



Battle Diagram *USS Constitution* vs. *HMS Guerriere* by Captain Isaac Hull

Diagram of the action between the U.S.S. Constitution & H.B.M.S. Guerriere - 19 Aug^r 1812

- (B.) Fig. 1st The Constitution, running before the wind with all sail set, sees the Guerriere on a wind, under her topsails, standing to the S. & W.
- " Fig. 2 - The Constitution hauls to, shortens sail & prepares for action.
- " Fig. 3 - The Constitution commences bearing down upon the Guerriere, who is lying with her main topsail aback, & occasionally maning as in the diagram. The Guerriere commences firing on the Constitution at fig. 3. being about two miles distant.
- " Fig. 4 -
- " Fig. 5 -
- " Fig. 6 -
- " Fig. 7 - The Constitution still pressing down upon the Guerriere, and receiving her fire as she wears.
- " Fig. 8 - The Constitution along side the Guerriere, first opens her fire and shoots away her mizen mast.
- " Fig. 9 - The Constitution along side the Guerriere & to windward, close fighting.
- " Fig. 9 - The Constitution, in endeavouring to lay her aboard on the Ld. bow, shoots ahead & crosses her bow. immediately after her fore & main masts fall by the board.
- (R.) Fig. 1 - The Guerriere, under double reef, standing on a wind to the S. & W.
- " Fig. 2 - Commences firing on the Constitution, then wears & lays with her m. topsail ^{aback}.
- " Fig. 3 - Fires, & again wears. (as short round as possible).
- " Fig. 4 - Bears up before the wind, to make a running fight.
- " Fig. 5 - along side the Const. - looses her mizen mast.
- " Fig. 6 - Constitution attempts to lay her aboard on the Ld. bow but shoots ahead & crosses her bow - immediately after her fore & main masts fall.

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