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Shortly before noon, as the nine American warships closed to within one mile of his fleet, Barclay ordered his flagship to open fire. The first shot splashed harmlessly in the lake, but the second pound shot smashed directly into USS Lawrence. Perry, whose ships carried pounder carronades effective only at short range, ordered his men to hold fire until a shift in the wind allowed him to move his gunboats into closer proximity. Cannonballs and flying splinters felled dozens of American sailors as Perry waited until they were finally close enough to unleash their superior short-range weaponry. The ships pounded each other round after round. Riflemen in the rigging fired at enemy brigs. Sailors struggled to sidestep the corpses strewn on the deck, and overwhelmed surgeons could not keep up with the wounded. The captain and first lieutenant of every British vessel were killed or wounded. Barclay was taken below deck after his remaining arm was severely hurt, and after more than two hours of a brutal beating, USS Lawrence was reduced to a crippled hulk. Every gun facing the enemy had been disabled, and nearly all her crew were killed or wounded. Through it all, however, Perry remained unscathed and unflustered. He ordered the battle flag lowered, and, in spite of its admonition, gave up the ship. The commandant, with the ensign cradled in his arms, abandoned the splintered warship and boarded a small cutter with a handful of healthy crewmen who rowed to an unharmed American brig, USS Niagara. Dodging a shower of gunfire and cannonballs, Perry and his men survived the half-mile row and boarded Niagara. The British expected a retreat, but instead Perry raised the battle flag on Niagara, sailed directly toward the enemy and unleashed a fusillade on both broadsides. With the British ships left in the inexperienced hands of junior officers, the riggings of HMS Detroit and HMS Queen Charlotte entangled, leaving the vessels defenseless as Niagara closed to within yards and raked the British warships. It took only 15 minutes for the British to strike their colors in surrender. The battle left 30 Americans dead and 93 wounded along with 41 British killed and 94 wounded. The victory gave the Americans control of Lake Erie for the remainder of the war. It forced the British and their Native American allies to abandon Detroit, which they had seized in the early days of the war, and retreat into Upper Canada where on October 5, , they lost decisively at the Battle of the Thames. The Battle of Lake Erie is also remembered for what happened in the moments immediately after the guns fell silent as Perry tore the back of an old envelope, braced it against his hat and scrawled his iconic report to Major General William Henry Harrison: We strive for accuracy and fairness. Twice a week we compile our most fascinating features and deliver them straight to you.

2: Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial (U.S. National Park Service)

After the battle, Perry sent a famous dispatch to U.S. General William Henry Harrison that read, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." The Battle of Lake Erie forced the British to.

