

ferred severely in killed and wounded, and mostly whilst she lay on our bow, from her grape and musketry, in all fifteen killed, and sixty-three wounded, many of them severely; none of the wounded officers quitted the deck till the firing ceased.

The frigate proved to be the United States ship Constitution, of thirty twenty-four-pounders on her main deck, and twenty-four thirty-two pounders and two eighteen-pounders on her upper deck, and four hundred and seventy-six men; her loss in comparison with ours is trifling, about twenty, the first lieutenant of marines and eight killed, and first lieutenant and master of the ship, and eleven men wounded, her lower masts badly wounded, and stern much shattered, and very much cut up about the rigging.

The Guerriere was so cut up that all attempts to get her in would have been useless. As soon as the wounded were got out of her, they set her on fire, and I feel it my duty to state that the conduct of Captain Hull and his officers to our men has been that of a brave enemy, the greatest care being taken to prevent our men losing the smallest trifle, and the greatest attention being paid to the wounded, who, through the attention and skill of Mr. Irvine, Surgeon; I hope will do well.

I hope, though success has not crowned our efforts, you will not think it presumptuous in me to say, the greatest credit is due to the officers and ship's company for their exertions, particularly when exposed to the heavy raking fire of the enemy; I feel particularly obliged for the exertions of Lieutenant Kent, who, though wounded early by a splinter, continued to assist me; in the second lieutenant the service has suffered a severe loss; Mr. Scott, the master, though wounded, was particularly attentive, and used every exertion in clearing the wreck, as did the warrant officers. Lieutenant Nicholl, of the royal marines, and his party, supported the honourable character of their corps, and they suffered severely. I must recommend Mr. Snow, master's-mate, who commanded the foremost main deck guns, in the absence of Lieutenant Pullman, and the whole after the fall of Lieutenant Ready, to your protection, he having received a severe contusion from a splinter. I must point out Mr. Garby, acting purser, to your notice, who volunteered his services on deck, and commanded the after quarter-deck guns, and was particularly active, as well as Mr. Bannister, midshipman.

I hope in considering the circumstances you will think the ship entrusted to my charge was properly defended; the unfortunate loss of our masts, the absence of the third lieutenant, second lieutenant of marines, three midshipmen and twenty-four men, considerably weakened our crew, and we only mustered at quarters two hundred and forty-four men, and nineteen boys, on coming into action; the enemy had such an advantage from his marines and riflemen, when close, and his superior sailing enabled him to choose his distance.

I enclose herewith a list of killed and wounded on board the Guerriere; and have the honour to be, &c. JAS. R. DACRES.

wounded on board His Majesty's Ship Guerriere, in the Action of the 19th August 1812.

*Killed.*

Henry Ready, second lieutenant.  
William White, captain of fore-castle.  
George Griffiths, quarter-gunner.  
Henry Brown, ordinary seaman.  
William Brown (2), able seaman.  
Alexander Cowie, ditto.  
Richard Cheeseman, landman.  
John Peterson, able seaman.  
Joseph Tuck, ordinary seaman.  
Robert Rogers, able seaman.  
John Smith (2), gunner's-mate.  
William Baker, ordinary seaman.  
J. A. Fox, serjeant royal marines.  
Thomas Pratt, private marine.  
William Woodcock, ditto.

*Wounded.*

James Rd. Dacres, Esq. captain, severely.  
Bartholomew Kent, first lieutenant, slightly.  
Robert Scott, master, severely.  
Samuel Grant, master's-mate, ditto.  
William J. Snow, ditto, contusion.  
James Fashie, midshipman, slightly.  
Robert Baillie, boatswain's-mate, dangerously.  
Hugh M'Kinley, ordinary seaman, dangerously.  
William Stone, captain mast, slightly.  
Patrick Murphy, quarter-gunner, dangerously.  
Henry Dent, ordinary seaman, slightly.  
John Little, able seaman, dangerously.  
Peter Peterson, ditto, slightly.  
William Millington, ordinary seaman, dangerously.  
John O'Hare, ditto, ditto.  
William Cooper, able seaman, slightly.  
Laurence Norman, ditto, dangerously.  
William Jones, landman, slightly.  
Kenneth M'Donald, able seaman, severely.  
James Cromwell, quarter-master, severely.  
Robert Taylor, able seaman, dangerously.  
Samuel Miller, captain of afterguard, ditto.  
James Miller, ordinary seaman, ditto.  
George Read, able seaman, severely.  
Ralph Williams, ordinary seaman, slightly.  
Jos. Copland, ditto, dangerously.  
Henry Virdue, ditto, severely.  
Philip Dwyer, landman, slightly.  
Alexander Ferguson, ordinary seaman, ditto.  
William Somers, ditto, ditto.  
John Hebbs, ditto, severely.  
James Campbell, ditto, ditto.  
Peter Stemsted, ditto, slightly.  
Geo. Emmerson, sail-maker, severely.  
Geo. Meather, able seaman, slightly.  
Mathew Reardon, ordinary seaman, severely.  
William Hall, able seaman, slightly.  
David M'Michan, carpenter's crew, ditto.  
John Southgate, ordinary seaman, ditto.  
Thomas Chandlers, landman, severely.  
John Smith (3), able seaman, ditto.  
Henry Holt, ordinary seaman, slightly.  
James Crooks, able seaman, ditto.  
Antony Griffin, landman, ditto.  
Thomas Hardy, ordinary seaman, ditto.  
James Morris, able seaman, ditto.  
John Sholes, boatswain's-mate, ditto.

A List of Officers, Seamen, and Marines killed and  
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