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Copy of a Letter from Admiral Young to J. W. Croker Esq; Secretary of the Admiralty, dated Marlborough, off West Capel, August 21, 1811.

SIR,

I TRANSMIT to you for Their Lordships' Information an Account of a very spirited and successful Attack made on Four French Gun-Boats, by the Boats of a Detachment of this Squadron under the Command of Captain Hawtayne of His Majesty's Ship Quebec.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. YOUNG.

His Majesty's Ship Quebec, Heligoland, August 6, 1811.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you with a very gallant Achievement, (the Capture of a Division of the Enemy's Gun-Boats,) which has been performed by Boats from this Part of your Squadron, under the Direction of the First Lieutenant, Samuel Blyth of the Quebec, who had the Honour to command a Party of brave Officers and Men that nobly seconded him.

The Weather was particularly fine and settled for this Kind of Service, and they had already captured and sent to me a Vaisseau de Guerre of the Douanes Imperiales, manned with an Officer and Twelve Men, (one of them was killed before she surrendered;) and a Merchant Vessel which they were towing out, when being near the Island of Nordeney, on the 3d, Four of the Enemy's Gun-Boats were seen at Anchor within.

The Enemy silently waited the Attack, their Guns loaded with Grape and Cannister, (not using any Round Shot,) until the Boats were within Pistol Range, when a Discharge took place from their whole Line. The first Vessel was immediately boarded and carried, but the other with great Bravery maintained themselves, severally, until they found their Vessels were no longer in their own Possession.

The Loss sustained was, on our Side, Four killed and Fourteen wounded, on that of the Enemy Two killed and Twelve wounded.

The Officers employed were Lieutenant John O'Neale, Alert.

Lieutenant Samuel Slout, Raven, severely wounded.
 Lieutenant Charles Wolrige, Quebec.
 Humphrey Moore, Lieutenant Royal Marine, Quebec, afterwards severely burnt.
 Sub-Lieutenant Thomas Hare, Exertion.
 Second Master George Downey, Redbreast.
 Carpenter Stephen Pickett, Raven.
 Master's Mate Robert Cook, Quebec.
 Master's Mate John M'Donald, Quebec.
 Midshipman Richard Millett, Raven, very severely wounded.

Mate James Muggridge, Princess Augusta, wounded.
 Mate George Johnson, Alert.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) C. HAWTAYNE, Captain.

William Young Esq; Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.

The Division of Gun-Boats captured by Boats of a Part of the Squadron of Admiral Young, in the Island of Nordeney, the 3d August 1811.

No. 22, Guillaume Woutersz, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, Commandant de Division, of 1 long Twelve-Pounder and 2 Six-Pounders, Dutch Metal, and Twenty-five Men.

No. 28, Christian Smith, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, 1 long Twelve-Pounder and 2 Eight-Pounders, Dutch Metal, and Twenty-four Men.

No. 31, Jan Dirk Schewe, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, 1 long Twelve-Pounder and 2 Six-Pounders, Dutch Metal, and Twenty-five Men.

No. 71, San Pieter Seiverda Munter, Enseigne de Vaisseau, of 1 long Twelve-Pounder and 2 Six-Pounders, Dutch Metal, and Twenty-four Men.

(Signed) CHARLES HAWTAYNE.

To William Young Esq; Admiral of the White, Commander in Chief.

P. S. The Dutch Metal is much greater than the English.

A List of Men killed and wounded belonging to a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Heligoland, in capturing Four of the Enemy's Gun-Boats at Nordeney, the 3d August 1811.

Killed.

Quebec—1.

Raven—1.