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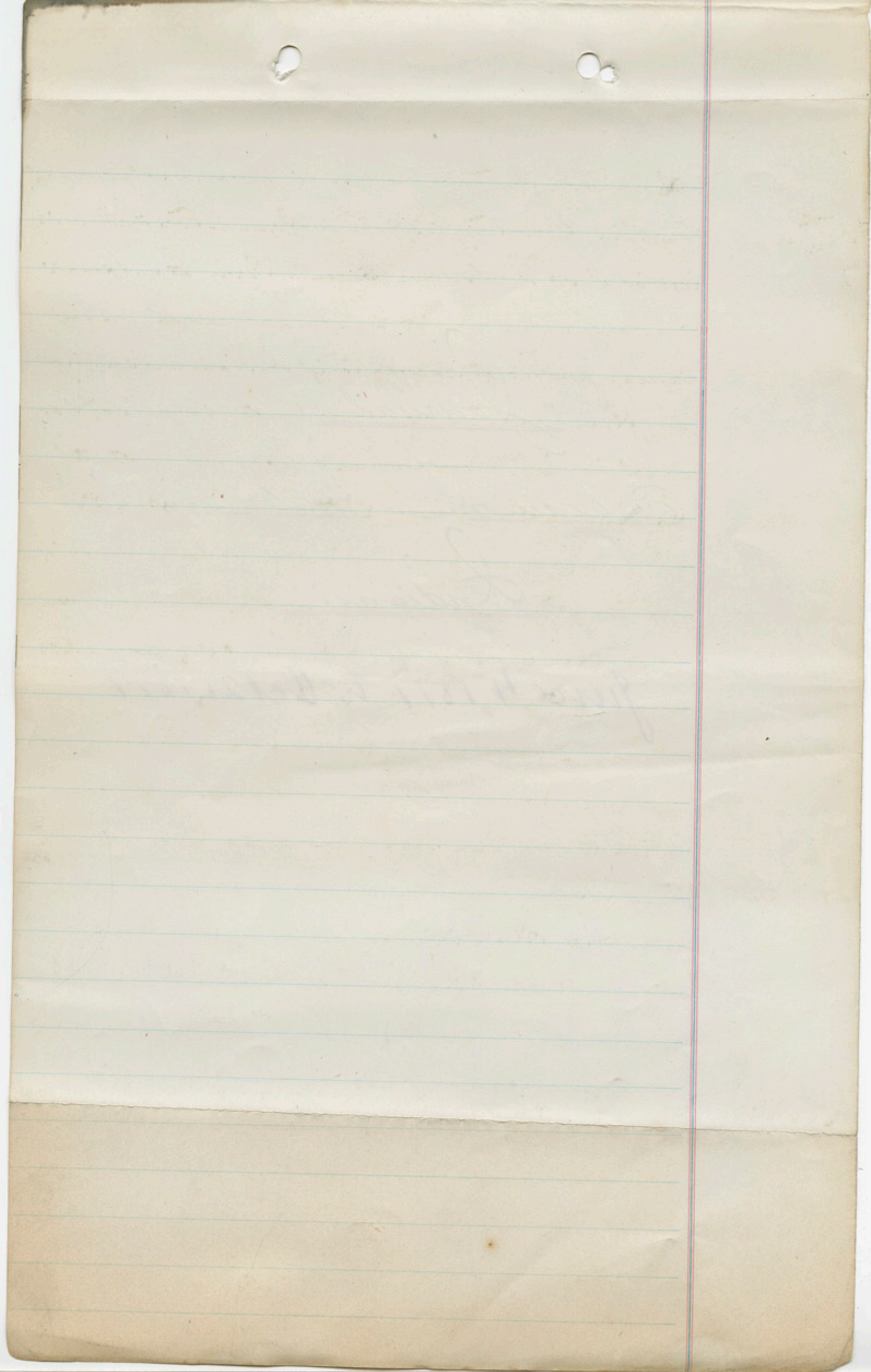
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NEW PAPER, EXPEDITION AGAINST HOSTILE.

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Journal
of
Expedition against Hostile Nez-Perce
Indians.

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June 1877

14th
Thursday Lewiston I. T. arrive 7. A. M. meet Agent Housh, Captain's Perry, Trimble, and Lieut. Brown. Fort Lapwai arrive 3. 30. P. M. Order Captain Perry to send small detachment of men to Chapman's ranch near Camas prairie to ascertain if Indians are coming on Reservation according to promise, and to confirm information just received as to the Indians intention. Letter received from L. P. Brown, Mount Idaho, directed to Commanding Officer Fort Lapwai, stating that Citizens began to be suspicious of the Indians &c. (Brown's letter dated 15th inst. by mistake.)

15th
Friday Detachment returns about noon with two wild looking Indians much excited. name of one: "Tut-te-ta-tas, Tel. Peng-mute. Corporal with Interpreter met these men pushing in with reports. - Four Citizens killed at John Day Creek ten miles from Mt. Idaho. - Indians White Bird and Joseph's Band at Chapman's Ranch, best placed to fight. Heard White Bird and Joseph say they were not coming on reservation. Camped just over border of same. - Order Captain Perry to be ready to move with two Companies of Cavalry, and then go with him and the two Indians to see Indian Inspector at the Agency. - report

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June
15th
Friday

circumstances. Indians re-examined. -
Interpreter Whitman said it was no doubt a
private enterprise i.e. began with an Indian
killing a white man at Jaha Day's Creek, who
had killed an Indian some time ago. Agent
Macleith dispatches friendly Indians at once
to bring in Joseph and Whitebird or the facts.
Found out Joseph's father in law meat, at
4.30 Indians return with Looking Glass brother
and a Mr. West with letters from L. J. Brown,
Mr. Dando. One letter 7; The other 8. A.M.,
same morning give details of Indian massacre
already begun. Troops were gotten in readiness.
waiting a brief time - Pack animals, but leaving
without them with three days rations of ammunition
a person. Sixty (?) rounds ammunition per person
at 5 P.M. Lieut. Wilkinson A.D.C. leaves for
Wall Wall to issue orders for Wall Wall force,
the two companies from Wall Wall to be replaced
from below by Miller, Miles and Burton. Other
dispatches for Persimmon & Division, 25 recruits &c.
with direction to bring up two Companies by
boat if possible. (25 Cavalry men Wall
Wall ordered) Troops (Berry) pulled out
about 8. P.M. from White's about 12 midnight.

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June 16th
Saturday

Request from Col. Watkins relief for Kamiak -
(L.B. pg. 58. ans.) Ten P.M. Jaurk's Wife comes to
Garrison with woman who runs in from hostiles -
believes Jaurk killed & all troops. (see letter
to Leroy fier Cook pg. 60.)

*Following memorandum taken from pocket diary
of Captain W.C. Wilkinson - A.D.C. - July 10. - 1877)*

May
30th

General at Vancouver. Decoration day.
General and Col. Watkins talk with Kamiak who
says his tum-tum is O.K. General orders
Col. Hulby to send him with guard to Theamer
next day. -

31st

Leave Portland with Col. Watkins at 5 A.M.
Kamiak comes on board at 7. - Arrive at
Dalles 5 P.M. hire Team to go to Father
Wilbur - attend meeting in the evening. -

June
1st

Leave Dalles at 4 A.M. 11 A.M. Green's
Night Camp in Mountains. -

2nd

Leave camp early morning. arrive at Fort
Simcoe 10 1/2 A.M. Father Wilbur - some Indian
Indians including Kamiak with his little boy
ride in ahead of us. - Kamiak released by
Father Wilbur in P.M.

3rd

Church in A.M. Sunday School P.M.

4th

Ride to Chief's house and send off Messengers

for outside (Cal. river) Indians; P.M. ride
25 miles to lower part of Agency to where
Father Milbur is branding cattle &c.

5th

Waiting for Indians.

6th

A.M. General & Col. Watkins ride out in Horsemanship
to river Valley &c. P.M. return with Pers. H. to
Agency leaving agent to complete reparation
of Stock.

7th

A.M. Colonel Watkins inspects agency. P.M.
late, Agent returns.

8th

Morning Samborn reports. P.M. Chief Jatnick
returns, bringing Suokallie resting near his house.

