

On the 26th, the Wind got round to the N. E. and you (seeing every Prospect of our getting out) had failed for England, the Wind however backed again to the Westward of North, and I did not think it right to disarm any more of the Gun-Boats, than the Division of Acting Captain Rich.

All the Merchant Vessels had got clear of the Veere Gat, but one Gun-Boat was aground. I sent Captain Carteret with Two Divisions to cover her, and to protect the disarmed Boats, which I ordered once more to anchor off Den Haak.

The Enemy's Gun-Boats had in this while anchored in a Line off Ter Veere, but again abandoned that Position, and returned to Wolverdyke.

The Morning of the 27th was as favourable as could be desired; the several Convoys failed soon after Day-light with a gentle Breeze at East; the Two disarmed Divisions of Gun-Boats parted Company whilst the Remainder were disarming, which done, the whole Squadron was a-weigh by Half-past One, and fairly in the Stone Deep by Sunset. I there met Captain Mason in the Fisgard, with his Squadron, and learnt that all was clear from Flushing.

The Wind and Weather have been so favourable and fine, there is no Doubt all will reach Sheerness in Safety, I should hope, To-day.

In closing this Detail, I feel it is my Duty to remark to you the great good Will that has been manifested by all and every one I have commanded.

Of the Bravery and Spirits of the Gun-Boats you were well aware; their cheerful Submission to the Deprivations their peculiar Service rendered necessary, makes them still more estimable.

The Merits of Captain Carteret in the general Command of this Part of our Force, I have, in some particular Instances, had occasion to report to you. In every Instance I have known, his Conduct has been good alike.

The several Divisions were under Captains Aberdour and Davies, acting Captain Rich, and the Honourable Captain Dawson; the latter of whom I charged with a Division, in consequence of Captain Lowe having been removed by Rear-Admiral Otway to the Command of the Sabrina.

In the Honourable Captain Cadogan, of the Palas, I found a most zealous Second and Supporter; and from Captain Jauverin, whom you charged with the Duties of the Port. From every other Captain, from every Officer, and from every Man, I have, in their respective Stations, had a prompt Obedience and Co-operation, anxious always to outrun my Wishes for the Service. In short, Sir, I cannot speak too strongly to you in their Praise.

The peculiar Circumstances we were placed in, obliged me to leave the Management of my own Ship wholly to Lieutenant Strong, and in so doing have given him an Opportunity to confirm the good Opinion I had formed of him in the Course of Seven Years Service with me.

The Duties of the Guard fell heavy on our Boats. The Men of every Ship vied with each other in the cheerful and effectual Discharge of this harassing but needful Duty.

Again, Sir, I beg most earnestly to recommend them to your Countenance, and have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. W. C. R. OWEN,
Commodore.

Rear-Admiral Sir R. J. Strachan, Bart. and K. B.

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Admiralty-Office, December 30, 1809.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Nicholas Tomlinson, to F. W. Croker, Esq; dated Dec. 27, 1809.

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, that the Vessels under my Orders, laden with Fire-Ship Stores, lately composing Part of the Expedition to the Scheldt, are all arrived at the Nore, except that in which I was embarked, she having been wrecked on the 18th Instant; but I was enabled to make room for, and save all the valuable Part of her Cargo, by throwing overboard the Bevins (Baker's Faggots dipped in Tar) from the other Ships, which I hope will meet their Lordships' Approbation.

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Copy of a Letter from Captain Cramer, commanding His Majesty's Ship the Diana, addressed to Rear-Admiral Otway, and transmitted by Rear-Admiral Sir Richard John Strachan to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Diana, off Borealen, 2d December 1809.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that having gained Information that the Enemy were disembarking Guns at Odenskirk, and thinking it was practicable to cut them off, I sent away the Boats of His Majesty's Ship under the command of Lieutenant Daniel Miller, accompanied by Lieutenant Sparrow, Messrs. Robertson, Knocker, King, and M^cCartey, Midshipmen, who in the most gallant Manner landed and beat off the French Guard, under a very heavy Fire of Round and Grape Shot, and brought away Three Vessels that were secured to the Shore by Hawfers, laden with Battery Train and Field Pieces, together with Wood to form a Platform.

Lieutenant Miller, First of this Ship, an old and meritorious Officer, who has often distinguished himself in cutting out different Vessels, speaks highly of the Gallantry and Assistance he received from Lieutenant Sparrow, the young Gentlemen, and the Boats Crews and Marines.

I am happy to inform you, that this Service has been performed without any Person being hurt.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. CRAMER, Captain.

To William Albany Otway, Esquire, Rear-Admiral of the White.

War-Office, December 30, 1809.

Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, Thomas Clutterbuck, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Marlack, promoted.

John George Blencowe, Gent. to be ditto, by Purchase, vice Jebb, promoted.

9th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Captain E. T. Bontein, from the 92d Foot, to be Captain of a Troop, vice Carmichael, who exchanges.

14th Ditto, Lieutenant John Babington to be Captain of a Troop, vice Neville, deceased.

Lieutenant Robert Knipe to be ditto, vice Mahony, deceased.

Cornet the Honourable A. Southwell to be Lieutenant, vice Babington.

Cornet William Pearson to be ditto, vice Knipe.

17th Ditto, Captain Daniel M^cNeale, from the 84th Foot, to be Captain of a Troop, vice Forster, who exchanges.