

spirited attack upon the enemy's batteries at Languillia, and the capture of a convoy that had taken shelter under them.

I have the honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) EDW. PELLEW.

*His Majesty's Ship America, off Languillia, May 10, 1812.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that having yesterday in company with the Leviathan and Eclair, fallen in with a convoy of eighteen sail of the enemy deeply laden, which took shelter under the town and batteries of Languillia; and Captain Campbell concurring in opinion with me as to the practicability of bringing them out or destroying them by getting possession of the batteries, the marines of both ships, under the direction of Captain Rea of the America, were landed this morning at daybreak to effect it.

A party under Captain Owen, Royal Marines, of the Leviathan, was detached to carry a battery of five twenty-four and eighteen pounders to the eastward, which he performed in a very spirited and judicious manner, the French officer who commanded falling in the attack: the main body in the meantime rapidly advancing through a severe fire of grape, carried the battery adjoining the town of Languillia, (consisting of four twenty-four and eighteen pounders, and a mortar,) though protected by a strong body of the enemy posted in a wood, and in several contiguous buildings, upon the latter of which the guns were immediately turned with much effect. The enemy were now driven from the houses lining the beach, by the fire of the Eclair, and the boats then proceeded to bring out the vessels that were secured by various contrivances to the houses and beach, their sails and rudders being mostly removed on shore: sixteen were towed off (as per enclosed list) which being accomplished, the marines were re-embarked in the most perfect order, under cover of the fire of the Eclair, and without molestation from the enemy, though a strong party was advancing from the town of Alassia to reinforce them.

I regret to state that our success has been clouded, and our loss on this occasion much extended by an unfortunate accident which occurred in landing the party; the America's yawl being sunk by a chance shot from the only gun that could bear on the boats, and before assistance could be afforded, I lament to say, ten marines and one of the crew were drowned.

I have great satisfaction in the favourable report I feel it my duty to make of the officers, seamen, and marines, employed on this occasion; the gallant and able conduct of Captain Rea, who commanded the marines, was very conspicuous, and he reports in the most favourable manner of Captain Owen, and Lieutenants Neame, Cock, Cardon, and Hill, and of the orderly good conduct of the whole detachment. To Captain Bellamy I was much indebted for the handsome manner in which the Eclair was swept in, and the fire she kept up to cover and protect the troops and boats during their operations. The ships being prevented by the light and baffling winds from getting close enough to act. The services of the boats in landing and em-

barking the troops, and (being all armed with guns or carronades) assisting with their fire, and the expedition with which the enemy's vessels were brought out does much credit to Lieutenant Richardson, first of this ship, who had the direction of them, as also to Lieutenants Molesworth and Moodie of the America, and Dobbs and Hamby of the Leviathan, who were employed in them. I cannot conclude without requesting permission to recommend to your notice Mr. John Harvey, master's mate of this ship, who has particularly distinguished himself both on the present and other late occasions of boat service.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JOSIAS ROWLEY.

*Vice-Admiral, Sir Edward Pellew, Bart.  
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*List of Merchant Vessels captured and destroyed by His Majesty's Ships America, Leviathan, and Eclair, at Languillia, on the 10th day of May 1812.*

- Settee, No. 9755, of 80 tons, laden with leather and sundries; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, No. 3084, of 50 tons, laden with wine; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, No. 7093, of 120 tons, laden with salt; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, No. 5097, of 70 tons, laden with leather and sundries; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, La Volante, of 160 tons, laden with salt; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, La Conception, of 80 tons, laden with salt; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, L'Assomption, of 40 tons, laden with wine; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, L'Assension, of 60 tons, laden with wine; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, Notre Dame du Carmel de Penes, of 90 tons, laden with salt; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, No. 7249, of 70 tons, laden with leather and sundries; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, No. 2294, of 30 tons, laden with wine; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, No. 1116, of 25 tons, laden with wine; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, name unknown, of 40 tons, laden with brandy; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, name unknown, of 60 tons, laden with wine; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, name unknown, of 25 tons, laden with salt; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, name unknown, of 35 tons, laden with salt; captured and brought out.
  - Settee, name unknown, of 4 guns and 90 tons, laden with salt; burnt in the harbour by the boats.
  - Settee, name unknown, of 60 tons, laden with salt; damaged by the shot and could not be got afloat.
- (Signed) JOSIAS ROWLEY.

*A List of Seamen and Marines belonging to His Majesty's Ship America, killed and wounded in an Action with the Enemy at Languillia, 10th May 1812.*

*Killed.*

John Hoan Davey, serjeant of marines.