9th

P.M. Suokallie, Moses, Shinnish, Thomas from
Surke river. 1-eyed John Caloras. Chief Jatnick
with about one hundred Indians representing
the outside bands with Takiniah gather in large
tent for talk. Prayer. General is glad to see them
& introduces Col. Watkins. Col. Watkins tells
them what the General's duty is towards these
off reservations. General tells them what coming
on reservation will do for them. - Agent W. says:
"I see Suokallie for the first time, is my brother,
(I want to shake hands) look into eyes of Indians
& see what is in their hearts. - All must keep
the law. - Knew how to farm. Indians want

have to give up anything. - Talk breaks up
with Indians seemingly well pleased. -

10th

Service in A. M. and P. M.

11th

Council at 8. A. M. All Chiefs with their
people present.

Moses said "he hasn't many words, met you in
the upper country - my Indians are scattered over large
country, - can't pay what they will do. I am ready to
treat on any reservation. - If its best for me to go
on some other reservation all right."

Trokollic said: "Your law is my law. I say to you,
Yes. Will be on reservation by September 1st.
Have but 2 + 3 hundred people."

Thomas, Snake river said: "Have about fifty (50)
in all. Will go to Umatilla reservation by
1st of September."

Skimish. "Have about one hundred people." -
One eyed John & Calvus "Have each about the same."

Chiefs then sign written agreement. - the P. M.
leave Agency and drive about thirty five miles. -

12th

Drive fifty miles and by Canoe reach Wallula
Monday, A. M. about 2. A. M. Indians tell
Rambrow that General Howard and Doyle
each received \$10,000. for putting Indians
on reservation. -

13th

on steamer up Snake river. Write Letters to
Cal. Grover, Doctor Alexander. Capt. Dallock,
and send letter to Capt. Harris by Mr. Oppenheimer.

14th

Arrive 7 a.m. at Lewiston, met Monteith
(Chas.) Perry, Trimble, & Bonum. Arrive at
Fort Lapwai 8 M. Give orders to send a messenger
with two men ^{and} Robeson to Camas prairie,
to ascertain concerning Indians coming on
Reservation. -

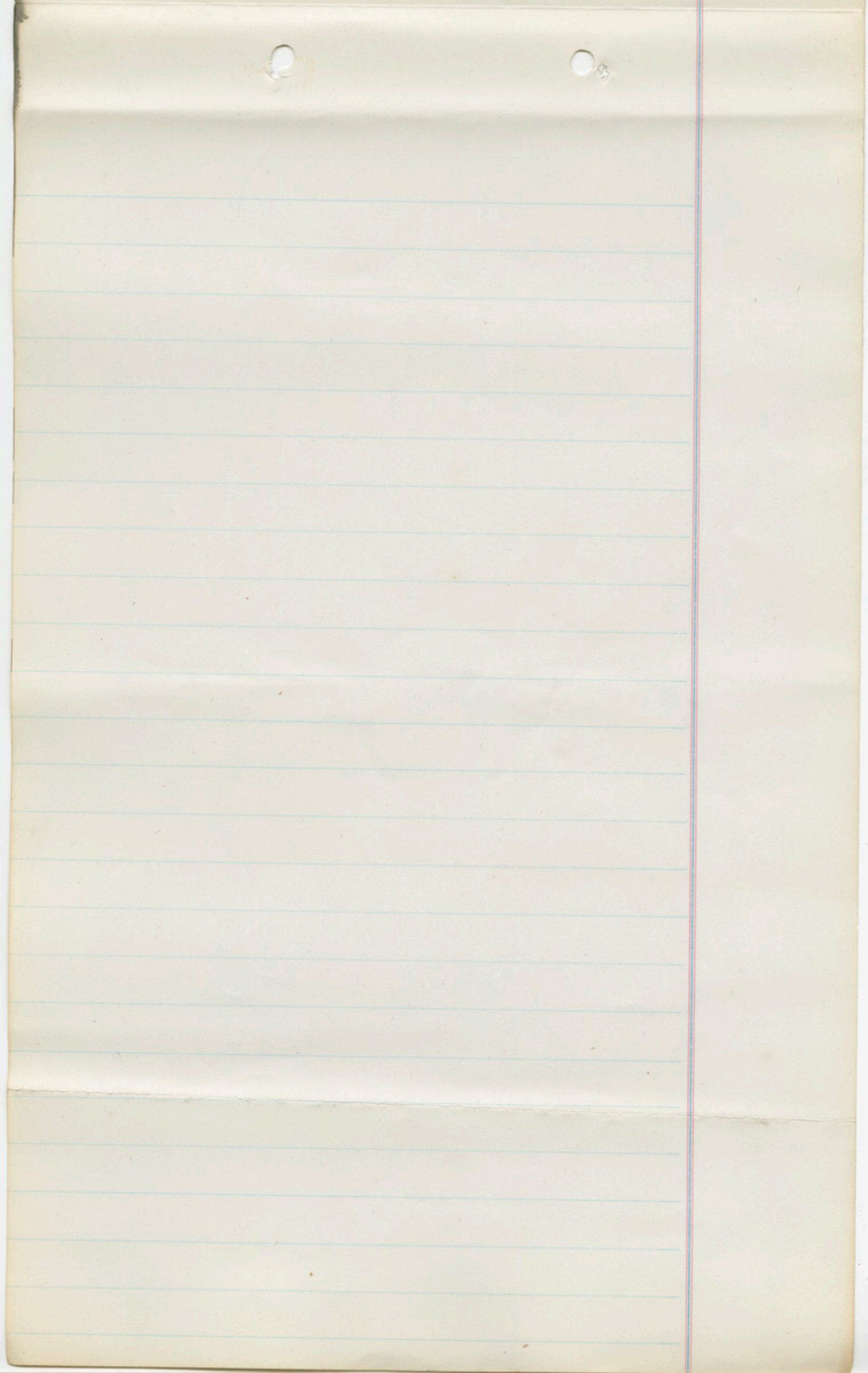
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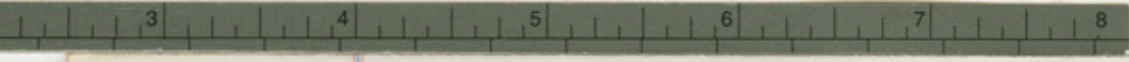
Indian Put. te. na. po, Tel. King meets with
Indian boy. Corp. & party turning them back to
Lapwai, with report that four men have been
killed by the Indians on Slate creek. That
Joseph ^{and} White Bird are going to Chapman's
as best place to fight; that he heard Joseph
^{and} White Bird say they were not coming on
reservation, that they were in camp, part on
edge of reservation, on outside. -

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17th 18. 19. 20. ^{and} 21st.)

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June 22nd

Left Lapwai 12. M. Column under command of Captain Miller make Camp Junction Trail, Mt. Idaho trail, by Craig's ferry at 5. 30. P. M.

23rd

March at 6 A. M. Arrive at Norton's ranch 1. 30. P. M.

24th

Rest in Camp by writing instructions etc. Hear that Indians are encamped near White Bird Creek.

25th

Leave Camp at 6. A. M. Cavalry via Grangeville, Infantry direct by trail to Johnson's house.

General & Staff visit Mount Idaho. Bonny comes up before we leave camp, with letters and good news from home.

26th

Leave Camp on reconnaissance at 6. 30. A. M. Column moves directly to hill head of White Bird Cañon. Capt. Perry commanding reconnoiters Rocky Cañon; Salmon River & intermediate points, arriving at White Bird hill 10. o'clock, at 10. 30. orders Captain Miller to take his command & move to vicinity of Captain Perry's battle field, giving him in addition Captain Winers Company of Cavalry. - Capt. Whipple with remainder of Cavalry takes position at the head of a convenient point to gulch. - 10. 45. - Capt. Whipple directed to send Captain Reges' Troop with Capt. Chapman to follow

the ridge trail to the vicinity of mouth of White
Bird ^{and} ascertain if enemy have left. Head-
quarters on a prominent point intervening
between the hill ^{and} Captain Whipple's position.
12. 15. P.M. message sent to Col. Miller, that
Capt. Pagis' Vols. have been sent to the right,
and that Captain Miller is not to mistake
them for Indians. - Raining very hard P.M.
^{and} night. - Uncovered Perry's Battlefield,
burned most of the dead. - Discovered enemy
across the river - Front Citizens half starved;
the French wounded was brought in by Capt.
Pagis' (Vol.) Company.

27th

March from Camp Perry 10.30. A.M. Captain
Strookworth came up to report in person
10. A.M. explains his delay - Capt. Perry
returned to bring up the delayed column. -
General with Capt. Perry's Company for escort
moves along Salween river trail ^{and} high
ridge of White Bird Creek, while Captain
Miller with the command advanced & took
possession of the Valley, burying the
remainder of the dead, including Lieut. Steller.
Enemy hard to discover, but just at night
came out in full of the advanced signal post.

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where Headquarters were at the time. -
Went into camp 5. 30. with guard and
pickets well out. During day Volunteer
Company from Dayton joins H. strong,
attached temporarily to Whipples command.
Joseph burned house on opposite side of river
as notice of our approach. - Sent message
to Capt. Trimble, Little Creek. -

28th

Leave "Camp Shelter" 7. a.m. Sent Capt.
Whipples Co. under Dabbitt to cover right
flank. 10. 30. order troops forward to take
crossing of Talmor River. Captain Whipple
orders to support Infantry advance. -
1. P. M. about one hundred Indians charge
down (opposite side of river) a ravine to
the right of the secured crossing. Captain
Wilkinson, Capt. Page and the General Order his
fire upon them as they approach River bank
turning them back. After firing Indians
assemble in hill tops & watch until Soldiers
retire to Camp. - Capt. Miller instructed
to proceed with preparations for crossing
at 4. P. M. - Camp selected at Hamels
Ranch for the night. Capt. Rodney's command
arrives at Camp Shelter at 3. 30. P. M.

29th

Troops advanced from Hannel's Ranch 6. A.M. sent message to Trimble that we will cross river to day ^{and} ask him for all information he can give of the Indians. - Lieut. Keller, ~~previously~~ ordered back to Laramie for supplies. Captain Perry with his company sent as escort. - Capt. Sage's Tob. (Trall. Wall.) relieved & sent back on same duty. - Captain Rodney's column came up with advanced 10. A.M. from Camp Theller. - No Indians visible ^{and} comparatively little stock. P.M. secure rope across Salween river, bring boat down the River. - Captain Hunter goes up the river 2 1/2 miles to French's claim & bury three citizens, who were murdered there. - Artillery ^{and} Infantry Battalions formed. -

30th

Delay of one hour in Capt. Whipple's march by reason of straying mules. - Burton's company ordered to conduct the ferrying. - Rope parted 8.30. A.M. repaired in thirty minutes. 10. A.M. Weeks ^{and} Mason arrive. McConville reports with threats men for duty and is at once ordered to join Capt. Trimble at Snake Creek. - At night all Infantry Co's with a part of horses =

July 1st.

Cross the remainder of command. Captain Hunter captures a number of ponies belonging to Indians ^{and} Citizens. - Three scouts sent out to look for Indian trails (Blake, Davenport ^{and} Young) Dispatch sent to Gully, Perry ^{and} Trimble..

2nd

Leave Camp on Salmon River near mouth of White Bird. Discover three scouts under a shelter as it was raining very hard. - General with Hunters go on ahead to Browns horse & wait for junction with Trimble's Command, ^{and} until the Reserve column comes up. Destroy several Indian caches, - march up a terrific mountain trail, - leave Hiles command in ridge of mountain all night. Capt. Miller marches on & in a dark and rainy night make "Camp Manitowish" on plateau above White Bird Creek. -

3rd

Morning sent Trimble with Hunters 400. on reconnoissance. Lieut. Fletcher accompanying Capt. Trimble.. Capt. Hiles comes up with his Battalion ^{and} pack train at 11. A.M. Lost four pack mules in crossing mountain. Sent back to "Camp Haughey" for rations. P.M. all trains up. - sent message to Perry, Bondire ^(C) & Whipple. -

4th

Leave Housaria Camp at 7 A.M. make Camp at 1 P.M. 2 P.M. Courier arrives with dispatches from Capt. Dabbitt, that Josephs entire force is in their front at Cottonwood, ^{and} that Lieut. Raines ^{and} ten men had been killed while leading a reconnaissance under Capt. Whipple from "Camp Forks". Send two men to bring boat down to Rocky Cañon, & boat from Camp Haughey for crossing Cañon. Hunter ^{and} McConville to go to relief of force at Cottonwood. Indians (3) discovered on our left evidently watching boats & heads in our front towards Snake river. Hunter ^{and} McConville leave at 3 P.M. for Rocky Cañon ford.

5th

Leave "Camp Raines" at 7 A.M. ^{and} march without interruption to Craigs ferry crossing at 3 P.M. — 4 P.M. alarm of "Indians coming" which proved to be James Reuben, with two other Indians bearing dispatches confirming fight in which Lieut. Raines was killed ^{and} of the engagement had with the Indians on July 14th by Capt. Whipples command, is going out to meet, & escort Capt. Perry. P.M. pull down old house for raft, heard that Joseph was

July 5th

6th

Already at the forks of the Clearwater
Completely lost and lost it about 11. A.M. - P.M.
shoot twenty Indian ponies and mules at 2. P.M.
make camp on Neouania - "Camp Russell" 6. P.M.

7th

Leave Camp at 4 A.M. with Headqrs. detachment
and Capt. Trimbles' Company for escort. The
main column under command of Captain
Miller to move at 6. A.M. - arrive at
Camp Haughey at 4 P.M. - Cross Haughey's horses
at once - Captain Trimbles unable to cross his
horses after repeated trials. -

8th

Leave Camp Haughey at 11. A.M. with Lieut.
Haughey's Co. - Capt. Trimbles Co. of Cavalry &
one Korvitzger. arrive at Grangeville at
8.30 P.M. - At midnight Capt. Perry's command
came up. -

9th

5. A.M. Messengers arrive with news that
McCauley Vol. have found the enemy - between
north & middle forks of the Clearwater. - March
ordered for Enemy at 8. A.M. March from Camp
Randall (Grangeville) 9.30. Comd: Perry,
Whipple, Winters, Trimbles, Co's of Cavalry,
and Haughey's Co. of Infantry. with one Korvitzger.
Arrive at Mallo place near Jackson bridge at 7.30 P.M.
8. P.M. Captain Miller's column comes up. -

10th

11th

Two shots alarm camp, daybreak 5 A.M. (Messengers
come from McConville. - he is read, word to hold on -
Lieut. Wilmer (Vols.) put in arrest for profanity &
abuse of officers. Released by the General. March
from "Camp Wall" at 7 A.M. Arrive on bluff over-
looking confluence of the Clearwater near mouth
of Cannonwood. - 11.45 A.M. Lieut. Fletcher discovers
whereabouts of enemy, ^{and} Capt. Wilkinson sent with
Capt. Trimble's Co. - to reconnoitre bluff to right
when Indians are discovered in large force in
valley with numerous bands of horses & stock. -
1 P.M. Genl. Howard reconnoitres Fletcher's
discovery, orders forward two Galling guns -
& supports them by all the troops except
Capt. Trimble's Company of Cavalry. - Capt. Chapman
(Vols.) points to bluff beyond near Canon & says "
The ravine the Indians are ascending can be
reached from there, it is a mile back by the
way to go. - Genl. Howard orders the Howitzer
to go with all speed thither, ^{and} supports it
by Wilmer's Co. with galling guns. - Colonel
Mason fearing the support may not be strong
enough anticipates General's order ^{and} brings up
Co. of Infantry. - Fire had hardly
opened when the Enemy appeared in force

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giving account to our left with great boldness. -
2. P.M. Miles Battalion appears, by General's
instructions prolonging the fight. - The firing
now became very brisk & before 15 minutes
(2.15) General orders Perry's Cavalry exclusive
of Trainers & Trainables to prolong the fight. -
The enemy in force still work toward the left,
galloped out of Range. Millers Battalion
of Artillery is ordered to manœuvre, except
one Co. to prevent flanking; soon also this
Company follows with remaining howitzer. -
At 2.20 P.M. Put. Hays ordered at Henderson.
went to guide in pack train. Trainable to
guard it to the left. - Capt. Wilkinson followed
in a few moments just as enemy was reaching
its rear, pack train proper was saved, the
Train following had two wagons cut off. -
& killed with two mules & packs; packs
afterwards saved. Meanwhile Cavalry being
all dismounted, the plateau taken is completely
enveloped by an extended line & the enemy
making mad attempts to break through. This
boldness is checked by a charge about 3.30 P.M.
on the right. A. D. C. J. D. 21st Infantry, "A" and
part of C. 4th Artillery, participating. -

Enemy fields prominent points & trees with sharpshooters, quite a number of our men are wounded. At the left centre The General orders another charge with the hope of carrying the ravine, where the enemy is strongly posted behind rocks. This is supported by brisk firing of Howitzers and Infantry, conducted by Captain Wilkinson on the right. Considerable ground is gained on the right & same in the center, but the ravine is not entirely secured. - 13 are killed ^{and} twenty four wounded, including Capt. Dancraft through lungs, ^{and} Lt. Williams through wrist ^{and} thigh. "Notes:" Fighting was brisk in open country mostly behind ridges, continued from 1. P. M. til 8. seven hours. From point first assailed, enemy was driven about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Behaviour of men extraordinary good, not one seemed to leave his command, ^{and} duty from alarm. - Entire strength about 400. encumbered with pack trains. - Enemy numbers about 300. well mounted with plenty of ammunition, fighting us mostly on foot. -

12th

General made personal reconnaissance between $3\frac{1}{2}$ ^{and} $4\frac{1}{2}$. - Withdrew Captain Rodney's Co. for a reserve, our Indian scouts driven in. -

July 12th

A herd of ponies about 200 started by Indians towards our Camp for purpose of stampeding our pack animals & horses, but are headed off. - About 25 Indians circle around us evidently to cut off our water, men short of rations, packers & all who can take bread are put at work, till water gives out. - at 9 A.M. spring of water resumed & secured. - Millers, Perry & Lt. Otis it arranged & ordered for day. -

Camp to be held by Cavalry & Infantry. Artillery Battalion relieved for special work - 2 P.M.

pack train comes in sight. Millers commands at once sent to escort it in. - Jackson in charge of train arrives in safely about 3 P.M. Miller after having brought Train in. at once diverges his command to our left & opens fire upon enemy's stronghold. - He seeks to flank but Capt. Millers guarding his left continues to press him until he is driven ^{back} when the advance is ordered along the whole line, The Indians fly precipitately down the Honkum & through their camp, leaving their tents standing, beef carking & plunder behind them. - Millers command ordered to follow them to head of river. - But one old woman left behind. -

who fights the Sergeant who is sent to bring her to the General. - Gatling guns & howitzers put into position on high bluff overlooking their retreat & opened upon them greatly adding to their route. - Cavalry ordered to fall out immediately, except Winters Co. which is left as guard for wounded, and sent to Field Hospital at Orangeville. - Troops occupy enemy's camp, burning their plunder & destroying every thing of any value. -

13th

Some delay caused in marching from camp by reason of the difficulty in getting down howitzers from the Mountains. Infantry thrown out in advance as we crossable land to heights overlooking Kamish. - Find rear of Indian force just crossing river. Descend Mountain, Captain Jacksons Co. in advance, - Miles command, getting guns, howitzers, - Then Killers Artillery command, - Cavalry, - Packtrain, - Drums as rear guard. - Advance to bank of river bringing forward rapidly one Gatling gun, with which a squad of Indians concealed behind ridge on opposite side of river is dislodged. After firing into Cavalry under Perry & wounding one man, solid shot,

July 13^d shells are thrown from Mortars, generally falling short of the Indian position; some sharp firing occurs in which another man is wounded. - Our force returns at about 5.30. to Camp. - Camp designated as Camp Macbeth about 1/2 mile from river bank.

14^d

The General, Lieut. Fletcher with Captain Jacksons Cavalry, go on reconnaissance to Dummells Ferry (wire bridge?) Headqrs. papers are received & filled. - back orders written up, making the day full of incessant writing. -

15^d

General & Headquarters with Cavalry command move up the mountain on Lapini wagon road with intention if practicable to secure Dummells ferry - cross the river & intercept retreat of Joseph. - Ongoing up heights, James Reuben with Chief Lawyer ride rapidly forward with message, that Joseph wants to talk with the General &c. General returns with Perry's Co. Col. Mason afterwards sends orderly back for Major Keeler to join him. At 12. M. rest of Headquarters ordered back to Camp Macbeth. - Jackson left in command of Cavalry column to make camp at nearest water & remain until day break

next morning or until further orders. Messenger
sent to Fort Lapwai with dispatches. - Joseph
sent word that he was compelled to break camp
& move on with the rest - but that next morning
he would come to meet the General. - 12.30.
order was given to Capt. Perry to send Jackson
Co. & M^{rs} Conville's Vols. to scout down to
Dumwells & ascertain if the Indians had
appeared there, & then to return to Camp Macbeth.
16th The entire command across the river
Millers first. - Cavalry following in the
P.M. - Headquarters. - Five hostiles come
in during the morning with arms & families -
Arms are turned over to James Lawyer - Chief.
Number of Prisoners received by night 35 -
men, women & children. General had
talk with them, taking their names. - Telling
them that murders & robberies had been
committed & that he would appoint a
commission to try them, - but that it
was a good indication their coming in. -
Joseph does not come in as he promised
the day before. -

17th Mason left Camp 4 1/2 A.M. in command of
Cavalry, for the purpose of ascertaining

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certainly, whether the Indians had gone on the
Buffalo trail. Day was spent in forming
commission which met 1. P. M. & adjourned
for want of witnesses. - Fern & Boon
of Mt. Idahs asked for as complete a list
of witnesses as possible in order to identify
Indian murderers. -

18th

Colonel Wat Rains & Hancock came up early
morning. About 8 A. M. Col. Masons command
returns; soon it is ascertained that the
Indian scouts (James Reuben) sent out yesterday
are ambushed; Levy killed - wounded:
James Reuben shot through the wrist -
James in a little time comes in. This expedition
Turned towards Liveston. - Millers command
Artillery & Infantry to move to Liveston
by evening 21st. Cavalry to Laramie evening
the 20th - 12 M. Indians reported on hill
under white flag. - Perry ordered out to
meet them. - Col. Mason reports that he
followed the Lo-Lo-trail through a dense
forest at a point within about 3 miles of
Prairie Creek, his Indian scouts struck a
hostile ambush - one Indian killed - Two
wounded, - and one missing; - Three were

disarmed and turned loose. -

19th

C. A. M. Cavalry starts from Kanish, Camp, Mudeeth for its march to Lapwai. - (Infantry making night march encompassed sixteen miles at.)

The General being on route - is turned back five miles on report from Mr. Montsick & Col. Mat Rie, that the Indians are returning - concludes after short delay of Cavalry & halting of Infantry at Cold Spring by messenger to form junction (Cav. & Infy) at Cold Springs. - News during the night from Hon. S. S. Fern, - Major Shrockmorton & others, indicating that small parties of hostiles were still hanging about. - Changed his plan, viz: to move back, afternoon of next day, to intersection of Elk City trail & Lawyers Cañon. -

In order to meet General Kelly, the General proceeds with Perry's company as escort to Lapwai, same night. -

20th

Arrived at Lapwai at 3. P. M. Wilkinson proceeds to Lewiston. Genl. Kelly from Lewiston 7. A. M. meets the General at Lapwai. Whipples & Winters Cavalry arrive at Lapwai with prisoners. - Cavalry to rest, refit - & return with Train. - General with Lieut. Pierce

July 20th returns at 10.25. A.M. arriving at Cold Springs 4 P.M. Marches commenced ten miles encamps on prairie at "Camp Wilkinson"

21st March to Lawyer Cañon completed. News that enemy's scouts carried off 400 horses from Kaumik Indians. Rumors of five or six hostiles near Rocky Cañon. (not credited)

22nd Joined by re-enforcements - 2 Co's. artillery 2 Infantry (8th & 12th Infy)

23rd Marched from this Camp (C. T. Alexander) to Camp Alfred Kelly. Chapman's ranch - Cottonwood. -

24th Col. Watkins & Mr. Nordeith came up by invitation, - also Hon. S. S. Fern and Citizens from Mt. Idaho. - Tent Carlton to organize Engineer Company. -

25th Order for 2 columns ^{and} reserve, (Gen. Field Order No. 2.) completed. - Col. Weeks, Major, Captain Babbitt ^{and} Lieut. Brown with Whipple's company for escort arrived from Lapwai. - Sanford reported 15 miles from Mt. Idaho by citizens. -

