

chain of sentries; killed one and carried off another. Beat to arms, as concerted above. Commodore Swanton in the *Vanguard*, with the *Lowstaff* and *Diana*, got under sail as soon as the tide served, and went up the river to attack the enemy's frigates; they ran for it, but six of them got on shore, the *Pomona* in particular, on board of which was great part of the enemy's ammunition. This day we continued the ravelin, which was near finished, except the ditch and glacis. The parapets that wanted filling were this day completed; the enemy fired only four shells and a few shot. Four deserters came in this evening, who reported that the enemy was making the necessary preparations to retreat—that, however, they had reinforced the trenches and posted the grenadiers there. Ordered the artillery to fire on the trenches this night, till about one or two in the morning, when it might naturally be supposed they would begin to retreat, at which time they were to fire into the country entirely.

Ammunition expended.

Powder, barrels.	Shot.	Shells.
172	32— 5	13 in.— 17
	24— 671	8 “ — 35
	18—1132	4 $\frac{2}{3}$ “ —103
	12— 230	

17th.—This morning I intended a strong sortie, and for that purpose had ordered the light infantry, grenadiers, Amherst's, Townsend's, Lascelles's, Anstruther's, and Fraser's, under arms. Lieut. McAlpin, whom I had sent before to make small sallies and amuse the enemy, returned, and reported that the trenches were abandoned. I instantly pushed out with these corps, in hopes to come up with their rear; but they were too expeditious: their rear crossed the Caprouge before we could reach them. We took several prisoners, stragglers, and much baggage, which otherwise would have escaped. We took their camp standing, great part of their stores, ammunition, 34 pieces of cannon—four of them brass