Jump to navigation Jump to search We have met the enemy and they are ours. Quotes[edit] I leave it to your discretion to strike or not, but the American colors must not be pulled down over my head today. I leave it to your discretion to strike or not, but the American colors must not be pulled down over my head today. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Dispatch to General William Henry Harrison after the Battle of Lake Erie, 10 September I made sail, and directed the other vessels to follow, for the purpose of closing with the enemy. Every brace and bowline being soon shot away, she became unmanageable, notwithstanding the great exertions of the sailing master. In this situation, she sustained the action upwards of two hours within canister distance, until every gun was rendered useless, and the greater part of her crew either killed or wounded. Finding she could no longer annoy the enemy, I left her in charge of lieutenant Yarnall, who, I was convinced, from the bravery already displayed by him, would do what would comport with the honour of the flag. I immediately went on board of her, when he anticipated my wish by volunteering to bring the schooner which had been kept astern by the lightness of the wind, into close action. But the enemy was not able to take possession of her, and circumstances soon permitted her flag again to be hoisted. Report on the Battle of Lake Erie, from the US Schooner Ariel, Put-In-Bay, 13 September Those officers and men who were immediately under my observation, evinced the greatest gallantry, and I have no doubt that all others conducted themselves as became American officers and seamen. Midshipman Forrest doing duty as lieutenant and sailing master Taylor, were of great assistance to me. Report on the Battle of Lake Erie 13 September Of Captain Elliot, already so well known to the government, it would be almost superfluous to speak; in this action, he evinced his characteristic bravery and judgment; and, since the close of the action, has given me the most able and essential assistance. Report on the Battle of Lake Erie 13 September ; Years later Perry would declare he had sought to minimize what he perceived to be a lack of valor on the part of Elliot, and requested a court-martial against him, for this and other matters. Quotes about Perry[edit] The imagination of the American people was taken captive by the singular incidents of a battle in which everything seemed to have flowed from the personal prowess of one man; and wherever he came the multitude went out to bid him welcome. George Bancroft The personal conduct of Perry throughout the 10th of September was perfect. His keenly sensitive nature never interfered with his sweetness of manner, his fortitude, the soundness of his judgment, the promptitude of his decision. In a state of impassioned activity, his plans were wisely framed, were instantly modified as circumstances changed, and were executed with entire coolness and self-possession. The mastery of the lakes, the recovery of Detroit and the far West, the capture of the British army in the peninsula of Upper Canada, were the immediate fruits of his success. The imagination of the American people was taken captive by the singular incidents of a battle in which everything seemed to have flowed from the personal prowess of one man; and wherever he came the multitude went out to bid him welcome. He did not quit his own vessel when she became useless, to retire from the battle, but to gain it; an end that was fully obtained, and an effort which resulted in triumph. He absolutely refused to admit, much less accept, defeat when he was literally beaten on Lake Erie. He was that rara avis in our history, the true hero-patriot. Richard Dillon, in We Have Met the Enemy Against a tenacious enemy, this young commodore bequeathed a legacy of combat leadership to future generations of naval officers. David Curtis Skaggs and Gerald T. Depending on the native energies of his mind he was prepared for those difficulties, and he was also prepared to resist them. Sailing Master William V. Taylor, of the Lawrence, as quoted in Oliver Hazard Perry: Honor, Courage, and Patriotism in the early U. Navy by David Curtis Skaggs, p.

3: Oliver Hazard Perry () - Find A Grave Memorial

Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry was a noted American naval officer during the War of 1812 who won the Battle of Lake Erie.

