

MUTINY on the BOIJNTY - by the numbers:

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46 crew left Spithead, including Bligh and Christian

1 seaman (James Valentine) died en route to Tahiti (iatrogenic sepsis from bleeding treatment for asthma)

1 seaman (the ship's surgeon, Huggan) died of alcoholism on Tahiti

44 sailed away on the Bounty with the breadfruit plants in April of 1789

19 including Bligh were set adrift in the open launch during the mutiny

25 remained on the Bounty: 19 mutineers including Fletcher Christian plus 4 loyalists and 2 'undeclared' - they stayed on Bounty because the launch could not hold any more men

16 chose to stay on Tahiti when the Bounty returned for the last time: 10 mutineers plus the 4 loyalists and the 2 'undeclared'

9 mutineers including Christian sailed to Pitcairn, along with **4 Tahitian men** and **2 Tubuaian men**, **11 Tahitian women**, and a baby = **TOTAL 25**

Of the 16 who stayed on Tahiti, 2 were murdered (Thompson murdered Churchill and Churchill's Polynesian allies murdered Thompson)

The 14 remaining Bounty crew on Tahiti were apprehended by Capt. Edwards and taken prisoner on HMS Pandora

4 drowned in the wreck of the Pandora on the Great Barrier Reef

10 remaining prisoners were brought back to England for trial

Of the 10 crew tried in England in 1792:

4 were clearly loyalists and were acquitted (Byrne, Coleman, McIntosh, Norman)

6 were found guilty

2 of the 6 convicted mutineers (Heywood & Morrison) **received a royal pardon** - both were at best questionably involved in the mutiny despite Bligh's testimony to the contrary; both were from wealthy aristocratic families, and both went on to successful careers in the Royal Navy

1 convicted mutineer had **charges vacated due to a legal technicality** (Muspratt)

3 convicted mutineers were hanged (Burkitt, Ellison, Millward)

SOME KEY TIME INTERVALS

10 months: The Bounty's journey from Spithead to Tahiti from Decemebr 1787 to October 1788

5 months and 1 week: The Bounty's time on Tahiti before leaving to sail back to England on April 4, 1789

24 days: Time from the Bounty's departure from Tahiti to thew mutiny on April 28, 1789, off Tonga

47 days: Bligh's open boat journey

8.5 months: Time from the mutiny until Christian and 26 others arrived on Pitcairn on January 5, 1790