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Plan de Toulon, la vue de sa Rade et situation de ses Tours, celles des Hautrurs de Ste. Anne ou sont campees et retranchees les Troupes du Roi, et de Ste. Catherine. Le Campe des Alliez et leurs Attaques, avec les Deffences de la Place, Tous les Bataillons . . . 1707

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Map Maker: van der Aa
Date: 1729 circa
Place: Leiden
Color: Uncolored
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Description:

Fine battle plan of Toulon, showing the engagement at the Battle of Toulon in 1707.

The map provides an exceptional overview of the engagement, showing fortifications, battery positions and the bombardments from the harbor by various named ships.

There is a map of the same title by Jean Baptiste Nolin in the BNF. The present example was initially issued with Vander Aa's imprint, but the imprint, at the end of the title, has been removed.

Battle of Toulon

The Battle of Toulon was fought from July 29 to August 21, 1707, at Toulon, France, during the War of the Spanish Succession. During the battle, a French and Spanish force defeated one from Austria, the Dutch Republic, Savoy and Great Britain.

In July 1707, Prince Eugene tried to take the French naval port of Toulon. Eugene had crossed the Var on the 11th, and - although hampered by the negligence and inefficiency of Victor Amadeus II of Savoy - had



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reached Fréjus. He was in touch with the British fleet under Admiral Shovell by the 16th. But Victor Amadeus' procrastination caused further delays, and gave time for the troops which the Duke of Berwick was sending home from Spain to reinforce Marshal René de Froulay de Tessé at Toulon, before the arrival of the Allies on July 26.

On August 14, Tessé retook the crucial heights of Santa Catarina, which the Allies had stormed a week earlier; and Eugene, finding his retreat menaced and little chance of taking Toulon, had to abandon his attempt on August 22, and fall back across the Var, having lost 10,000 men in this ill-fated enterprise. Shovell, before he evacuated, bombarded the French harbor and was able to sink two French ships of the line and damage severely two others.

The campaign's only fruit was that, in order to prevent their ships falling into the enemy's hands, the French had sunk their whole squadron of more than forty six ships of between fifty and 110 guns in the harbor. King Louis XIV gave orders that they be sunk and later be refloated. He was concerned that the Royal Navy would burn the ships; the three deckers would lie with only their upper decks showing above the water. Much of the damage sustained, however, proved irreparable; it is estimated that the French Navy lost 15 ships of the line in this operation, thereby putting it quite out of its power to contest the English control of the Mediterranean.

Detailed Condition: