

Niger, and Triton, engaged Fort Constantine and the batteries to the northward; while the Queen, Britannia, Trafalgar, Vengeance, Rodney, Belle-rophon, with Vesuvius, Furious, Retribution, Highflyer, Spitfire, Spiteful, and Cyclops, lashed on the port side of the several ships, gradually took up their positions, as nearly as possible as marked on the plan.

4. The action lasted from about half-past one to half-past six, P.M., when being quite dark, the ships hauled off.

5. The loss sustained by the Russians, and the damage done to Fort Constantine and Batteries cannot, of course, as yet be correctly ascertained.

6. An action of this duration against such formidable and well armed works, could not be maintained without serious injury, and I have to regret the loss of 44 killed and 266 wounded, as detailed in the accompanying lists. The ships, masts, yards, and rigging are more or less damaged, principally by shells and hot shot. The Albion has suffered much in hull and masts, the Rodney in her masts, she having tailed on the reef, from which she was got off by the great exertions of Commander Kynaston, of the Spiteful, whose crew and vessel were necessarily exposed in performing this service; but with the exception of the Albion and Arethusa, which ships I send to Constantinople to be repaired, I hope to be able to make my squadron serviceable in twenty-four hours. Foreseeing from the nature of the attack that we should be likely to lose spars, I left the spare topmasts and yards on board Her Majesty's Ship Vulcan at this anchorage, where I had placed her with all the sick and prisoners.

7. I have now the pleasure of recording my very great satisfaction with the ability and zeal displayed by Rear Admirals Sir Edmund Lyons and the Honourable Montagu Stopford, and all the captains under my command, as well as my sincere thanks to them, and to the officers, seamen, and marines employed, for their unremitting exertions and the rapidity of their fire, in the absence of a large number of the crews of each ship, who were landed to assist in working the siege batteries, &c., on shore, and to this circumstance I attribute the small loss of killed and wounded.

8. The gallant and skilful conduct of our French Allies in this action was witnessed by me with admiration, and I hear with regret that they have also suffered considerable loss.

9. I beg to express my gratitude at the manner in which Ahmed Pasha, the Turkish Admiral, did his duty.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. W. D. DUNDAS,
Vice-Admiral.

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
&c., &c., &c.

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A List of Killed and Wounded in the Squadron, in the Attack on the Forts of Sebastopol, on the 14th October, 1854.

Her Majesty's ship Britannia.

WOUNDED.

Jas. W. Vaughan, lieutenant, contused wound of the left shoulder, from a splinter, rather severe.
William McNeill, A.B., left arm shot away at the elbow; amputation.

John Andrews, A.B., contusions in various parts from splinters, none severe.

William Parkyn, A.B., contused wound of the left eye, eye destroyed, severe splinter wound of the neck.

William Carey, bandsman, slight contusion of left ankle.

William Varo, 2nd class boy, severe contusions of both legs from splinters.

Martin Gradidge, ordinary, slight splinter-wound of the thigh.

James Synnett, ordinary, slight splinter-wound of the thigh.

Joseph Rickord, 1st class boy, slight splinter-wound of the foot.

Her Majesty's ship Agamemnon.

KILLED.

John Smith (3).

Robert Grey, boatswain's mate.

William Pogson, A.B.

Jesse Spicer, ordinary.

WOUNDED.

Thomas S. Gausser, Heutenant, contusion of left thigh, from splinter.

Duke D. Yonge, naval cadet, contusion of left side, from splinter.

James Tope, admiral's domestic, right arm shot away; amputated above the elbow.

George Whitby, ordinary, right leg shattered; amputated below the knee.

John Burton, ordinary, dangerously, skull fractured.

William Chaplin, A.B., dangerously, two penetrating wounds of abdomen, lacerated wound of hip, left hand injured, thumb amputated.

William Plafair, ordinary, severely, fracture of left leg.

John McCarthy, ordinary, splinter wound of breast.

George Wollacott, ordinary, severely, wound of scalp, pieces of shell removed from left elbow, contusion of hip.

John Spiers, yeoman of signals, severely, lacerated wounds of right arm, and much hemorrhage.

John Parker, ordinary, wounds of both hands, a splinter wound of neck, slight wound of face.

John Martin, stoker, splinter wound of face.

Thomas Ruan, Royal Marine, slight contused wounds of shin from splinter.

Philip Mason, 2nd class boy, slight contusions of legs.

Perry Boyle, ordinary, slight contusions of legs.

William Warnford, bombardier Royal Marine, slight contused wound of leg.

Thomas Hayes, yeoman of signals, shell wound of leg.

John Mundy, Royal Marine, slight splinter-wound of back.

Robert Bremner, ordinary, contused wound of scalp.

Patrick Smith, ordinary, leg and arm severely scorched.

Edward Hammond, ordinary, injury of face and eyes from sand.

John Ellis, A.B., contusion of right fore arm and elbow, with abrasion; from explosion of shell.

Augustus Ringe, A.B., slight wound of face and eyes, from explosion of shell.

William Reeves, 1st class boy, slight abrasion and contusion of breast, from fragments of shell.

Daniel Epps, 1st class boy, wound of left breast, from fragments of shell.