26th March begins under General Field Order No. 2. Whipple moves to Camp John Green, Goendle's Ranch. - Rest of force in camp present, except Rodney to escort remaining baggage, and

Whipple left permanently. - March To
Kamiah, - 16 miles over rolling prairie - excellent
grazing - wood & water in cañons. -

27th

Infantry & Artillery ^{and} Jacksons Cavalry
cross the Clearwater, because of Packtrain
not gone to Lewiston for supplies, returns
to Camp Tully for supplies. - 18 Volunteers
under M^r Conville report, assigned temporarily
to Captain Trimble. - Reconnoissance To
Little Cañon ordered for to morrow. - comes
postence brought up to date. - Toak,
an Indian messenger direct from Northfork
of Clearwater, reports no hostile Indians
in that vicinity. - Hark - Hark - Kute - sent
word to the Shoshones ^{by} to his own people to
go by Mullen road & join Joseph in
Bitter Root Valley. - They did not do so. -

28th

In Camp at Kamiah. - Camp Macbeth.
General Howard makes reconnoissance in
person to Little Cañon prairie, go by hard
rough Thicket trail - and return by a shorter
& better one. - No signs of Indian families at
Little Cañon, only a few friendly Indian's horses.
There is grazing at Cañon, none on trail,
Little Cañon about 10 miles from Kamiah

July 28th Sanford's column arrived in morning,
while General was absent. - Col. Mason
accompanying it from Camp Green. -
Sumner's Company left at Camp Green. -
Sumner himself comes into camp. - 20 Snake
Indian Scouts, Captain Robbins & Buffalo Horn
come in with Sanford's column. -

29th Indian Courier from Lapwai. - At Camp Tulebeth
at Kamiah. - General receives letters from Brown
& Fern. - accompanied by Chief of Staff & an
aide & the snake scouts goes to James Lawyer's
religious services. - A detachment of supplies arrives
from Lapwai, escorted by Captain Wheeler
with cavalry, about 10. A.M. Second train
arrives about 3. P.M. Courier from Lapwai
about 6 P.M. Schriever's dispatch. Sanford's
Command finishes crossing the Clearwater. -
Courier Chapman read to Livingston in the
morning, & dispatches given to James Lawyer
to send in the evening. Courier arrives in
morning from Green at Florence. -

30th Headquarters moves across Clearwater
at 4. A.M. Command marched at 5.30 A.M.
Kavanaugh at head of column. - March to Hey-ye
about 16 miles over a narrow trail. -

General direction - Raining incessantly;
soil a loam, similar to fluviatile
deposit. Rain makes it slippery and sticky.
Abrupt descent at Lo-Lo-fork, - and trail.
Ascent somewhat better. Trail runs through
white pine forest. - Thick underbrush. Water
& grazing at the Camp prairie - Hey-ipe -
Turk peons disaffected. - Pioneer Company
absent - Column pitches camp "Sanford"
at the Hey-ipe at 1 P. M. Indian peons come
into camp soon afterwards. 3 absent. -
Carrier arrives from Kaniak about 4 P. M.
Lerry's application, same Carrier returned at
about 5.30. Weather clears for the evening.

3/15

Leave Camp Sanford Lo-Lo-trail at 8 A. M. Millery
at head of column - Detail Coy. Pioneer detachment
in advance. - Indian peons some distance in
advance. - Weather clear, warm - little wind -
trail narrow & difficult from fallen timber,
and many glades with deep bog holes at the
crossing. Country level, slightly rolling. Timber
fir - spruce - arbutus & pines. March
15 miles to Camp B. H. Fletcher 3.30 P. M.
in a series of glades on the Musselshell creek,
excellent grass & water. -

August 1st

Leave Camp Fletcher at 6. A.M. Scouts in
advance - Cavalry at head of Column. Trail
much better, solid footing, broad ^{and} not much
fallen timber, runs along the ridges or backbone
of a mountainous country, through dense
evergreen forests, same kind of trees as
yesterday, with dense undergrowth of same;
plenty of good water, no grazing. Several
dead bison animals found on the trail.
Reinforcements arrived this morning before we left
Camp Fletcher. Indians said to be blocked at
the mouth of this trail in Montana - Courier
from Spurgin, - who is one day behind us.
Groups march 24 miles, ^{and} arrive in Camp
N. H. Winters at 3 o'clock P.M. Train very late
getting in - four mules exhausted. Camp in swampy
meadow - poor grazing - weather clear - rather cool -
breezy - men not injured by long march but
rather tired.

2nd

Leave Camp N. H. Winters at 7. A.M. Artillery
at head of column. - day clear & pleasantly cool -
Capt. Spurgin comes into camp at about 6 o'clock
with news from his pioneers, & left at
Camp Winters to bring them up - Trail through
woods of same general character as before.

rather slow trail, owing to mountainous character
of country & fallen timber; summits of hills
are covered with a debris of granite boulders -
making trail quite difficult - of no large extent
however - Plenty of excellent springs on trail -
men travel it well & are in good order.
March 16 miles & camp on a slope of the
mountain, - poor grazing, only feed consists
of wild dwarf lupine & wiregrass. Several
mules exhausted, some packs of bacon abandoned.
Captain Robbins reports loose Indian horses
on the trail. Go into Camp Ivan Miles at
about 4 P.M. Spurgin arrived at about dark,
his men later. -

3rd

Heavy mist & cold in morning. Scouts leave early -
Engineers - Spurgin & Fletcher. - 9 A.M. troops 11 A.M.
Infantry at head of column - Lost trail - cold
and foggy until late in afternoon - March about
7 miles, go into Camp Spurgin at about 1 P.M.
poor grazing - limited accommodation - Beef
Cattle & remaining Engineers come up about 4 P.M.
Scouts send ahead to Hiesoula. - Timber to day
on higher part of mountain, has been rather scrubby.
pine - (long leaved) spruce & fir - boulders
of white granite are crapping on top of mountain.

August 3rd

4th

Carlton brings letter from Grostein & Duimard. -
Cold, clear morning. (See in basin) Leave
Camp Spring at 7 A.M. Infantry at head
of column, pass through same character of
country as yesterday - rather better grazing -
meet Curley with dispatch from Raven,
(about 1.30 P.M.) He returns with us. - We
march about 16 miles and camp on the
mountain side at Camp Rabbit. Lock at
about 4 P.M. - Send out order detaching Cavalry
for the forced march. Guy Howard temporarily
attached to Headquarters. -

5th

Send Curley with dispatches to Hamish. -
Clear & cool weather - same character of
country as past two or three days. Trail guide
lost, column leaves camp about 8.30. Cavalry
in advance as per Circular order of date of 4th.
Engineer detachment & Co. leave camp at 6 A.M.
March 21 miles, little water, no grazing mount-
ainous country, very little level trail. - Camp
in the Clearwater about 4 P.M. Cavalry
does not arrive till 7 P.M. Train arrives at
8.30. Send dispatch to Gibbon per Stewart.
No grazing at Camp. -

6^d

March at 4. A.M. without breakfast, same character of trail & country as before. About 7 o'clock reach summit prairie - graze the animals. leave at noon. Camp at G. I. Hoyle. Warm Springs at about 4 P.M. 9 miles from Summit Prairie - 16 from last camp. Fine camp at hot springs (Tulphur water) good grazing & mountain bark. - Purcell comes in with dispatch from Gibbon. - Rumor of Crow outbreak. - Srgt. Fothergill & Indian Capt leave as carriers to Gibbon. -

7th

Leave Camp G. I. Hoyle at 6. 30. A.M. Fletcher & Purcell leave at 4. o'clock. - Engineer detachment at 5. 30. rough mountainous trail. forest thinning out, less underbrush. bunch grass begins to grow again, march 22 miles to Camp General Sherman, arrive at about 3. o'clock. - fine camp, good grazing & water, strike good road, timber runs out & grass comes in.

