Carl Julius Adolph Hunnius diary

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This diary, written by Carl Julius Adolph Hunnius, contains entries from his time serving under Major General Winfield Scott Hancock on his expedition to pacify the plains Indians shortly after the end of the American Civil War. Details include transportation used, types of food eaten, weather, forging activities, medical care, encounters with hostile warriors, and many other details of a soldiers' life during the period.

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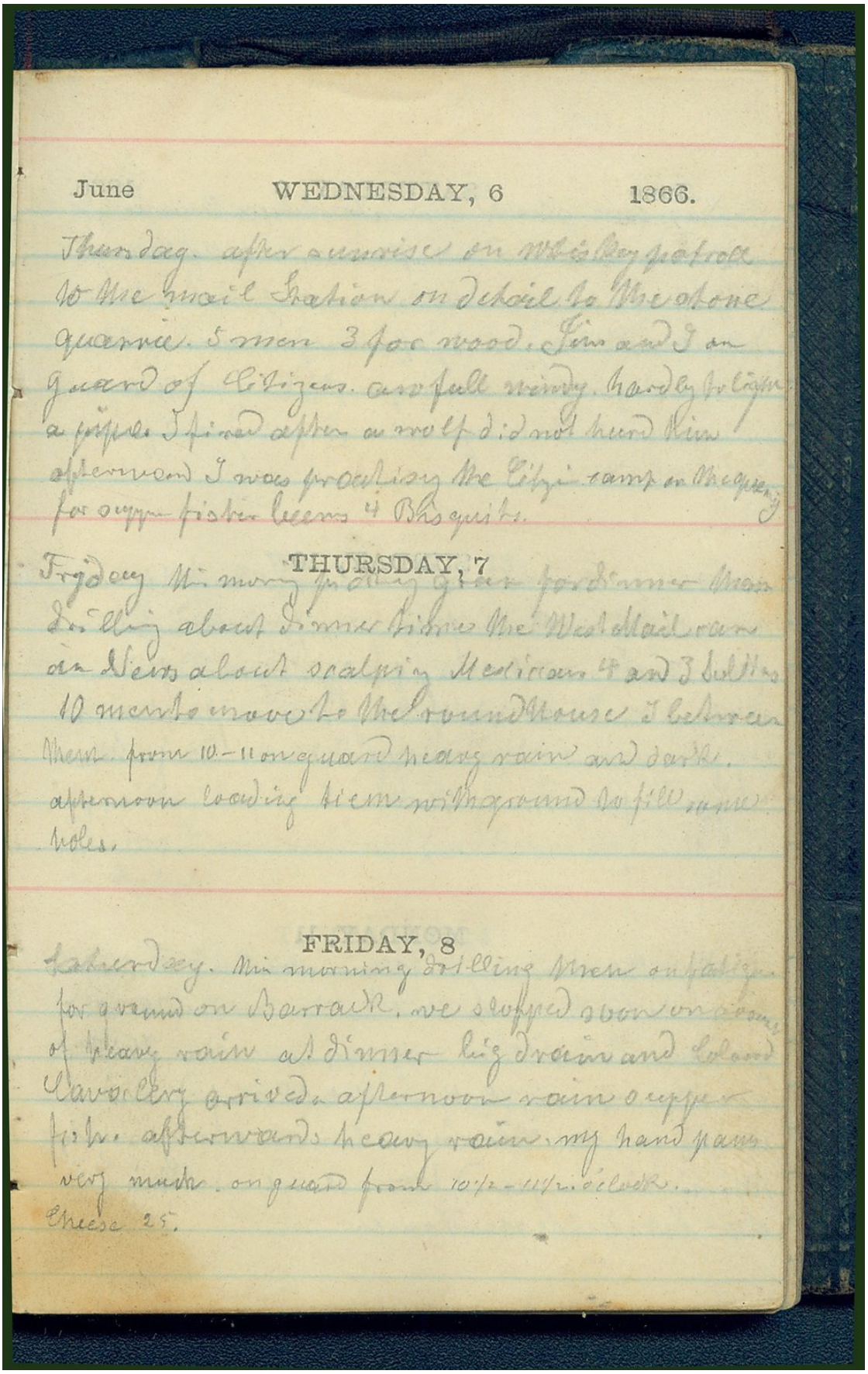
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June WEDNESDAY, 6 1866.

Thursday. after sunrise on Whiskey patrol to the mail Station on detail to the stone quarrie. 5 men 3 for wood. Jim and I on guard of Citizens. awfull windy. hardly to light a pipe. I fired after a wolf did not hurd him afternoon I was practising the Citizens camp on the quarry for supper fish beens & Biscuits.

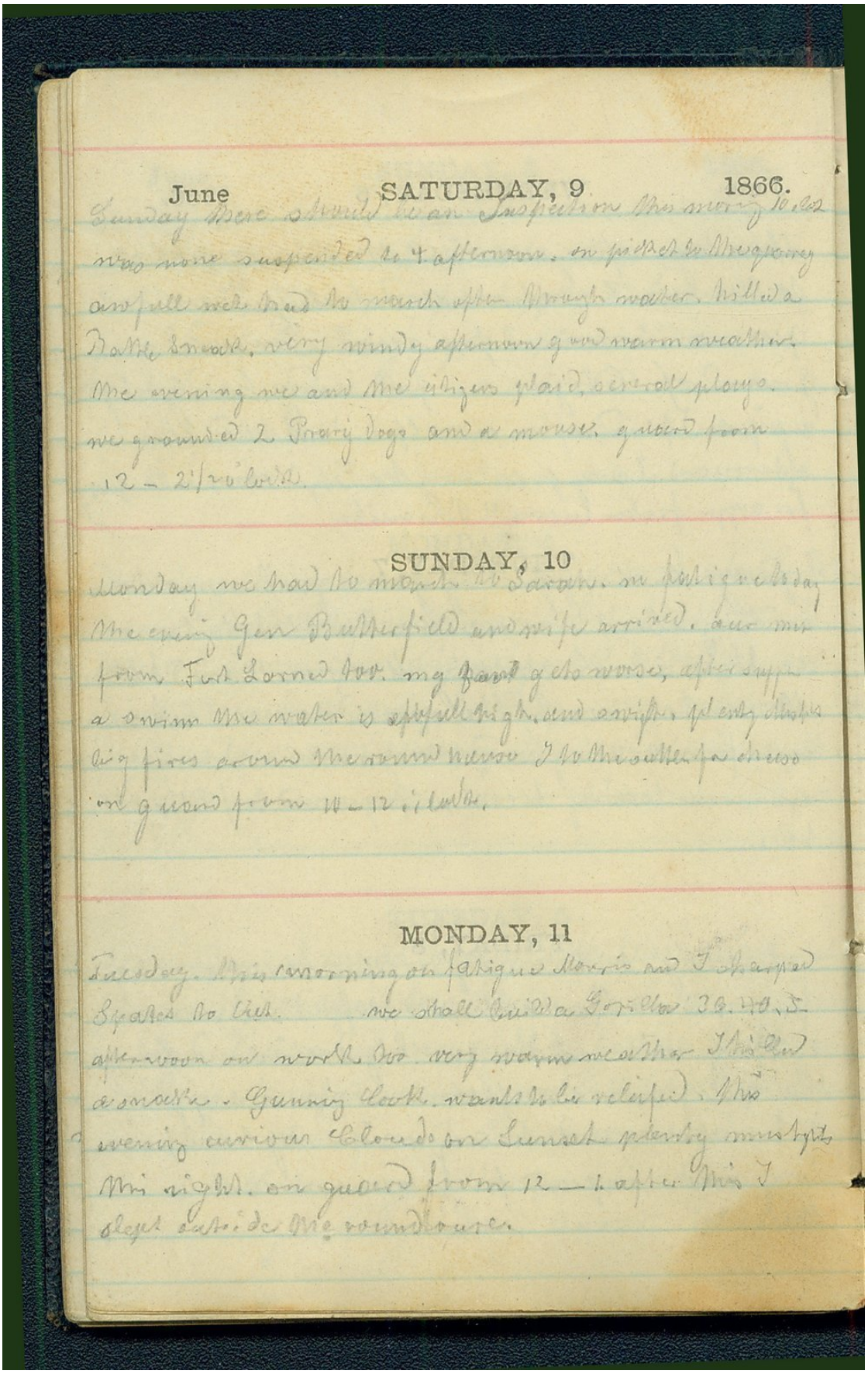
THURSDAY, 7

Friday Morning praying Bean for dinner Bean Dolling about dinner time the Westmail came in News about scalping Mexicans 4 and 3 Soldiers 10 men to move to the round House I between them from 10-11 one guard heavy rain and dark. afternoon loading Bean with ground to fill rain holes.

FRIDAY, 8

Saturday. Morning drilling Bean on platzen for ground on Barrack. we stopped about one hours of heavy rain at Dinner big drum and Leland Cavalery arrived. afternoon rain supper fish afterwards heavy rain. my hand pains very much. on guard from 10 1/2 - 11 1/2 o'clock.

Cheese 25.



June SATURDAY, 9 1866.

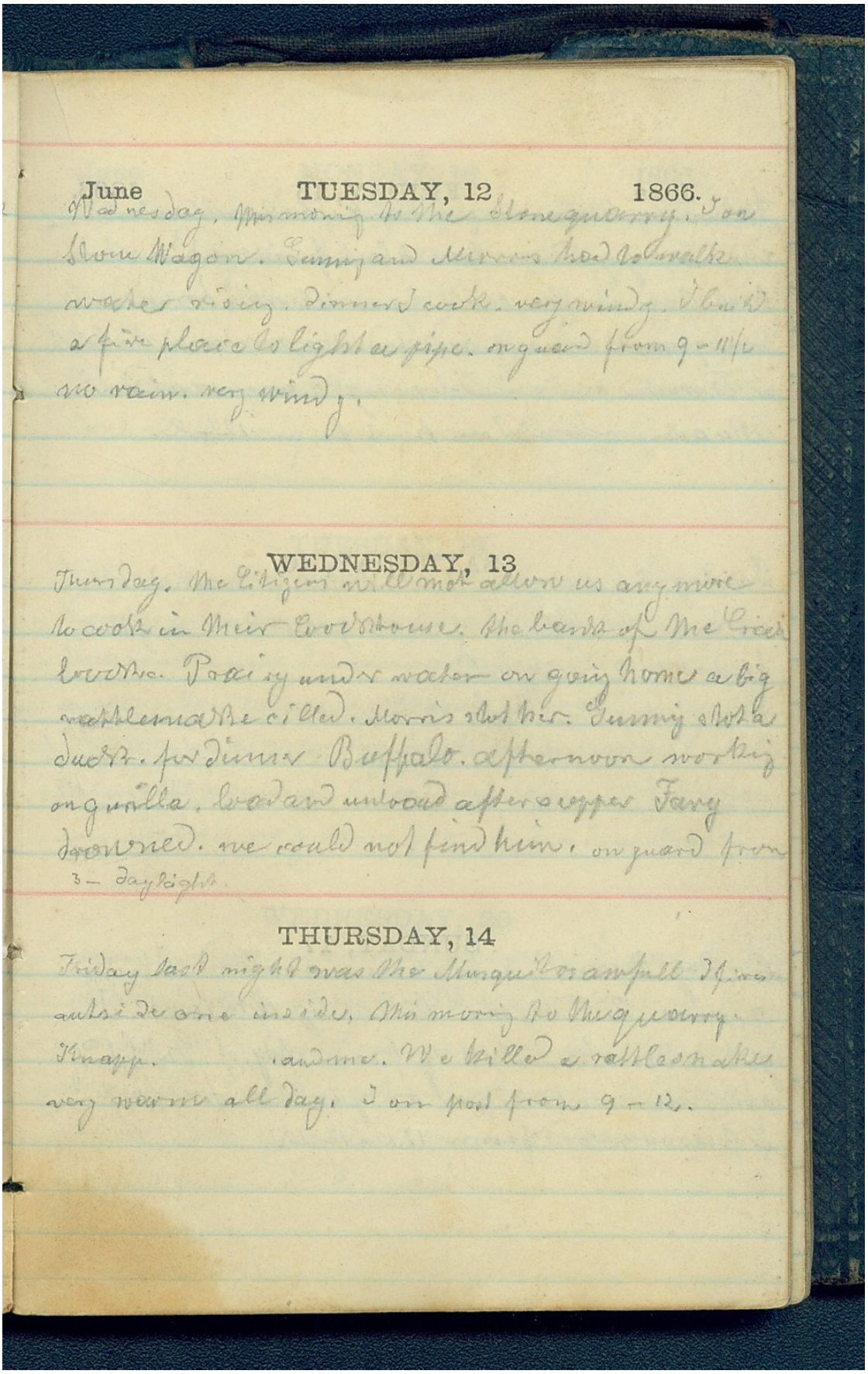
Sunday Were should be an Inspection this morning but it was none suspended to 4 afternoon. on picket to Mosquito an full well had to march after through water. killed a Rattle Snake. very windy afternoon good warm weather. the evening me and the citizens played several plays. me grounded 2 Prary Dogs and a mouse. guard from 12 - 2 / 12 o'clock.

SUNDAY, 10

Monday we had to march to Saroon. on fatigue duty. the evening Gen Butterfield and wife arrived. our mail from Fort Larned for. my part get no news, after supper a swim the water is effull high. and swift. plenty distributing fires around the round house I to the outlet for guard from 10 - 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 11

Tuesday. this morning on fatigue Morris and I shaved Sparks the Cook. we shall build a Corral for 36 U.S. afternoon on work. too very warm weather. I killed a snake. Gunning Cook. wants to be relieved. this evening curious Clouds on Sunset plenty mosquits this night. on guard from 12 - 1 after this I slept outside the round house.



June TUESDAY, 12 1866.

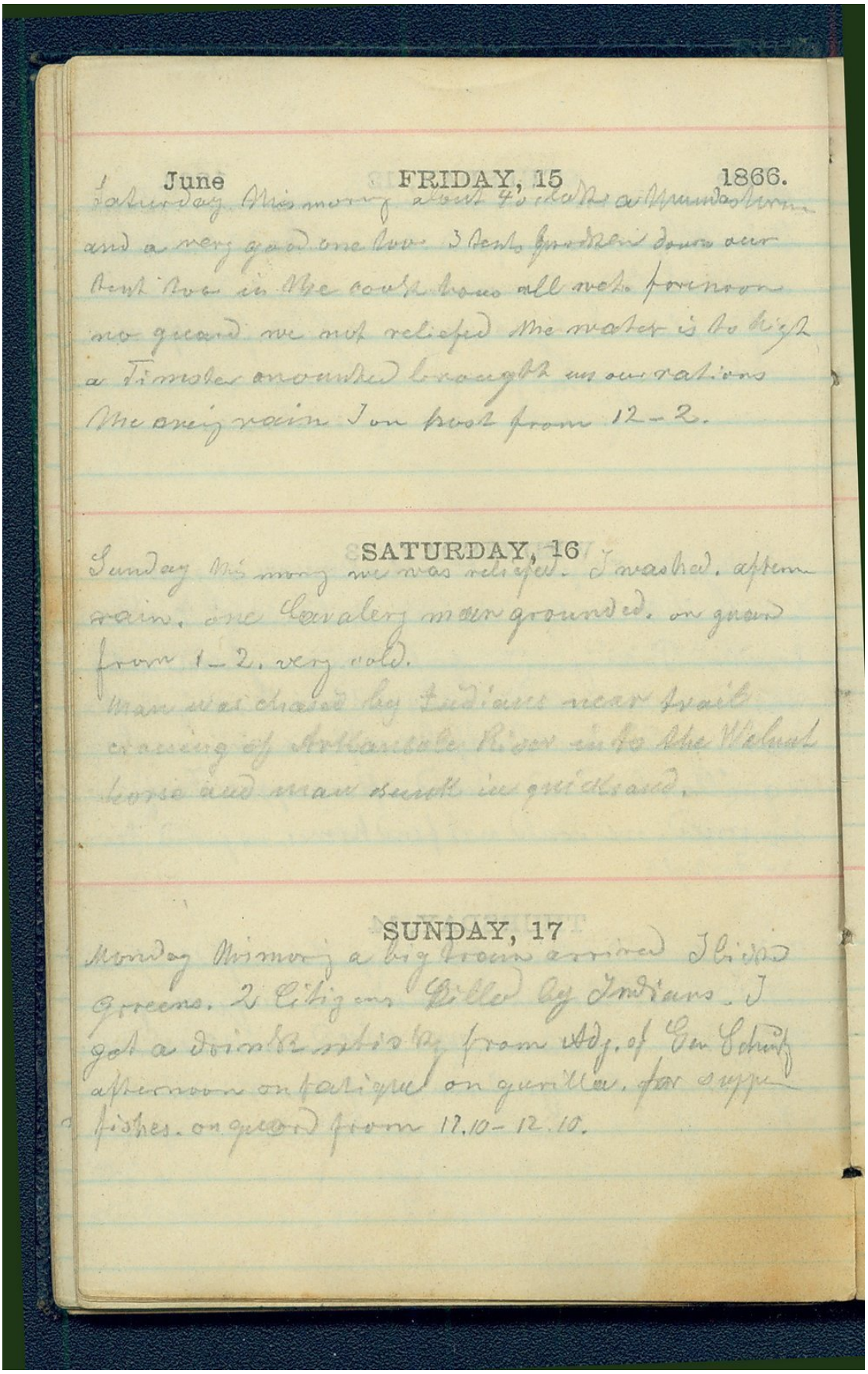
Wednesday. Mis morning to the Stonequarry. Two Stone Wagons. Sunny and Morris had to walk. weather rising. Dinner cook. very windy. Had a fire place to light a pipe. on guard from 9 - 11½ no rain. very windy.

