# Donald Appletrad's World War II photographs and diary

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These are two World War II photograph albums and a diary which belonged to Donald Appletrad. During World War II, he served in the Office of Strategic Services Headquarters Company 2677 Regiment, United States Army. Donald Appletrad was born October 11, 1909 in Leonardville, Kansas, the son of Olaf and Lydia Appletrad.

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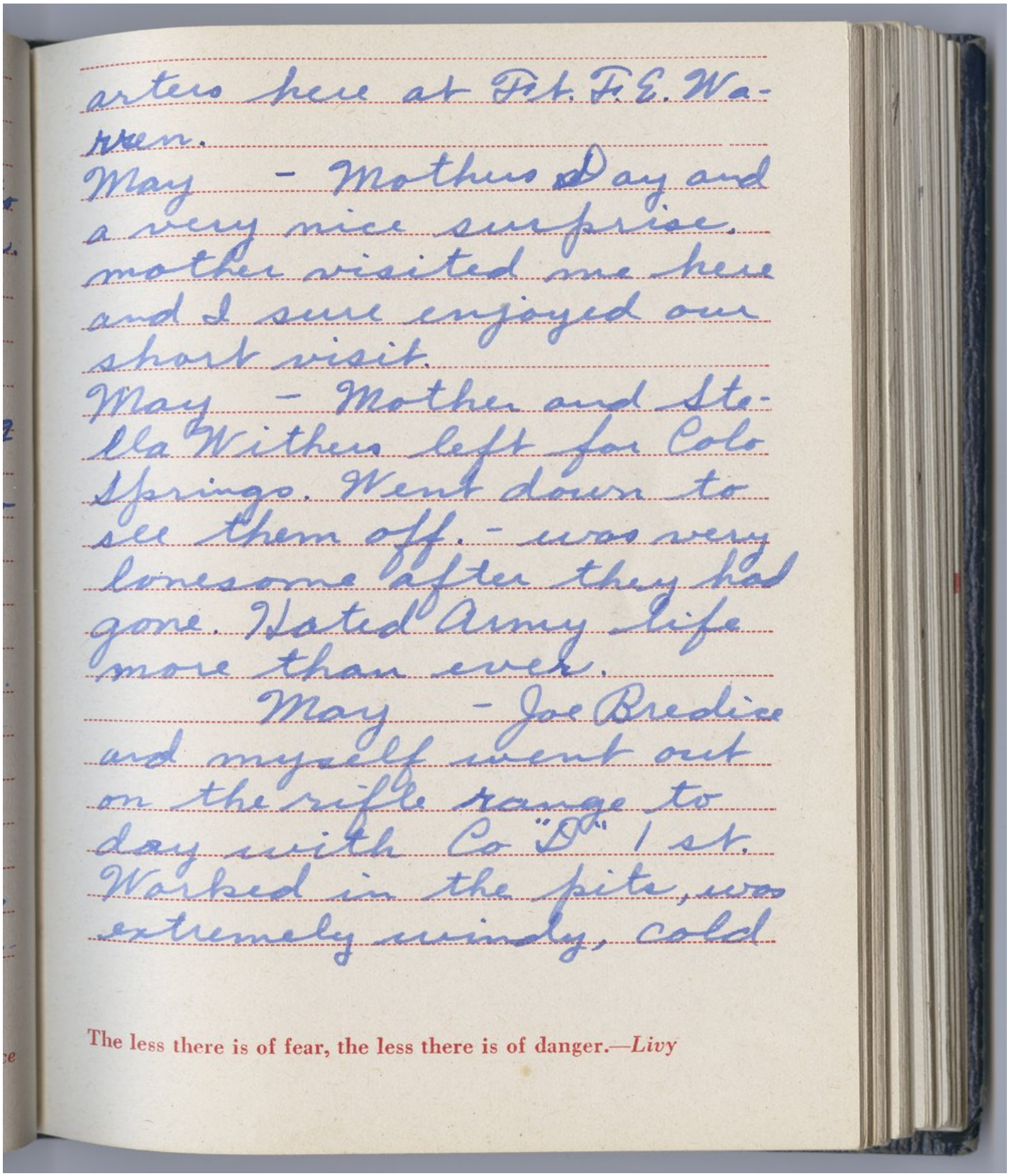
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arters here at Ft. F. E. Warren.

May - Mothers Day and a very nice surprise. mother visited me here and I sure enjoyed our short visit.

May - Mother and Stella Withers left for Colo Springs. Went down to see them off. - was very lonesome after they had gone. Hated Army life more than ever.

May - Joe Bredice and myself went out on the rifle range today with Co "D" 1 st. Worked in the pits, was extremely windy, cold

The less there is of fear, the less there is of danger.—*Livy*

too.

May - Again out on the range, nicer weather, kept score till 12M goldbricked the rest of the afternoon.

May - Third day on the range. got to shoot 90 rounds practice and record. Joe made 147 I made 155. Got a kick out of it more ways than one ha! ha!

June 1+2 - Guard duty. Had post No 1. in front of guard house. My first hitch. not bad but tiresome - got sore feet out of the deal. No excitement, no prisoners

Establish the eternal truth that acquiescence under insult is not the way to escape war.—*Thomas Jefferson*

June 12. - Left right after retreat for tour + a bus for Colo. Springs caught bus at 6 had nice trip to Denver. Had 2 hour wait in Denver. Arrived in Springs at 2 A.M. Mother was glad to see me.

June 13. + 14 Spent day in Colo. Springs visiting Left for Denver at 6 PM arrived Denver 10 PM. Left Denver 12:20 A.M. arrived Cheyenne 3:30 A.M. To bed at 4 A.M. up at 5 drill, fatigue duty in Co. area all day - very tired - ready for bed tonite.

