Battle of Gravelines - Formations





The Battle of Gravelines, which took place during the Spanish Armada's attempt to invade and conquer England, was a victory for the British. A scene from that battle is depicted here, in Nicholas Hilliard's artistic interpretation.

The <u>BBC tells us more</u> about this particular naval engagement between English and Spanish ships:

On the night of 7 August, English fireships broke the Spanish formation, and Medina Sidonia's ships "scattered in a thousand directions." Until then, the English had not dared to properly engage with the Armada. Even now, they hesitated long enough before opening fire for the Spaniards to form a fighting rearguard, in the teeth of a strong current that claimed two ships and threatened to drive the rest onto the shore.

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