WEDNESDAY, 13

Thursday. The Citizen will not allow us any more to cook in their Log House. The bank of the Creek low. Rainy under water on going home a big rattlesnake killed. Morris shot her. Sunny shot a duck. for dinner Buffalo. afternoon working on gulla. load and unload after supper Fary drowned. we could not find him. on guard from 3 - daylight.

THURSDAY, 14

Friday last night was the Musquitos awfull 3 fires outside one inside. this morning to Burlingame. Knapp. raining. We killed a rattlesnake very warm all day. I on post from 9 - 12.



June FRIDAY, 15 1866.

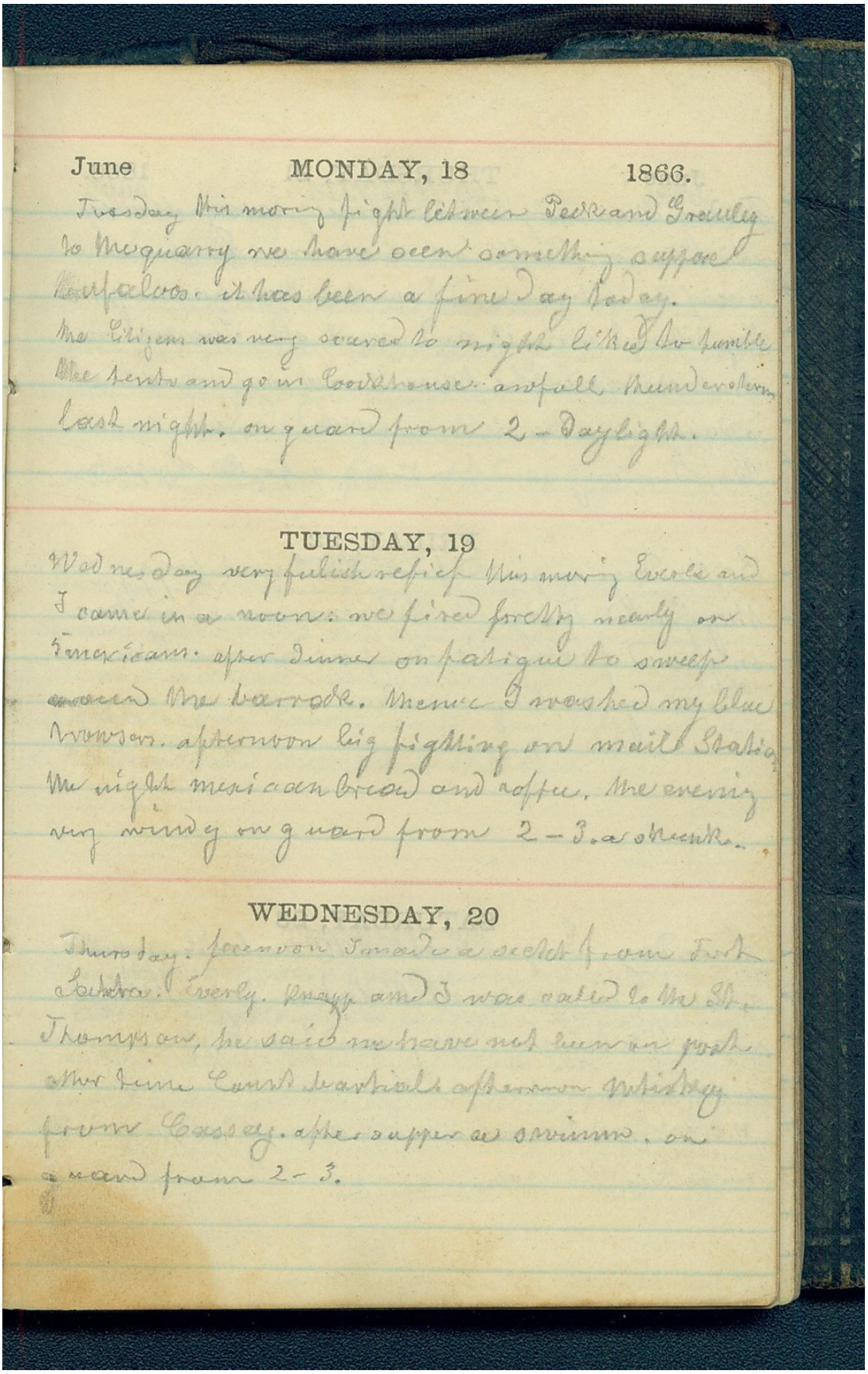
Saturday. This morning about 4 o'clock a Thunderstorm and a very good one too. 3 Tents [illegible] down our Tent too in the confusion all wet. Forenoon no guard we not relieved the water is so high a Timber uprooted brought us our rations The only rain I on post from 12 – 2.

SATURDAY, 16

Sunday This morning we was relieved. I washed. afternoon rain. one Cavalery man grounded. on guard from 1 – 2. very cold.
Man was chased by Indians near trail crossing of Arkansas River into the Walnut bottom and man struck in quicksand.

SUNDAY, 17

Monday This morning a big storm arrived I Lieut Greens. 2 Citizens killed by Indians. I got a drink whiskey from Adj. of Gen Schuyler afternoon on target on guerilla. for supper fishes. on guard from 12.10 – 12.10.



June MONDAY, 18 1866.

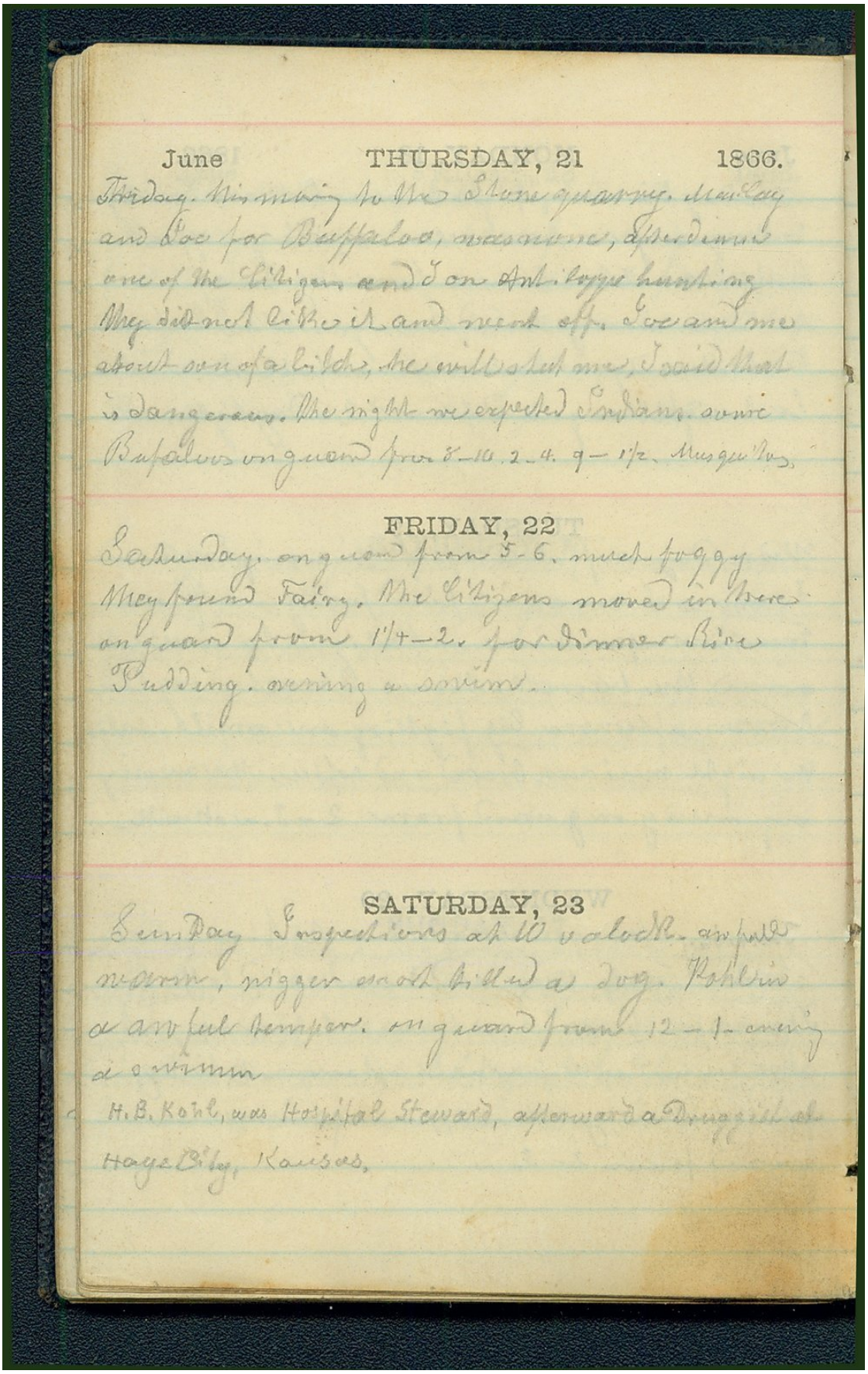
Tuesday this morning fight between Peck and Crawley to Mequarry we have seen something appear Buffaloes. it has been a fine day today. the Citizens was very scared to night like to jumble the tents and go in Courthouse. awfull thunderstorm last night. on guard from 2 - Daylight.

TUESDAY, 19

Wednesday very fulish reficf this moring Evers and I came in a room: we fired pretty nearly an American. after dinner on patigue to sweep round the barrack. thence I washed my blue trowsers. afternoon lig fighting on mail Station the night mexican bread and coffee. the evening very windy on guard from 2 - 3. a shrunk.

WEDNESDAY, 20

Thursday. forenoon I made a recht from Fort Leavenworth. Everly. Pray and I was called to Mr. Thompson, he said we have not been on parade after time Court Martials afternoon Pitchey from Cassay. after supper we swimm. on guard from 2 - 3.



June THURSDAY, 21 1866.

Friday. Was moving to the Stone quarry. Mackay and Doc for Buffaloes, succeeding, after dinner one of the Citizens and I on Antilope hunting. They did not like it and went off. Joe and me about one of a kilde, she will not let me, I said that is dangerous. The night we expected Indians. some Buffaloes on guard from 8-10. 2-4. 9-1/2. Musquitos.

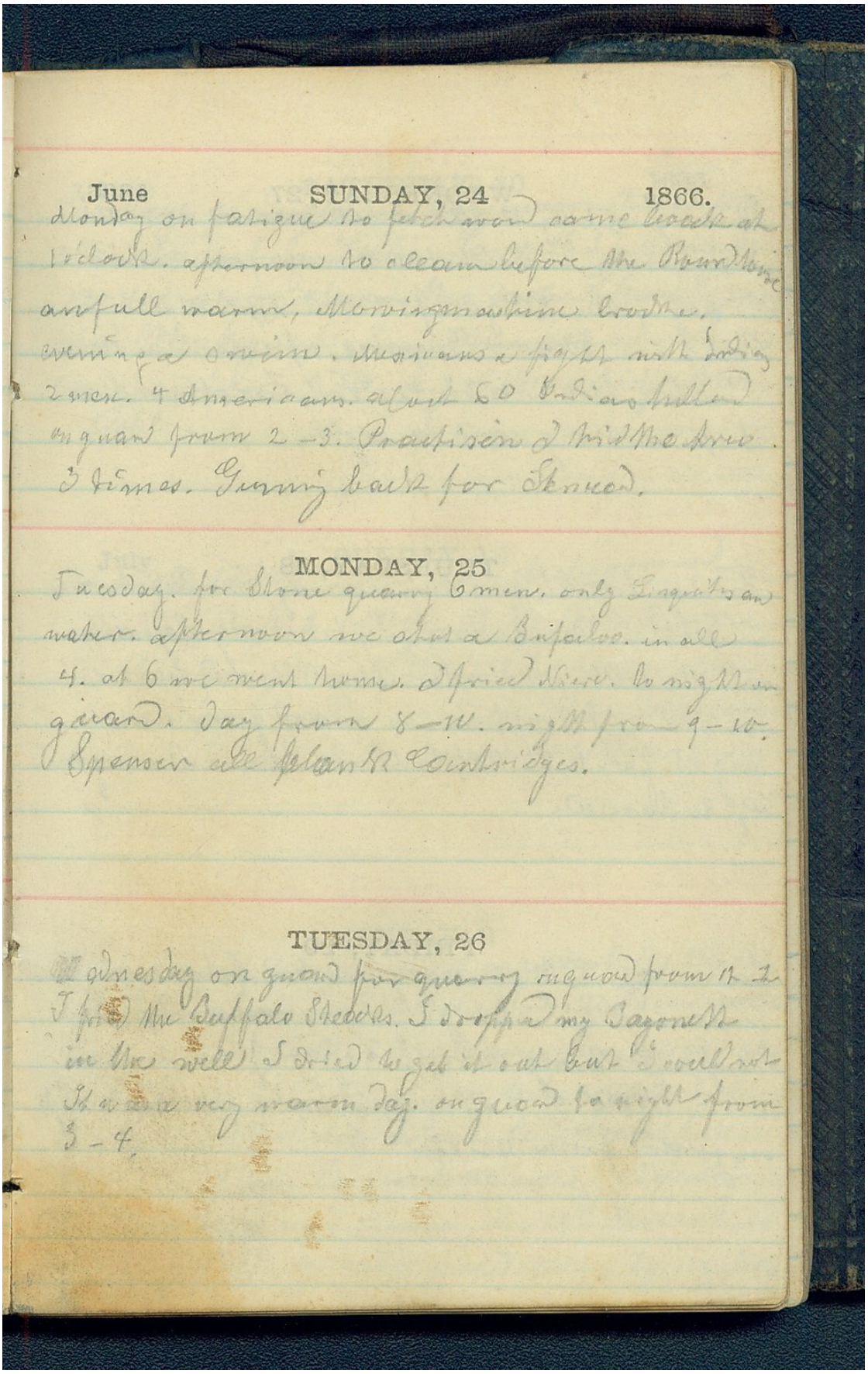
FRIDAY, 22

Saturday. on guard from 5-6. much foggy. They found Fairy. The Citizens moved in there. on guard from 1/4-2. for dinner Rice Pudding. evening a swim.

SATURDAY, 23

Sunday Inspections at 10 o'clock. awful morning, nigger was killed a dog. Kohlin an awful temper. on guard from 12-1. evening a swim.

H.B. Kohl, was Hospital Steward, afterward a Druggist at Hagerstown, Kansas.



June SUNDAY, 24 1866.

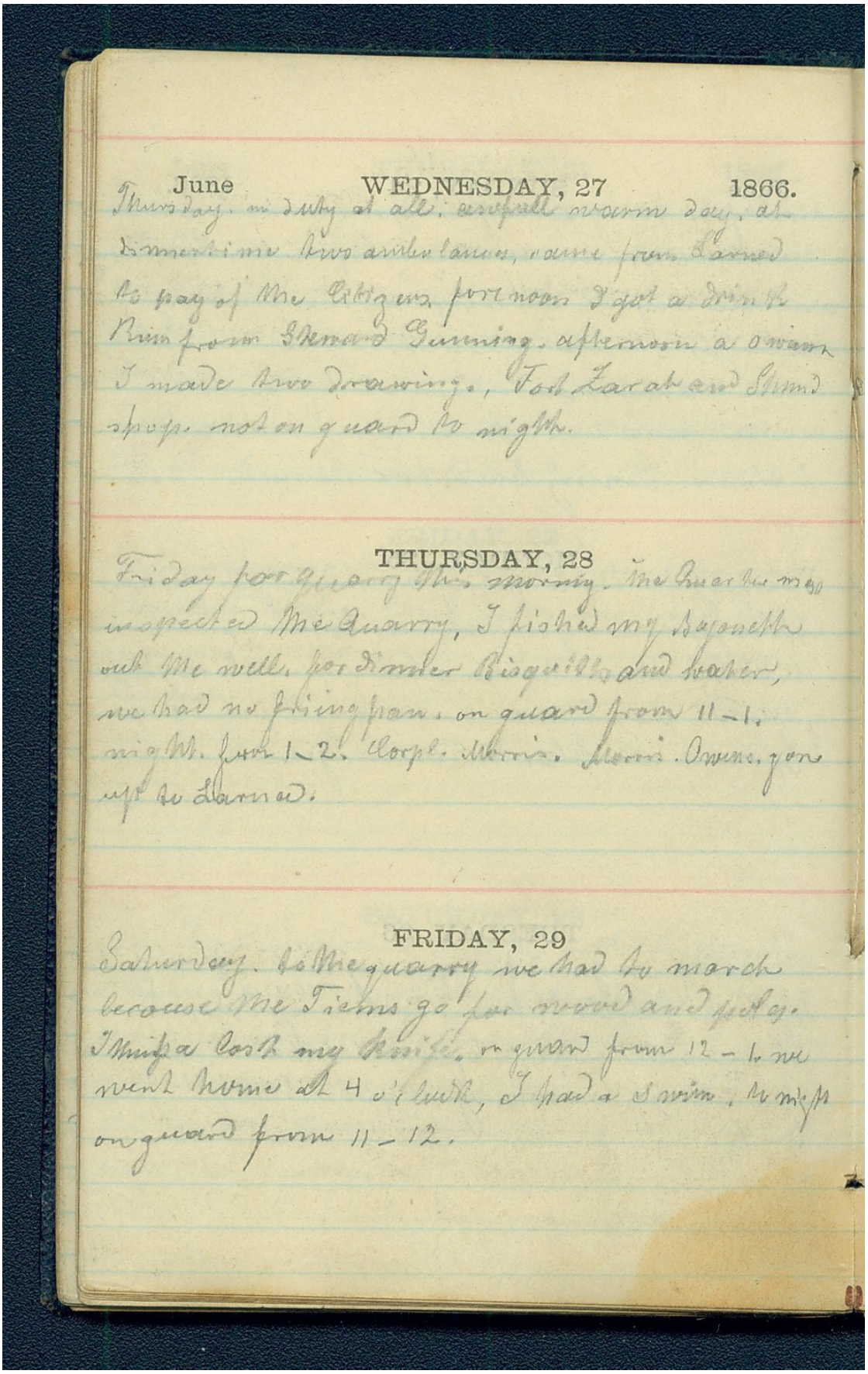
Monday on fatigue to fetch wood came back at 1 o'clock. afternoon to clean before the Boarding and full warm, Morning nothing worthy. evening at review. Indians a fight with Indians 2 men. 4 Americans. about 60 Indians killed on guard from 2 – 3. Practising at Bull's Eye. 3 times. Turning back for Stencil.

MONDAY, 25

Tuesday. for Stone quarry 6 men. only Sappers and water. afternoon we shot a Buffalo. in all 4. at 6 we went home. & fried Meat. to night on guard. Day from 8 – 10. night from 9 – 10. Spenser the Islands Contributes.

TUESDAY, 26

Wednesday on guard for quarry ring wood from 11 – 1 I fried the Buffalo Steaks. I dropped my Bayonett in the well I tried to get it out but I could not It was a very warm day. on guard to night from 3 – 4.



June WEDNESDAY, 27 1866.

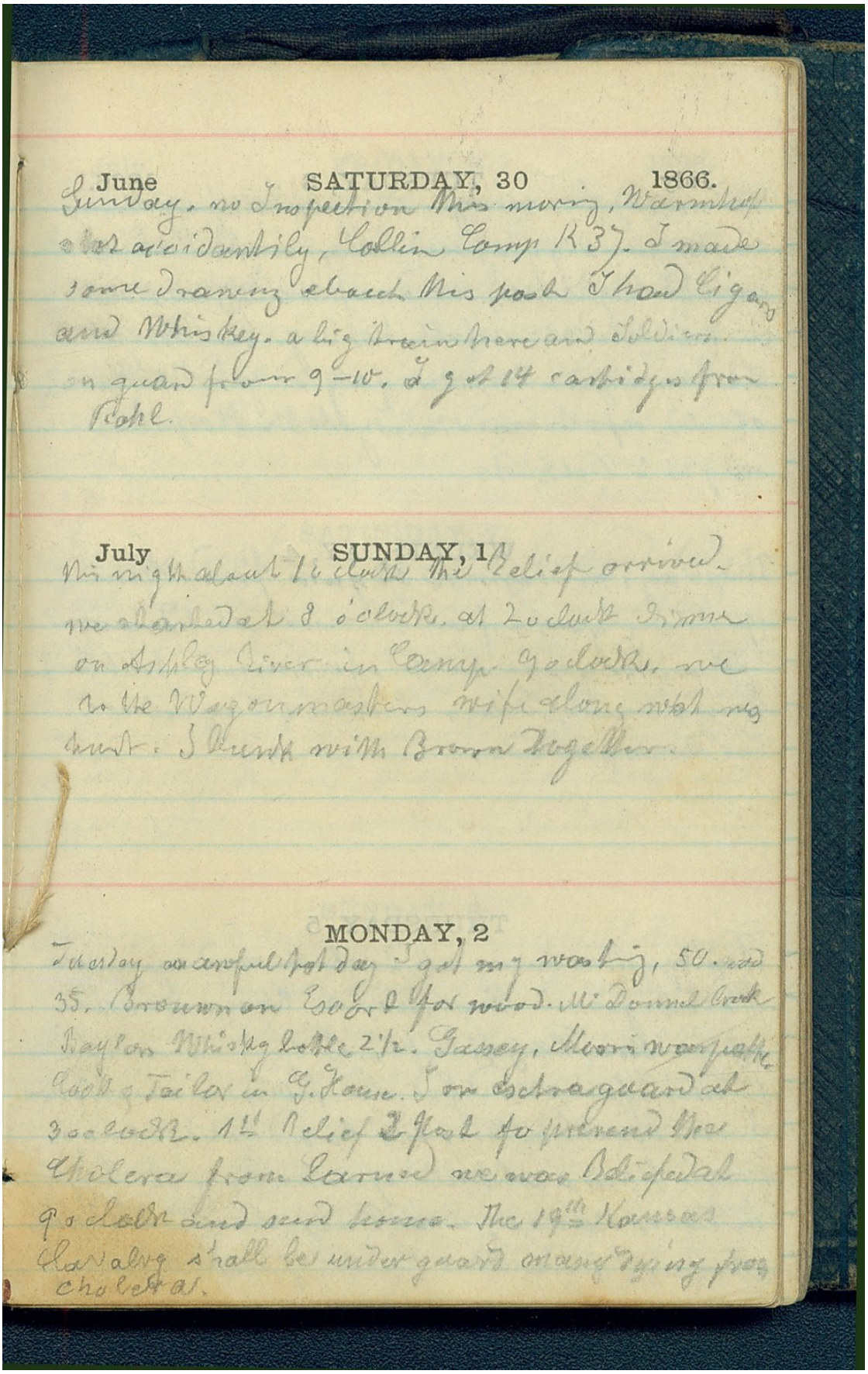
Thursday. no duty at all. a real warm day. at dinner time two ambulances, came from Carned to pay of the Citizens. forenoon I got a drink Rum from Edward Gunning. afternoon a swam I made two drawings., Fort Zarah and Stand steps. not on guard to night.

THURSDAY, 28

Friday for Guard this morning. the Guard was inspected the Quarry, I fished my Bayonett out the well. for dinner Risqueits and water, we had no fixing pass. on guard from 11–1. night W. from 1–2. Corpl. Morris. Morris. Owens. goes up to Larned.

FRIDAY, 29

Saturday. to the quarry we had to march because the Teams go for wood and such. I broke a cord my knife. on guard from 12–1. we went home at 4 o'clock, I had a swim, to mess on guard from 11–12.



June SATURDAY, 30 1866.

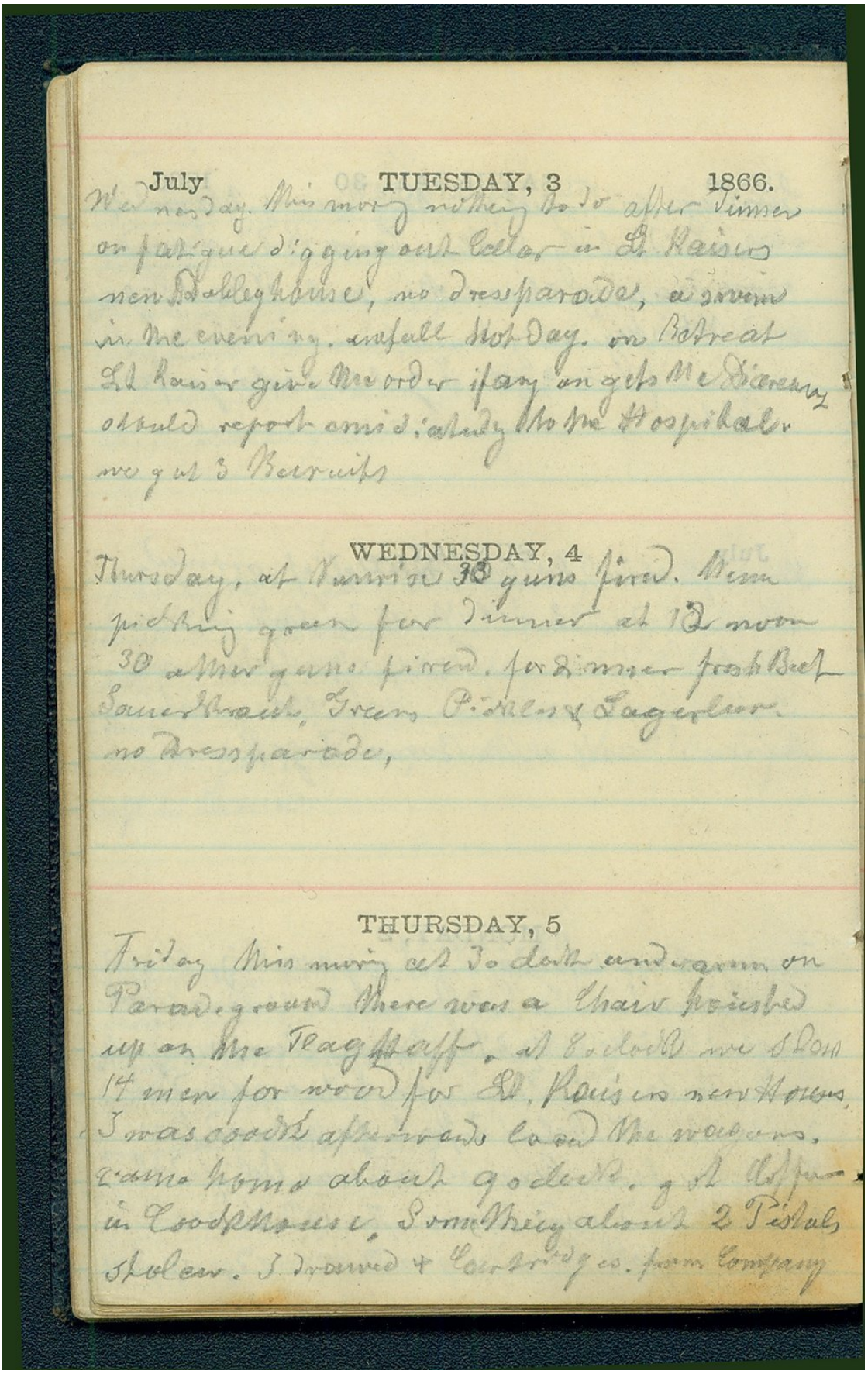
Sunday. no Inspection this morng, Warmish
but accidentily, Collin Comp K 37. I made
some drawing about this week I had Cigars
and Whiskey. a big train here and Soldiers
on guard from 9–10. I got 14 cartridges from
Pohl.

July SUNDAY, 1

this night about 12 clock the Relief arrived.
we changed at 8 o'clock. at 2 o clock Dinner
on Ashley River in Camp 4 o clock. we
to the Wagonmasters wife along with my
tent. I Quarter with Brown together.

MONDAY, 2

Tuesday an awful hot day I got my washing, 50. and
35. Brown on 50 or 2 for wood. Mi Donnel Creek
Baylor Whisky bottle 2½. Gasey, Morin wounded
Cook of Tailor in G. Kane. I on extra guard at
3 o clock. 1st Relief I got to prevent the
Cholera from Carried we was Relieved at
9 o clock and sent home. The 19th Kansas
Cavalry shall be under guard among Dying from
Cholera.



July TUESDAY, 3 1866.

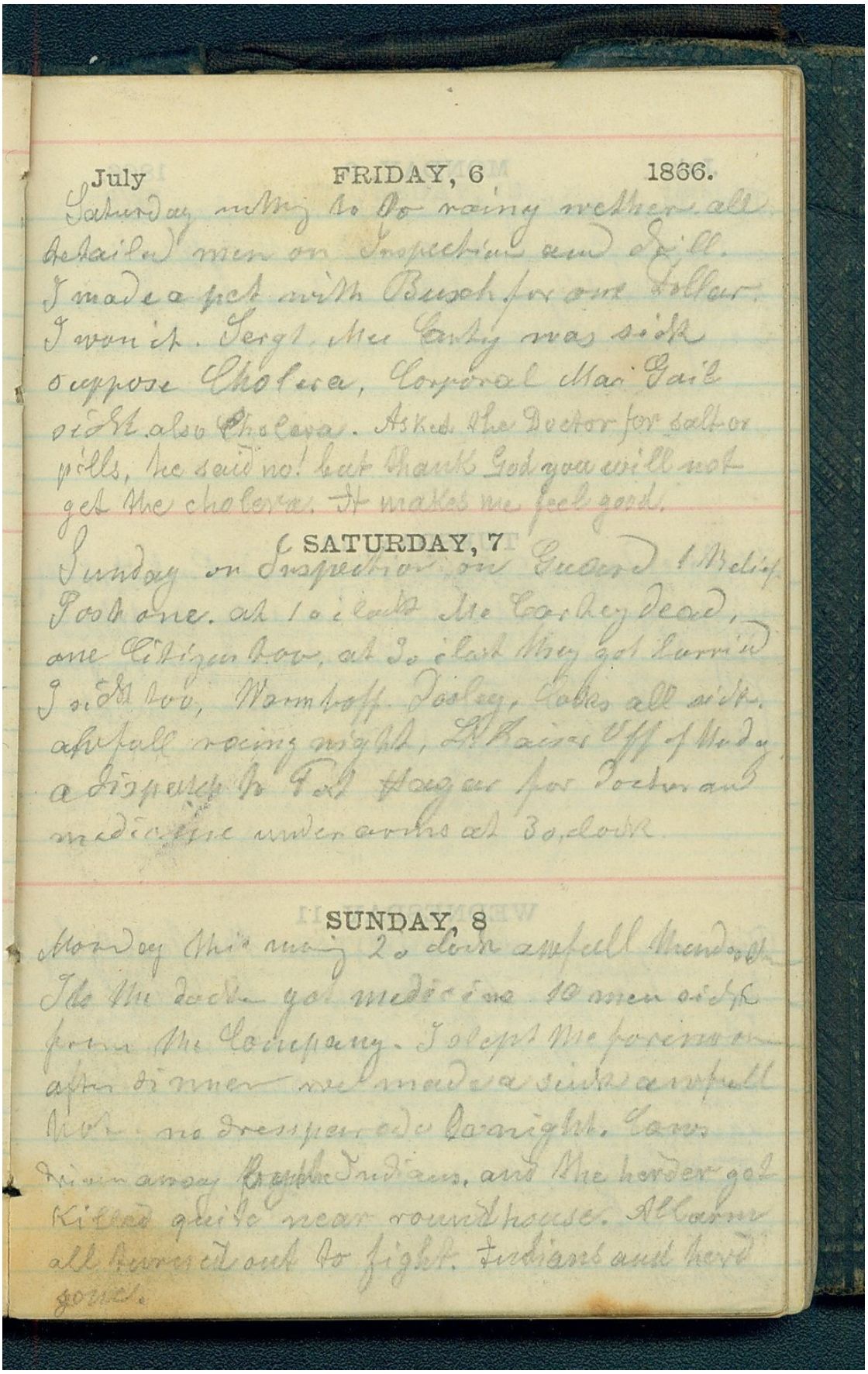
Wednesday. Mis nuvy nothing to do after Dinner on fatigue digging out Cellar in Lt Kaisers new Dalleyhouse, no dressparade, a swim in the evening. onfall Not Day. on Retreat Lt kaiser gives the order if any one gets Mc Diarrey should report immediately to the Hospital we get 3 Recruits

WEDNESDAY, 4

Thursday, at Sunrise 38 guns fired. Mis picking green for Dinner at 12 noon 30 after guns fired. for Dinner fresh Beef Sauerkraut, Green Pickles & Lagerbeer no Dressparade,

THURSDAY, 5

Friday Mis nuvy at 3 o clock and again on Parade ground there was a Chair hoisted up on the Flagstaff. at 8 o clock we Down 14 men for wood for Lt. Kaisers new House, I was aboard afterwards to load the waggons. Came home aboard 9 o clock. got Asper in Cookhouse. Sommerey about 2 Pistols stolen. I drawed 4 Cartridges from Company



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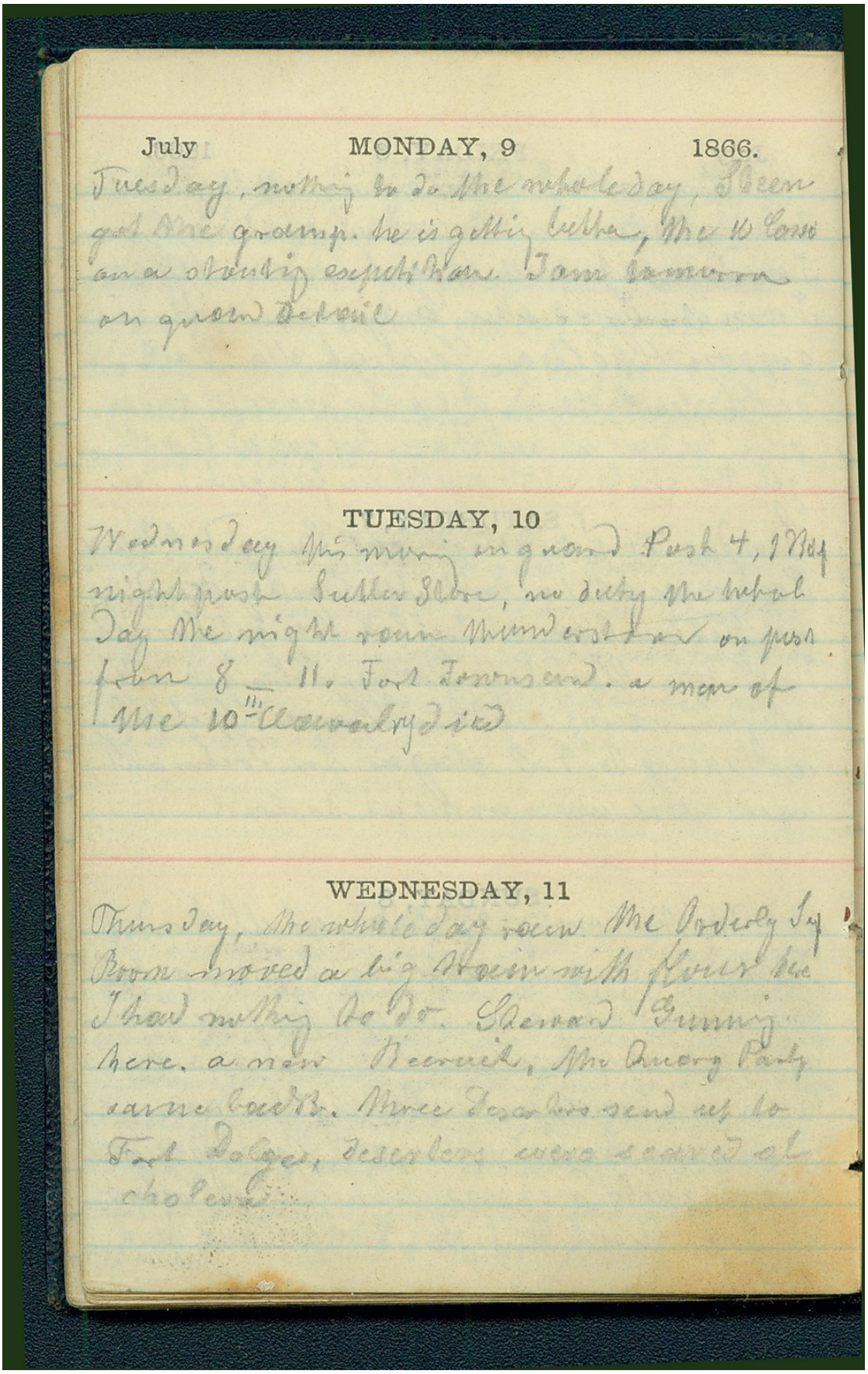
Saturday morning to do raining weather all detailed men on Inspection and Drill. I made a bet with Busch for one dollar. I won it. Sergt. Mc Carty was sick suppose Cholera, Corporal Mac Gail sick also Cholera. Asked the Doctor for salts or pills, he said no! but thank God you will not get the cholera. It makes me feel good.

SATURDAY, 7

Sunday on Inspection on Guard 1 Relief Post one. at 1 o'clock Mc Carthey dead, one Citizen dead, at 2 o'clock they got buried I sick list, Warmhoff Dailey, takes all sick. awfull raining night, Lt Baier Off of Duty a dispatch to Fort Hays for Doctor and medicine underworks at 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY, 8

Monday this morning 2 o'clock awfull thunder the the Doctor got medicine 10 men sick from the Company. I slept the forenoon after dinner we made a sink awfull hot. no dress parade last night. Cavalry driven away by the Indians, and the herder got killed quite near round house. Alarm all hands out to fight. Indians and herd gone.



July MONDAY, 9 1866.

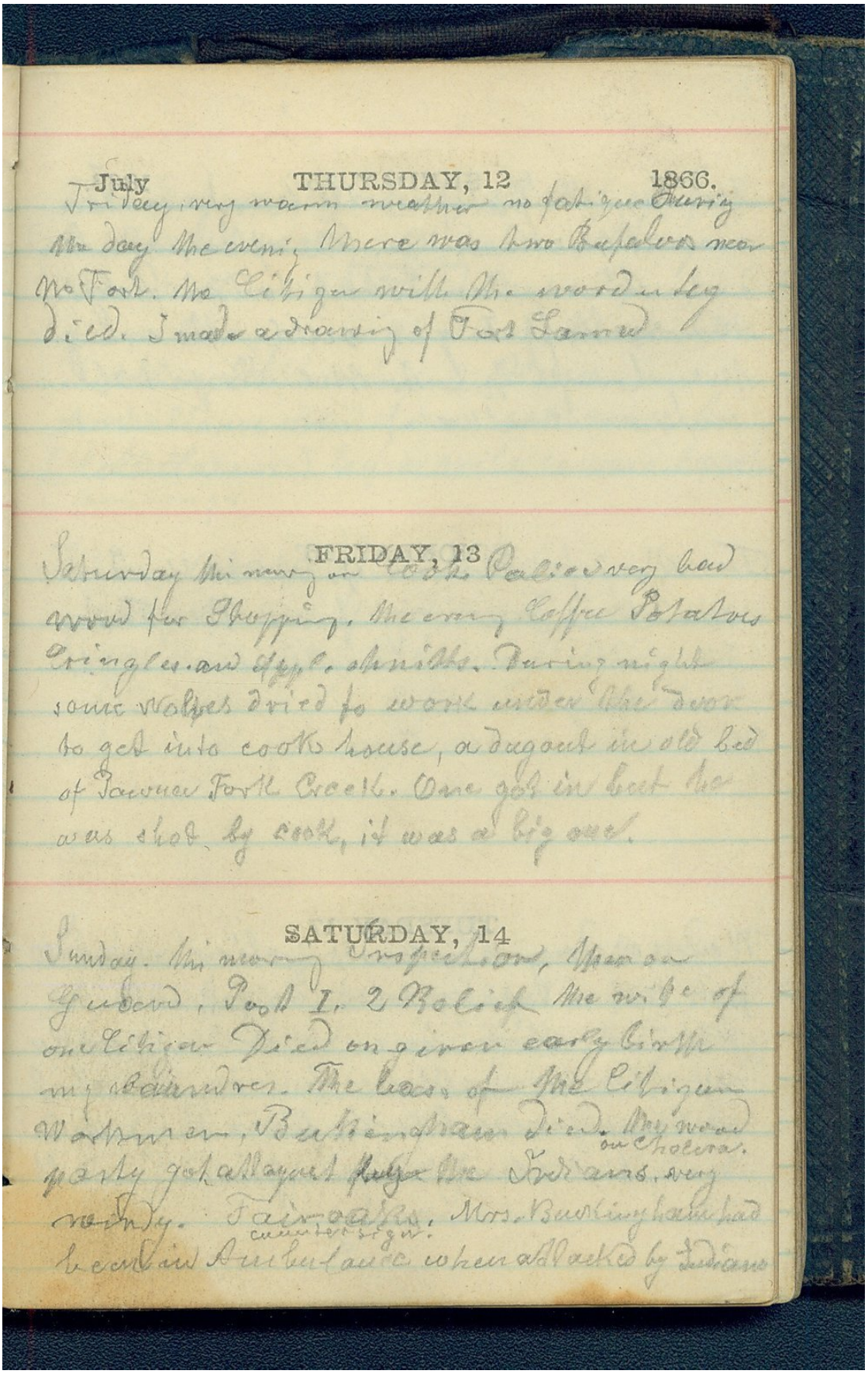
Tuesday, nothing to do the whole day, Been got the gramp. he is getting better, We to Camp on a standing escort Wars. Jam Cannon on guard Detail

TUESDAY, 10

Wednesday this morning on guard Post 4, 1 Reg night post Sutler Store, no duty the whole Day We might range Mountains on pass from 8 — 11. Fort Townsend. a man of the 10th Cavalry died

WEDNESDAY, 11

Thursday, the whole day room the Orderly by Room moved a big Storm with fever but I had nothing to do. Edward Gunning here. a new Recruit, the Quarg Party came back. Three Deserters send up to Fort Dodge, Deserters were scared of cholera



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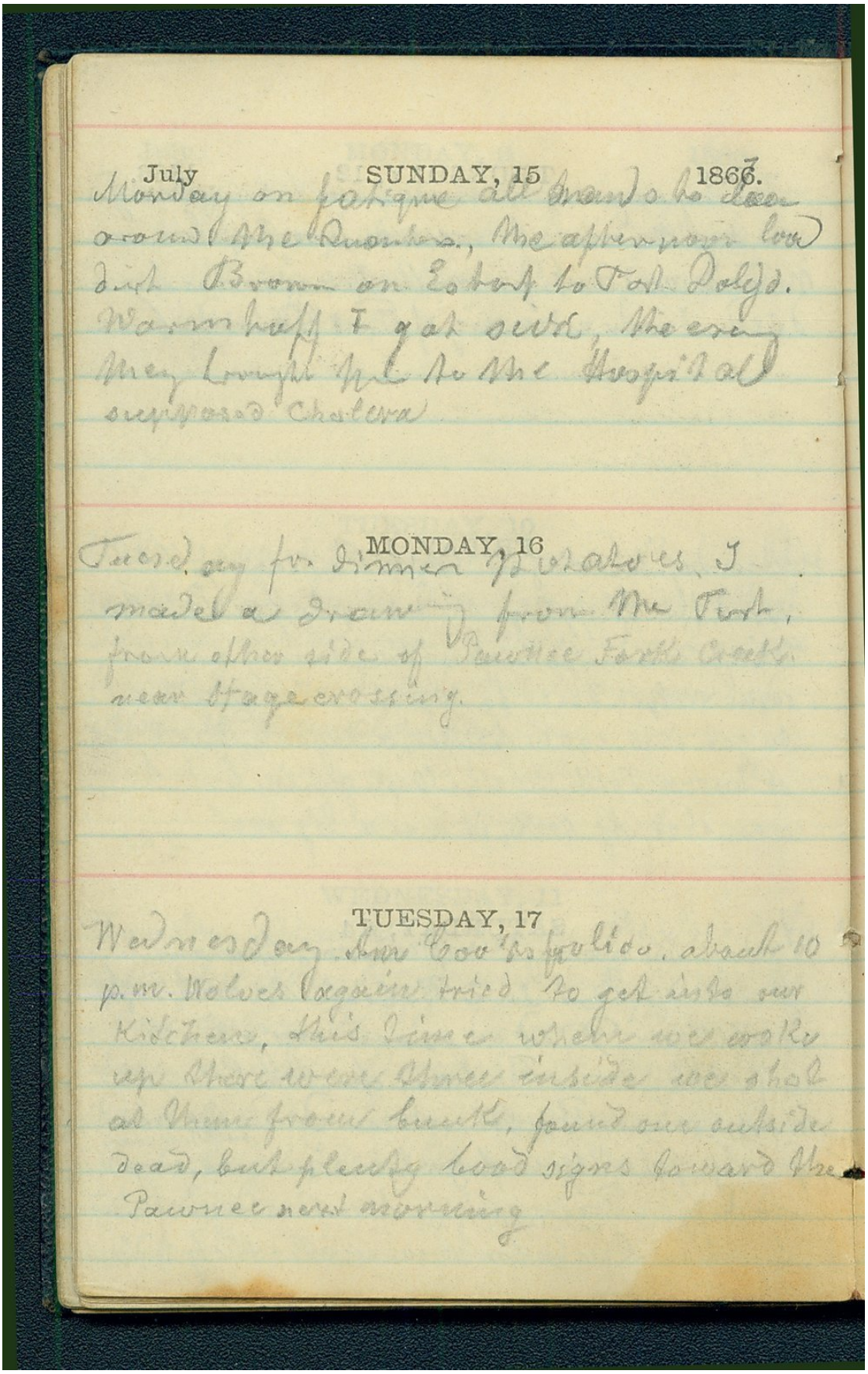
Friday, very warm weather no fatigue during the day the evening. There was two Buffalos near Ft Fork. Mr Citizen with the wounded leg died. I made a drawing of Fort Larned

FRIDAY, 13

Saturday this morning on Cook Police very bad wood for Shopping. The evening Coffee Potatoes Cringles. and Apple. shnitts. During night some Wolves dried to work under the door to get into cooks house, a dugout in old bed of Pawnee Fork Creek. One got in but he was shot by cook, it was a big one.

SATURDAY, 14

Sunday. This morning Inspection, Mr on Guard, Post I. 2 Relief Mr wife of one Citizen Died on given early birth my Boarder. Mr Lacy of the Citizen Warrior, Buckingham died. My wood party got attacked by the Indians. very early. Fairoaks. Mrs. Buckingham had cemetery sign. been in Ambulance when attacked by Indians



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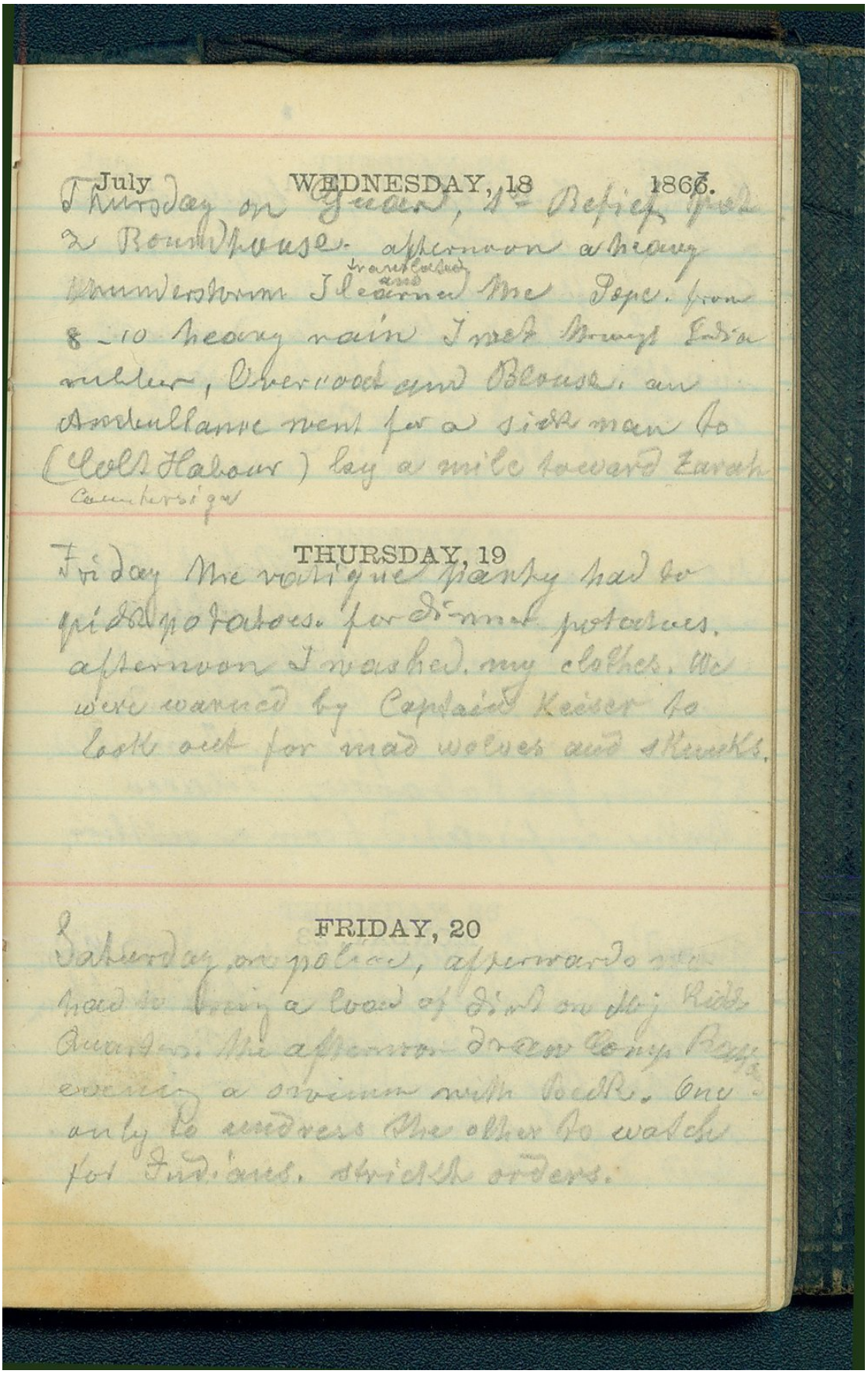
Monday on fatigue all round to clean around the Quarters, the afternoon low dirt Brown on Detail to Fort Dodge. Warm half I got sick, the evening they brought me to the Hospital supposed Cholera

MONDAY, 16

Tuesday for dinner Potatoes I made a drawing from the Fort, from other side of Pawnee Forks Creek near Stage crossing.