8th

Leave Camp General Sherman at 5. A.M. Fletcher & Fothergill leave earlier. Good road leads into Bitter Root Valley - open level country - good grazing - plenty of water. - Principal productions: stock & some little grain, - reach mouth of Lo - Lo. (Humboldt) P. M. remain

August 8th

2 hours to rest & feed animals, go up valley beyond Theresaville. - Fletcher overrules the General^{and} returns. - Capture some horses left by the Indians with Citizens. - Estlin does not come up - March 34 miles. -

9th

Clear warm weather; Leave camp at 7 A.M. March up valley through Conovallis - small village accommodate about 300 Troops - good grazing country - meet Citizens on horseback & some in wagons returning from Gibbon - No particular news. - March about 24 miles - go into Camp John Gibbon at about 4 P.M. - Mail forwarded from Miller arrives - Dispatches sent to Terry^{and} letter with enclosure toully by Blake -

10th

Clear cool morning. - General leaves for Gibbon. Commence at 4 A.M. leaving Ashley under Mason to await orders coming up river. Estlin^{and} Fletcher. - Ride through valley by Double over rough trail through Ross Hole, strike wagon road over Rocky Mountains to Trail Creek, Big Hole Cañon - 53 miles. - Pioneer at 5.30. - meet several Citizens returning from Gibbon. They are on foot, say they have water waiting for two days. Turn them back

To camp with us. - Feet them & They report -
that Genl. Gibbon attacked Hostile camp
an 9th - is now surrounded by Indians - is
supposed to have lost Horvitz & Train, -
nothing to eat - no medical officer. - Say they
reported to Genl. Gibbon ^{and} left by his permission.
Will not guide us back. - build watch fires
for show - sent back Mr. Conmy To Col. Mason.
Clear & cool. Citizens leave us. We sent our
Indian scouts ahead at 4. A.M. & proceed
about 18 miles by a trail through thick woods
^{and} underbrush - good ambuscade - arrive
at Gibbons fortified camp at about 10. A.M.
First command all right - cheerful. Indians
left at 11 o'clock night before. - Gibbons final
position on a wooded ridge, high above
it & willow bottom - creek & table land
below it. Has no Surgeon with him, wounded
doing well however. - Gibbons wound,
flesh wound above knee. - Send Courier To
Deer Lodge with dispatches to Terry ^{and}
W^m. Dornell. -

12th
Fine clear weather. Surgeons arrive -
(Dr. Alexander & Fitzgerald) Command
arrives in afternoon - arrangements made

August 12th

to take Capt. Growings. Link Wright and
Van Orsdale & fifty men in wagons. Commenced
encamp across the Big Hole River - Bacon has to
be sent for. (breakfast bacon I mean)

13th

Leave Camp at 7 o'clock A.M. march over rolling
prairie land. (bunch grass) with wagon road
somewhat marshy - march 23 miles and go
into Camp Jas. T. Bradley at about 3.45 P.M.
Courier comes in from Horse Prairie with news
of eight men murdered. -

14th

Fine warm weather - good road - good grazing
country - leave camp at 6 A.M. march about
25 miles - camp at about 4.30. at Camp W. Lagon.
Messengers arrive from Horse Prairie. (one has
gun taken from Indians.) Letters received
from Sheriff Gray. -

15th

Leave Camp at 6 o'clock. good road. good
weather, fine grazing country - overtaken by
Mr. Mason - Says Scouts & Volunteers are 15 miles
away towards Cavalry 20 miles in our rear. -
Pass Danvers City. Adams buys horses and
supplies there. - Courier from Colonel Shape
at Horse Prairie. 18 miles to Camp at Barrett's
Butter Ranch at about 4 P.M. (Camp W. L.
English) Scouts & Clerks companies of

Volunteers arrive - Citizens by strong reports
and representations induce General Howard
to change his plans, and march directly towards
Indians, held in check by Colonel Shupe. -

16th

At 2 o'clock A. M. carriers John Clark and John
Finger - arrive from Shupe to say that horses
have been made with the Hostiles and they
allowed to pass peacefully through Lemhi
Valley. The General returns to original plan
and hastens to intercept them from Buffalo
country. Courier from Howard - Leaves camp
Puglick at 6. a.m. Val's being ordered to watch
well right flank of line of march. and march
diagonally to the right in the direction of
Medicine Lodge. Mr. Mason brings word to
General Howard from Capt. Clarke (Col's)
General H. sends an aide to explain that he
only wished the Val's. to act as flankers to his
column, and begs them not to go to Medicine
Lodge - as were they to get into trouble it
would necessitate his keeping them, and thus
act as a diversion in favor of the enemy; -
that he would be glad to have them accompany
and co-operate with him, but would not order
them to do so; only begged them to desist

August 16th

from their present line of march. - To which they replied that they had misunderstood their orders and did not wish to interfere with the General's plans; only their idea was to keep up communication with him by Couriers, and should he head off the Indians then they would be in the rear and thus put the Indians between two fires. - They also said in answer to the General's request that they accompany him for five days at least, that their horses were tired, and could not keep with his command, and besides the column was already now some five or three miles in advance, and therefore Captain Sherwood said he would return to Deer Lodge, and Capt. Clarke did not say definitely where he would stop, but said a Courier to Danvers City would reach him. - March 25 miles. - barren alkali country. - level - fine wood only on hills for 10 miles. - Camp at Goddard at Camp Geo. L. Downing. - Red Rock Stage station. - Carlton and five men sent to Pleasant Valley - Adams returns at about 2 o'clock in the morning.

17th

With Dillingers dispatches - returns them to Carlton - Messenger sent to bring up Dillingers.

Grooming is detached ^{and} makes a march of
15 miles toward Deer Lodge. Command
leaves Camp Grooming at 6 A.M. Infantry at
head of column march 23 miles through
slightly rolling alkali barren country. -
Camp at Camp Deadline. Junction station
3 P.M. in fine wood (3 miles distant) poor
grazing. Capt Calloway 55 Vols. arrive
at night. He requested to permit in Pleasant Valley.
Dollinger the great finally arrives at 11 P.M.
highly excited brings dispatch from Salisbury.
Specie reconnaissance of 40 Cavalry men
under Dacon ^{and} Hoyle ^{and} Robbins reports
that to investigate vicinity of Henry Lake.
^{and} harass enemy if found. - Sanchez the Interpreter
Interpreter returns having lost his gun. -
command remains in camp. General Howard
goes alone in wagon to Pleasant Valley, leaves
word for Volunteers under Capt. Calloway
to come on as escort. They held a council
of war, ^{and} decline to do so until all their
comrades have caught up their horses, ^{and}
the horses are rested. - Word sent back by
Gen. Howard for tomorrow ^{and} Volunteers
to come on. Tomorrow leaves. - Another

18th

August 18th Carrier immediately afterwards brings word that the Indians have just crossed at Dry Creek station - and the entire command is ordered to push on. Dispatches sent to Miller and Cushing. - Talumblers declines to carry Cushing's dispatch. Move rapidly to Pleasant Valley - joined by the General and proceed more rapidly to Dry Creek station. Left Camp Pendine at about 12 M. To new Camp Shaden at about 6 o'clock. - Seven ponies assigned to transport. - March 26 miles. -

19th

Leave Camp Shaden at 6.45 A.M. march 18 miles to Camero meadows. - Good level road. - water somewhat scarce. - good grazing. - Duck observed in the southwest. - Make Camp Calloway at about 1 o'clock. - Indian scouts reported around camp. - Couriers (Indians) sent to Decon. - Camp double picketed and herd ordered inside picket line. - Bell mares hobbled to prevent straying. -

20th

Awakened at 4 A.M. by reveille of Headquarters. - Hostiles endeavor to stampede herd and dismount Cavalry. - only obtain a few mules. - Sanford with 3 Co's of Cavalry start in pursuit, recover 40 or 50 animals, but engage full force of enemy.

For Ten miles distant from Camp - Sanford
sends Courier to General. General takes field in
person with Olin^{son} & Wagner - Mason with
Bendire^{son} & Humphrey left in Camp - Skirmish
through lava bed country - A plain, thickly
mottled with hillocks of broken lava rock
interspersed with clumps of dwarf Cottonwood
Doubt as to Hornsby's position - He is found
7 miles from Camp making a stand in a
Cottonwood thicket - Benson wounded -
Brooks, - Ruger killed - 6 men wounded -
Return to Camp with entire command at about
12.30 arrive about 3.20. - Indian Couriers
for Bacon return - fail to find him - Blake
dispatched to him - Mr. Hallinger arrives in Camp -
Miller^{son} & Cushing both arrive at 7 o'clock. -
Every precaution taken in Camp to prevent
stampede -

21st

Leave Camp at about 7.30. Train slow getting
out; march through Meadows 18 miles
to Camp Benson at 3.30 P. M. Couriers
from Bainbridge arrive - Bainbridge himself
at one o'clock at night Dispatches sent.

