

# THE MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

USS WALDRON (DD-699)

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18 February 1965
5 March - 12 March
22 March - 2 April
10 April - 13 April
14 April - 16 April
17 April - 23 April
3 May - 6 May
7 May - 14 May
27 May - 12 June
15 June - 25 June

12 July 1965

Departed Narfolk, Virginia Valencia, Spuin Naples, Italy Mytilini, Greece Thes saloniki, Greece Athens, Greece Savona, Italy Genoa, Italy Naples, Italy Barcetona, Spain Arrived Norfolk, Virginia





On the 26th of March 1944, at the yards of the Federal Shipbuilding Company, Keamey, New Jersey, a new destroyer slipped from the building ways into the murky waters of the Fassaic River. She was named WALDRON in honor of a naval officer who had given his life for his country in World War II. The officer, Lieutenant Commander John C. Waldron, Commander of Torpedo Squadron Eight.

Under the guiding hand of Commander George E. Feckham, WALDRON was assigned to Division 123, Destroyer Squadron 62. Upon completion of shakedown training, she joined "Marc" Mitcher's famed Task Force 58 and received her baptism of fire in the initial strikes against the island of Formosa in January 1945. Later, moving into the Takyo Bay area, WALDRON rammed and sank a Japanese Picket Boot. The ship sustained minor bow damages, but was out of action only a short period of time. In the memorable August of that same year WALDRON steamed alongside USS MISSOURI into Tokyo Bay to accept the unconditional surrender of Japan. The name WALDRON had again proved to be an insumountable barrier in the plan of Japanese conquest.

Peacetime brought quietness and a more leisurely pace to the Navy and WALDRON. Homeported in New Orleans in 1947 and 1948 her time was spent in training reserves-an important duty in the Peacetime Navy. In 1949 WALDRON rejoined the active fleet and completed a series of intensive fleet operations as well as a good-will tour with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Decommissioned in June of 1950, she remained on the inactive list for ten months before returning to duty under Commander J.C. Show. From then until 1953, she completed a standard schedule of overhauls, refresher training, middle cruises, fleet operations, and deployment to the Mediterranean.

In November of 1953 WALDRON commenced a complete change of scene; a round the world cruise. Old timers will remember the great ports; Panama, San Diego, Honolulu, Midway, Yokosuka, Hongkong, Singapore, Ceylon, Suez, and Barcelona. WALDRON came home on the 4th of June 1954, entering Norfolk just over seven months after departure.

Norfolk was glad to see her and this time she became a part of Destroyer Division 222, her unit ever since. Again there was the never ending round of overhauls, refresher training, Fleet exercises, reserve and middle cruises, as well as Mediterranean Deployments but always there were new places to see, new shipmates to serve with, new skippers (Commanders Benitz, Mason, and Cummings) to guide her. WALDRON was on the spot for the Suez Canal Controversy in 1957 and a part of Task Force 47, the first Inland Sea Cruise in 1959. Many old friends and shipmates dropped in when she stopped at Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Toledo, and Montreal.

In 1960 WALDRON won her first Battle Efficiency Award in a very close race with her sister ship AULT. In 1961, she repeated her performance and added the ''hash mark'' to her ''E's''. 1962 found WALDRON keeping a quiet vigil in the Red Sea, and it was early in March, after six months of deployment in the Mediterranean, that WALDRON returned to her home port in Norfolk, Virginia. There she operated with the 2nd Fleet and members of her sauadron until late May.

On 1 June 1962 WALDRON entered Norfolk Naval Shipyard for FRAM II overhaul. Eight months later, after completion of her overhaul, WALDRON rejoined the Atlantic Fleet and Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-TWO.

In November of 1963 WALDRON left Norfolk for a Mediterranean Cruise which lasted thru May of 1964. With her eyes on another yard period in 1965 she was again called upon to serve another five months in the Sixth Fleet where she would serve her country as she has so ably done in the past.

The crest of USS WALDRON consists of a field sable with a gules bendlet running from the sinister chief canton of the dexter canton of the base. An eagle rampant occupies chief position and is adorned with scroll bearing the word ''Tusbor'' (I defend) while an anchor (Hope) occupies the base position. A scroll bearing the motto ''In Hoc Signo Vinces'' (In this sign we conquor) adorns the face of the crest, all superimposed on a crossed broadsword and olive branch.

"In Moc Signo Vinces"-Not by belligerence and ruthlessness but as the peacemaker and intercessor, yet forever alert to assume the role of defender and champion of country, the individual and honor.