TUESDAY, 17

Wednesday Am Cov'ls fatigue. about 10 p.m. Wolves again tried to get into our Kitchens, this time when we woke up there were three inside one shot at them from our tents, found one outside dead, but plenty blood signs toward the Pawnee next morning



July WEDNESDAY, 18 1866.

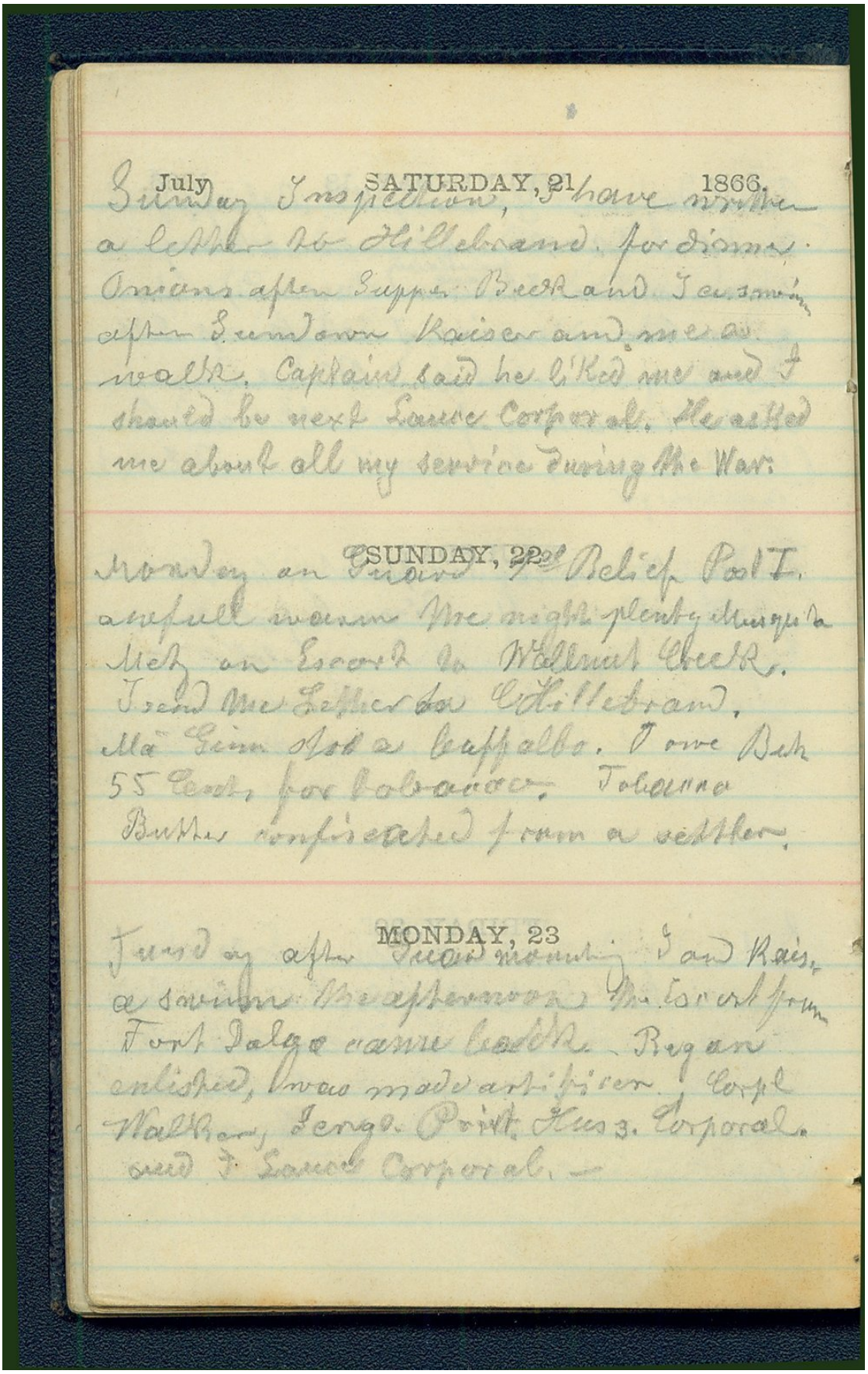
Thursday on Guard, 1st Relief, fed 2 Road Horses. afternoon a heavy thunderstorm I learned the Depc. from 8 - 10 heavy rain I met Bruyt Eb'a miller, Oberwood and Blouse. an Ambulance went for a sick man to (Wolf Harbour) lay a mile toward Zarah Cantonment

THURSDAY, 19

Friday Mr voltiguer party had to pick potatoes. for dinner potatoes. afternoon I washed my clothes. We were warned by Captain Keiser to look out for mad wolves and skunks.

FRIDAY, 20

Saturday on police, afterwards we had to bring a load of Sand on the Ride Quarters. the afternoon drew Camp Pay, evening a swimm with Sadler. One only to undress the other to watch for Indians. strickt orders.



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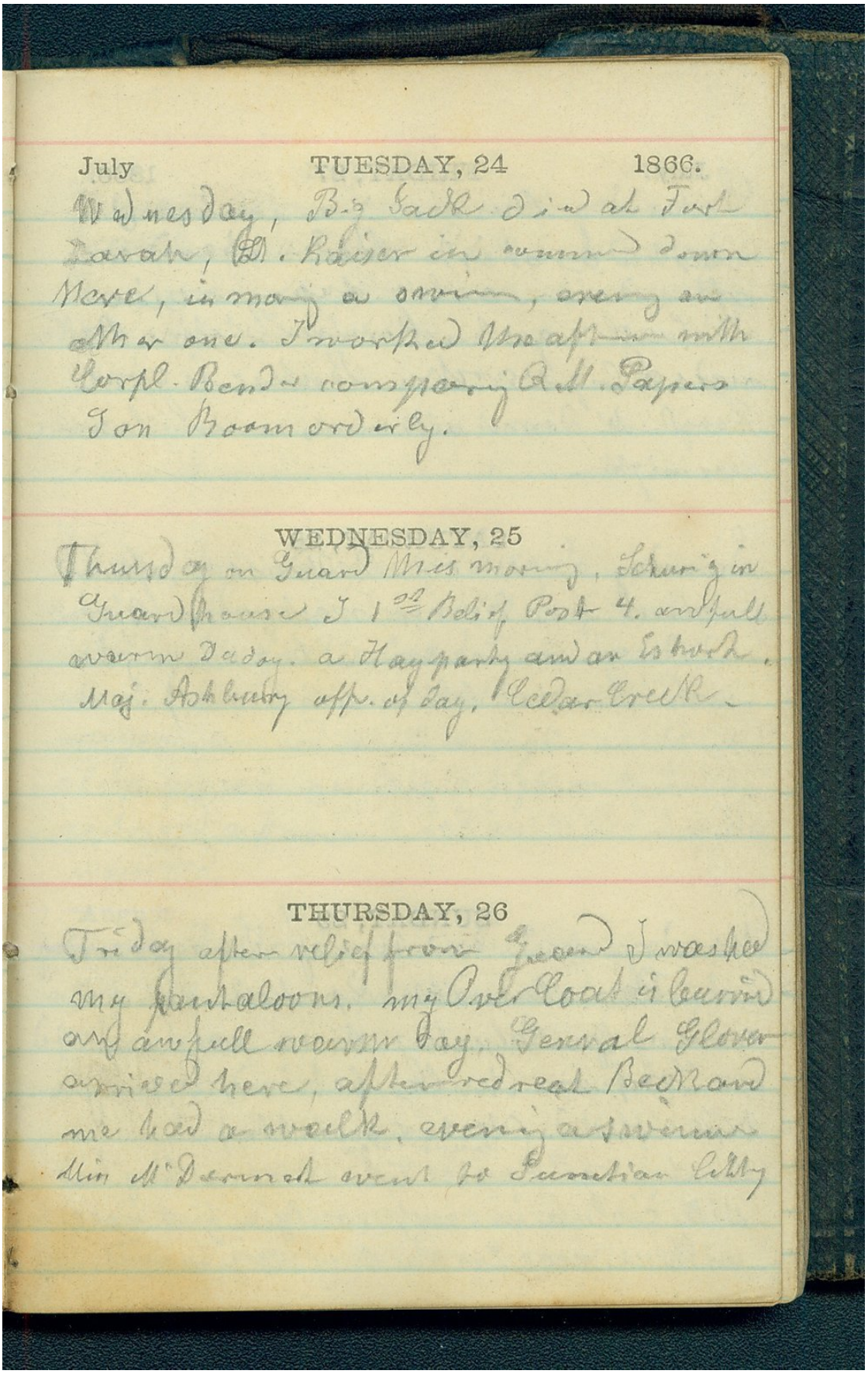
Sunday Inspection, I have written a letter to Hillebrand. for dinner Onions after Supper Beer and I swimm after Sundown Kaiser and me a walk. Captain said he liked me and I should be next Lance Corporal. He asked me about all my service during the War.

SUNDAY, 22

Monday on Guard 1st Relief Post I. awfull warm Nite night plenty Musquitos Met an Escort to Walnut Creek. I send the Letter for Hillebrand. Mr Linn Got a buffalo. I owe Beck 55 Cents for Tobacco. Tobacco Butter confiscated from a settler.

MONDAY, 23

Tuesday after Inspection I and Rais, a swimm the afternoon. Mr Israel from Fort Dalgo came back. Regan enlisted, I was made artificer. Corpl Walker, Serge. Point Russ. Corporal. and I Lance Corporal. —



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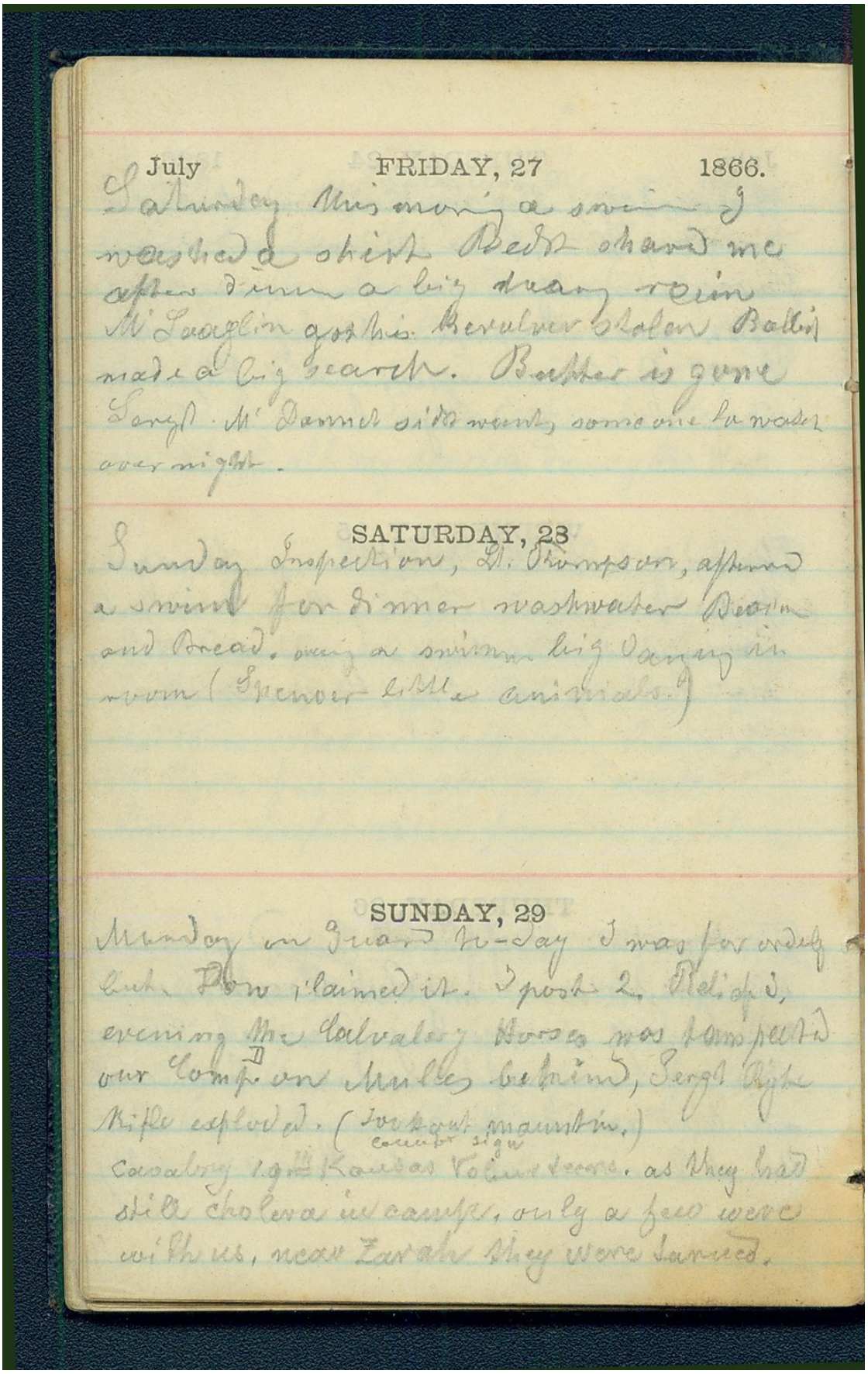
Wednesday, B.g Jack died at Fort Zarah, Lt. Kaiser in command Down Here, in many an one, every an other one. Inspected the Apt with Corpl. Bender company A.M. Papers Ton Roomorderly.

WEDNESDAY, 25

Thursday on Guard Mrs Morning. Sch'ing in Guard House I 1st Relief Post 4. awfull warm Day. a Hayparty and an Escort. Maj. Ashbury app. of Day, Cedar Creek.

THURSDAY, 26

Friday after relief from Guard I washed my Pantaloons. my Overcoat is burnd awfull warm Day. Genral Glover arrived here, after dreadfull Bed Road me had a walk, evening a swim Mr M'Dermott went to Junction City



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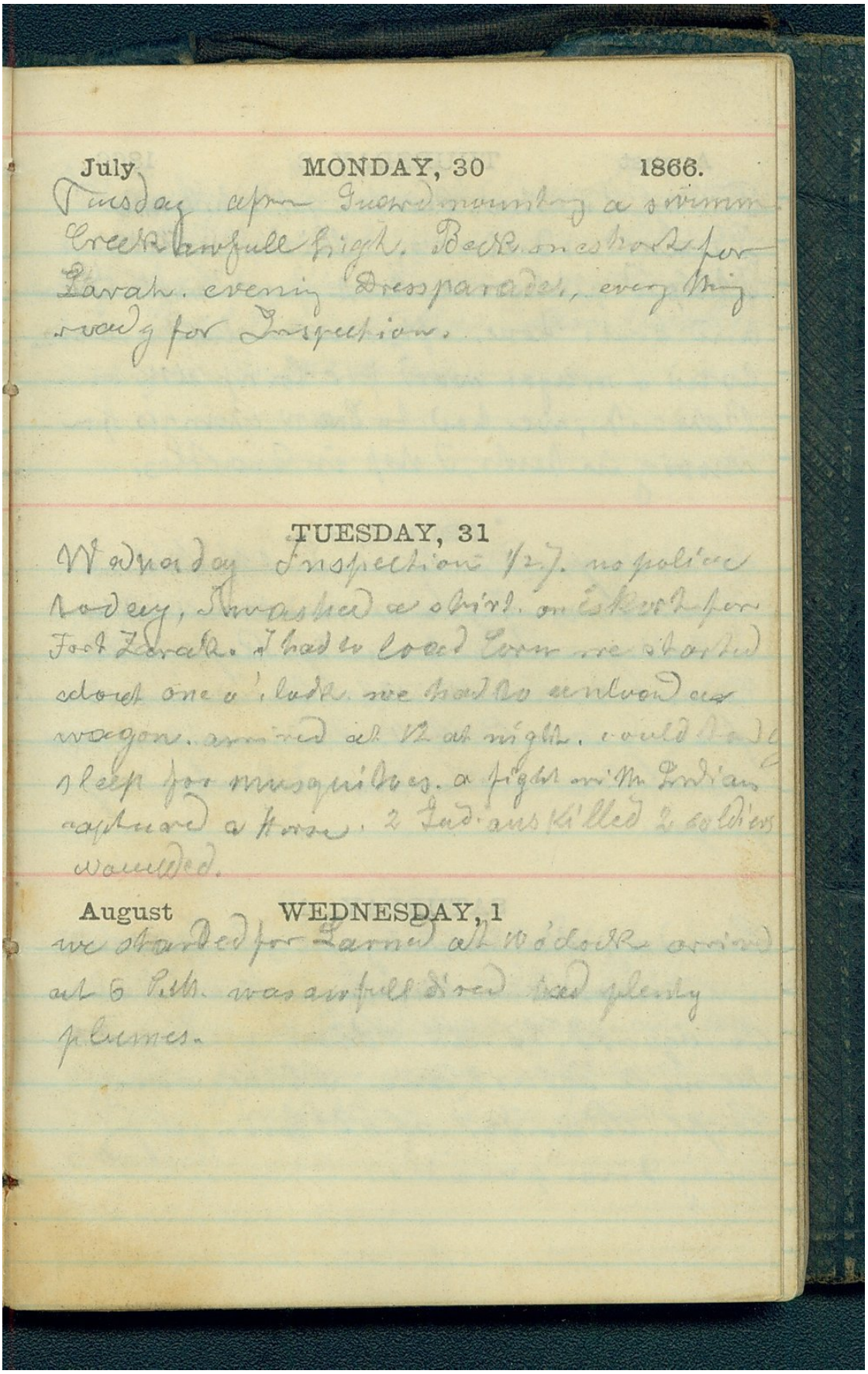
Saturday Was moving a swim I washed a shirt Bedd shaved me after dinner a big drum rain M'Laughlin got his Revolver stolen Ballin made a big search. Butter is gone Sergt. M'Donnel sick wants someone to watch over night.

