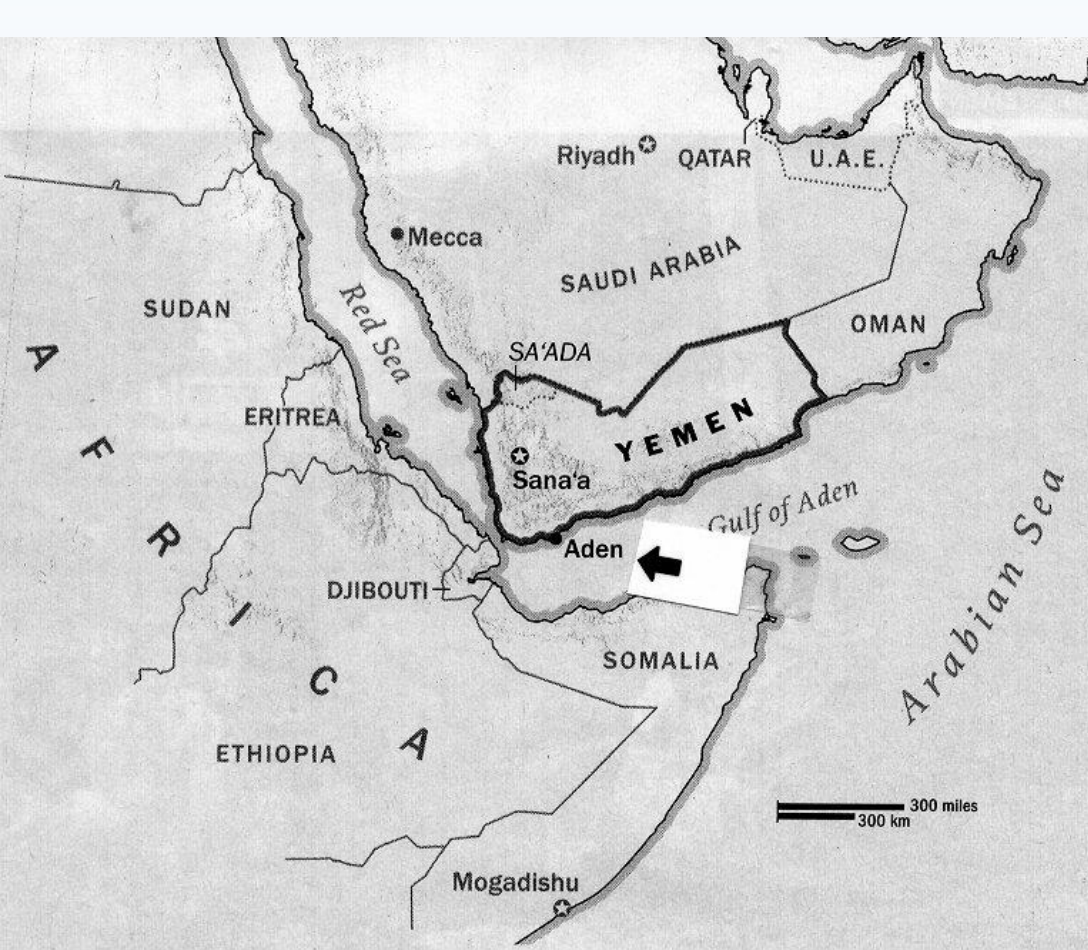
2 SEP 1958 Departed NorVa for duty with the SIXTH Fleet.
16 SEP 1958 Transit the Straits of Gibraltar.
19 SEP 1958 Arrived in Augusta Bay, Sicily for turn-over.
20 SEP 1958 Departed Agusta Bay for Naples, Italy.
24-30 SEP 1958 Naples, Italy; first liberty port.
30 SEP 1958 TO 5 OCT 1958 Enroute Suez Canal for duty with MIDEASTFOR.
5-6 OCT 1958 Transit Suez Canal; passed Biblical site where Moses and the Children of Isreal crossed the Red Sea.
9-11 OCT 1958 Massawa, Eritrea; ship's basketball team defeated the Ethiopian Champions.
12 OCT 1958 Refueled in Aden.
16 OCT 1958 Entered the Persian Gulf.
18-21 OCT 1958 Ras El Tamara, Scudia Arabia.
21-27 OCT 1958 Made a circuit of the Persain Gulf; observed many snakes by day and mysterious flashing lights at night.
28-31 OCT 1958 Bahrain Island; shopping trip to the market in the capital city of Manama.
2-21 NOV 1958 Karachi, Pakistan; participated in Operation MidLink with other BagDad Post Navies; interesting sideligt was a canal race participated in by one officer and two enlisted men.
25 NOV 1958 Aden; refueling and shopping in the "free" port.