#### Commanding Officer

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I want to add what I have told you before, that I am extremely proud and grateful to have been your Commanding Officer during this cruise, Your hard work and response to difficult situations will always remain a source of pride and astifaction to me and I will always look back on this metric as one of the hourt in our time in the More in the

James A. Haxter

CDR JAMES A. BAXTER

Commander Baxter, a native of Van Buren, Arkansas, was a 1946 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Following his commissioning, Commander Baxter reported aboard the USS STRIBLING (DD-867) as Assistant Engineering Officer. His duties since then have included a number of varied billets: Gunnery Officer and Executive Officer on destroyers, Instructor duty at the U.S. Naval Academy and Officer Candidate School, and Operations Officer and Navigator of an LSD.

In October of 1961, Commander Baxter was assigned as U.S. Naval Attache to Poland. Prior to reporting, he attended the Naval Intelligence School and the U.S. Army Language School in Monterey, California.

Commander Baxter is married to the former Mary Ann Roush and has three daughters. He resides with his family at 5016 Finn Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.



LCDR R. MC GAUGHY

#### **Executive Officers**

LCDR MC GAUGHY was a 1952 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. During his years in Naval service he has served aboard various ships and stations including USS POWER (DD-839), USS MATHONING COUNTRY (LST-914), USS ENTER-PRISE (CVA(N)-65), U.S. Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit and WALDRON. In this time he served as CIC Officer, EMO, Engineering Officer, Reactor Control Officer, Navigator and Executive Officer. He has also attended the Naval Justice School, Nuclear Power School and AWS Operations Course during this time.

Because of his outstanding knowledge of nuclear reactors LCDR MC GAUGHY was ordered back to the Big ''E'' where he now serves as the Engineer.

He is married to the former Miss Sue Ellen Eyler and has one daughter. His family resides at 5824, Townley Ave., Norfolk, Virginia.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Lieutenant Commander Meek's entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1948. Upon graduation in 1952 he entered flight training where upon completion in 1953 he was a designated naval aviator. From 1953 thru 1956 he served in utility and fighter squadrons.

He has served aboard USS ROCHESTER (CA-124) as Assistant Gunnery Officer, USS BRINKEY BASS (DD-887) as Operations Officer and USS TRATHEN (DD-530) as Executive Officer.

Attending the Postgraduate School in Monterey, California for two years and the Naval Nuclear Power Program for another, LCDR Meeks reported aboard WALDRON in June of this year.

LCDR Meeks is married to the former Jacqueline Marshall and has three sons. He resides with his family at 7800 Michael Drive, Norfolk, Virginia.



LCDR T. L. MEEKS

The marning of 18 February brought the beginning of a five month croise for MALDRON.

The last of us it would be the first time every from our friends and family for such a lang lime. For the rest, there had been solly a eight manth brook from our fost deplayment and princips to them it would seem as though they had over left.

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Tieing up in a nest with DAMATO to part and OWENS to starboard we "hit the beaca" for some liberty. Valencia offered a tour to Madrid, the capital of Spain and its largest city. Seven days later we were underway for Augusta Bay, Sicily for a fleet commanders' conference. From whence we steamed to Marsaxlokki, Malta, where we conducted share bomburdment. After the shoot, we proceeded to the Straits of Messina enroute to Noples.

Arriving in Noples on the 22nd, we had the chance to visit Rome and nearby Fompeii. While in Naples, volunteers from the ship cleaned and painted-out a local arphanage. Eleven days in Naples and it was through the Straits again, plane guarding for SAR-ATOGA enroute to Mytilini. Although Mytilini was small in size, the people were friendly and did their most to make our visit enjoyable. During our stay, the captain entertained the Governor of Lesbos and the Mayor of Mytilini along with fourteen other guests with a buffett dinner on board WALDRON. Leaving Mytilini, we steamed to Thessalaniki, arriving the next day. Again the captain was host to an informal supper onboard. Five cartons of clothing and one carton of school supplies were donated to local elementary and grammer schools. Our stay in Thessaloniki was short. We left on the 16th for our operational readiness inspection which we conducted on our way to Athens.

While in Athens, many of us took advantage of the lamous tour of Athens and Aeropolis. Also in Athens aight five cortins of clothing was delivered to the needy. Opporting Athens we were off for operations and replecisablenes with the fiest. Entering Sevena a few days later we again worked an a community relations project for the Foresci Opphanage. Or visit was short but very pleasant.

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exchanged and to many it was an experience they shall never forget. We enjoyed the seism-calls during this period.