Perry came from a long line of accomplished naval men from both sides of his family. His mother taught Perry and his younger brothers to read and write and had them attend Trinity Episcopal Church regularly, where he was baptized by Reverend William Smith on April 1, at the age of nine. Reverend Theodore Dehon, rector of the church from 1800 to 1810, had a significant influence on the young Perry. The ship made its first stop in Cuba, charged with receiving American merchant ships and providing escort from Havana to the United States. He was placed in charge of construction of gunboats in Newport and Westerly, Rhode Island. On January 9, 1812, the USS *Revenge* ran aground off Rhode Island and was lost. Following the court-martial, Perry was given a leave of absence from the Navy. The couple would eventually have five children, with one dying in infancy. Oliver Perry was no exception. Commanding officers are particularly enjoined to pay attention in preserving their stations in the Line, and in all cases to keep as near the Lawrence as possible. It was at the outset of this battle that Perry famously said, "If a victory is to be gained, I will gain it. Although he had won the battle aboard *Niagara*, he received the British surrender on the deck of the recaptured *Lawrence* to allow the British to see the terrible price his men had paid. A seamstress named Margaret Foster Steuart, a resident of Erie, Pennsylvania, was enlisted to make the battle flag. With the help of her two daughters, three nieces, and a cousin, she had the flag ready for Perry within just a few days. Perry's "Elliott controversy" Mural: Battle of Lake Erie, 10 September Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. *Niagara* joins the battle. *Detroit* and *Queen Charlotte* at right. Elliott inquired how the day was going. Charges were filed, but not officially acted upon. Attempting to restore his honor, Elliott and his supporters began a year campaign that would outlive both men and ultimately leave his reputation in tatters. Perry *Princeps Stagno Eriense*. Reverse depicts a sea battle scene with inscriptions: *Et Brit Die X. Between the Fleets of America and Britain September 10, 1812*. This recognition would prove to fan the flames of resentment on both sides of the Elliott-Perry controversy. Later commands and controversies [edit] United States Navy engraved portrait of Commodore Perry In May 1812, Perry took command of a squadron of seven gunboats based in Newport. While overseeing the outfitting of *Java*, Perry participated in the defenses of Baltimore and Washington, D. In a twist of irony, these land battles would be the last time the career naval officer saw combat. The Treaty of Ghent was signed before *Java* could be put to sea. The ensuing court-martial found both men guilty, but levied only mild reprimands. After the crew returned home, Heath challenged Perry to a pistol duel, which was fought on October 19, 1812, on the same field in Weehawken, New Jersey where Aaron Burr shot and killed Alexander Hamilton. Heath fired first and missed. After an exchange of angry letters, Elliott challenged Perry to a duel, which Perry refused. He instead, on August 8, 1812, filed formal court-martial charges against Elliott. Perry filed a total of six charges and twenty-one specifications including "conduct unbecoming an officer," and failure to "do his utmost to take or destroy the vessel of the enemy which it was his duty to encounter. This put an official end to the controversy, though it would continue to be debated for another quarter century. The house remained in the Perry family until 1880 and now serves as the headquarters for Oliver Hazard Perry, a sail training ship. A favorable treaty was signed on August 11 with Vice-President Francisco Antonio Zea in the absence of Bolivar who was engaged in the liberation of New Granada, but when the schooner started downriver, many of her crew, including Perry, had been stricken with yellow fever. Perry is also interred. Through his mother, Perry was a direct descendant of the uncle of Scottish nobleman and military leader William Wallace [2] d. Perry married Elizabeth Champlin Mason in 1810. They had five children, four of whom lived to maturity. In May he was commissioned as a brigadier general in the Rhode Island Militia and given command of the 1st Brigade encompassing Newport and Bristol Counties. Although he is buried in the same cemetery as his parents, for unknown reasons, he is not buried in the same plot with his parents. He died on active duty as a 1st lieutenant in 1815. Senator, who was a leader among the Radical Republican reconstructionists, was named in his honor.

4: The Battle of Lake Erie, Years Ago - HISTORY

Battle of Lake Erie On June 18, , President James Madison signed a declaration of war with Britain. The very same day that Madison signed the declaration of war, twenty-six year old Oliver Hazard Perry was ordered for duty and gained command of the vessels in Newport.

After reading the list below, please contact us to register your opinion. Five men died of malaria on board; Perry also contracted the illness but survived. Yet while more than a hundred other men died, Perry somehow lived. He was present at every point where he could be useful, under showers of musketry, but fortunately escaped unhurt. While superintending the debarkation of the troops to recapture Fort George. Perry took advantage of this unforeseen break by working all night to launch the ships over the sandbar. On August 4,, Perry aggressively bluffed the British patrol ships into thinking that he had gotten his fully equipped, rigged, armed fleet over the sandbar, and had started to attack them. Luckily, the retreating British ships sailed far away from Erie, Pennsylvania, giving Perry a month more to prepare for the attack. While Perry was talking to John Brooks, the lieutenant in charge of the Marines, a cannonball struck Brooks in the hip, sending him to die in agony below deck. Perry stopped to aid a gun captain who was suddenly torn in two by a pound cannonball. A hole had been shot through it just above the water line. There is speculation that the romantic image of Perry standing in the boat may in fact be accurate: Once aboard the Niagara, Perry took command. After the battle of Lake Erie, Perry volunteered to aid General Harrison by superintending the debarkation of the troops and as a mounted cavalryman. Released of his weight, the animal struggled out of the grip of the morass and bounded forward. While Perry was in Maryland, overseeing the outfitting of the Java, he volunteered to defend Washington, D. After the War of was over, Perry was sent again to the Mediterranean to quell the resurgence of Barbary pirates. Perry then refused to shoot back, and honor was restored. Perry was successful in his diplomatic mission to Venezuela, but took ill and died on his return voyage. Perry was an avid reader, an excellent writer, a musician, a loving husband and a father of four. Yet he lived a life replete with duels, one-armed enemy captains, and narrow escapes. We see him as a navy officer on horseback brandishing a saber against tomahawks; disciplining city men fearful of night forest patrol; pontooning huge ships over impassable sandbars; taking hundred mile sleigh rides on frozen lakes; fighting off yellow fever and facing a jealous, swift-boating antagonist. His military exploits brought greater homeland security and national prosperity; the circle of his life closed on his 34th birthday. Historical Society of Rockland County. We Have Met the Enemy: Map of the Battle of Lake Erie. Christies, Manson, and Woods International, Inc. Pictorial Field-Book of the War of Christies, Manson and Woods International, Inc. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. United States Brig Niagara Restoration. American Marine Painting, Second Edition.

