

wounded by one of the guns going off prematurely, this accident  
with one man whom I left in charge of our muskets, reduced  
crew to 16 including officers, nothing material occurred till  
nearly at the close of the action, when Capt<sup>r</sup> Miller's shot  
being expended he deemed it most prudent to move back, at the  
same time a Magazine chest blew up, but, from what cause I  
know not, this explosion injured one of my knees, it likewise  
injured Mr Dunan; at this moment two Barges & one Row  
boat made their appearance on our right and commenced firing  
on us with round & grape shot. They continued rowing in order to  
gain our rear apparently with a view of landing, at this <sup>time</sup>  
observing the infantry to be retreating, I informed the Colonel of  
he answered that he had ordered a detachment to march toward  
the barges to repel them should they attempt a landing, His  
orders were not obeyed & the troops continued their retreat, leaving  
the Col. myself, officers & crew with three of the regulars on the  
Battery and exposed to the danger of being cut off by the enemy.  
The Drives and horses belonging to the 18<sup>th</sup> having also retreated  
we were compelled to spike the guns by Colonel Wadsworth  
Orders being fearful that the enemy might land and turn their  
upon us in our retreat, We then left the Battery and fell in with  
the Regulars <sup>who had</sup> halted on the road with the horses and limbers  
belonging to the big guns, they returned to the Battery and  
brought of the pieces at that time the ships were getting  
Underway I then left my wounded at Capt<sup>r</sup> Miller's Encampment  
and returned with my Officers and men to the Gun boat, and the  
my crew were much fatigued, I succeeded in getting every thing out