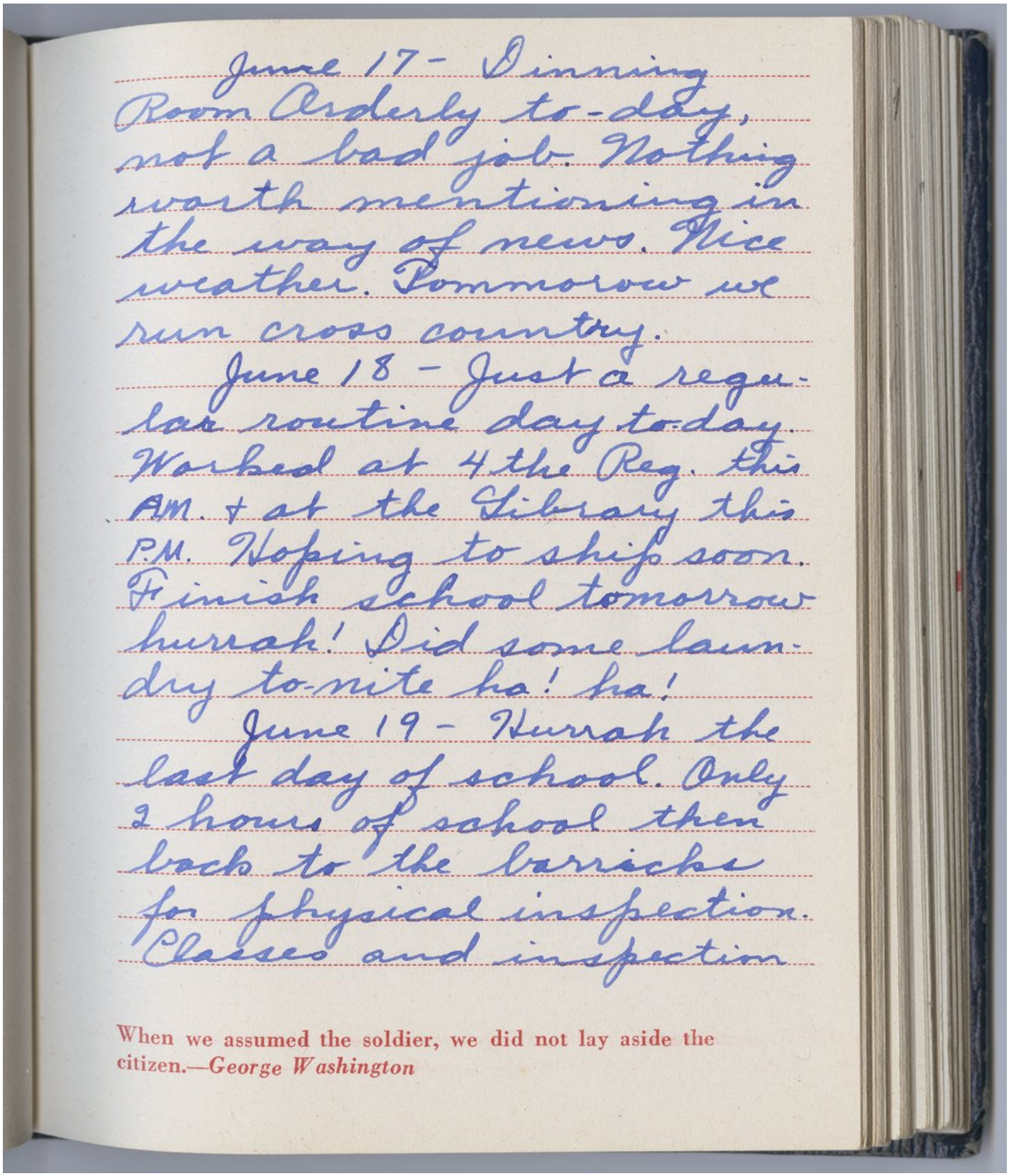


Confidence begets confidence.—*Proverb*

June 15 - Just a regular routine day not much excitement of any kind Ho! Hum!

June 16 - A big day today - The 168th Anniversary of the A.M. - A big track and field meet at Pioneer Park near Cheyenne. Marched over for the meet. Was real interesting too. Had some dandy drill teams performing and the W.d.A.C's drill team marched. Signed the payroll tonite. Bed time and Im tired so guess Ill file in now DRO tomorrow. Need some rest so goodnight.

Almost everything that is great has been done by youth.
—*Disraeli*



June 17 - Dinning Room Arderly to-day, not a bad job. Nothing worth mentioning in the way of news. Nice weather. Tommorow we run cross country.

June 18 - Just a regular routine day to-day. Worked at 4th Reg. this AM. + at the Library this P.M. Hoping to ship soon. Finish school tomorrow hurrah! Did some laundry to-nite ha! ha!

June 19 - Hurrah the last day of school. Only 2 hours of school then back to the barracks for physical inspection. Classes and inspection

When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen.—*George Washington*

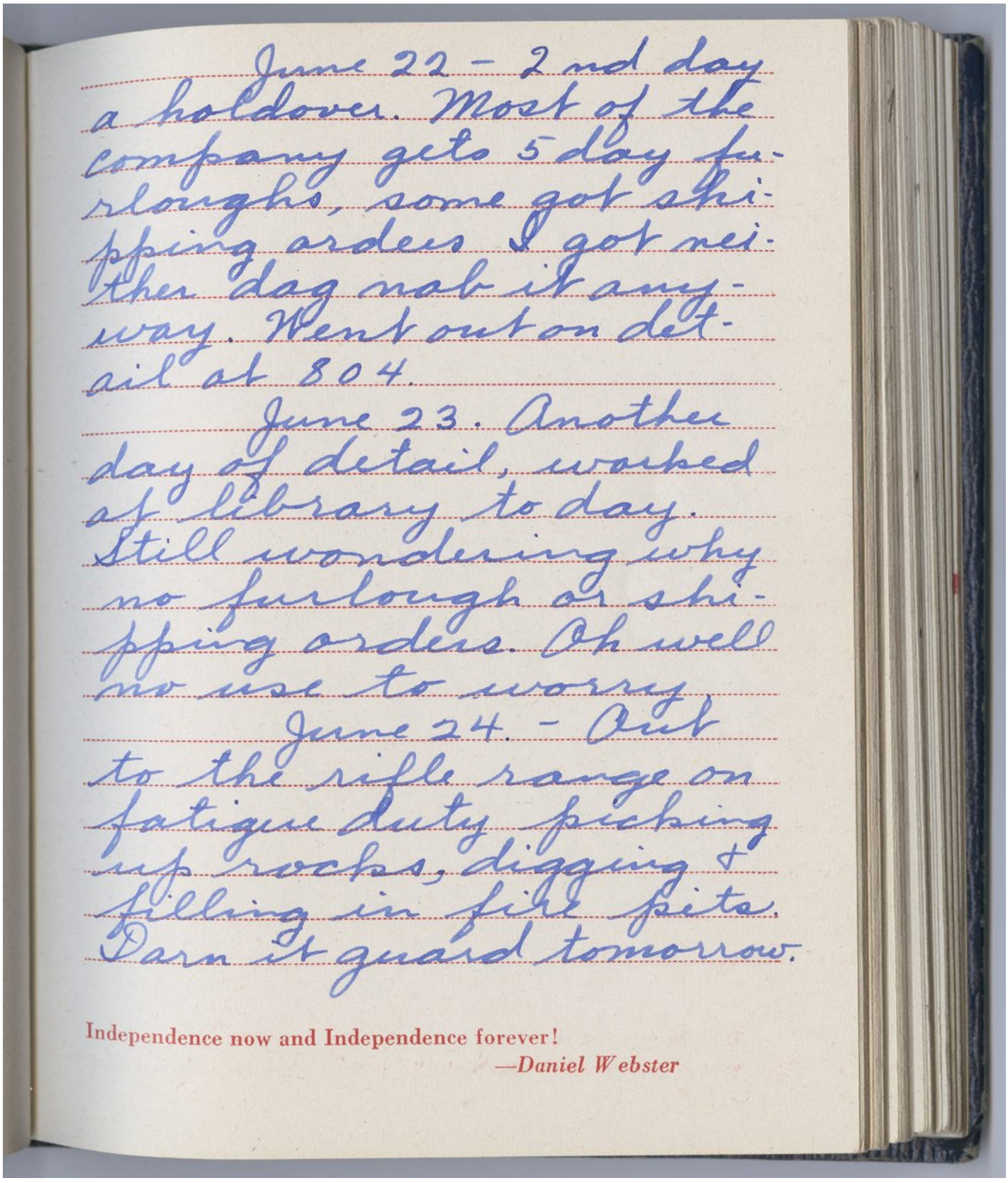
this afternoon. A party for us finishing at 6:30 too noisy so left early.

June 20 - Sunday today so went to Cheyenne. Visited the museum - had lunch at the USO - took some pictures with Hepp & Collins two of my buddies here. - came home early was pretty tired - Hot phew!

June 21 - First day as a holdover - fatigue duty in the Co. area working on some broom & mop cabinets.