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In February the twenty-seven-year-old Rhode Islander had been ordered to the Northwest frontier to take command of a fleet that would hopefully give the United States control of Lake Erie. After a harrowing journey through the winter wilderness, he arrived at the tiny Pennsylvania town of Erie, then also known as Presque Isle, to discover that the fleet was nonexistent and not likely to appear anytime soon. A patriotic local ship captain, Daniel Dobbins, had a few semifinished vessels on the stocks at an improvised shipyard. But his armament consisted of a single cannon. The only guards to protect these nautical skeletons against a British raid from across the frozen lake were a haphazard company of sixty dispirited militiamen without guns or ammunition. There was no rope for rigging, no canvas for sails. Perry had been told that fifty carpenters, caulkers, ship-joiners, and sawyers were awaiting him at Presque Isle. Not one had arrived. The town of seventy-six houses was semideserted. Many of its four hundred inhabitants had fled, fearful that the royal raiders from Canada would be accompanied by their Indian allies, scalping knives in hand. His immediate superior was Commodore Isaac Chauncey, who was more than two hundred miles away in Sacketts Harbor, at the eastern end of Lake Ontario. A worrier rather than a fighter, Chauncey claimed to have his hands full trying to retain control of Ontario. He had commandeered sailors that Perry had brought with him from Rhode Island – all personally trained and passionately loyal to him. Also in this dirty game was a fat, sloppy, Maryland-born navy officer named Jesse Duncan Elliott. Also a master commandant the equivalent of a present-day commander, Elliott had won a victory of sorts at Fort Erie the previous fall, when he led a company of soldiers in a surprise attack on two ships guarding the British bastion at the southwestern end of the Niagara River. He captured both craft, but one became grounded and was burned. Elliott took not-so-silent umbrage when Perry was named commander on Lake Erie. Operating out of the Black Rock navy yard near Buffalo, the Marylander intercepted the few men Chauncey forwarded and sent the dregs to Perry. All this made the thin-skinned Perry wonder if his naval career were not fatally jinxed. His father, Christopher Perry, had been a successful merchant ship captain who joined the U. Navy to fight in the Quasi-War against Revolutionary France that raged in the sea lanes off the Atlantic coast and in the Caribbean from to He had taken thirteen-year-old Oliver along as a midshipman. The pacific new president saw no need for a large navy; he considered it likely to embroil the United States in foreign wars. The number of warships was cut from forty-three to thirteen, and only nine captains and thirty-six lieutenants were retained on the rolls. Midshipmen shrank from to By sheer chance, it would seem, one of those retained was young Perry. He advanced in rank during cruises to the Mediterranean, where he took part in the spasmodic wars with the piratical Barbary states that eventually forced the Muslim dynasties along the North African seaboard to stop preying on American merchantmen. In he was given command of the schooner-rigged dispatch boat *Revenge*. The following year, during a night of heavy fog, *Revenge* grounded on Watch Hill Reef offshore from his native Rhode Island and was soon demolished by the pounding surf. Although Perry was exonerated in a court-martial the pilot took the blame, losing his ship left a cloud over his name. Thereafter Perry found himself commanding flotillas of small gunboats, each armed with a single cannon. These warships manqu would supposedly defend American ports and rivers against enemy attack. Every sailor knew the wallowing creatures were worthless, but the oblivious president had had of them built. The British navy, meanwhile, continued to outrage the American public by searching and seizing U. Calhoun were calling for a declaration of hostilities and an invasion of Canada. But the new president had inherited a shrunken, demoralized Regular Army and minuscule navy and had done nothing to repair the damage. The War Department consisted of eight clerks; the army did not have either a quartermaster or an ordnance department. Only four American frigates were seaworthy. The British already had a ship of the line and seven frigates off the Atlantic coast. Worse, the populous commercial states of New England regarded the war with distaste and declined to call out their militia. Worst of all, the army was led by a bevy of aged generals left over from the American Revolution. The result was a series of military

