

dropt as near as possible to their batteries, and kept a continual fire upon them, which they returned upon the boats with eight pieces of cannon and two mortars : which, notwithstanding our being within point-blank shot for several hours, suffered very little. The enemy's troops in the mean time filled their breast-works and trenches, and behind them paraded with an army greatly superior to ours in number. Notwithstanding this, their batteries, the height of the bank, steep and difficult of access, and many other disadvantages, the greatest spirit and chearfulness was discernable through our whole army, and all waited with the utmost impatience for the moment of attack. General Wolf row'd at the head of us, and gave his orders with great calmness, and so did the rest of our general officers. Admiral Saunders was greatly expos'd, and the fleet had like to have lost in him a gallant commander.