On to Naples for the second time and our tender availability period which gove us time to repoir our hard warked gove and enjoy a barbeaue party. Coming down the hance stretch we hit Baccelone, our loast part. In Baccelone we had the exportantly to board the excert replice of Eclamber's abig, Santo Morae and the expertantly to board the excert replice of Eclamber's abig. Santo Morae and the expertant part of the presence of the American Saith Feler in their country. Our stay is Bacteloina wart last and now and harmour and the Altentic kept on from home. On 20 June we have the service of the service of the expertant part of the service of the expertant part of the service of th

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With no more days or wake ups left we entered D & 5 piers at 1042. With the ward

passed "shift colors", we were home.
We now hope to relive some of these memories with you, our loved ones,
Mediterrancen Cruise Book for 1965.











LT J. NICHOLAS FORMER OPERATIONS OFFICER



LT W. R. HAND OPERATIONS OFFICER



LTJG R. B. STEVENSON FORMER COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



LTJG T. TOMASZEWICZ COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



**OPERATIONS** 



ENSIGN H. BROWN ASST COMM OFFICER









C.Schiers, HMCM



T.Siedlecki,SMC

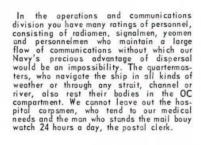


L. Stollings, RMC

#### OC DIVISION



The one in the red bikini

















R. Fields, PN1 D. Raymond, HM1 J. Arrowood, RM2 R. Krumick, SM2 J. LaDow, RM2 W. Sutton, RM2

R. Emanuel, QM3



Which one is big doc?



Ship's office crew



L.Gross, YN3 J. Harris QM3



J.Isaac, RM3



W.Kelpe, RM3



J.Klinge, YN3



M.McBride,SM3 J.Neff,PC3



B.Pfaff,PN3





C.Sterzenback, RM3



J.DeAngelo, SN H.Sullivan, RMSN N.Diller, SN











J.Ferguson, SN C. Greenstreet, SN D. Guzlecki, SN L. Reisinger, SA

## OI DIVISION



Electronic Technicians and radamen make up OI division on WALDRON. The ET's are responsible for the maintenance of electronic equipment of which there is no end. The radamen handle the Combat Information Center which maintains status boards for air and surface plotting along with a host of soundpowered phones.

T.McCracken, RDC















H.Robinson, ET1 R. Hewirt, ET2 R. Mettler, ETR2 Steward, RD2 A.Barzydlo, RD3 C. Brummell, RD3 M. Denning, ETR3



R.Farmer, RD3



The Rev. Mr. Black















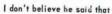






R.Hanson, RD3 W.Loflin, ETR3 D.Mitchell, RD3 E.Spears, RD3 G.Wemeth, RD3 M.Davis, ETNSN T.Gerrard, RDSN







I don't beleive he said that















W.Heine, RDSN C.Perry, RDSN T. Warming, RDSN H. Wells, RDSN J. Csicsila, SN

R. Jessee, SN

R.Spencer, SN







I wonder if I should work today?











LT J.H. BOWER GUNNERY OFFICER



LTJG W.M. RANDLE DASH CONTROL OFFICER

# **GUNNERY**



LTJG V.S. GRAY, JR. FORMER ASW OFFICER



ENSIGN J.D. HAMILTON ASW OFFICER



ENS D.W. NISSLEY FIRST LIEUTENANT

#### FIRST DIVISION

First Division on WALDRON, like almost all ships in the Navy, is made up of the boatswain's mate rating. They are in a class all by themselves who are called on to perform their duties in all kinds of weather and under almost any condition. They're responsible for knowing everything related to deck, boat and marlin spike seamanship. Rigging tackle, operating winches, sewing canvas, and most of all--chipping, scraping, sanding and painting are all part of the daily routine of the first division.



D. Hartline, BM2 W.McPherson, BM3 E. Ashford, BMSN







D.Breau, SN

J.Carmines, SN R.Goff, SN





You should see what the other guys have to carry.















C.Scroggins, SN















H.Williams, SN P.Williams, SN H.Yarnall, SN

R. Bick, SA

T.Hall,SA

J. Johnson, SA





#### SECOND DIVISION















A.Kellmel,SA

V. Levithan, SA P.McMann, SA

M.Meier,SA

D.Penner,SA

M. Thames, SA V. Urbanski, SA



D. Freeman, SN

B.Handley, SN G.Hartland, SN

E.Hollis,SN





G.Gibson, FTC

C.Moncrief, GMGC

Gunnersmates and Fire Control Technicians are the men who make up Second Division on WALDRON. The cleanliness and operation of the gun mounts along with the handling and stowage of powder are taken care of by the gunners. The FT's maintain the WAL-DRON's fire control system and, during general quarters find the right formula for 'on eral quarters tind the right formula for "on target shooting". Only long and hard hours of practice makes perfect. Proof of this target shooting". Only long and hard hours for aractice makes perfect. Proof of this hard work and teamwork from PLOT paid off with an efficiency "E" being awarded Mount 53 this vac." Mount 53 this year.