When duty whispers low, *Thou must,*
The youth replies, *I can.*—*Emerson*

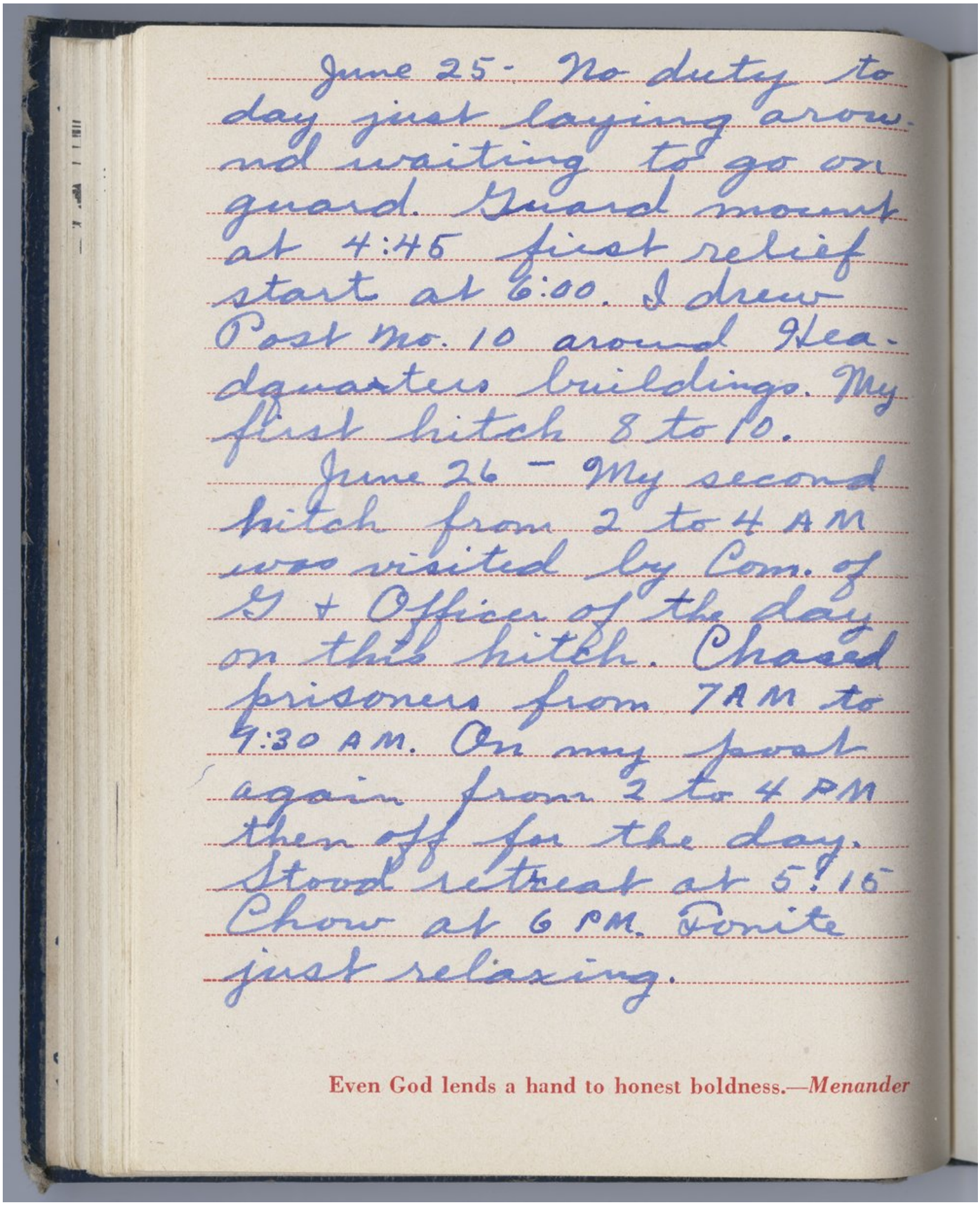


June 22 - 2nd day a holdover. Most of the company gets 5 day furloughs, some got shipping orders I got neither dag nab it anyway. Went out on detail at 804.

June 23. Another day of detail, worked at library to day. Still wondering why no furlough or shipping orders. Oh well no use to worry.

June 24. - Out to the rifle range on fatigue duty picking up rocks, digging & filling in fire pits. Darn it guard tomorrow.

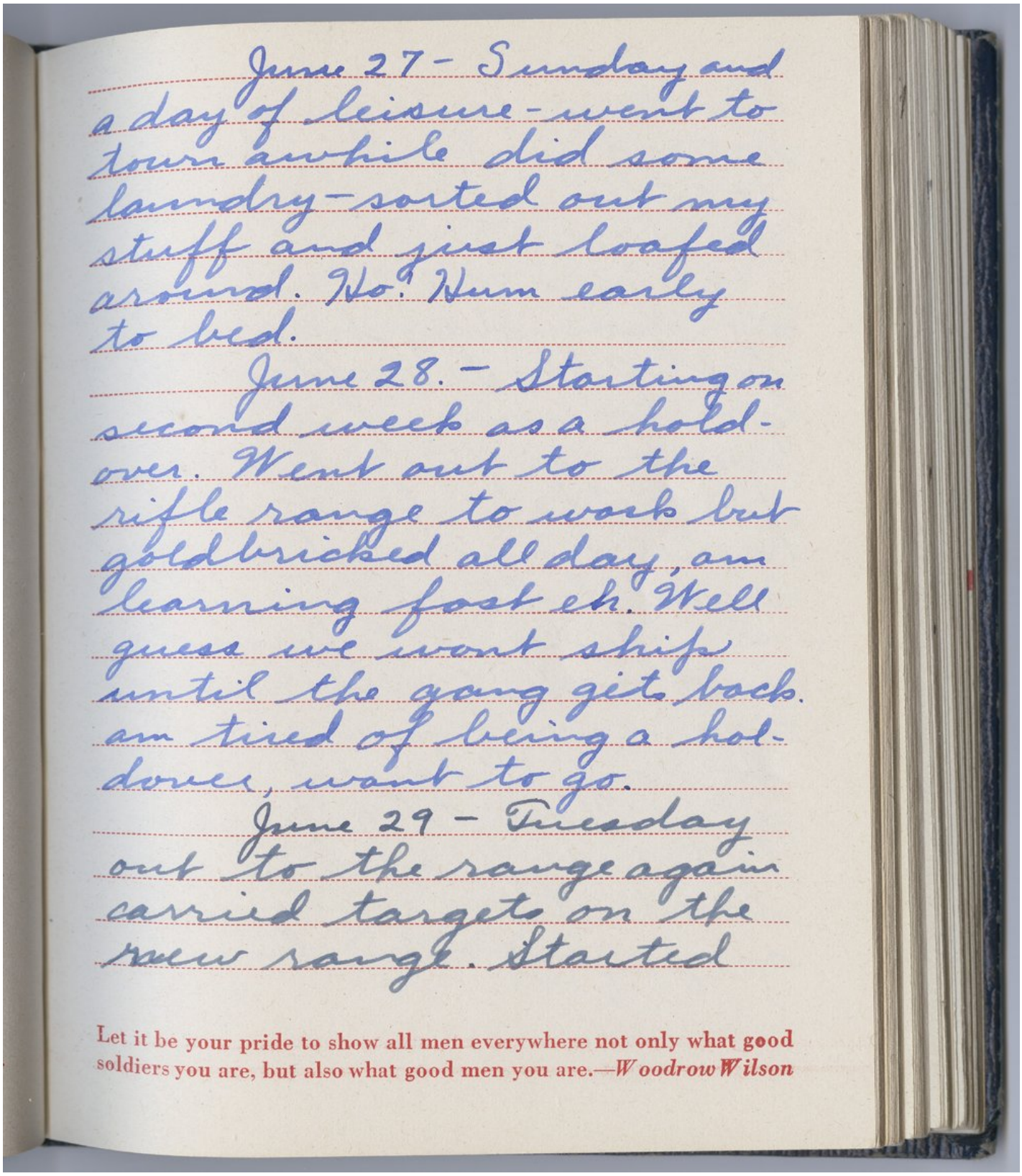
Independence now and Independence forever!
—*Daniel Webster*



June 25- No duty to day just laying arou. nd waiting to go on guard. Guard mount at 4:45 first relief start at 6:00. I drew Post No. 10 around Hea. dquarters buildings. My first hitch 8 to 10.

June 26 - My second hitch from 2 to 4 AM was visited by Com. of G + Officer of the day on this hitch. Chased prisoners from 7 AM to 9:30 AM. On my post again from 2 to 4 PM then off for the day. Stood retreat at 5:15 Chow at 6 PM. Pomite just relaxing.

