During the night of Sept. 13th, Capt. Charles Napier leads an attack up the Ferry Branch with 1200 officers, sailors and marines aboard 20 barges. U.S. Sailors at Fort Covington (Lt. Henry Newcomb); U.S. Flotillamen (Capt. John Webster) at Battery Babcock and U.S. Sailors at Fort Look-Out (Lt. George Budd) repel the British midnight diversionary attack.

Frances Scott Key watches the bombardment of Fort McHenry aboard the Packet-schooner President (U.S. Truce vessel) 2 ½ miles from Fort McHenry.