Good Camp, plenty of wood, water
and grass -

August 22nd Leave Camp Benson at 6 o'clock A. M.

Train little late. March through sage brush
and pine country, tolerable good road, about
23 (or 25) miles; cross north fork ^{of Rush River} - Camp
on North Fork in a glade (Camp Carr) at about
3.30 P. M. Rumors of an attack - Precautions
taken. Spindexter arrives; news from Bacon.

23rd

Break camp at 4 o'clock - March across
level flats - cross river, go about 19 miles
to pass in Mountains. Indian scouts sent
through pass on Indian trail - Camp Cheking
at 1 o'clock - General leaves for Virginia City
(accompanied by Lieut Adams & Howard) Command
represented as unfit for a campaign in
Yellowstone region, unless properly prepared
for it -

24th

At 7 A. M. move 7 miles to Camp Chetwin
on Henry Lake; plenty of grass, water ⁱⁿ fish.
wood only in mountains. very windy & quite
cold. News from scouts. Hostiles making toward
Crow Agency. In Camp Chetwin. Dispatches from
Wood, Helton & others received & forwarded.

25th

In Camp. General returns.

26th

In Camp. Buffalo Horn "and" scouts leave for
Fort Hall to be mustered out. -

27th

In Camp Osceola, General arrives from Virginia City - preparations to continue journey.

28th

Leave at 7 A.M. March about 18 miles in camp on Madison River, Camp D. T. Wells, 3.30. P.M. Meet one of the Teyner party near Mary Lake, pick up Mr. Othman, also enter in the day, shot through cheeks - Plenty of root, water, grass and fish -

29th

Leave at 7 A.M. cross river 5 times march about 15 miles to Camp Canon 3. P.M. Telegram received from M. J. Donnell from Fort Ellis, relating to Gen. Schofield's reports. Porter sent with dispatches. News of the Teyner party & Mr. Corran.

30th

Leave at 7 A.M. march 18 miles to Camp Corran 2 P.M. in Lower Teyner Basin. Find Mr. Corran in our reports now camp, says he met Fisher the day before, is shot twice - once through thigh & once through heart. Learn for first time of his wife's safety. Mr. Mann is with him.

31st

Leave the sulphurous camp Corran at 7. A.M. pass over road made by ourselves (Springer) march 12 miles to foot of almost precipitous hill, everything is taken up, and camped at Camp James Jackson, near Mary Lake, except the wagons, which are left at foot of hill.

August 31st

Find note from Fisher on Mrs. Cornus side saddle
sight, when we moved, march 13 miles
total, camp at about 2.30. P.M. Wagon Teams
taken by Samuels.

September 1st

Spungin and Capt. Morris & Artillery with
respective Companies left back with wagons
to get them up the hill, remainder of command
moves at 11. A.M. 12 miles through mineral
country, water impregnated with solutions
of various sulphates - To camp Fitzgerald
on Yellowstone arrive at about 4.30. P.M.
Armeded Indians brought up.

2nd

In camp. Gordon and Brown arrive. Furrow
sent to Wagons to pick up supplies brought
by Gordon - Dispatches sent to Ellis by Tapp
and one other man. - Madies John arrives
from Fisher.

3rd

Arrive arrival of Rastrom until 3. P.M. Leave
Camp Fitzgerald at that hour move toward
Yellowstone falls some six miles and camp
on flat at about 6 P.M. in Camp Henry Wagner.
Find Furrow, wagons and supplies awaiting
us. Samuels return with lack of team horses
Bitter cold night, heavy frost.

September 4th

Bannock released except "Joe Rainey" he
sent prisoner with Norton to Ellis. Leave
at 7 A.M. march about 24 miles, terrible
trail over mountains, through forests to
Camp Gen. R. Dacow 5-30. P.M. Went out
to Jurgin at Falls to come on with wagons
as fast as he can construct road. Norton
camps with us. We kill a skunk at Henderson,
nice time -

5th

Leave at 7 A.M. move to Barronett's bridge
arrive about 12. M. Find Carlton with some
seats - Robbins absent. Bridge partially destroyed
by Coy. Pierce's. While repairing it send Pack
train to bring up supplies from Spring mts
wagons. Tear up part of Barronett's house to
fix bridge - Value of house estimated at \$300⁰⁰
Cross at 3. P.M. make a total of about 13 miles.
Camp Hamilton Denny at 4. P.M. Wilbur joins
us. Mess of Doree - Robbins reports The
Henderson Ranch affair -

6th

Leave at 7 A.M. march up Soda Butte Creek,
Camp Jocelyn at 3. P.M. Rainy & cold.

7th

Leave at 7 A.M. - Pass Fueling Works -
Miners join us. Get Huston as guide. move
up cañon. about 16 miles; make Camp Barron

September 7th about 3.30. P. M. - Infantry lost. arrive
about 5. P. M. Men sent ahead to cut out
trail - Removal of Gilbert. Hurgis Carriers arrive.

8th

Move at 7. A. M. make our own trail, march
about 15 miles, camp Rethley 3. P. M.
Reconnaissance made to Grandall Creek. -
Portion trail in Camp found, supposed to be
about 36 hrs. old. -

9th

Leave at 7. A. M. move over lodge pole
trail under Hutton's guidance make
about 24 miles, our Camp fixed in Lower
Fork Basin at 3. P. M. make a reconnaissance
and find our miners scouts in camp. First
signs of the game on which we were to subsist.
Antelope - Jack Burroughs comes from Gilbert -

10th

Leave at 5. A. M. Train with Cañonby remains
in Camp till 9 A. M. - Find the Indian trail,
doubt as to its meaning. Hurgis absent and
Hostiles escaped. Follow trail through a
wretched lat. cañon. - Send Fletcher & Chapman
to hunt for Hurgis over by Heart Mountain.
Camp on Clarkes Fork. Frenchman Little Creek
reports in evening that three white men
were found by our scouts about six miles
from mouth of Clarkes Fork Cañon, and the

September 10th

Trails show that Furgis apparently struck the hostiles scattering them in all directions and is now in pursuit. Camp Stockmorton at 4.30. or 5. P.M. Receive mail with letter from Kelton &c. replied to by telegraph - Copies of Sherman's Telegram promised by mail - March 18 miles - Fletcher reports grange found near Furgis trail -

11th

Leave at 7 A.M. Cavalry & train follow at 8 A.M. march about 20 miles, bury five men, (miners from blackhills) killed by Hey-Percees - See Furgis column in the distance behind us. Enos Indians reported coming to join Furgis. Furgis camps about 4 miles below us. General goes to visit him, (with Col. Mason) while absent, brother of Crow Chief comes to our camp, announces his intention to pursue Hey-Percees. - (Camp Hall)

12th

Furgis command arrived in camp about 6 A.M. Command moved on. Furgis, Sanford and Fletcher following. Dis & battery later. Our column moved from Camp Hall at about 7.30. - Cavalry an hour later. Sanford reported Blenheim for neglecting to notify packers in time to have pack train for his detachment ready to move at Sunrise - our Command proper arrived in Camp Elkhead about 4.30. P.M. Couriers sent to Cushing & Furgis

September 12. Dispatches to Col. Miles. march 18 miles.

13th

Leave Camp Oldonkud at 8. A.M. march 15 miles to Camp Merrill, arrive at 3. P.M. Horses of Hurgis commandeered along the road - also yesterday beef left behind - Learn that Hurgis marched yesterday 55 miles - spoke from Fletcher. - General Howard with 50 men marches to Hurgis at 9. P.M. after having made a reconnaissance of 6 or 7 miles. towards Crown Agency road. - Plenty of grass water & water along Clarke's fork -

14th

Divine on Yellowstone till Sunrise - Meet Hurgis & Fletcher's Couriers during the night, take the dispatches & make the couriers guide us to Hurgis; march across a broken plain or meadow to battlefield at Canon creek. Meet plenty of Carrows returning from fight. Hurgis had moved on to Fletcher's lakes. General visits his (Hurgis) wounded

15th

Forward beef and dispatches to Hurgis - march in a drenching rain storm to designated place on Yellowstone where we are to meet the command. Hear of the capture of the U.S. mail Coach. receive the mail not destroyed and forward it to addressees. Column under Colonel Mason comes up about 3. P.M. report a boat at the Yellowstone used as a ferry, marched about 18 miles that day

September 15th Our camp in Camp Hunter. Lieut. Adams -
Blake courier, Half Breed Joe Kiny &c.
join column. -

16th Remain in Camp - dispatches received
from Hargis - Sanford. As Fletcher + arrive
about 5 P.M. Pack train sent to Hargis returns.
Earrest sent for supplies. -

17th Fisher^{2nd} last of Indian scouts leave -
Command marches at 7 A.M. moves 21 miles
arrives at Camp Leary about 4 P.M. plenty
of grass all along the Yellowstone bottom,
no water except in river. Earrest arrives
late at night - camp near "Baker" Find
Hargis wounded there; They leave next
morning in a "Mackinac" boat. -

18th Leave at 7 A.M. march 21 miles circumsome
route to Camp Earrest, arrive about 4.30.
P.M. has alkali water - Issue men clothing
which completes the equipment of soldiers
our employes. -

19th March at 7 A.M. go 15 miles over bad land
to alkali water, Send Travis^{4th} Cavalry on,
halt front troops - rest four hours; leave
at 4 P.M. march 16 miles, partially by night
arrive in Camp Humphrey about 9.30 P.M.