disasters. The most unnerving of these reversals took place at Fort Detroit in August, when Battle of Saratoga veteran Brig. William Hull surrendered sixteen hundred men to a besieging British-Indian force of roughly equal numbers. With Detroit went the vast Michigan Territory – the current states of Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin – of which Hull was the governor. The British immediately began formulating plans for a client state in the heart of the American continent, led by the most gifted Indian warrior-statesman of the era, the Shawnee Chief Tecumseh. Only at sea did the Americans find anything to cheer about. Frigates such as United States and Constitution won ship-to-ship slugfests against British counterparts, while dozens of privateers took to the deep to wreak havoc on English merchantmen. But the British, with more than one thousand ships in their battle fleet, were confident that their overwhelming numbers would soon correct this spate of saltwater impudence. The Northwest remained a crucial theater. As thousands of Indians joined their side, the British saw a chance to disable the entire American westward enterprise. Seeing what was at stake, hundreds of fighting men in Kentucky rushed to enlist. Major General William Henry Harrison, governor of Indiana Territory, who had defeated Tecumseh and his Indians at the Battle of Tippecanoe shortly before the war began, was given command of this new militia army. He soon found he was unable to advance because his long supply line was tenuous to the point of nonexistence. A similar attack on Fort Meigs on the Maumee River was beaten off only after desperate fighting. A chastened Harrison obeyed orders from Secretary of War John Armstrong to go on the defensive until Perry gained control of the lakes. Perry was hard at work, exhorting, organizing, cajoling. He journeyed to Pittsburgh and befriended the naval agent there, who was soon shipping rope, canvas, lead for keels, and cannons up the Allegheny River and French Creek. Perry found his fifty lost carpenters on this trip, cursing the government for shipping their tools separately over a route that took three times as long. He also persuaded the commander of the Pennsylvania militia to give him five hundred men to guard the Presque Isle shipyard. Perry did everything in his power to cooperate with Commodore Chauncey when that timid leader asked for his assistance to attack Fort George, at the northwest end of the Niagara River. Sword in hand, Perry led marines in a crucial charge that carried the day. At one point, a fog miraculously descended when the two fleets were only a half-mile apart. These heroics did not persuade Commodore Chauncey to send Perry any sailors. He had constructed two foot, five-hundred-ton brigs with twenty guns each, three gunboats, and a pilot boat. With extra cannons added to his five Black Rock ships, Perry had a fleet that outgunned the British. But he needed sailors to man it – and he had only Letters arrived from the secretary of the navy and from General Harrison urging Perry to attack the enemy. Harrison reported that scouts had predicted another British foray against Fort Meigs. The mortified Perry could only report: As soon as the government forwards men, I shall sail. One of his closest navy friends, Captain James Lawrence, commanding the star-crossed Chesapeake, had been defeated and killed in a ship-to-ship action with HMS Shannon off Boston. He also named the brig he intended to make his flagship Lawrence. Its sister ship was christened Niagara. Even more galling was the way the British fleet, now commanded by Captain Robert Heriot Barclay, a one-armed veteran of Trafalgar, sailed back and forth a few miles outside of Presque Isle Bay, taunting him. On July 20, he wrote: What a golden opportunity should we have men. She is a noble vessel – send me officers and men and honour is within our grasp. Many were African Americans, others militiamen. Few had ever been on a ship before. Most were too sick to stand. Others still trembled with the residue of lake fever. In desperation, Perry tried recruiting men from the militia in Presque Isle, but only a handful responded. Perry pleaded with the Pennsylvania militiamen to stand guard aboard the unmanned ships. The British squadron had disappeared. Their porthole lights were no longer visible offshore. Perry hurried to the lakefront to see for himself. The British had vanished. Perry suddenly recalled a rumor that Captain Barclay had been invited to a dinner honoring him and his officers at Port Dover, on the Canadian shore. We now know this was the case. At first it appeared impossible. The brigs drew nine feet. Perry, however, had devices that Captain Barclay apparently thought were too sophisticated for the Americans to construct: In the shipyard, appropriately named shipwright Sidney Wright had constructed four of these gadgets. Invented by the Dutch, they were essentially rectangular watertight pontoons. When water was pumped into them, they sank. They were lashed to the ship, water was pumped out, and they rose, theoretically lifting the ship with them. The first try lifted the brig only about three feet. Perry offloaded the