#### A/S DIVISION







D.Boatright,FTG2 R.Schmitt,FT2 D.Sisco,GMG2



J.Hinzman, GM3 J.Lizzimore, GMG2 M.Scott, FTG3









Let the chief do it





J.Benjamin, FTGSN K.Goldberg, FTGSN R.Kinnaird, FTGSN R.Lester, FTGSN T.Deen, SN R.Thomas, GMGSA A.Smith, SA

With the coming of DASH (Destroyer Anti-Submarine Helicopter) to WALDRON also came A/S Division. The division consist of sonarmen, torpedomen and the DASH crew. The finding, tracking and destroying of submarines would be the purpose of these men during general quarters. The maintenance and cleanliness of their spaces provided a full time job during the day. Only hard work makes a good anti-submarine team and WALDRON can say it has one of the finest in the Fleet.











C.Norman, GMG1 A.Johnson, EN2

H.Mulkey, STG2 G. Ramstine, ATN2











P.Shaffer,STG2 T.Thayne,STG2 G.Blue,TM3

L. Ericksen, TM3 J. Gokey, STG3









J.Simpson, ADJ3 R. Guisbert, STGSN Hines, SOGSN A.Mamentov, ETRSN T. Fitzpatrick, SN J. Waldrop, AN D.Madwell, SA

















LTJG J.C. FRITZ FORMER ENGINEERING OFFICER

# **ENGINEERING**



LTJG W.S. BIALOUS FORMER DCA



ENSIGN E.A. HEIDT DCA



ENS J.B. WASKOM







W.Gabbert, BTCS



G.Miller, BTCA

The men who are responsible for the ship's steaming are the machinist's mates and boilermen. These men work in the ''holes' and are often referred to as ''snipes'' by their shipmates. The proper working of the machinery, the making of the ship's teed and fresh water supply and providing the ship with power for the lights, heat and air conditioning are some of the jobs of the engineers. Much hard work and long hours are put in by the engineers to ensure that WALDRON is ready to go anyplace at anytime.



H.Taylor, BTC





B. Thomas, BT1 L. Waugh, BT1





C.Banks, BT2 R.Duvall, BT2 C.Ferguson, BT2







R.Ackinson, BT3 E.Burden, BT3 R.Collins, BT3

























M.Campbell, FN R.Coates, FN A.Desorcy, FN







W.Marcy, FN

W.Quesenberry,FN B.Wyckoff,FN



Is he still watching us?













R.Garnes,MM2 L.Lester,MM2 R.Trevett,MM2 J.McCoy,MM3





G.Norcutt,MM3 T.Rogers,MM3 C.Sullivan,MM3





Let me drive.





W.West,MM3 R.Johnston,MMFN R.Davis,FN



















E.Gillam, FA

S.Gruetter, FA W. Lantz, FA









M.Noffsinger, FA S.Suckoski, FA B. Voelker, FA



C.Thomas,MMC

#### R DIVISION

Repair is the word for R division, composed of electrician's mates, IC men, machinery repairmen, shipfitters, damage controlmen and enginemen. The repair division handles such jobs as: damage control, fire fighting, hull and machinery repair, telephone circuit maintenance, electrical distribution, air conditioning and refrigeration maintenance, just to name a few. WALDRON depends greatly on these men and is grateful for greatly on these men and is grateful for having such a good repair gang.











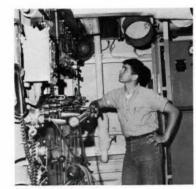


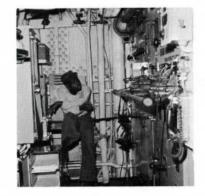
C.Bell, EM1

M.Grigorie, DC1 W. Locke, MM1

K.Farley, EN2 D.Harrington, EN2 G.Brien, IC3

J.Grillo,SFM3





I wonder how it works















R.Fosher, EM3 G.Harris, EN3 P.Hendrickson, EM3 J.Pietrykoski, EM3 H.Romero, SFM3 D.Strain, IC3 D.VonRentzell IC3



















G.Wilson, MR3 J.Black, SFFN R. Bryda, MRFN W. Hewitt, EMFN J. Monarch, EMFN L. Perleberg, EMFN A. Raschig, EMFN

















F.Stenger, EMFN J.Bardong, FN W.Holmes, FN

R. Kraly, FN

R.Martin, FN

W. Welch, FN



I want an air conditioner in my hold.