30 NOV - 1 DEC 1958 Transit Suez Canal; returned to SIXTH Fleet.
2-5 DEC 1958 Athens, Greece; voted our best liberty port; the people were friendly and the country interesting; outstanding highlight was one day tour of the famed Acropolis.
8-22 DEC 1958 Leghorn (Livorno), Italy; tender period; visited Piza with its famed leaning tower and visited Florence.
23 DEC 58 TO 5 JAN 1959 Naples, Italy for Christmas and New Year's; conducted a tour to the Vatican City for Christmas Eve; also had daily tours to Pompeii and Vesuvius.
14-22 JAN 1959 Leghorn, Italy.
23 JAN - 1 FEB 1959 Participated in ASW Exercise MEDUSA (U.S. and Italians) and Operation Straight Edge (U.S. and French).
2-5 FEB 1959 Ajaccio, Corsica; participated in MEDASWEX with French and Italians.
7-9 FEB 1959 Toulon, France; western extremity of the Riviera.
12-17 FEB 1959 Golfe Juan, France; situated in the heart of the Riviere between Cannes and Nice; conducted tours of the Riviera daily.
18-21 FEB 1959 Naples, Italy; began preparing to return to the United States.
27-4 MAR 1959 Gibraltar; extensive shopping by all hands.
4 MAR 1959 Departed Gibraltar for Continental United States.
12 MAR 1959 ARRIVE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

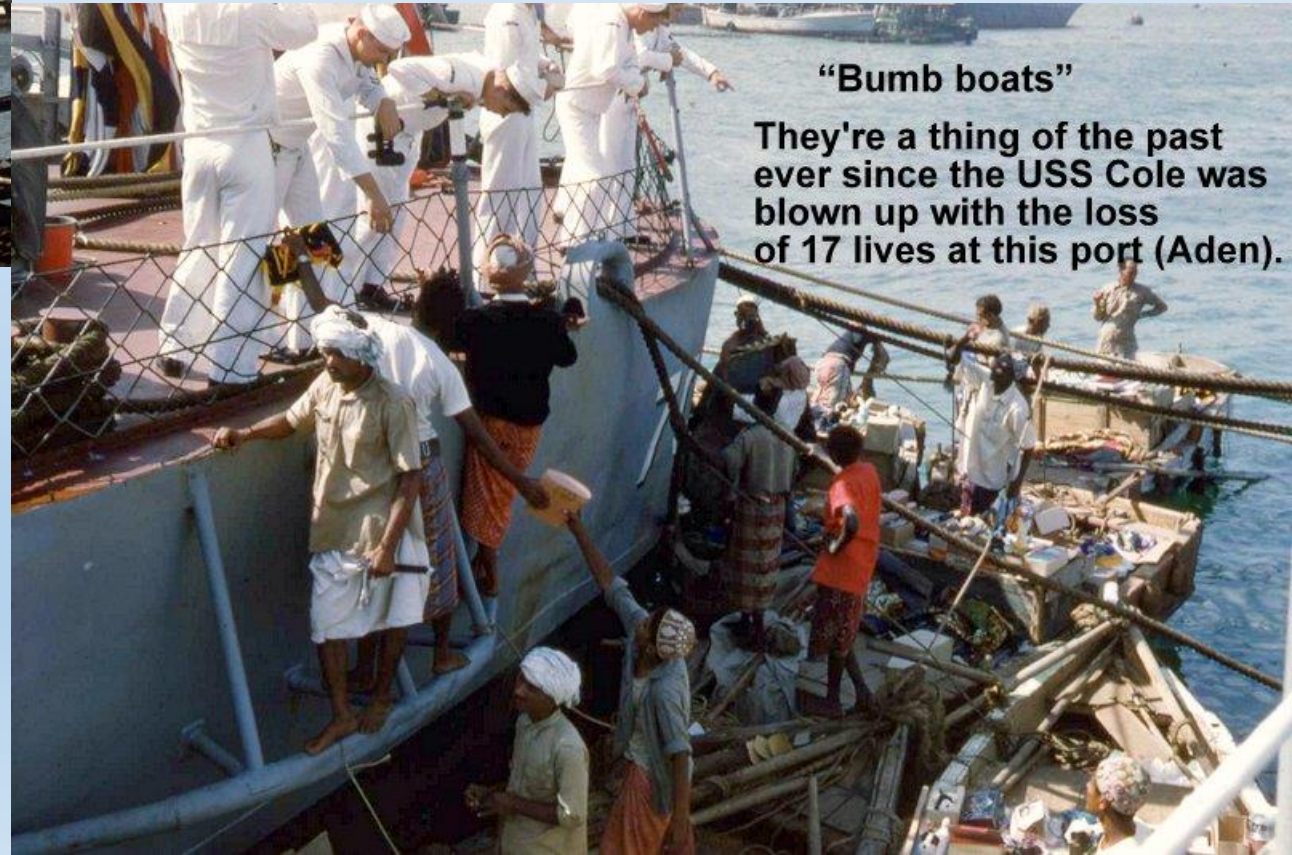
Sept. 13, 1958







USS Waldron was harbored and refueled on October 12, 1958
USS Cole was harbored, refueled and almost sunk on Oct 12, 2000



"Bumb boats"

**They're a thing of the past
ever since the USS Cole was
blown up with the loss
of 17 lives at this port (Aden).**



John Pieroni



Nov. 8, 1958

Refueling with the british ship "Soverign Wave during operation "Midlink".