cannons and stores.

6: Oliver Hazard Perry - Wikipedia

Yours, with great respect and esteem, Oliver Hazard Perry. The Battle of Lake Erie proved to be one of the greatest American victories of the War of 1812. Perry's victory secured control of the lake, forcing the British to retreat up the Thames River, farther into Canada.

This victory ensured American control of the Great Lakes. The painting is currently hanging in the rotunda of the Ohio Statehouse. Oliver Hazard Perry was born in Rhode Island in 1785. Oliver was the oldest of five boys born to Christopher and Sarah Perry. His mother taught her boys to read and write and made sure that they attended church. By the age of twelve, Perry had sailed with his father to the West Indies. In 1802, he became a commissioned lieutenant in the United States army. He used his time in the army to refine his naval skills. When he arrived in Presque Isle modern-day Erie, Pennsylvania, Perry commissioned several carpenters to build a fleet of ships. Within a year, he had nine ships. However, only two, the *Lawrence* and the *Niagara*, were fit for battle. Perry had also assembled a force of about five hundred men to serve under him, and after several months of drilling, they were a capable naval unit. The British were anticipating an easy victory. On September 10, 1813, the Battle of Lake Erie took place. Early in the battle, the British were taking a heavy toll on the American ships. The *Lawrence* was destroyed. The battle began to turn for the Americans. The British ships had taken heavy cannon fire and were unable to effectively fight the *Niagara*. The *Niagara* rammed the British lead ship while the sailors fired rifles at the British seamen. By nightfall, the British had lowered their flag and surrendered to Perry, who was only twenty-seven years old. Perry sent a dispatch to General William Henry Harrison, recounting the details of the battle. After the War of 1812, Perry received a medal of honor from Congress. The United States also promoted him to the rank of captain. He continued to serve the United States army, commanding ships in the Mediterranean and the West Indies. While in the West Indies, he contracted yellow fever and died in 1819.

7: The Battle of Lake Erie - HISTORY

On September 10, , the city of Cleveland erected a handsome statue to Perry and in the course of the celebration reenacted the battle on the waters of Lake Erie. Perry's son, Oliver Hazard Perry Jr., and some of the survivors of the victory were among the onlookers.

