

His Majesty's Ship Royal Oak - September 1814

Mr	Place of	Signals	By	To
Week Days Days Wind the Ship Remarks and occurrences AM PM No				
	at Noon		What Ship	What Ship

September 1814

A.M. At Daylight, light breezes + fine weather the Frigates moved in nearer the Harbour, the entrance to which the Enemy had blocked up by sinking Ships. Fort MacHenry, Batteries + Gun Boats fired on our Ships as they approached About 9 o'clock the - Meteor Atna, Terror, Volcano, and Devastation Bombs anchored Inshore of the Frigates and commenced Bombarding

Tuesday 13th

the Fort - The Erebus Rocket Ship was anchored nearer the Fort than any of the Bombs and fired a number of Rockets From this anchorage the Enemy's Forces were observed encamped on a height to the Left of the Town. The Erebus had to shift her birth as well as some of the Bombs, to be out of range of the Enemys Fort and Batteries who at intervals opened a very heavi fire. The Boats of the Fleet were assembled alongside the Frigates & Bombs prepared with Sealing Ladders to co-operated with the Army should they make an attack on the Enemys Lines & Town The Bombs continued Bombarding the Fort during the

night

Wednesday 14th

A.M. Mod: & Cloudy []
From the great superiority
of the Enemy in numbers to
our Force and the apparent
strength of his position it
was determined upon to reline
and at Day light they troops
fell back and retired to -
wards the Landing place.
The Bombs continued bom
- barding the Fort during the day
Some of the Frigates dropped
down, and the small vessels
were collected at the landing
place to embark the Troops
in the morning. The Bombs
kept up a heavy fire during
the Night.