Even God lends a hand to honest boldness.—*Menander*

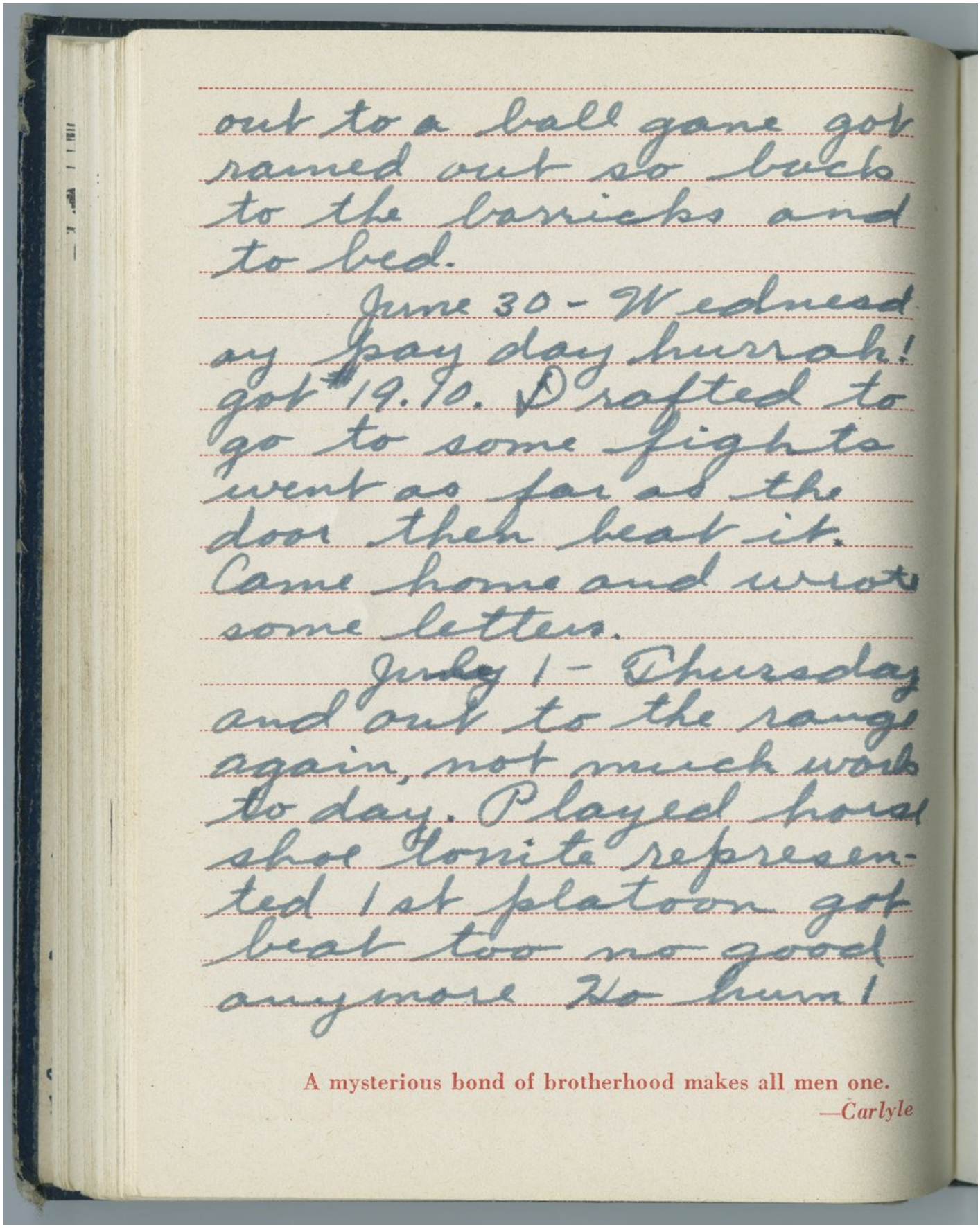


June 27 - Sunday and a day of leisure - went to town awhile did some laundry - sorted out my stuff and just loafed around. No? Hum early to bed.

June 28. - Starting on second week as a hold-over. Went out to the rifle range to work but goldbricked all day, am learning fast eh. Well guess we wont ship until the gang get back. am tired of being a hold-over, want to go.

June 29 - Tuesday out to the range again carried targets on the new range. Started

Let it be your pride to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are.—*Woodrow Wilson*



out to a ball game got rained out so back to the barracks and to bed.

June 30 - Wednesday pay day hurrah! got $19.10. Drafted to go to some fight to went as far as the door then beat it. Came home and wrote some letters.

July 1 - Thursday and out to the range again, not much work to day. Played horse shoe Horsite represented 1st platoon got beat too no good anymore Ho hum!

A mysterious bond of brotherhood makes all men one.
—Carlyle

July 2 - Friday. Out to the range again. Nothing worth mentioning fas to-day.

July 3rd - Sat. Detail down to the Service Club not much work. Afternoon went to the theatre and saw the AM broadcast, very interesting, back to the Service Club and washed windows for an hours. Went to town after chow too many soldiers in town, home at 11.

July 4 - Sun. a day of leisure. Went to town and loaded most of day.



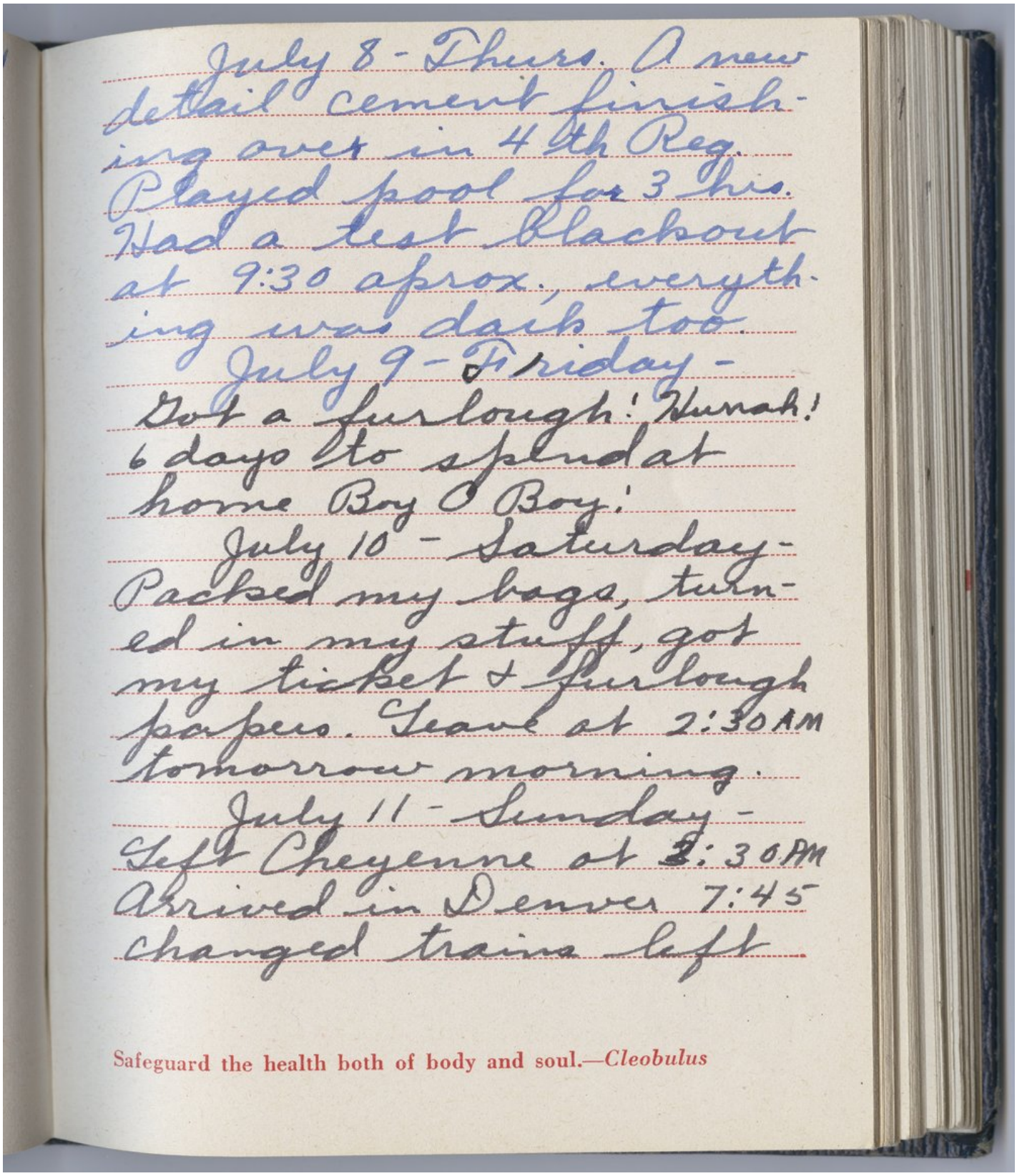
Fear not.—*Gen. XLII: 23*

July 5 - Mon. Detailed to haul coal. can you imagine that. Was over in W.A.A.C.s area got coffee + cookies not bad eh! Hauled more coal this P.M. through at 4.