They already had a small force of warships there: The schooner *Lady Prevost* was under construction and was put into service a few weeks after the outbreak of war. These vessels were controlled by the Provincial Marine, which was a military transport service and not a naval service. Nevertheless, the Americans lacked any counter to the British armed vessels. The only American warship on Lake Erie, the brig *Adams*, was not ready for service at the start of the war, and when the American army of Brigadier General William Hull abandoned its invasion of Canada, *Adams* was pinned down in Detroit by the British batteries at Sandwich on the Canadian side of the Detroit River. The British took *Adams* when Detroit was surrendered, renaming her *Detroit*. Together with the brig *Caledonia*, which had been commandeered from the Canadian North West Company, she was boarded and captured near Fort Erie on 9 October, by American sailors and soldiers led by Lieutenant Jesse Elliot. *Detroit* ran aground on an island in the middle of the Niagara River and was set on fire to prevent her being recaptured. Dobbins recommended the bay of Presque Isle in Erie, Pennsylvania as a naval base on the lake. Dobbins was dispatched to build four gunboats there, although Lieutenant Elliot objected to the lack of facilities. The heaviest armament for the ships came from foundries on Chesapeake Bay, and were moved to Presque Isle only with great difficulty. The Americans were fortunate in that some of their largest cannon had been dispatched shortly before raiding parties under Rear-Admiral George Cockburn destroyed a foundry at Frenchtown on the eastern seaboard. He arrived at Presque Isle to take command at the end of March. Having arranged for the defense of Presque Isle, he proceeded to Lake Ontario to obtain reinforcements of seamen from Commodore Isaac Chauncey. After commanding the American schooners and gunboats at the Battle of Fort George, he then went to Black Rock where the American vessels had been released when the British abandoned Fort Erie at the end of May. Perry had them towed by draft oxen up the Niagara, an operation which took six days, and sailed with them along the shore to Presque Isle. Another British officer had already endangered his career by refusing the appointment as success appeared unlikely. He brought with him only a handful of officers and seamen. When he took command of his squadron, the crews of his vessels numbered only seven British seamen, officers and men of the Provincial Marine whose quality Barclay disparaged, 54 men of the Royal Newfoundland Fencibles and soldiers, effectively landmen, from the 41st Foot. He then cruised the eastern end of Lake Erie, hoping to intercept the American vessels from Black Rock. The weather was hazy, and he missed them. Because the Americans controlled Lake Ontario and occupied the Niagara Peninsula in early, supplies for Barclay had to be carried overland from York. The American victory earlier in the year at the Battle of York resulted in the guns pounder carronades intended for Detroit falling into American hands. Barclay claimed at his court martial that these guns lacked flintlock firing mechanisms and matches, and that they could be fired only by snapping flintlock pistols over powder piled in the vent holes. Barclay repeatedly requested men and supplies from Commodore James Lucas Yeo, commanding on Lake Ontario, but received very little. The commander of the British troops on the Detroit frontier, Major-General Henry Procter, was similarly starved of soldiers and munitions by his superiors. He declined to make an attack on Presque Isle unless he was reinforced, and instead he incurred heavy losses in an unsuccessful attack on Fort Stephenson, which he mounted at the urgings of some of his Indian warriors. The harbour had a sandbar across its mouth, with only 5 feet 1. Barclay had to lift the blockade on 29 July because of shortage of supplies and bad weather. It has also been suggested that Barclay left to attend a banquet in his honour, or that he wished the Americans to cross the bar and hoped to find them in disarray when he returned. This was an exhausting task. The guns had to be removed from all the boats, and the largest of them had to be raised between "camels" barges or lighters which were then emptied of ballast. When Barclay returned four days later, he found that Perry had nearly completed the task. For the next five weeks, Barclay was effectively blockaded and unable to move supplies to Amherstburg. After receiving a last-minute