SATURDAY, 28

Sunday Inspection, Lt. Thompson, appointed a swim for dinner washwater Beans and Bread. many a swimm big Dance in room (Spencer little animals.)

SUNDAY, 29

Monday on Guard To-day I was for orderly but Dow claimed it. I post 2. Relief 3, evening the Calvalery Horses was stampeded our Comp. on Guard behind, Sergt Ryte Rifle exploded. (Sergeant maunbin.) Cavalery 1st Kansas Volunteers. as they had still cholera in camps, only a few were with us, near Zarah they were starved.



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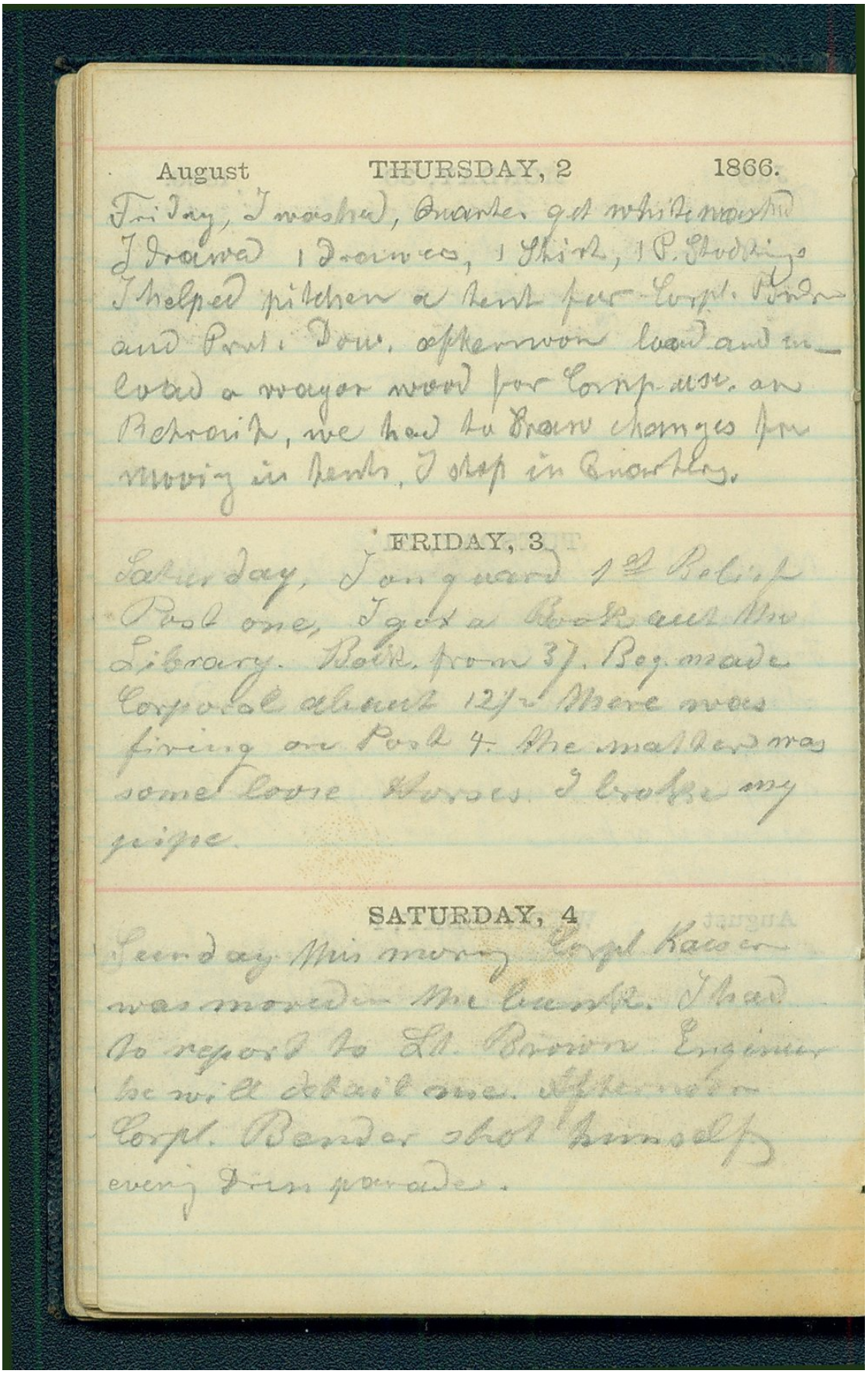
Tuesday apon Guard mounting a swimm Creek knee full high. Back encamped for Larah. evening Dress parade, every thing ready for Inspection.

TUESDAY, 31

Wednesday Inspection 1/2 h. no police today, Inspected a shirt. on Eskort for Fort Zarah. I had to load Corn we started about one o'clock. we had to unload our wagon. arrived at 12 at night. could not sleep for musquitoes. a fight with Indians captured a horse. 2 Indians killed 2 soldiers wounded.

August WEDNESDAY, 1

we started for Larned at 8 o'clock arrived at 6 P.M. was awful dred dead plenty plumes.



August THURSDAY, 2 1866.

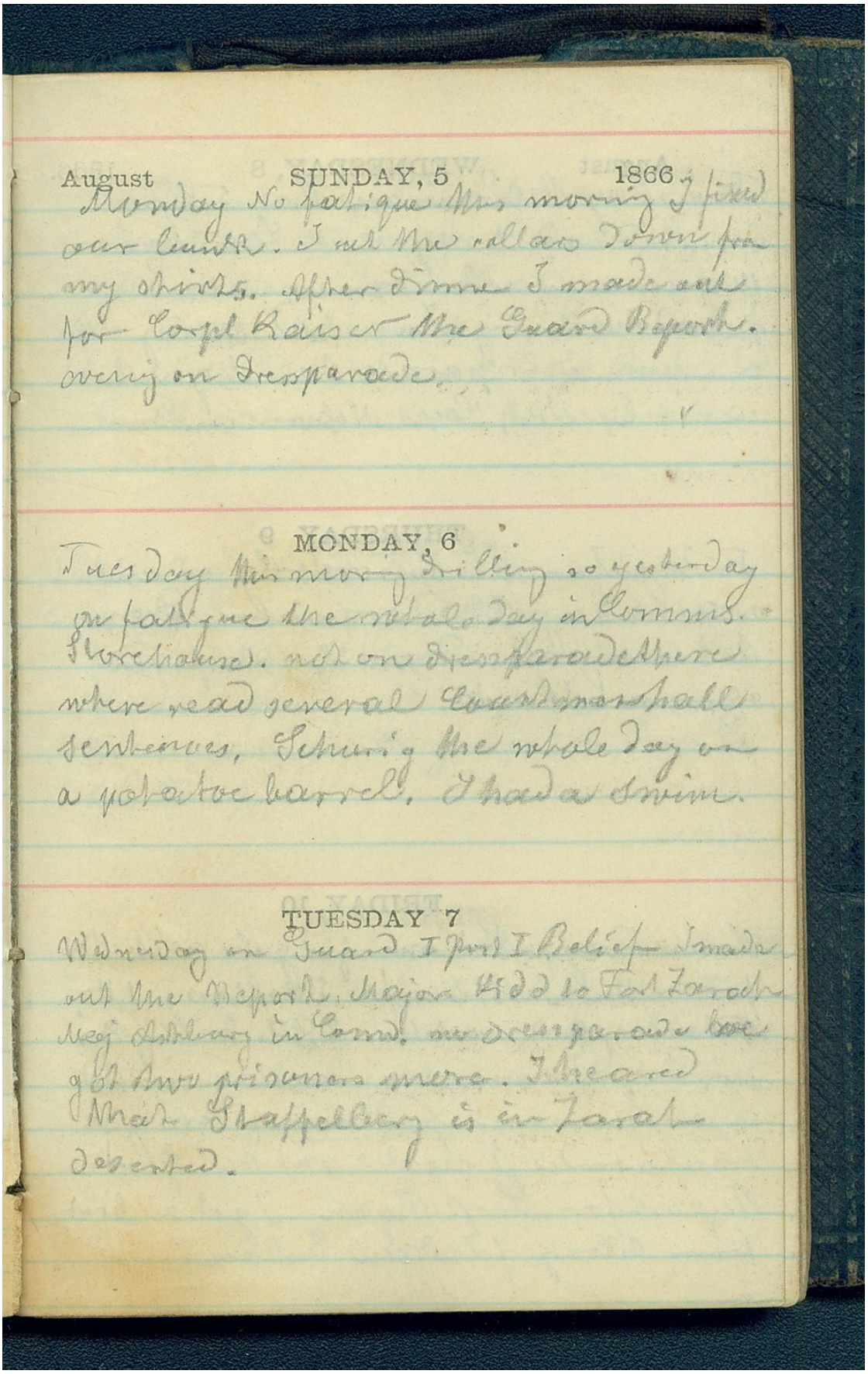
Friday, I washed, Quarter. got white trousers I drawed 1 drawers, 1 Shirt, 1 P. Stocking. I helped pitchen a tent for Corpl. Ponder and Privt. Dow. afternoon load and unload a wagon wood for Corp. use. an Detroit, we had to drawn changes for moving in tents. I slept in Quarters.

FRIDAY, 3

Saturday, I on guard 1st Relief Post one, I got a Book out the Library. Relieved from 3 P. Reg. made Corporal about 12 P. More moves firing on Post 4. the mallard was some loose Horses. I broke my pipe.

SATURDAY, 4

Sunday. this morn Corpl Kaiser was moved in the Guards. I had to report to Lt. Brown Engineer he will detail one. Afternoon Corpl. Bender shot himself every Dress parade.



August SUNDAY, 5 1866

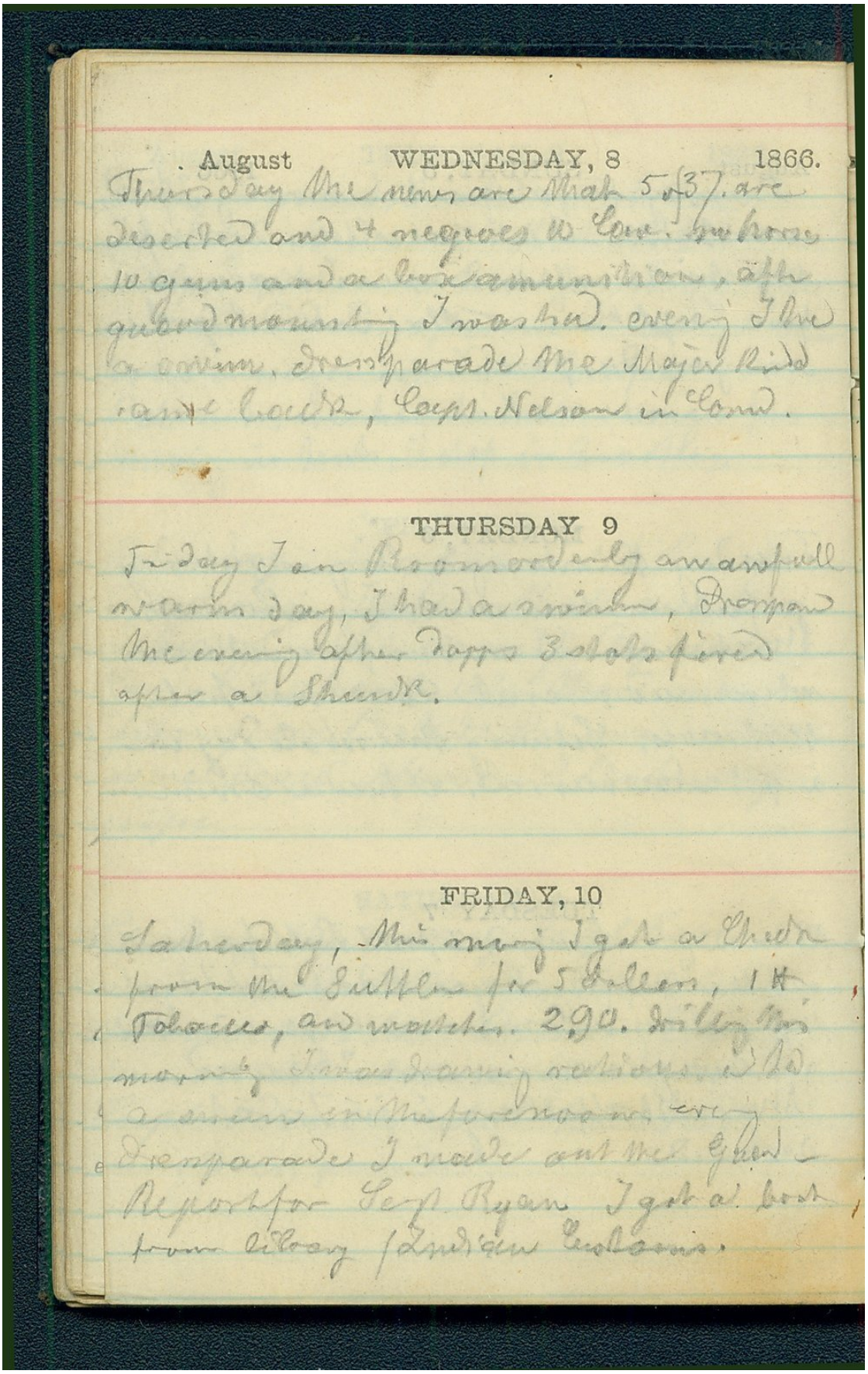
Monday No fatigue this morning I fixed our Quarters. I put the rollers down for my shirts. After Dinner I made out for Capt Kaiser the Guard Reports. every on Dressparade.

MONDAY, 6

Tuesday this morning drilling so yesterday on fatigue the whole day in Commis. Storehouse. not on Dressparade there where read several Court Marshall sentences, Setting the whole day on a potatoe barrel. I had a Swim.

TUESDAY 7

Wednesday on Guard I put I Relief I made out the Reports. Major Udd to Fort Zarah Neg Abbang in Comd. no Dressparade here got two prisoners here. I heared Mhar Staffelberg is in Zarah deserted.



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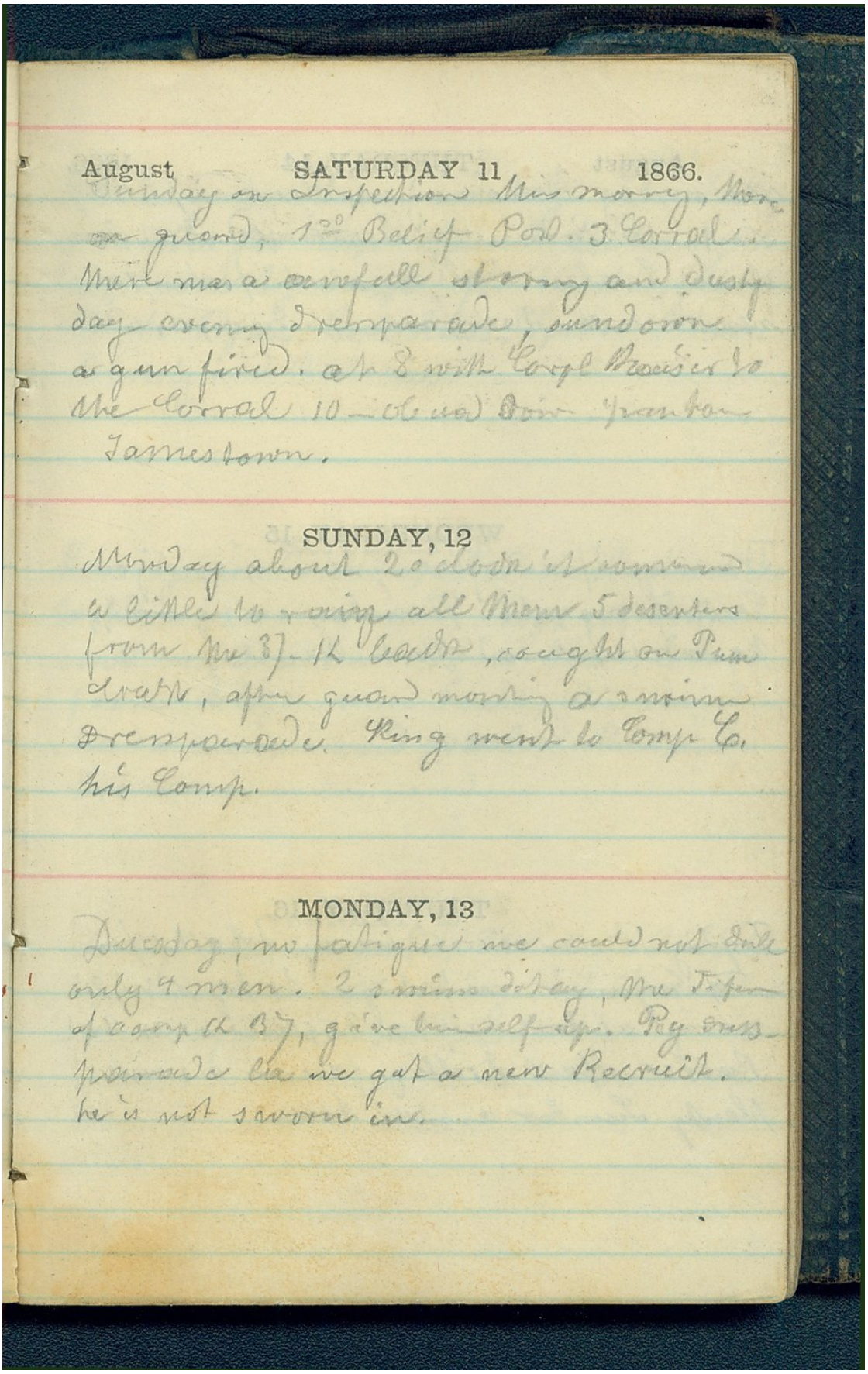
Thursday The news are that 5 of 37. are deserted and 4 negroes to Lav. two hours to guns and a ½ ammunition, after guard mounting I washed. every I the a swim. dress parade the Major Ridd read Order, Capt. Nelson in Comd.