What do you mean do it yourself?



You think you're confused.



Well, I look pretty important anyway!



LTJG JAY FISHER

# SUPPLY

Supply Department is the smallest of the departments on WALDRON; however its job is by no means a small one. Supply is responsible for obtaining, storing, and dispensing all supplies from radar magnetrons to ballpoint pens. With storerooms stocked to the limit, our storekeepers are seldom unable to fill a request, if one can find the proper stock number for the item. Supply also has the important job of making the ship liveable. Within their responsibilities are the galley and mess decks, coke machine, ship's store, barbershop, laundry, and last, but certainly not least, the disbursing office.



#### SUPPLY DIVISION

W.Page,SKCA







R.Farlow,SK1 W.Roberts,CS1 D.Timmons,CS1







L.Alba,SD2 R.Haulbrook,SK2 F.Schmitt,SH2











Buyag, SD3 S. Givens, CS3







H. Jameson, DK3 F. Rogers, DK3 D. Wood, SK3



Sometimes we serve tomatos









C.Crump, SN J.Dozier, SN T.Grady, TN







M.Hernandez, SN F.Jenkins, SN R.Lazo, TN







B.Meranda, TN R.Rood, SN













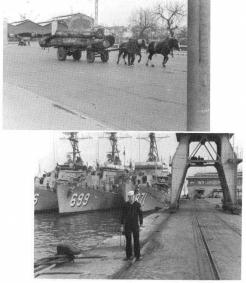
D.Williams, SN W.Rapp, SKSA D.Luxford, SA T.Ward, SA

### VALENCIA

























## NAPLES







MT. VESUVIUS OVERLOOKS NAPLES HARBOR.



ITALIAN CHARACTERISTICS FOUNTAINS AND SPEEDING CARS







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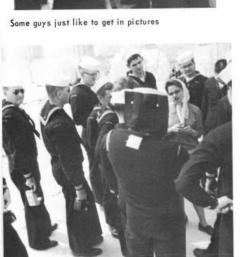


MYTILINA











ATHENS









All alone am I.







Athens Royal Palace Guard.



Cathedral, Athens.













SAVONA





## GENOA







# ROBINSON CEREMONY















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OPERATION FAIRGAME









TRAP SHOOT















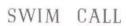








A terrible thing







Beer Belly







Lets limbo





Come fly with me







Pretty damn cold!

### SHIP'S PARTY



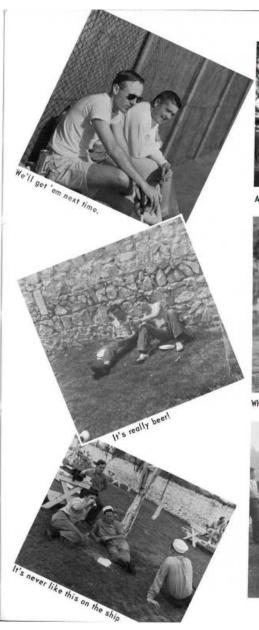
It sort of gets you right here



I've only had this many









And why are you not in the uniform of the day.



Who ate my other hamburger!





More beer anyone!



Mommy I'm lost!!

No more beer?



I wanted catsup on mine.



Who's a Pig Pen?



Shh--we're thinking



If you don't play our way we're going home!



Open that beer can somewhere else!





ROME



Ruins of Rome.



Fountain of Trevi.



Three coins in the fountain.





St. Peter's Square.



Vatican guard.



Sunday at St. Peter's Square.



Ancient site of the Roman Senate.



Roman Memorial.



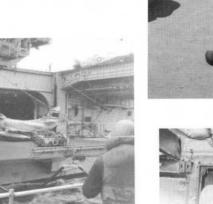




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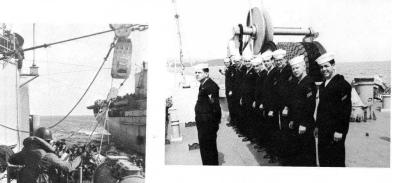








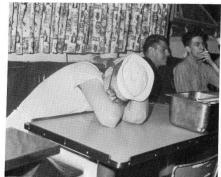






















































































## REFUELING - HI-LINE





Underway refueling





Now the smoking lamp is out while taking on fuel.





































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