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Naval Battle at Tobago

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Date: 1678 circa
Place: n.p.
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Description:

Robust small image of a naval battle, which is apparently the 1677 Battle of Tobago.

The action of March 1677, also known as the Battle of Tobago, took place on March 3, 1677 between a Dutch fleet under the command of Jacob Binckes and a French squadron commanded by Jean II d'Estrées attempting to recapture the island of Tobago in the West Indies.

One of the Dutch supply ships caught fire and exploded; the fire then quickly spread in the narrow bay causing several warships, among them the French flagship *Glorieux*, to catch fire and explode in turn which resulted in great loss of life. The French fleet retreated but would make a second attempt to capture Tobago at the end of the year with a much stronger fleet.

Detailed Condition: