

up to her Lower Yards, baffled all our Endeavours, and an instantaneous Discharge of her Guns and small Arms, from about Two Hundred Soldiers on her Gunwale, knocked myself, Mr. Kirby, the Master of the Medusa, and Mr. Gore, a Midshipman, with Two-Thirds of the Crew, upon our Backs into the Boat, all either killed or wounded desperately, the Barge and Cutter being on the Outside, sheered off with the Tide, but the Flat Boat in which I was hung alongside, and as there was not an Officer or Man left to govern her, must have fallen into the Hands of the Enemy, had not Mr. Cathcart taken her in Tow, and carried her off.

Mr. Williams led his Subdivision up to the Enemy with the most intrepid Gallantry, took One Lugger, and attacked a Brig, while his Crews, I am concerned to say, suffered equally with ourselves, nearly the Whole of his Boat's Crew were killed or wounded; Lieutenant Pelley, who commanded the Medusa's Launch, and the Honorable Mr. Maitland, Midshipman, were severely wounded; and Mr. William Brillow, Master's Mate, in the Medusa's Cutter, under Lieutenant Stewart, was killed.

I now feel it my Duty to assure your Lordship, that nothing could surpass the Zeal, Courage, and Readiness of every Description of Officer and Man under my Command; and I am sorry that my Words fall short of their Merits, though we could not accomplish the Object we were ordered to.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD T. PARKER.

*Lord Viscount Nelson, Vice-Admiral of the Blue,  
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

MY LORD, *Ganet, August 16, 1801.*

ON the Night of the 15th Instant, the Third Division of Boats which I had the Honor to command, assembled on board His Majesty's Ship York, agreeable to your Lordship's Directions, and at Eleven P. M. by Signal from the Medusa, proceeded, without Loss of Time, to attack the Enemy's Flotilla, off Boulogne, as directed by your Lordship; and as I thought it most adviseable to endeavour to reduce the largest Vessel first, I lost no Time in making the Attack; but in consequence of my leading the Division, and the Enemy opening a heavy Fire from several Batteries, thought it adviseable to give the Enemy as little Time as possible, cut the Tow-Rope, and did not wait for the other Boats, so that it was some little Time before the heavy Boats could get up; received so many Shots through the Boat's Bottom, that I soon found her in a sinking State, and as it was not possible to stop so many Shot Holes, was obliged with the Men, to take to another Boat, and have the Pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that I received particular Support from the Boats of His Majesty's Ship York, which soon came up with the rest of the Division I had the Honor to command; but finding no Prospect of Success, and the Number of Men killed and wounded in the different Boats, and the constant Fire from the Shore of Grape and small Arms, thought it for the Good of His Majesty's Service to withdraw the Boats between Two and Three in the Morning, as we could not board her, although every Effort was made.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) ISAAC COTGRAVE.

*The Right Hon. Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B.  
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Ship Isis, Sunday  
Aug. 16, 1801.*

MY LORD,

IN consequence of Directions received from your Lordship, I last Night, on the Signal being made on board the Medusa, left this Ship with the Boats of the Fourth Division, formed with two close Lines, and immediately joined the other Divisions under the Stern of the Medusa, and from thence proceeded to put your Lordship's Order into Execution, attacking the Westernmost Part of the Enemy's Flotilla: but notwithstanding every Exertion made, owing to the Rapidity of the Tide we could not, until near Day-light, get to the Westward of any Part of the Enemy's Line; on approaching the Eastern part of which, in order to assist the First Division then engaged, we met them returning. Under these Circumstances, and the Day breaking apace, I judged it prudent to direct the Officers commanding the different Boats to return to their respective Ships.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

ROB. JONES.

P. S. None killed or wounded on board any of the Fourth Division.

*Right Honorable Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B.  
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*Discovery, off Boulogne, 16th  
August 1801.*

MY LORD,

I Beg Leave to make my Report to your Lordship of the Four Howitzer Boats that I had the Honor to command, in the Attack of the Enemy last Night.

Having led in to support Captain Parker's Division, keeping between his Lines until the Enemy opened their Fire on him, we keeping on towards the Pier until I was aground in the headmost Boat, then opened our Fire, and threw about Eight Shells into it; but, from the Strength of the Tide coming out of the Harbour, was not able to keep our Station off the Pier Head, but continued our Fire on the Camp, until the Enemy's Fire had totally slackened, and Captain Parker's Division had passed without me. I beg Leave to mention to your Lordship, that I was ably supported by the other Boats. Captain Broome and Lieutenant Beam, of the Royal Artillery, did every Thing in their Power to annoy the Enemy. The other Officers of Artillery were detached in the other Four Howitzer Boats.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JOHN CONN.

*Right Honorable Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B.  
&c. &c. &c.*

*An Account of Officers, Seamen, and Marines killed and wounded in the Boats of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Attack of the French Flotilla, moored before Boulogne, on the Night of the 15th August 1801.*

*1st Division.*

*Leylen.*—8 Seamen, 3 Marines, killed; 5 Officers, 20 Seamen, 15 Marines, wounded. Total 51.

*Eugenie.*—3 Seamen, killed; 1 Officer, 5 Seamen, wounded. Total 9.

*Jamaica.*—1 Officer, 3 Seamen, killed; 1 Officer, 4 Seamen, 4 Marines, wounded. Total 13.