We may be **encircled** within this city but the forces arrayed against us **cannot** be allowed to **bombard our high walls** as they please.

Though our losses are light, **the Quartermaster** has informed me that the **fortifications** near the **Southern gate** are under **constant attack** from the **enemies siege machines**, and **will not long hold**.

Therefore I have come to the conclusion that we **must** mount **sorties** against the **enemies forward batteries** to buy us time to **repair the walls.**

Several units including the Duke's own **Scout Regiment** have been selected for this mission, they will **attack the three encampments** in unison to deny the enemy a chance to **concentrate reinforcements.**

The action is **bold,** but with **surprise** and **our foes overconfidence** it may well succeed. **It must succeed.**

*Excerpt from* ***Lord Haroc's*** *account of the* ***Siege of Verante******AR340-42***