

# THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE

## Log of HMS BRUNSWICK

Thursday, 29 May 1794

AM—Fresh breezes and squally weather. 15 minutes past 4, No. 55 general, and No. 9 at the same time. 20 minutes past, No. 78 with preparative. 30 minutes past, No. 34 general. 45 minutes past, No. 28 general. 30 past, No. 67 CÆSAR's pennant. Up topgallant yards. Tacked per signal. ½ past 11, the van of the fleet commenced firing. Beat to quarters.

PM—20 minutes past 12, No. 78 general. Fresh breezes and cloudy. ¼ before 2, the enemy commenced firing on us. Wore ship and returned the enemy's fire. 40 minutes past 3, wore. Fresh breezes and squally weather. ¾ past 5, wore ship towards the enemy, having gained the wind. 30 minutes past 6, the CÆSAR and ORION made the signal of inability. The body of the enemy NNW 6 or 7 miles. Do. weather.

Friday, 30 May 1794

AM—Fresh breezes and squally, with a thick fog. Fished the fore yard. Sailmakers repairing the sails.

Saturday, 31 May 1794

PM—Moderate breezes. Hazy weather. At ½ past 1, brought to. At 2, on the haze clearing observed the enemy's fleet bearing NW by N. At 5 minutes past 2, bore up per signal. ½ past 3, hauled to the wind on the larboard tack per signal. At 4, bore up per signal. At 5, the admiral made the signal for the van division to prepare to attack the van of the enemy. Do. the centre, the centre. At 5, hauled the wind to port per signal. The rear division the rear of the enemy. At 6, the SOUTHAMPTON hailed us; he said it was the admiral's orders we kept very close to him, as he meant to carry the same sail all night. At 8, the van of the enemy NW. Do. weather.

Sunday, 1 June 1794

AM—Do. weather and clear. No. 61 with a white pennant. ½ past 4, No. 61 with a blue pennant. No. 18 and compass signal NW. 20 minutes past 5, No. 18 and compass signal north. At 32 minutes past 7, No. 84 with preparative and one gun. 43 minutes past 7, No. 49. At 53 minutes past 7, No. 34. 26 minutes past 8, No. 61 with the van division flag. 37 minutes past 8, No. 73. 50 minutes past 8, No. 36. At 9, No. 3. The admiral hoisted his colours. 27 minutes past 9, No. 67 with CULLODEN's and GIBRALTAR's pennants. 30 minutes past 9, No. 67 with our pennant. Set the foresail. 52 minutes past 9, No. 5 with a red pennant over. The enemy keeping a very hot fire on us. At 10, No. 67. In breaking the enemy's line, got on board the *VENGEUR* and engaged side by side, our anchors having hooked. At ½ past 11, Captain Harvey was dangerously wounded and knocked down; was obliged to go below. The engagement was continued, several of the enemy's ships firing at us as they passed. Moderate and clear. Alongside the *VENGEUR* and hotly engaged.

PM—Moderate breezes and cloudy weather. Close engaged with the *VENGEUR*. The ship on fire at 4 different places. ¼ past 2, the *VENGEUR* hauled her colours down, and displayed a Union Jack over her quarter, and hailed for quarter having struck, her masts going soon after and a-sinking. Our mizen mast went overboard. The two ships cleared each other. At ½ past 2, made the signal of inability, finding ourselves to leeward of the French line and they bearing down on us. Called a consultation of officers. The ship being so disabled, could not renew the action. At 3, bore up and began to repair.

T. Sturges Jackson, Logs of the Great Sea Fights, 1794–1805. (London: 1899), I:100–103.