THURSDAY 9

Friday I in Roomorderly an awfull warm day, I had a swim, Dress parade the evening after Taps 3 shots fired after a Skunk.

FRIDAY, 10

Saturday, this morn I get a Check from the Sutler for 5 Dollars, 1 H Tobacco, and washing. 2,90. Drill this morning I have drawing rations. I had a swim in the forenoon. ever Dressparade I made out the Guard Report for Serg. Ryan. I got a box from Albany / Ludwig Cristians.



August SATURDAY 11 1866.

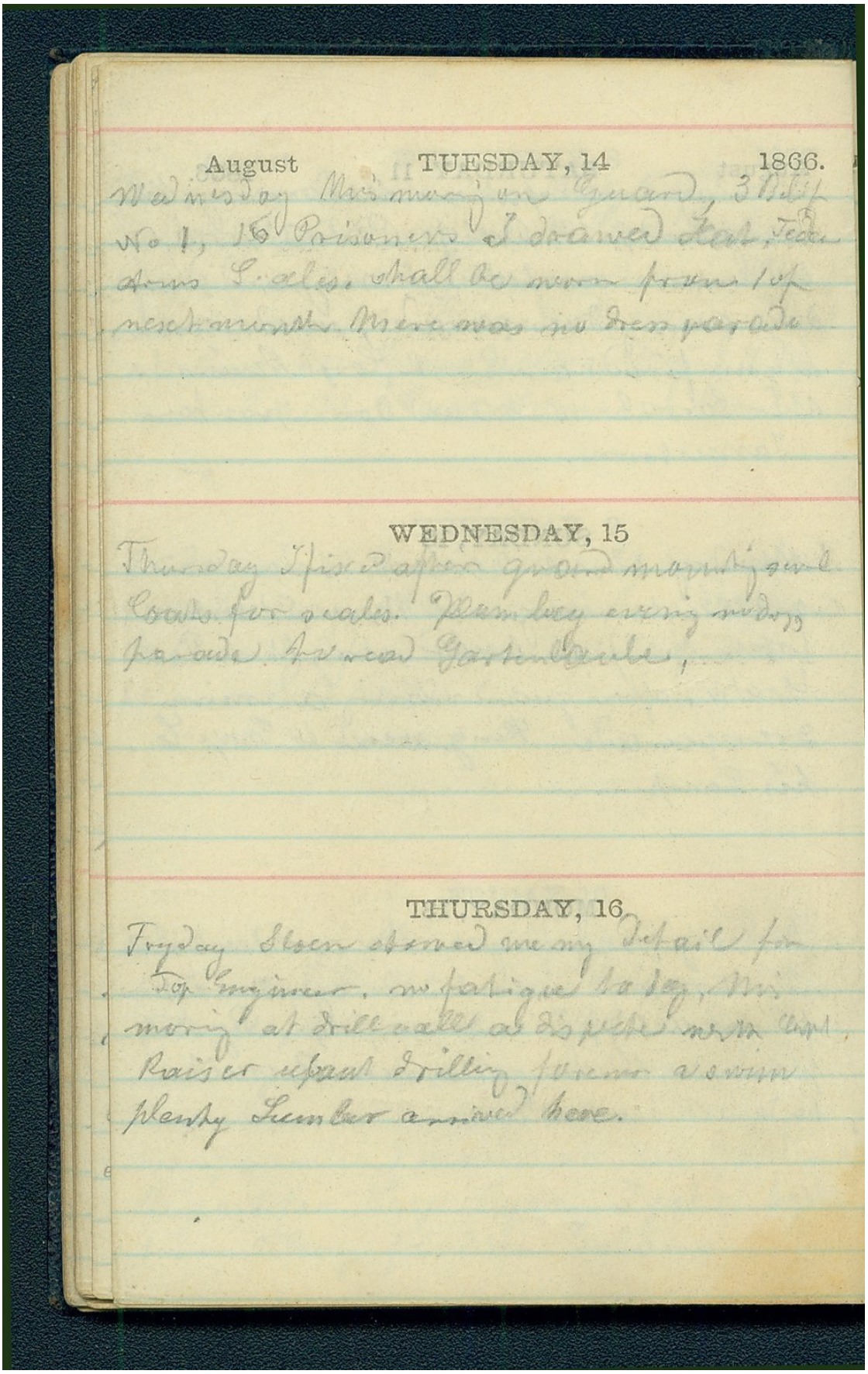
Sunday on Inspection this morning, Mor on guard, 1st Relief Post. 3 Corrals. Wet mist a cool all storm and dusty day evening Dressparade, sundown a gun fired. at 8 with Corpl Brocker to the Corral 10 — Cleared Doin Train for Jamestown.

SUNDAY, 12

Monday about 2 o'clock it commenced a little to rain all Morn 5 deserters from the 37 - 11 Leaders, caught on Pumdrake, after guard mounting a swimm Dressparade. King went to Comp G. his Comp.

MONDAY, 13

Tuesday, we fatigue we could not take only 4 men. 2 swimm today, the Tripm of comp G 37, gave himself up. Reg Dressparade Cla we got a new Recruit. he is not sworn in.



August TUESDAY, 14 1866.

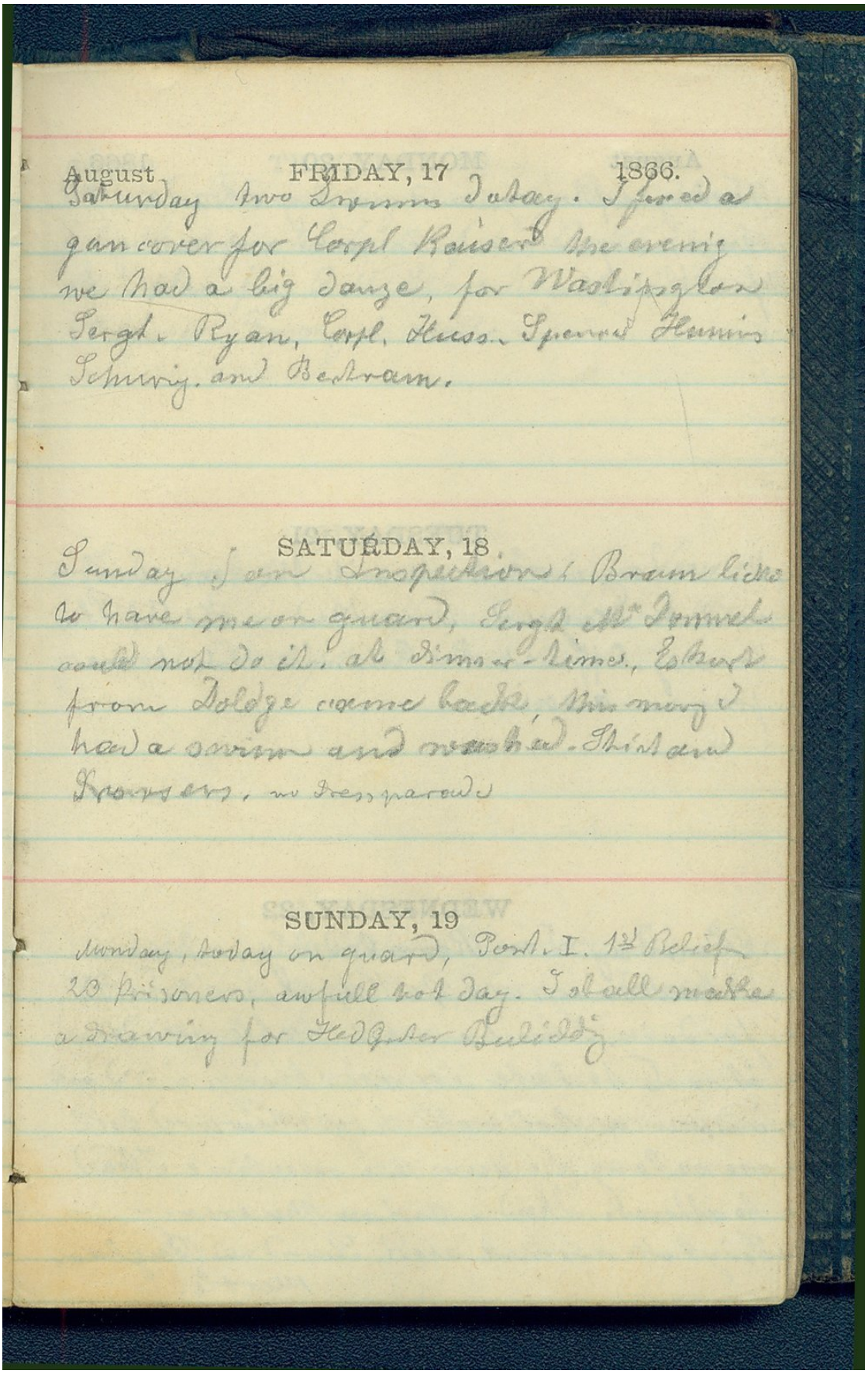
Wednesday Mustering on Guard, 3 Relief No 1, 16 Prisoners I drawed Stat. Feed Rations Sales. shall be mustered from 1st next month. There was no Dress parade

WEDNESDAY, 15

Thursday I fixed after ground mounted guard Cows for sales. Plentiy every nodress parade I received Garrison Order,

THURSDAY, 16

Friday I been detailed on my detail for Top Engineer. no fatigue today, this morning at drill calls as before mustered Capt. Raiser upon Drilling Recruits Company plenty Lumber arrived here.



August FRIDAY, 17 1866.

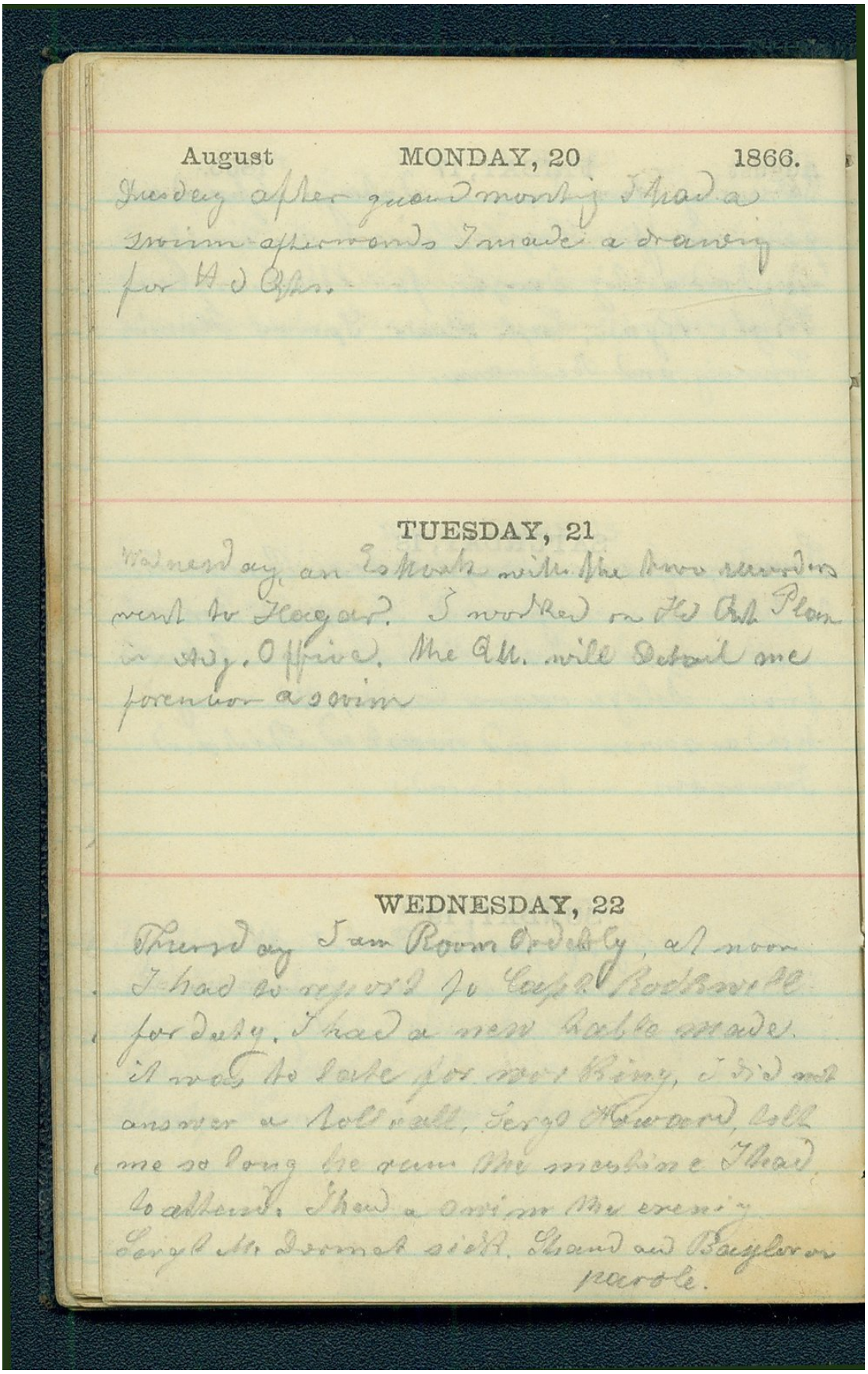
Saturday two Drums today. I served as gun cover for Corpl Kaiser the evening we had a big dance, for Washington Sergt. Ryan, Corpl. Hess. Spencer Hunnius Schmig. and Bertram.

SATURDAY, 18

Sunday I am Inspections & Bram like to have me on guard, Sergt Mr Dimmel could not do it. at dinner-time., Eckert from Dodge came back, this morning I had a swim and washed. Shirt and Trousers, no dress parade

SUNDAY, 19

Monday, today on guard, Post. I. 1st Relief 20 prisoners, awfull hot day. I shall make a Drawing for Webster Buildg



August MONDAY, 20 1866.

