

seven men killed, and about as many wounded. She received great damage in her masts and yards, and her sails and rigging were entirely cut to pieces. This gallant achievement was the dawning of that glory afterwards acquired by one of Britain's most distinguished naval heroes, the late Earl Howe.

While the *Dunkirk* was engaging the French commodore, the *Lys*, pierced for 64 guns, but having only 22 mounted, was taken after little resistance by the *Defiance* and *Fougueux*. The third ship, which, according to report, was the *Dauphin* of 74 guns, escaped under favor of a thick fog. The capture of these vessels was attended with a singular circumstance relative to Admiral Boscawen, this being the third time that the French commodore, M. D'Houart, became his prisoner.

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Finding that the rest of the enemy's fleet had arrived safe at Quebec and Louisburg, the admiral proceeded to Halifax, leaving a squadron under Rear-Admiral Holburne to block up the latter port. In entering the port of Halifax, the *Mars* of 64 guns was lost through the unskillfulness of the pilot, but the crew and stores were saved. The squadron having refitted, Admiral Boscawen sailed for England, where he arrived in November with his prizes and 1500 prisoners.

In the month of July a fleet, consisting of nineteen sail of the line, put to sea, under the command of Sir Edward Hawke, who was ordered to cruize off Cape Finisterre, for the purpose of intercepting a French convoy expected home from the West Indies. In October, Sir