July 6 - Tues. - P & P detail again, watered the lawn in front of center H'q's.

July 7 - Wed - Shoveled coal again, this has got to stop dag nab it. Our gang shipped to-day only a few of us left. We had "K" rations to-day dont care much about them either. eat supper at Service Club and went to U.S.O. show.

Millions for defense but not a cent for tribute.
—*Robert G. Harper*



July 8 - Thurs. A new detail cement finishing over in 4th Reg. Played pool for 3 hrs. Had a test blackout at 9:30 aprox., everything was dark too.

July 9 - Friday - Got a furlough! Hurrah! 6 days to spend at home Boy O Boy!

July 10 - Saturday - Packed my bags, turned in my stuff, got my ticket & furlough papers. Leave at 2:30 AM tomorrow morning.

July 11 - Sunday - Left Cheyenne at 2:30 PM Arrived in Denver 7:45 changed trains left

Safeguard the health both of body and soul.—*Cleobulus*

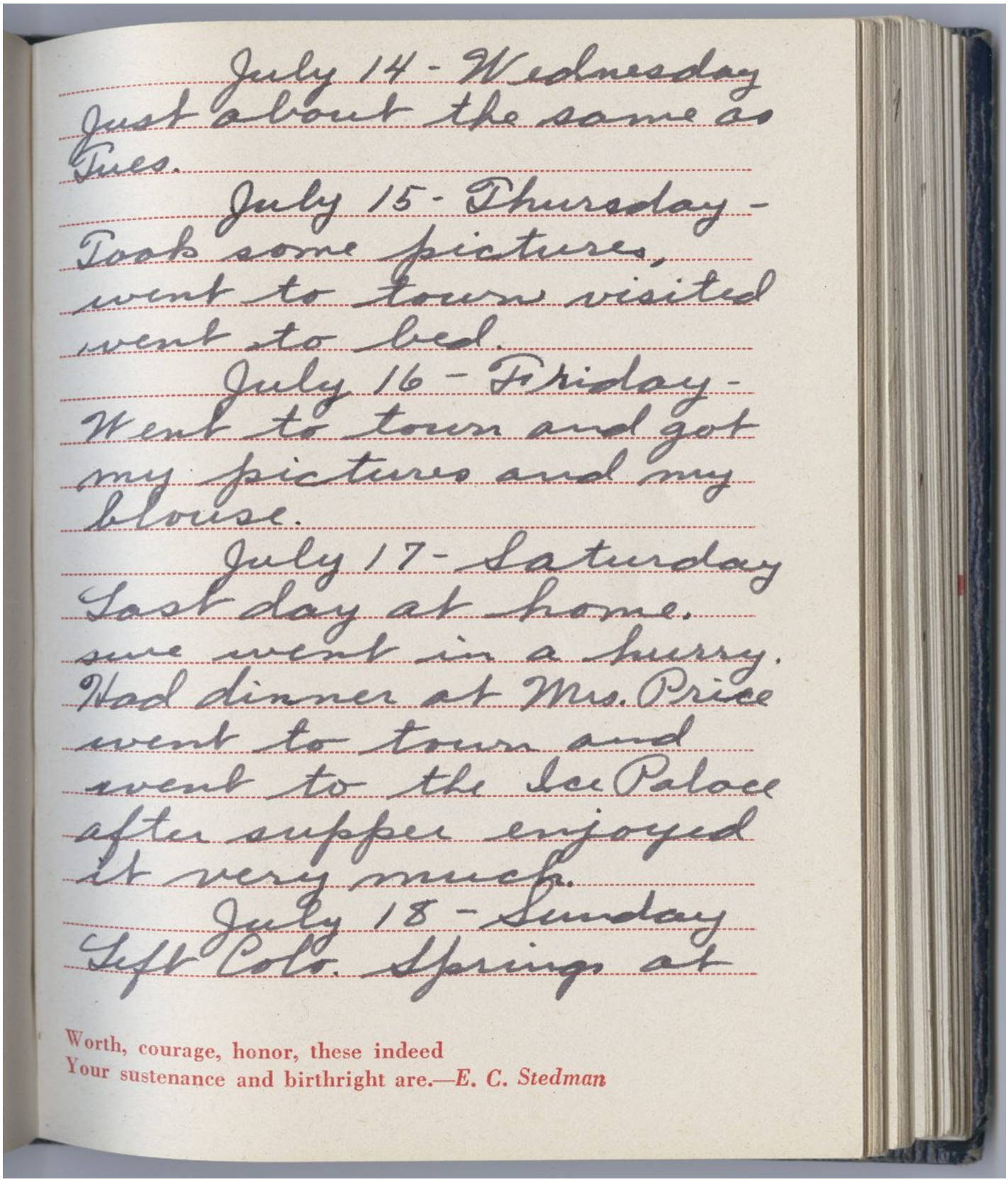
at 8:40 Arrived in Colo Springs 11:45. Mother was just writing me a letter when I surprised her. Tired so didnt do much but rest.

July 12 - Monday - Home Boy its good to be home for awhile. Spent the day visiting friends. Had Supper at home then visited some more.

July 13 - Tuesday - Went to town got some films, had my blouse shortened visited friends until bed time. My furlough is going fast.



Valor is the soldier's adornment.—*Livy*



July 14 - Wednesday
Just about the same as Tues.

July 15 - Thursday -
Took some pictures, went to town visited went to bed.

July 16 - Friday -
Went to town and got my pictures and my blouse.

July 17 - Saturday
Last day at home. sure went in a hurry. Had dinner at Mrs. Price went to town and went to the Ice Palace after supper enjoyed it very much.

July 18 - Sunday
Left Colo. Springs at

Worth, courage, honor, these indeed
Your sustenance and birthright are.—*E. C. Stedman*

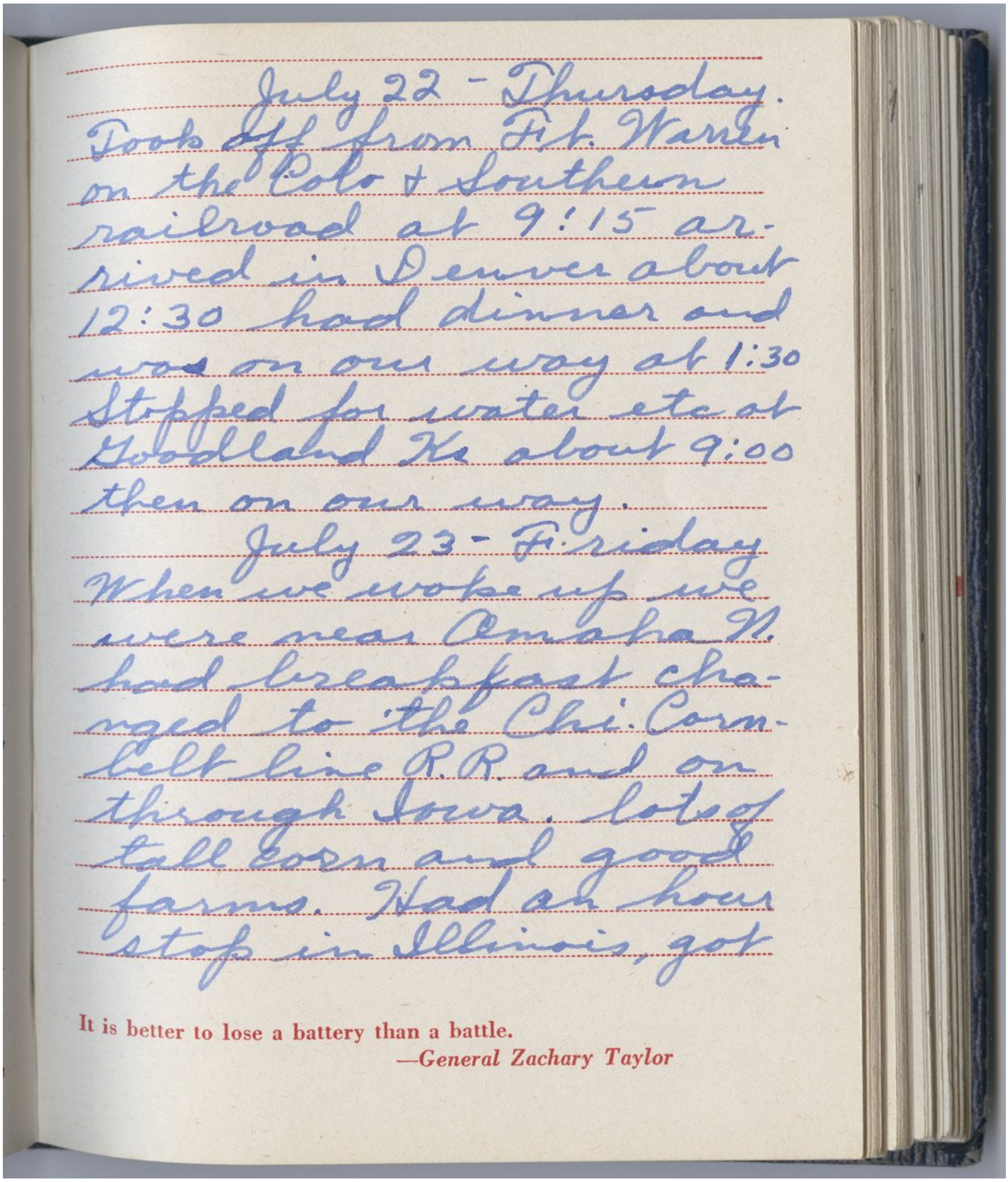
12:24 Arrived in Denver at 2:54 Left Denver at 3 arrived in Cheyenne at 6:30 had a bite in town, came back to the old camp got me a bed and flopped.