reinforcement of two naval officers, three warrant officers and 36 sailors transferred from a transport temporarily laid up in Quebec [18] under Lieutenant George Bignall, Barclay had no choice but to put out again and seek battle with Perry. In the days preceding the battle, Perry told his friend, Purser Samuel Hambleton, that he wanted a signal flag, or battle flag, to signal to his fleet when to engage the enemy. Hambleton had the flag sewn by women of Erie, and presented it to Perry the day before the battle. The flag would become an icon in American naval history. The wind was light. Barclay initially held the weather gauge, but the wind shifted and allowed Perry to close and attack. Both squadrons were in line of battle, with their heaviest vessels near the centre of the line. The first shot was fired, from Detroit, at 10:00. When Lawrence was finally within carronade range at 10:30, the next most senior officer, Lieutenant Irvine of the Provincial Marine, found that both Niagara and the American gunboats were far out of range, and passed the brig General Hunter to engage Lawrence at close range. When the last gun on Lawrence became unusable, Perry decided to transfer his flag. When Lawrence surrendered, firing died away briefly. Barclay was severely wounded and his first lieutenant was killed, leaving Lieutenant Inglis in command. Most of the smaller British vessels were also disabled and drifting to leeward. Niagara broke through the British line ahead of Detroit and Queen Charlotte and luffed up to fire raking broadsides from ahead of them, while Caledonia and the American gunboats fired from astern. Although the crews of Detroit and Queen Charlotte managed to untangle the two ships [25] they could no longer offer any effective resistance. Both ships surrendered at about 3:00. The smaller British vessels tried to flee but were overtaken and also surrendered. Casualties[edit] The British lost 41 killed and 94 wounded. The surviving crews, including the wounded, numbered 1,000. Captain Barclay, who had previously lost his left arm in 1812, lost a leg and part of his thigh in the action while his remaining arm was rendered "permanently motionless". The Americans lost 27 killed and 96 wounded, of whom 2 later died. A gale swept the lake on 13 September and dismasted Detroit and Queen Charlotte, further shattering the already battered ships. Once the wounded had been ferried to Erie, Lawrence was restored to service for 1813, but the two British ships were effectively reduced to hulks. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. Scrawled in pencil on the back of an old envelope, Perry wrote: We have met the enemy and they are ours. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Yours with great respect and esteem, Perry next sent the following message to the Secretary of the Navy, William Jones: The British squadron, consisting of two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop, have this moment surrendered to the force under my command after a sharp conflict. I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, O. Perry Once his usable vessels and prizes were patched up, Perry ferried 2,000 American soldiers to Amherstburg, which was captured without opposition on 27 September. Meanwhile, 1,000 mounted troops led by Richard Mentor Johnson moved by land to Detroit, which also was recaptured without fighting on or about the same day. The British army under Procter had made preparations to abandon its positions even before Procter knew the result of the battle. In spite of exhortations from Tecumseh, who led the confederation of Indian tribes allied to Britain, Procter had already abandoned Amherstburg and Detroit and began to retreat up the Thames River on 27 September. The victory on Lake Erie had disproportionate strategic import. However, an expedition in 1814 to recover Mackinac Island on Lake Huron failed, and the Americans lost eight of their smaller vessels and prizes. Four were destroyed when the British captured Black Rock, where they were laid up, following the Battle of Buffalo at the end of 1813, and four were boarded and captured in separate incidents on Lake Erie and Lake Huron. After the war, there was a bitter quarrel between Perry and Elliot over their respective parts in the action, mostly fought at second hand in the press. On the British side, Barclay was exonerated of any blame by a court-martial but was too badly injured to see service again for several years. Reconstructions and memorials[edit] In 1813 Lawrence and Niagara were intentionally sunk near Misery Bay in Lake Erie, as they had "went to rot. Later that year, the ship burned when the pavilion that housed it caught fire. Although Niagara was raised and restored in 1824, she subsequently fell into disrepair. She was eventually disassembled, and portions of her were used in a reconstructed Niagara, which is now on view in Erie, Pennsylvania. It stands next to Presque Isle Bay, where Niagara and Lawrence were built, stationed along with the rest of the American Squadron, and then scuttled after the war. Reasons for the American victory[edit] Most historians attribute the American victory to what Theodore Roosevelt described

as, "Superior heavy metal". The British historian C. The guns intended for Detroit were seized by the Americans at the time of their raid on Fort York the year before. This building imbalance, given the fact that six American ships were built in the same time frame, was another important cause of the American victory although it might be argued that, even if Barclay had possessed more hulls, he would have been unable to obtain armament and crews for them. The court-martial of Captain Barclay and his surviving officers determined that the Captain, his officers and men had "conducted themselves in the most gallant manner" and found that the defeat was the result of American superiority, an insufficient number of able seamen and the early fall of superior officers in the action.

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The Battle of Lake Erie, War of At dawn on the morning of September 10, , a lookout spotted six British vessels to the northwest of Put-in-Bay beyond Rattlesnake Island. Immediately Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry issued a flurry of orders and made preparations to sail forth to engage the British.

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Perry's Victory, painted by William Henry Powell of Cincinnati in , illustrates Oliver Hazard Perry's decisive victory over the British fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie (September 10,). This victory ensured American control of the Great Lakes.

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