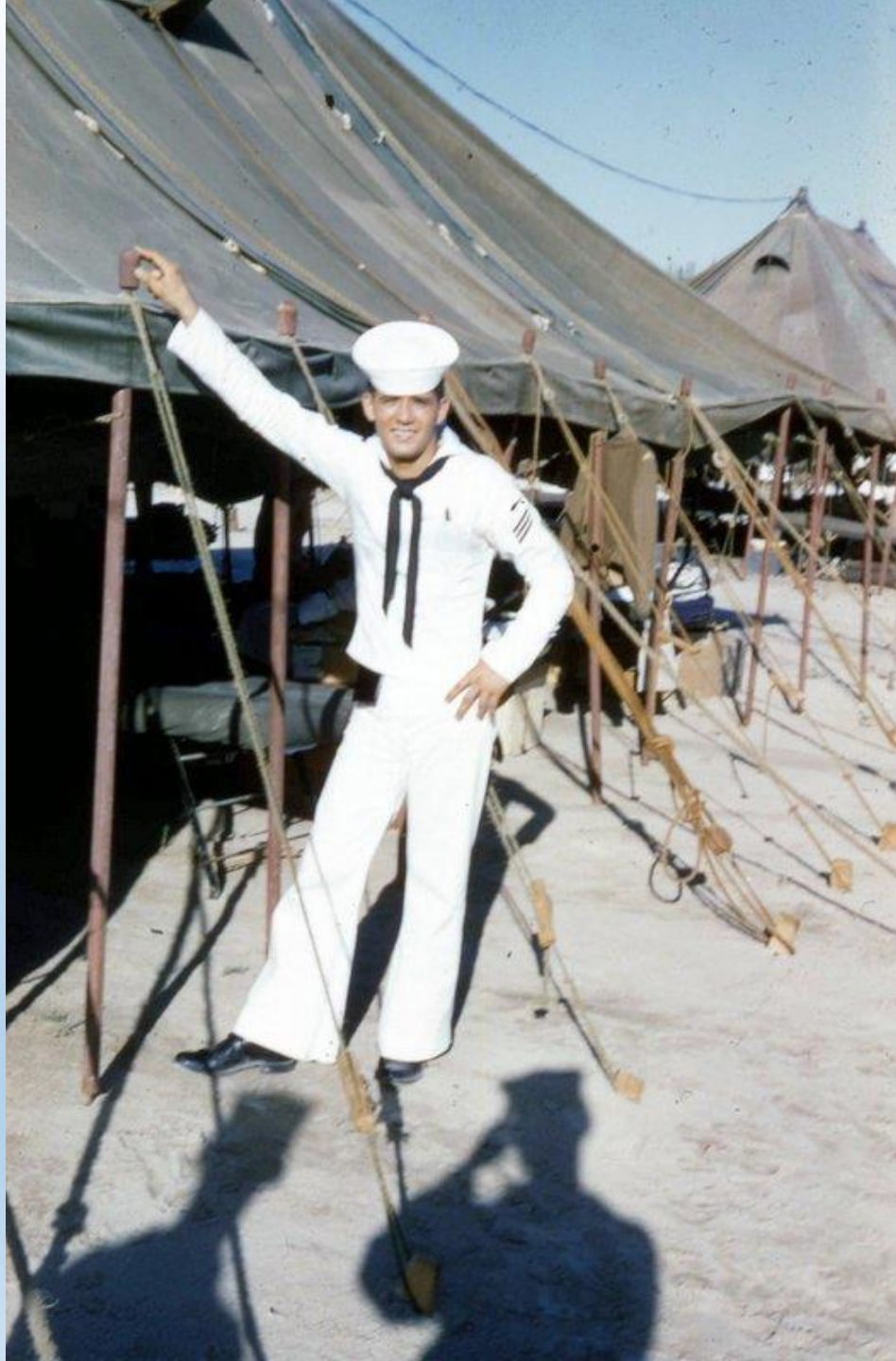
Fox Division

At sea “Blues” inspection
before liberty at Athens, Greece.





Joe Fallo



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