July 19 - Monday. Goldbricked all day.

July 20 - Tuesday. Shipping orders hurrah. Went over to finance office & collected $14.27 ration money.

July 21 - Wednesday Went for dental & eye examination. Packed our bags went for a physical then to a show and to bed.

Where liberty dwells there is my country.
—*Benjamin Franklin*



July 22 - Thursday.
Took off from Ft. Warren on the Colo + Southern railroad at 9:15 arrived in Denver about 12:30 had dinner and was on our way at 1:30 stopped for water etc at Goodland Ks about 9:00 then on our way.

July 23 - Friday
When we woke up we were near Omaha N. had breakfast changed to the Chi. Corn-belt line R.R. and on through Iowa. lots of tall Corn and good farms. Had an hour stop in Illinois, got

It is better to lose a battery than a battle.
—*General Zachary Taylor*

out and run around a few blocks for exercise bought cokes & candy bars, then on our way.

July 24- Sat.
Arrived in Chi. at 2 AM couldnt see much but lots of lights and then to bed until 6. Had K.P. on train for breakfast. We are in Ohio now and on the Pennsylvania R.R rolling right along. Arrived at Camp Shenango P. R. D at 4 PM. Had a short arm & dental insp. & assigned to barracks until Mon. awaiting

He went forth conquering and to conquer.—*Rev. VI: 2*

an eye exam. At 7:30 we went on K.P. and worked until 3 AM Sunday Morning.

July 25 - Sunday Slept until about 9 O'Clock had chow & then beat it to the park to escape detail. Loafed all day.

July 26 - Monday Done some detail until about 4 PM then we marched over to our Co. "B" 19th Bn. 5th Reg. assigned to barracks 2513 got my barracks bags and retired early as I was tiled.

Fight the good fight of faith.
—*I Tim. VI: 12*

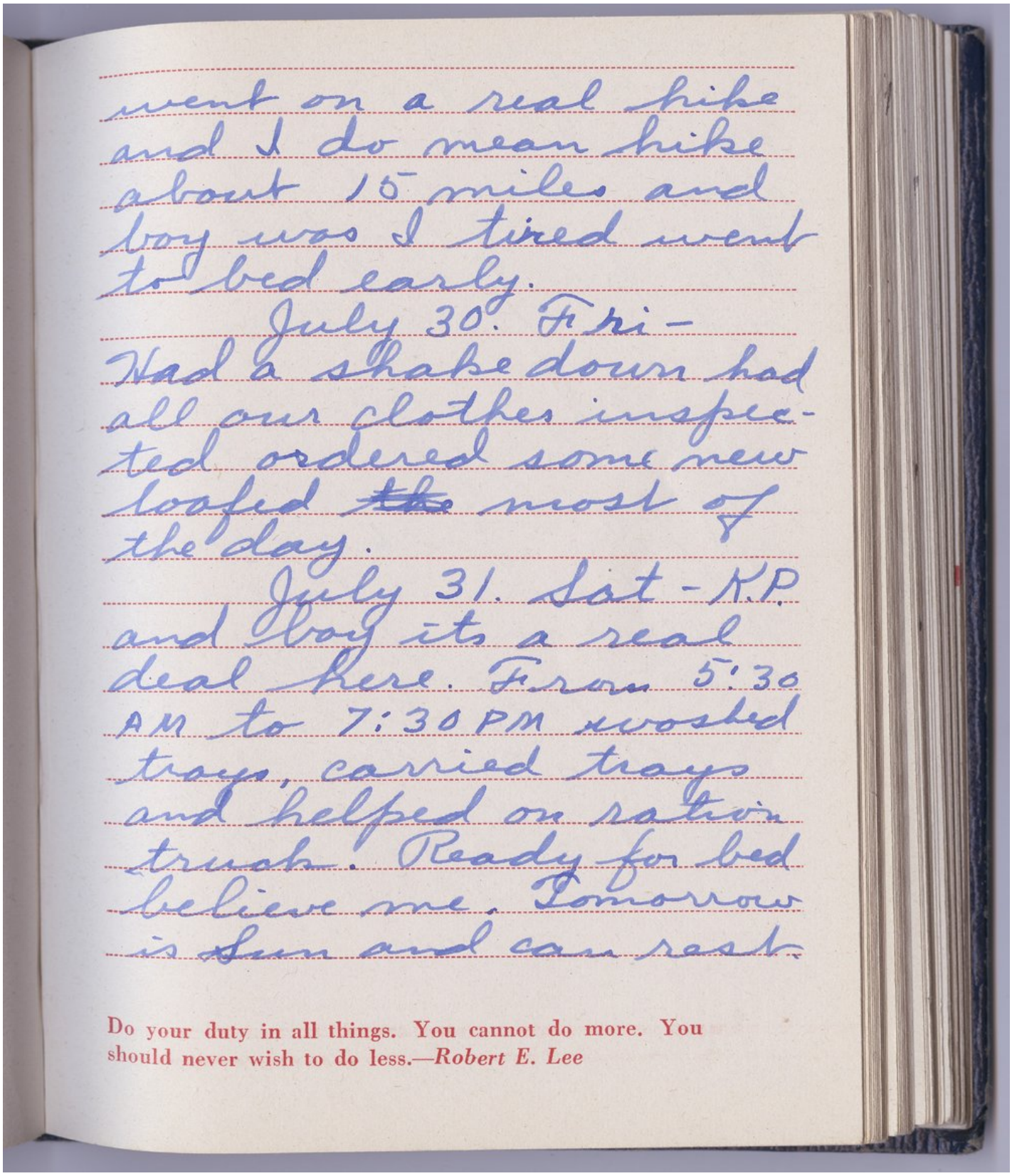


July 27 - Tues. It sure is different here than Ft. Warren. Three Companies eat in one mess hall about 1200 men. We had exercise then went to a show on "Booby Traps" then we marched back and gobbled supped the rest of the day.

July 28. Wed. - Had a 6 or 8 mile hike. Whew! my dogs. Afternoon went and signed up for 3.75 a mo. bonds.

July 29. Thurs. Exercises & a show in the AM. afternoon we

The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory.—*Cicero*



went on a real hike and I do mean hike about 15 miles and boy was I tired went to bed early.

July 30. Fri - Had a shake down had all our clothes inspected ordered some new loafed ~~the~~ most of the day.

July 31. Sat - K.P. and boy its a real deal here. From 5:30 AM to 7:30 PM washed trays, carried trays and helped on ration truck. Ready for bed believe me. Tomorrow is Sun and can rest.

Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.—*Robert E. Lee*

Aug 1 - Sunday -
Rested until noon.
Went to Greenville in
afternoon. Not much
of a town loafed in
the park until ab-
out 7 then returned
to camp.

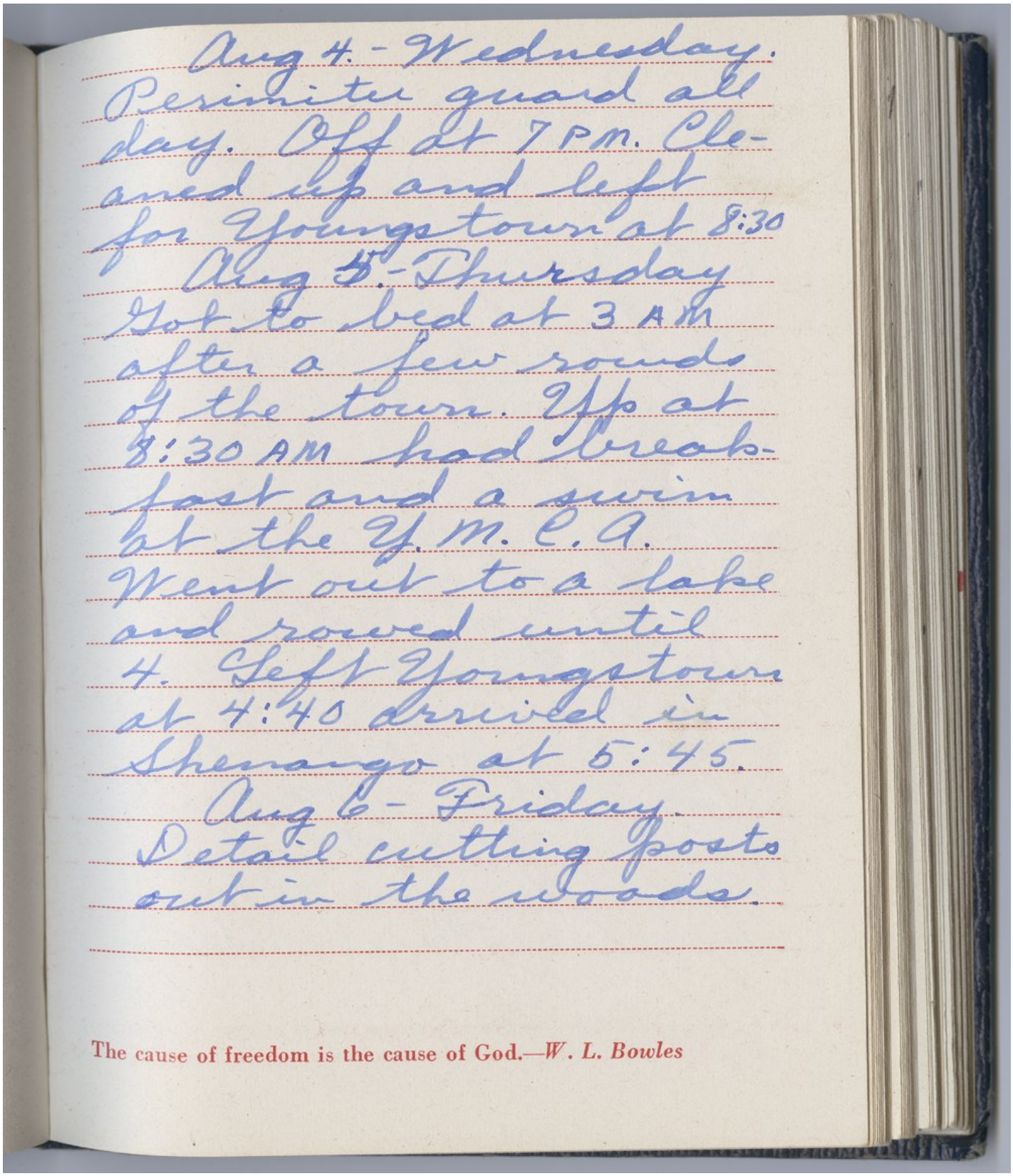
Aug 2 - Monday.
Got our new clothes
to-day. This P.M. work-
ed on a post setting
detail here in Co. area.
Writing and loafing
this evening. Per.
Guard tomorrow.

Aug 3 - Tuesday.
Perimiter guard.
Post No. 3, 1st relief.
Started at
7 p.m.



We have room for but one loyalty, loyalty to the United States.

—*Theodore Roosevelt*



Aug 4. - Wednesday.
Perimiter guard all
day. Off at 7 PM. Cle-
aned up and left
for Youngstown at 8:30
Aug 5. - Thursday
Got to bed at 3 AM
after a few rounds
of the town. Up at
8:30 AM had break-
fast and a swim
at the Y. M. C. A.
Went out to a lake
and rowed until
4. Left Youngstown
at 4:40 arrived in
Shenango at 5:45.
Aug 6 - Friday.
Detail cutting posts
out in the woods.

The cause of freedom is the cause of God.—*W. L. Bowles*

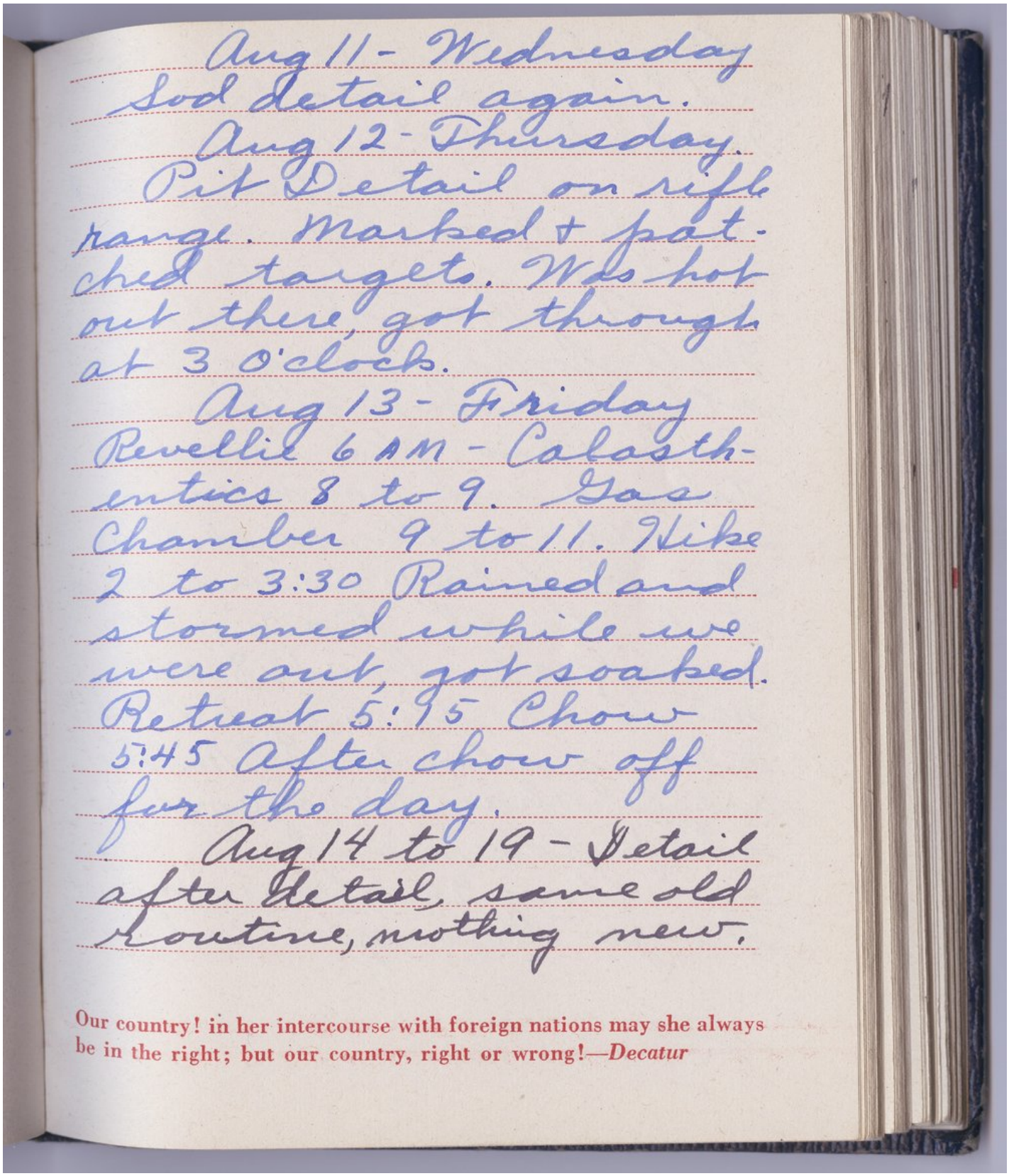
Aug 7 - Saturday. - Same detail as yesterday. Finished at 3. got a pass and went to Sharon.

