

Platt, Thwing, and acting midshipman Baldwin, all behaved well, and gave evidence of their making valuable officers.

The Saratoga was twice set on fire by hot shot from the enemy's ship.

I close, sir, this communication with feelings of gratitude for the able support I received from every officer and man attached to the squadron which I have the honor to command.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. MACDONOUGH.

Hon. William Jones, secretary of the navy.

P. S. Accompanying this is a list of killed and wounded, a list of the prisoners, and a precise statement of both forces engaged. Also letters from captain Henley and lieutenant commandant Cassin.

T. M.

(Copy.)

United States' ship Saratoga,  
September 13, 1814.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose you a list of the killed and wounded on board the different vessels of the squadron under your command in the action of the 11th inst.

It is impossible to ascertain correctly the loss of the enemy. From the best information received from the British officers, from my own observations, and from various lists found on board the *Confiance*, I calculate the number of men on board of that ship at the commencement of the action at 270; of whom 180, at least, were killed and wounded; and on board the other captured vessels at least 80 more, making in the whole, killed