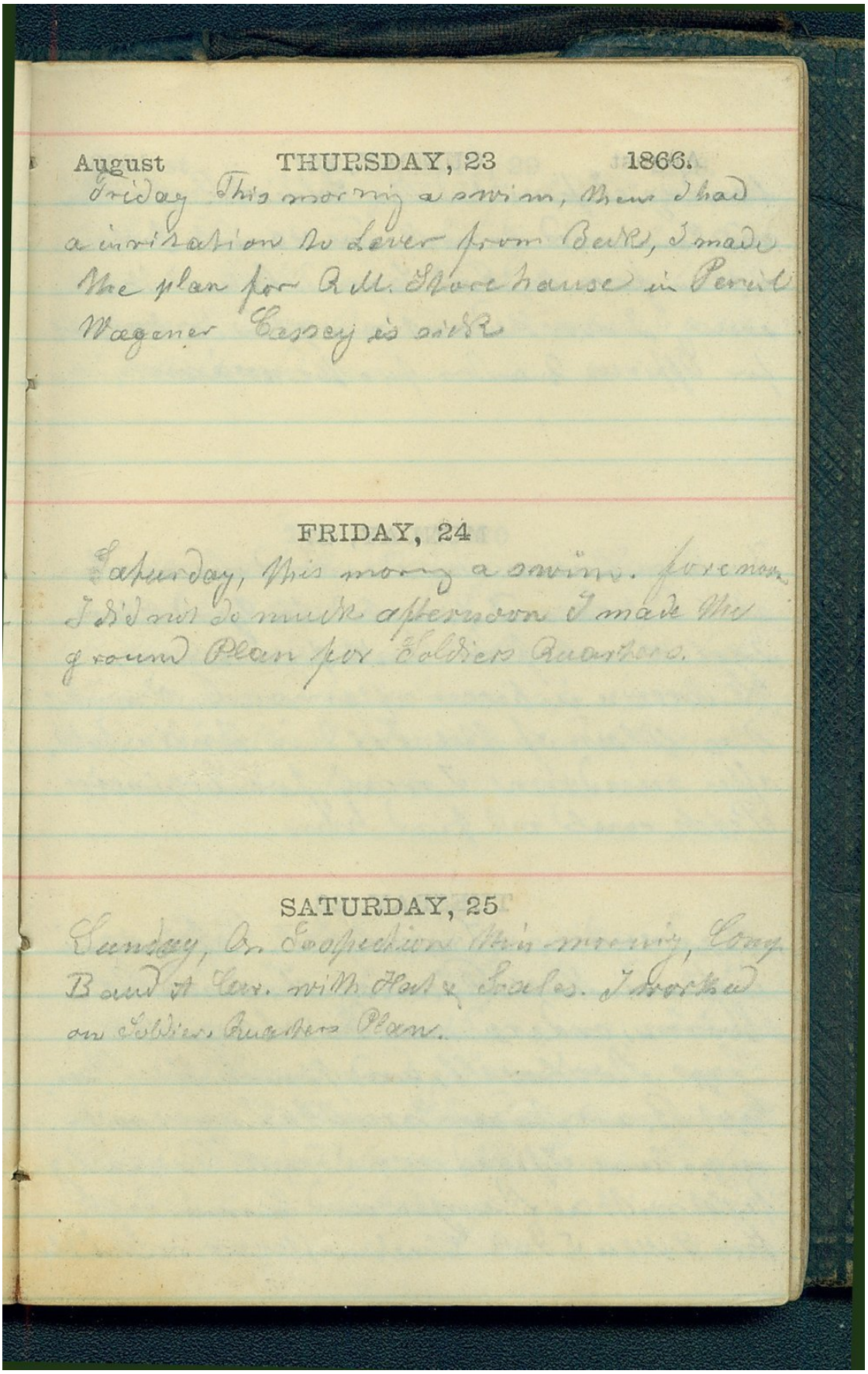
Tuesday after guard mounting I had a swim afterwards I made a drawing for H J Ahs.

TUESDAY, 21

Wednesday am I stuck with the two recruits went to Hoeger. I worked on the Ord Plan in Adj. Office. The Co. will Detail one forenoon a swim

WEDNESDAY, 22

Thursday I am Room Orderly, at noon I had to report to Capt Rockwell for duty. I had a new table made. It was too late for mess Reiny, I did not answer a Roll call, Sergt Howard told me so long he drew the medicine I had to attend. I had a swim in the evening Sergt M. Dermot sick. Shand and Baylor on parole.



August THURSDAY, 23 1866.

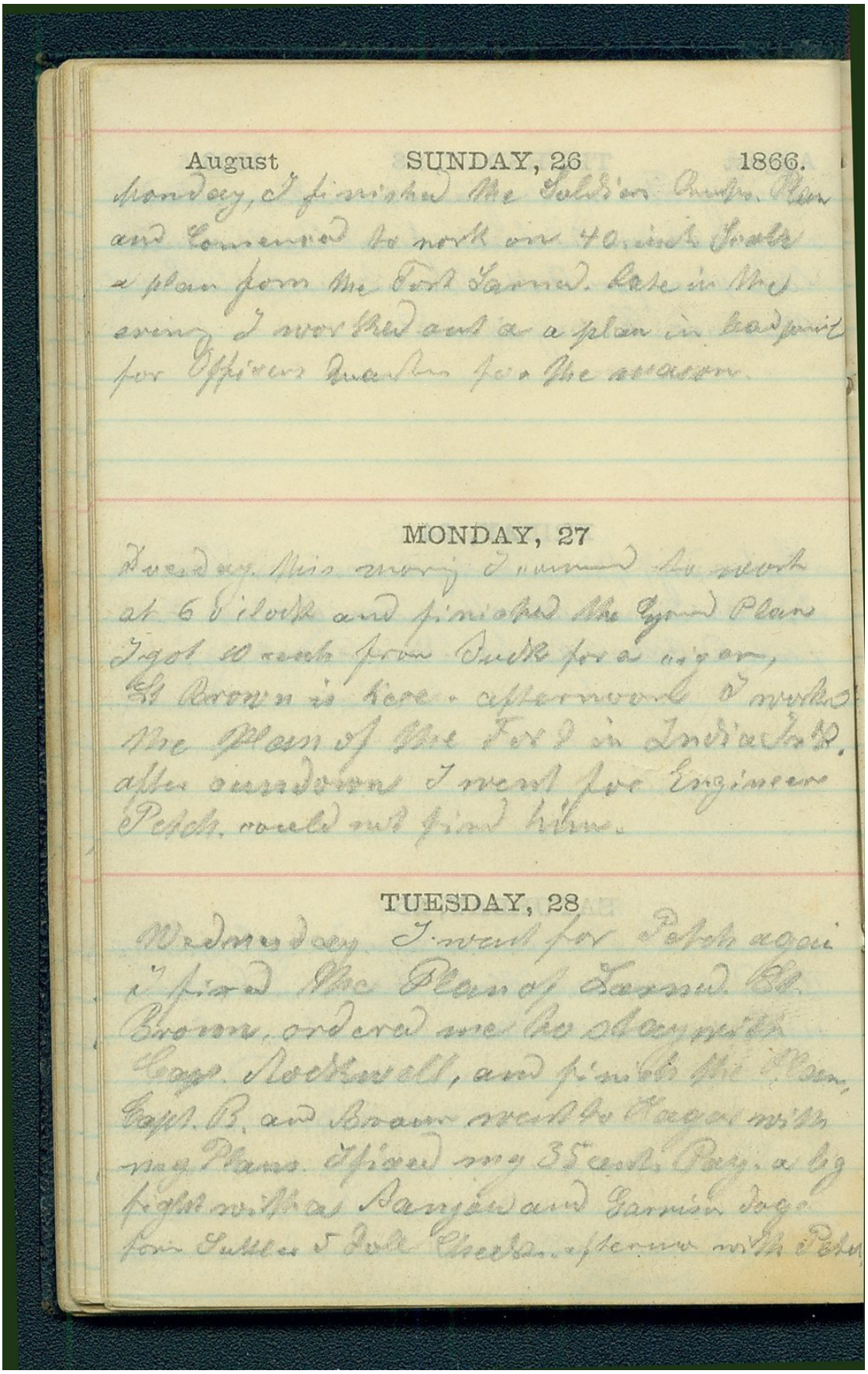
Friday This morning a swim, then I had a invitation to Lever from Burks, I made the plan for R.R. Storehouse in Fort Wagener Cassey is sick

FRIDAY, 24

Saturday, This morng a swim. forenoon I did not do much afternoon I made the ground Plan for Soldiers Quarters.

SATURDAY, 25

Sunday, Or. Inspection this morning, Corp. Board at Lev. with Host & Scales. I worked on Soldiers Quarters Plans.



August SUNDAY, 26 1866.

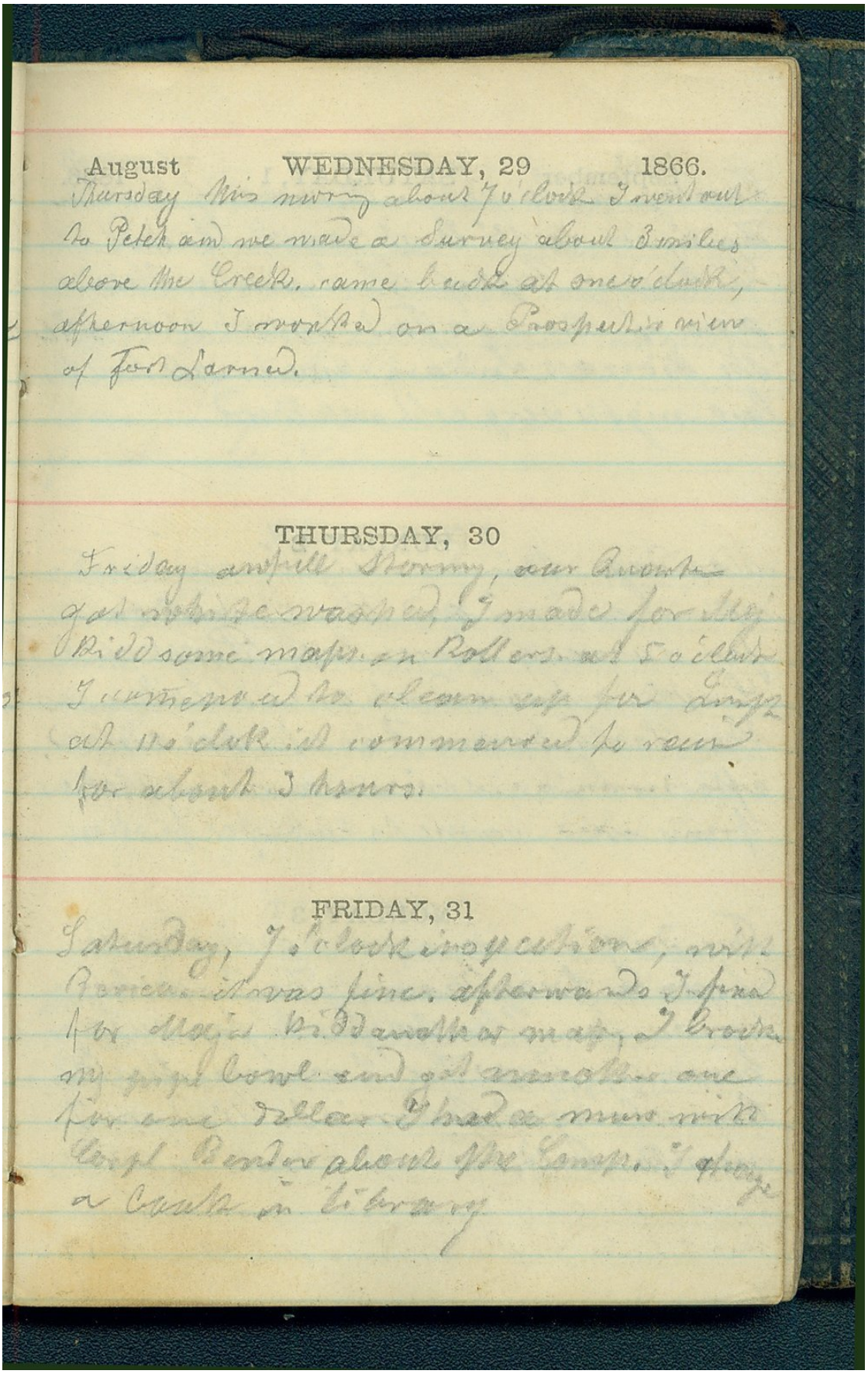
Monday, I finished the Soldiers Quarters Plan and Commenced to work on 40 inch Scale a plan from the Fort Leavenworth Plat in the evening I worked and on a plan in Readiness for Officers Quarters for the season.

MONDAY, 27

Tuesday. This morning I Commenced to work at 6 o'clock and finished the Ground Plans I got a Check from Ruth for a years, Lt Brown is here. afternoon I worked the Plan of the Fort in Indian Territory, after sundowns I went for Engineer Peters. could not find him.

TUESDAY, 28

Wednesday I went for Peters again I finished the Plan of Leavenworth Lt. Brown, ordered me to stay with Capt. Rockwell, and finished the Plan, Capt. B. and Brown went to Wagon with my Plans. I fixed my 35 cent Pony a leg fight with Mr Sanger and Garrison dogs for Sutler's Dirk Checkers afternoon with Peters



August WEDNESDAY, 29 1866.

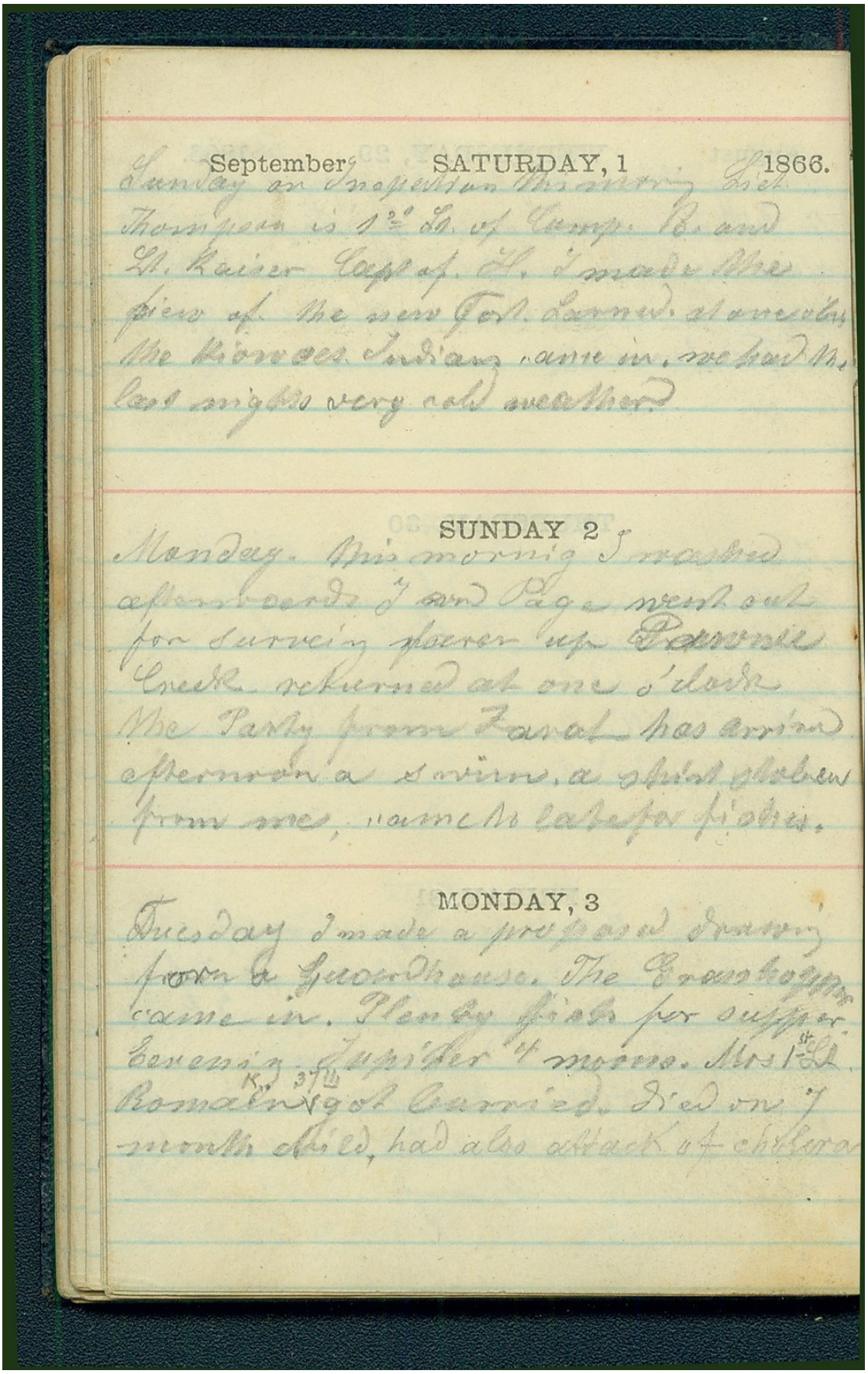
Thursday Was moving about 7 o'clock I went out to Peter's and we made a Survey about 3 miles above the Creek, came back at one o'clock, afternoon I worked on a Prospect view of Fort Larned.

THURSDAY, 30

Friday and till Sunday, our Rooms got white washed, I made for Maj Bird some maps on Rollers. at 5 o'clock I commenced to clean up for Supper at 10 o'clock it commenced to rain for about 3 hours.

FRIDAY, 31

Saturday, 7 o'clock inspections, with Parade. It was fine. afterwards I fixed for Maj is Bird another map, I drew my first Cow and got receipt for one Dollar. I had a Row with Capt Benton about the Camps. I have a Cook in Library



September SATURDAY, 1 1866.

Sunday as Inspection this morning Lieut Thompson is 1st Lt. of Comp. B. and Lt. Kaiser Capt of H. I made the pics of the new Fort. Learned at once the Kiowas Indians came in. we had the last night very cold weather.

SUNDAY 2

Monday. This morning I washed a few boards I and Page went out for surveying papers up Pawnee Creek returned at one o'clock the Party from Zarah has arrived afternoon a swim. a shot gluben from me, name to take for fishes.

MONDAY, 3

Tuesday I made a pretty good drawing from a Guardhouse. The Engineers came in. Plenty fish for supper Evening Jupiter & moon. Mrs 1st Lt. Romaine 37th Inf got Married. Died on 7 months child, had also attack of cholera