

ERRATUM: MARINE RESERVOIR CORRECTIONS: ST. HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEANColin A Lewis¹ • Paula J Reimer² • Ron W Reimer² • Ian Bruce³

In the paper on St. Helena marine reservoir corrections (Lewis et al. 2008), the statement that, during the captivity of Napoleon on the island (1815–1821), the “St. Helena Foot and St. Helena Artillery [was] formed” is incorrect (p. 277). This statement was based on an unpublished typescript in the St. Helena Archives dated 1 October 1991 and signed “Custodian of Records.” The military forces on St. Helena were increased in numbers in 1815 (Cross 1980), but the already existing St. Helena Infantry and St. Helena Artillery continued in existence (National Archives 2008) until 1834 (Gosse 1990). Consequently, the presence of a St. Helena Artillery button in the midden from which limpet shells were collected for this study does not date the shells to 1815 or younger. The more conservative calendar age estimate of the shells of AD 1797–1834 should therefore be used to calculate a reservoir age (R) of 697 ± 43 ¹⁴C yr and an offset from the “global” marine calibration curve (ΔR) of 311 ± 18 ¹⁴C yr.

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