

Gordon to Cochrane

9 September 1814 (cont)

Ships chased the boats of the Enemy up to the town of Alexandria. - The cool and steady conduct of M^r John Moore Middleshipman of the Seahorse in towing the nearest fire vessel on shore whilst the others were removed from the power of doing mischief by the smaller boats of the Devastation entitles him to my highest commendation. -

(Sub Lt. Green) The Meteor and Fairy assisted by the Anna Maria dispatch boat, a prize gun boat and a boat belonging to the Euryalus with a howitzer had greatly impeded ^{which} the progress of the Enemy in their works, notwithstanding they were enabled to increase their battery to eleven guns with a furnace for heating shot. - On the 3^d the wind coming to the North West the Actua and the Erebus succeeded in getting down to their assistance and the whole of us with the prizes were assembled there on 4th except the Devastation which in spite of our utmost exertions in warping her, still remained five Miles higher up the River. This was the moment when the Enemy made his greatest efforts to effect our destruction. - The Erebus being judiciously placed by Captain Bartholomew in an admirable position for harassing the workmen employed in the trenches was attacked by their field pieces which did her considerable damage before they were beaten off. - And another attempt being made to destroy the Devastation with fire vessels I sent the boats under Captain Baker to her assistance. - Nothing could exceed the Alacrity with which Captain Baker went on this service, to which I attribute the immediate retreat of the boats and fire vessels - His loss however was considerable owing to their having sought refuge under some guns in a narrow Creek thickly wooded, from which it was impossible for him to dislodge them. - Porters battery?

On the 5th at Noon the wind coming fair and all my arrangements being made the Seahorse and Euryalus anchored within shot ~~and~~ musquet shot of the Batteries who let the whole of the Prizes pass which?

Seahorse
Fairy
Anna Maria
Meteor
Erebus
Actua
Devastation
Prizes