

Jacques Félix Emmanuel Hamelin des Essarts

Born 13 October 1768 in Honfleur (Calvados)

Captain of the corvette *le Naturaliste* with the rank of commander (“capitaine de frégate”)

Promoted to midshipman 1st class in May 1802

Led the *Naturaliste* back to France following the expedition’s sojourn in Port Jackson, reaching Le Havre on 7 June 1803

Age on departure from Le Havre: 32

Died in Paris on 23 April 1839 after a long and distinguished naval career, having reached the rank of Rear Admiral

Further information:

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