

trenchments. I am disposed to think that they were assisted in carrying off their wounded, and even defending the place, by some Greeks, as men in the dress of that country were seen intermixed with the Russian troops.

From the heavy fire that was opened upon us, and from the number that were seen afterwards collected at a distance, the enemy must have been in great force before they retreated.

It becomes my duty to report to you the extreme good conduct of all employed on this occasion. The gun-boats were most skilfully managed, under circumstances of great difficulty. They were commanded by Lieutenant Sullivan, Acting-Lieutenant Lyons, and Messrs Goolden and Kerby, mates.

Mr Carey, second master, has I regret to say been badly wounded; he behaved most creditably.

It fell to Lieutenant Jull's lot to have an opportunity of particularly distinguishing himself by his coolness and gallantry whilst in command of the marines, and he speaks most highly of Lieutenant Hawkey, the non-commissioned officers and men that were with him.

The medical officers have merited our best thanks. Dr O'Hagan, in the execution of his duty, was in the midst of the fire, and his clothes were pierced with bullets.

I must claim your indulgence for the hasty manner in which this Despatch has been written, as I wish the Firebrand to join your flag immediately, with the body of the late well-loved and gallant Captain Hyde Parker.

I have, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD A. POWELL,  
Commander.

Vice-Admiral J. W. D. Dundas, C. B.

Enclosure No. 2, in Mediterranean Letter No. 330.

*Her Majesty's Steam-Frigate Firebrand,  
off Sulina, July 8, 1854.*

SIR,  
I BEG leave to enclose the accompanying letter from Mr Lyons (Acting-Lieutenant), who commanded the boats of this ship in the attack and destruction of the stockaded battery at the Sulina Mouth of the Danube. He speaks highly of the conduct of the officers and men under his command, especially James Shade, able seaman; but as you were personally present, it only remains for me to state that Mr Lyons has displayed much courage and ability on more than this occasion since joining the ship.

The death, ever and deeply to be lamented, of our much-loved Captain, Hyde Parker, has thrown a deep-gloom on all who had the fortune to serve under him; but he died leaving an example to all who survive him, of heroic gallantry and ability.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WM. GORE JONES,  
Senior Lieutenant Commanding Her  
Majesty's Ship Firebrand.

To Commander R. Powell, R. N.,  
*H.M.'s Steam-Sloop Vesuvius.*

Sub-Enclosure No. 1, in Enclosure No. 2, in the  
Mediterranean Letter No. 330.

*Her Majesty's Steam-Frigate Firebrand,  
off Sulina, July 8, 1854.*

I HAVE the honour to forward the Returns of the boats employed, and the number of men killed and wounded at the attack and capture this day, of a stockade on the left bank of the Danube.

The command of one division of the boats, after the lamented death of Captain Hyde Parker, devolved on me; the pinnace under my immediate command being in advance of the other boats, caused the principal part of the enemy's fire to be directed upon her, and I regret to say that five men in that boat were wounded (three severely).

I have, Sir, to speak in the highest terms of the good conduct and steadiness of the whole of the officers and men under my command under the galling fire of the enemy, and I would beg to bring them strongly before your notice. Where all behaved so well it is almost invidious to particularize, but I beg particularly to mention James Shade, able seaman, who, I regret to say, after much distinguishing himself, was severely wounded.

Lieutenant Jull, R.M.A., speaks in equally high terms of the conduct of the marines under his command.

As you have already been made acquainted with the circumstances under which his Country has to mourn the death of Captain Hyde Parker, and the total defeat of the enemy and destruction of their works which followed, yet scarcely avenged it, it will not be necessary for me to enter into any details of the engagement.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ALGERNON LYONS,  
Acting Lieutenant.

To Lieutenant W. G. Jones, R.N.,  
*H.M.S. Firebrand.*

Sub-Enclosure No. 2, in Enclosure No. 2, in  
Mediterranean Letter No. 330.

*A List of the Boats, Officers, and Men, belonging  
to Her Majesty's Ship Firebrand, at the destruction  
of the Batteries at the Sulina Mouth of  
the Danube.*

Pinnace, 12-pounder howitzer—

Mr A. Lyons, acting lieutenant.

Lieutenant Hawkey, R. M.

Crew, 17 men and 8 marines.

1st cutter, Rocket-boat—

Mr Mallet, midshipman.

Crew, 11 men and 8 marines.

Port Paddlebox-boat, 24-pounder howitzer—

Mr Denny, midshipman.

Crew, 18 men.

Gig—

Mr Everard, naval cadet.

Rev. P. Rogers, in attendance with medical officer.

Crew, 4 men and 4 marines.

Galley—

Captain Hyde Parker.

Dr O'Hagan, surgeon.

Mr McSorley, assistant-surgeon.

Crew, 6 men.

(Signed) W. G. JONES,  
Senior Lieutenant.

Sub-Enclosure No. 3, in Enclosure No. 2, in  
Mediterranean Letter No. 330.

*A List of the Boats, Officers, and Men, belonging  
to Her Majesty's Ship Vesuvius, at the storming  
of the Batteries at the Sulina Mouth of the  
Danube, July 8, 1854.*

Pinnace—

Mr Sullivan, lieutenant.

Mr Carey, second master.

4 marines.

13 blue jackets.

