

Date Wind Remarks etc HM Ship Faery in the Chesapeake  
 Running up the River Potomack Sept. 1814

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Vble West EbN  
 AM Lt. airs & fine w<sup>z</sup> Daylight weighed & made sail, gig & cutter ahead sounding & Calm. Ancl<sup>d</sup> with the Stream in 5 fms water near Freestone Point. Eup<sup>d</sup> washing clothes. 9<sup>30</sup> a breeze from the westward, weighed & made sail, boats sounding.  
 PM D<sup>W</sup>: Boats sounding ahead. Trimmed sails at 5<sup>30</sup> the Militia with Field Pieces & musketry opened a tremendous fire on us from the Clifts near Col. Fairfax's House. 5<sup>35</sup> commenced action with round & grape etc. 6<sup>15</sup> Exchanged N<sup>os</sup> with HM Ship Meteor - Short sail & came to with the Stream anchor in 5 fms near Halops Creek - Potomack River. Received several shot in our Hull, Masts & Yards, and had one man badly wounded, furl'd sails 12<sup>th</sup> by<sup>d</sup> & cloudy.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
 Vble ESE  
 AM Lt. By<sup>d</sup> & clear. Daylight weighed ship. Commenced action upon the Enemy's battery. HMS Meteor throwing shells upon the Enemy's Fort. 11 laid out Kedge & warped ship higher in shore. Noon Lt By<sup>d</sup> & clear PM D<sup>W</sup>: Obs<sup>d</sup> the Enemy had planted several Field Pieces on a hill who opened a warm fire upon us. Fired several rounds of shot up there & forced them to abandon their position. Midnight calm.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
 Calm E  
 AM Calm & clear. Exchanged several shots with the Enemy. HMS Meteor bombarding the Fort with shells. Daylight warped ship & got closer in to the Enemy's battery - got the two six-pounders ~~at~~ upon the Fore Castle, & continued a heavy fire upon the Enemy. Noon Lt airs & clear. PM D<sup>W</sup>: Obs<sup>d</sup> the Enemy in great numbers assembling on the Beach. Fire 3 broadsides of round & grape upon them. Obs<sup>d</sup> the Enemy to retreat into the woods. 2 sprung up a By. from the NE, came down the River HM Bomb Ship Actua, & HM Rocket Ship Erebus - commenced bombarding the Enemy's Fort with shells & Rockets, etc. 12. Pt air & clear

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
 Calm  
 AM Lt. airs & clear 4 D<sup>W</sup>: Exchanged several shot with the Enemy. Actua Erebus & Meteor throwing shells & rockets in the Enemy's Fort - Warped down the River the Seahorse, & HMS Euryalus. Perceived the Enemy to have collected in numbers, & several Horse Soldiers up on the hills, who had placed several field pieces there & opened a warm fire upon us. Fired several broadsides of round shot, and obs<sup>d</sup> the Enemy to disperse. Noon Calm & clear. PM Carpenters Eup<sup>d</sup> making shot plugs & repairing the chocks of the foremost gun carriages. 3 laid out a warp, weighed the Kedge & warped closer in to the Enemy's Fort - Sent gig & cutter & boats of the Squad<sup>m</sup> under Capt<sup>m</sup> Bakers command up the river on a particular service. M<sup>r</sup> Dickinson 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Killed & Jas Farrel (M) badly wounded.  
 Midn't Mod<sup>t</sup> By<sup>d</sup>.

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