French Mission Card The Age of Sail

Scenario 1: The Eastern Mediterranean, 1798

Orders

Admiral Brueys: Your task is to accomplish one of three missions:

- 1. Invade Egypt to strike British trading routes
- 2. Deny English access to the eastern Mediterranean by establishing bases at Naples, Malta
- 3. Move past Gibraltar and join the French fleet at Brest to then threaten England itself

Select one of three objectives. Your 13 ships of the line and 3 frigates match any British fleet in numbers in the area of operations. The convoy you escort is highly vulnerable to attack.

You have provisions to remain at sea for 30 days, whereupon you will need to find a base to replenish supplies, refit your crews, rest the troops in convoy—if you have not already reached your objective.

Decision Point 1

What are your orders?