

this same ship, making eighty-three killed and wounded out of one hundred and one reported fit for duty in the Lawrence on the morning of the battle. On board the Niagara were two killed and twenty-three wounded, making twenty-five; and out of these twenty-five, twenty-two were killed or wounded after Perry took command of her.

About four o'clock, a boat was discovered approaching the Lawrence. Soon the Commodore was recognized in her; who was returning to resume the command of his tattered ship, determined that the remnant of her crew should have the satisfaction of witnessing the formal surrender of the British officers.—It was a time of conflicting emotions when he stepped upon deck; the battle was won and he was safe, but the deck was slippery with blood, and strewn with the bodies of twenty officers and men, some of whom had set at table with us at our last meal, and the ship resounded everywhere with the groans of the wounded. Those of us who were spared and able to walk, met him at the gangway to welcome him on board, but the salutation was a silent one on both sides; not a word could find utterance.

And now the British officers arrived, one from each vessel, to tender their submission, and with it their swords. "When they had approached, picking their way among the wreck and carnage of the deck, they held their swords with the hilts toward Perry, and tendered them to his acceptance. With a dignified and solemn air, the most remote possible from any betrayal of exultation, and in a low tone of voice, he requested them to retain their side-arms, inquired with deep concern for Commodore Barclay and the wounded officers, tendering to them every comfort his ship afforded," and expressing his regret that he had not a spare medical officer to send them, adding that he had only one on duty for the fleet, who had his hands full.

Among the ninety-six wounded there occurred three deaths; a result so favorable was attributable to the plentiful supply of provisions brought off from the Ohio shore, to fresh air, the wounded being ranged under an awning on the deck until we arrived at Erie ten days after the action, and also to the devoted attention of Commodore Perry to every want.