Aug 8 - Sunday. - Slept late. Got a pass and went to Sharon and loafed around town until about 8 then came back to camp.

Aug 9. - Monday. Detail cutting sod. A regular routine day.

Aug 10 - Tuesday. Same detail. Worked some after chow to-nite to finish up hauling sod + dirt.

The roll of honor consists of the names of men who have squared their conduct by ideals of duty.—*Woodrow Wilson*



Aug 11 - Wednesday
Sod detail again.
Aug 12 - Thursday.
Pit Detail on rifle range. Marked & patched targets. Was hot out there, got through at 3 O'clock.
Aug 13 - Friday
Revellie 6 AM - Calasthentics 8 to 9. Gas Chamber 9 to 11. Hike 2 to 3:30 Rained and stormed while we were out, got soaked. Retreat 5:15 Chow 5:45 After chow off for the day.
Aug 14 to 19 - Detail after Detail, same old routine, nothing new.

Our country! in her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong!—*Decatur*

Aug 18. - Wednesday.
Shipping orders today.
Had shake down, got
some new clothes, had
our physical and so
we are ready to go.
Aug 19 - Thursday.
Well today we go. 2
other bunches leave
before us. We load in
trucks and go over n-
ear the railroad. The
band plays as we ma-
rch to the train. We
are off at about 8 PM.
We went through Pitt
sburg about 10 PM. We
are in chair cars so dont
sleep too much.
Aug 20 - Friday.
We go through Balti-

The world was never more unsafe for democracy than it is today.—*Stanley Baldwin*

more Md, Washington D.C. Richmond Va and into Camp Patrick Henry, Va. We got a birds eye view of the U.S. capitol and several of the large government building and the Lincoln Memorial. We arrive in camp about 6 PM and march to our new quarters in the 7th Area. assigned to Co "B" 4th Causal Bn, barrick T-7-55.

Aug 21 - Sunday. A day of rest and very much appreciated too.

Aug 22 - Monday to Sept 2. Stayed at Camp Patrick Henry awaiting ship.

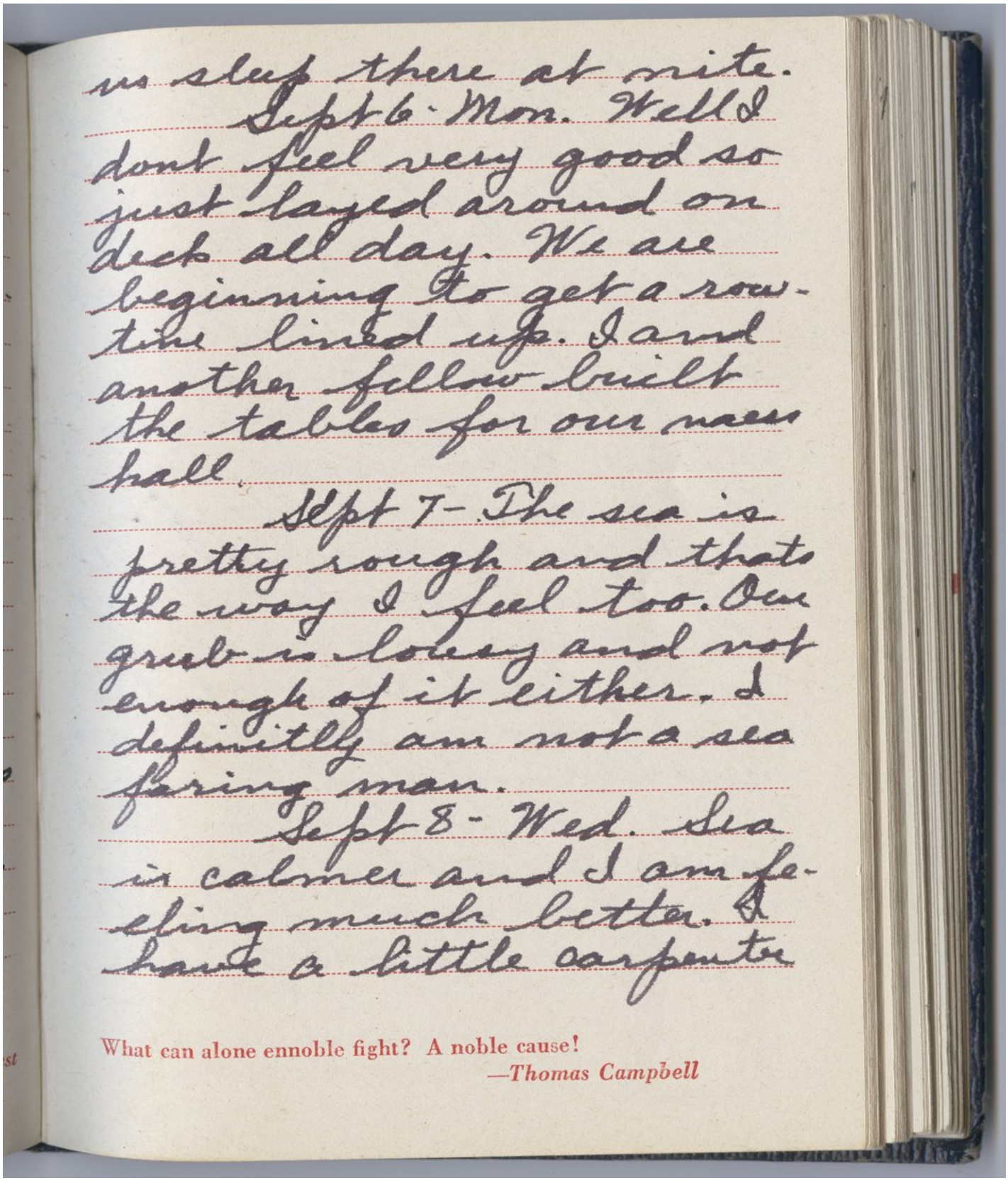
Dare, will, keep silence.
—*William Bolitho*



Sept 3. Friday - Left Patrick Henry for Norfolk Va. Got on board ship at about 1 P.M. Pulled out of Chesapeak Bay into the open sea where we laid over until 2 AM Sept. 5 when we headed east across the atlantic.

Sept 5. Sun - First day at sea. The sea begins to get rougher and I begin to feel a bit funny. We get 2 meals a day, at 8:30 AM and 4 PM. eat out of mess kits. There are quite a few getting sea sick. We spend most of the day on deck & most of

And you can win, though you face the worst,
If you feel that you're going to do it.—*Edgar A. Guest*



us sleep there at nite.

Sept 6- Mon. Well I dont feel very good so just layed around on deck all day. We are beginning to get a routine lined up. I and another fellow built the tables for our mess hall.

Sept 7- The sea is pretty rough and thats the way I feel too. Our grub is lousy and not enough of it either. I definitely am not a sea faring man.

Sept 8- Wed. Sea is calmer and I am feeling much better. I have a little carpenter

What can alone ennoble fight? A noble cause!
—*Thomas Campbell*

work to do every day now. We have a PX but the line is so long it's hard to get anything. The boys are really bitching about the food.

Sept 9 - Thurs.

More of the same. We are having nice weather & calm seas. Our G.M.'s meet on the aft. decks every morning at 11. There is quite a bit of thievery going on here on the boat. Some of the C rations on board were broken into.

Sept 10. Fri - Still nice weather. Am beginning to get a coat of tan.



And though hard be the task,
Keep a stiff upper lip.—*Phoebe Cary*