

Vice-Admiral
Sir Thomas Hardy

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Sir Thomas Hardy (1769–1839)

Thomas Masterman Hardy was Nelson's closest friend and his right-hand man, inspiring Nelson's devotion and loyalty. Hardy was efficient, reliable and adaptable. He was also calm, cool and collected – the perfect counterpart for the more temperamental Nelson. He fought at the Battle of the Nile (1798) and was Nelson's flag captain at Trafalgar (1805). Nelson's famous dying words 'Kiss me, Hardy', were addressed to him. Hardy became First Sea Lord and then Governor of Greenwich Hospital: he is buried in Greenwich, just beside the National Maritime Museum.



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