

The Explosion of a Second Powder Vessel, equally unexpected, and with a Shock even greater than the first, again put us in the most imminent Danger of perishing; and when it is considered that we were within the Sphere of the falling Timber, it is next to miraculous that no one Piece, of the mavy which made the Water foam round us, happened to touch either the Swallow or the Three Boats with me.

Having now set Fire to every Thing within our Reach, exhausted our combustible Preparations and our Strength to such a Degree that the Men absolutely dropped on the Oars, we directed our Course to join the Fleet, running the Gauntlet under a few ill-directed Shot from the Forts of Balaguier and Aiguillette, now occupied by the Enemy; but fortunately, without Loss of any Kind, we proceeded to the Place appointed for the Embarkation of the Troops, and took off as many as we could carry. It would be Injustice to those Officers whom I have omitted to name, for their not having been so immediately under my Eye, if I did not acknowledge myself indebted to them all for their extraordinary Exertions in the Execution of this great National Object. The Quickness with which the Inflammation took Effect, on my Signal, its Extent and Duration, are the best Evidences that every Officer and Man was ready at his Post, and firm under most perilous Circumstances; I therefore subjoin a List of the whole who were employed on this Service.

We can ascertain that the Fire extended to at least Ten Sail of the Line, how much further we cannot say. The Loss of the General Magazine, and of the Quantity of Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Hemp, Timber, Cordage and Gunpowder, must considerably impede the Equipment of the few Ships that remain. I am sorry to have been obliged to leave any, but I hope your Lordship will be satisfied that we did as much as our circumscribed Means enabled us to do, in a limited Time, preiled as we were by a Force so much superior to us.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. SYDNEY SMITH.

Right-Hon. Lord Hood, &c. &c. &c.

*A List of the Officers employed under the Orders of Sir Sydney Smith, Commander, Grand Cross of the Royal Military Order of the Sword, in the Service of burning the French Ships and Arsenal of Toulon, in the Night of the 18th of December, 1793.*

Captain Hare, Vulcan Fireship.  
 Captain Edge, Alert Sloop.  
 Don Pedro de Cotiella, Adjutant, and Don Francisco Riguielme, Lieutenants, Spanish Navy.  
 Don Francisco Truxillo, commanding a Mortar Boat.  
 Lieutenants C. Tupper, John Gore, Mr. Eales, Midshipman, Victory's Boats.  
 Lieutenants Melhuish and Holloway, Alert Sloop.  
 Lieutenants Mathew Wrench and Thomas F. Richmond, Mr. Andrews, Master, Mr. Jones, Surgeon, and Mr. Mather, Gunner, Vulcan Fireship.  
 Lieutenants Ralph W. Miller and John Stiles, Mr. Richard Hawkins, Mr. Thomas Cowan, and Mr. William Knight, Windsor Castle's Boats.  
 Lieutenants Pater and Middleton, Mr. Matson and Mr. Vailham, Midshipmen, Britannia.  
 Lieutenant Hill, Swallow Tender.  
 Lieutenant Inist, Wasp Gun-Boat.  
 Lieutenant Morgan, Petite Victoire Gun-Boat.

Lieutenant Cox, Jean Bart Gun-Boat.  
 Mr. Young, Union Gun-Boat, killed.  
 Ensign Ironmonger, of the Royal.  
 John Skrimger, Boatwain's Mate, James Young, Gunner's Mate, Thomas Knight, Quarter-Master, and Thomas Clarke, Carpenter's Mate, of the Swallow Tender, and who performed the Service of preparing Combustibles.  
 John Wilson, Advanced Centinel.

*An Abstract of the Return of Officers and Seamen belonging to the Ships undermentioned, who were Killed, Wounded and Missing on the 17th Day of December, 1793, at Fort Mudgeau.*

Victory. 1 Lieutenant, 1 Midshipman, 2 Seamen, wounded; 8 Seamen missing.  
 Britannia. 8 Seamen killed.  
 Windsor Castle. 2 Seamen killed; 2 Seamen wounded; 2 Seamen missing.  
 Princess Royal. 1 Midshipman, 8 Seamen, missing.  
 Lieutenant Goddard, of the Victory, wounded.  
 Mr. J. W. Loring, Midshipman of the Victory, wounded.  
 Mr. A. Wilkie, Midshipman of the Princess Royal, missing.

*List of Ships of the Line, Frigates and Sloops of the Department of Toulon.*

In the Road where the English Fleet entered Toulon:

SHIPS of the LINE.  
 Now with the English Fleet.

Le Commerce de Marseille 120 Guns.  
 Le Pompée — — 74

Burnt at Toulon.

Le Tonnant — — 80  
 L'Heureux — — 74  
 Le Centaur — — 74  
 Le Commerce de Bordeaux 74  
 Le Destin — — 74  
 Le Lys — — 74  
 Le Heros — — 74  
 Le Thémistocle — — 74  
 Le Dugay trouin — — 74

*Sent into the French Ports on the Atlantic, with French Seamen, &c.*

Le Patriote — — 74  
 L'Apollon — — 74  
 L'Orion — — 74  
 L'Entreprenant — — 74

Burnt at Leghorn.

Le Scipion — — 74

Remaining at Toulon.

Le Genereux — — 74

FRIGATES.

Now with the English Fleet.

Le Perle — — 40  
 L'Arethuse — — 40

Fitted out by the English.

L'Aurora — — 32