20th Leave at 9 A.M. Command under Col. Mason
makes short march of about 6 miles, arrives
about 12 M. beautiful camp on Muncieled.

September 20th about 8 miles below Sturgis. General & Staff
immediately over to Sturgis camp, have a
consultation, and then at about 2. P.M.
perch down river for our own camp, find
grass, wood & water. Col. Sturgis wagon
train arrives in his camp. Dispatches
from Miles.

21st

General and Staff leave early to breakfast
with Sturgis. Command moves at 7 a.m.
make a short march of 10 or 12 miles,
camp just above Sturgis (about 1 1/2 miles)
(Camp J. H. Eaton) arrive about 12. 30 P.M.
Carlton arrives with his men and official
mail from Crow Agency. Letter from
Gilbert among others. Answer and send off
Couriers both to Miles, and to mail route.

22nd

Sturgis moves at 7. a.m. at 7. 30. after some
little preliminary trouble, we all strike Indian
Trail, and keep it over an open rolling plain
for about 25 miles to Camp Sturgis and
Fisk Creek, where we arrive about 4 o'clock,
good water here, some on the dry march,
plenty of grass. Judiths Gap visible in distance,
no fresh signs of Indians.

23rd

In Camp. Dead Indian found. supposed
to be a Crow. Message arrives at night
from Austin.

24th

March at 7 a.m. go about 18 miles to

September 24th Camp Oakeson, arrive about 3.30. P.M. Carrier from Fletcher arrives. Detachment sent to train - wood & water.

25th March at 7.30. go about 7 miles - arrive at camp St. N. Pierce about 1. o'clock. Dispatch sent to Mr. Donnell in regard to Cavalry - Sanford sent to bring^{up} Fletcher. Blake arrives. Rations on pack arrive during the night.

26th March at 7.30. go about 10 miles to Camp J. Q. Adams, arrive at 1. o'clock. Blake sent to Miles. Lt. Ely Howard sent back to Wagon train. Watch as to the meaning of the two Indian trails.

27th March at 10. A.M. Cavalry under Sanford leaves us. Carrier from Cross Island comes with news of Cheney crossing Missouri. Dispatch sent to Mr. Donnell in Crook. - Harkin as his men come in, march about 15 miles and arrive at Camp C. C. Foxon at about 5. o'clock. Carner sent forward to procure steam transportation - Chutein accompanies Sanford. This camp is off the road on account of water.

28th March at 7.30. wood is scarce and we have to transport it from this camp in wagons, march 23 miles, arrive in camp about 6.30. or 7. o'clock. No wood except that carried in wagons, General investigates.

September 28th complaints as to exhaustion of foot-troops,
makes arrangement for their relief.

29th

March at 6 with foot troops. 7.30 for
Cavalry in order to make forced march of
25 miles to procure a camp with wood and
water. Success not vain, heavy, slayer,
sticky mud, horrible travelling make
about 20 miles and arrive in Camp Jones
about 4 o'clock. Courier from Burnett.

3 Boats at Carr Island. General returns
him with an order for supplies to be brought
to Carrall. Rain continues all night. Little
wood (engbruck) very uncomfortable camp.

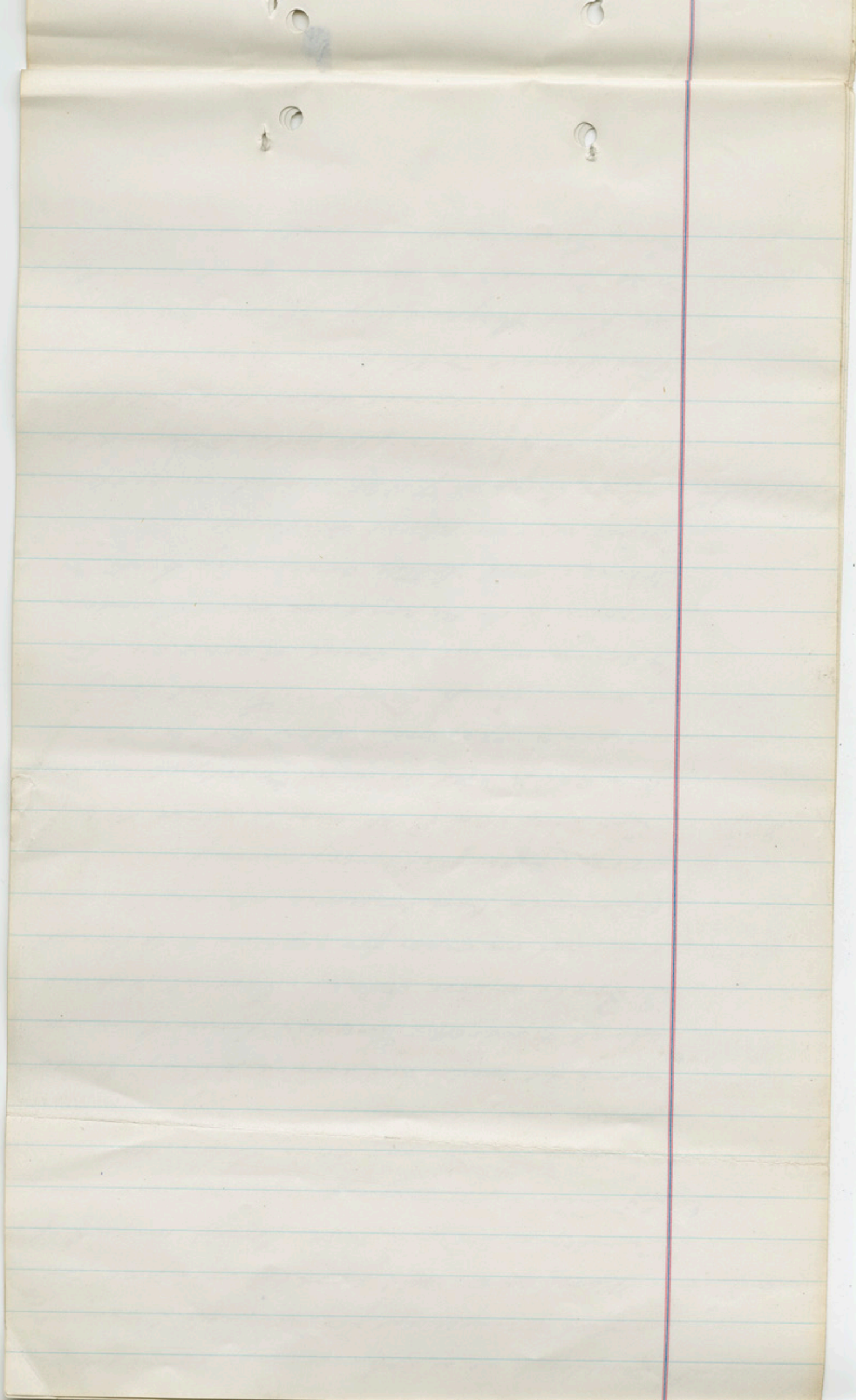
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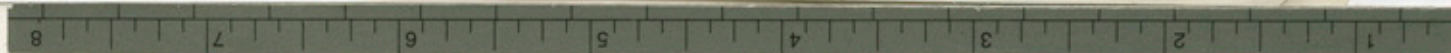
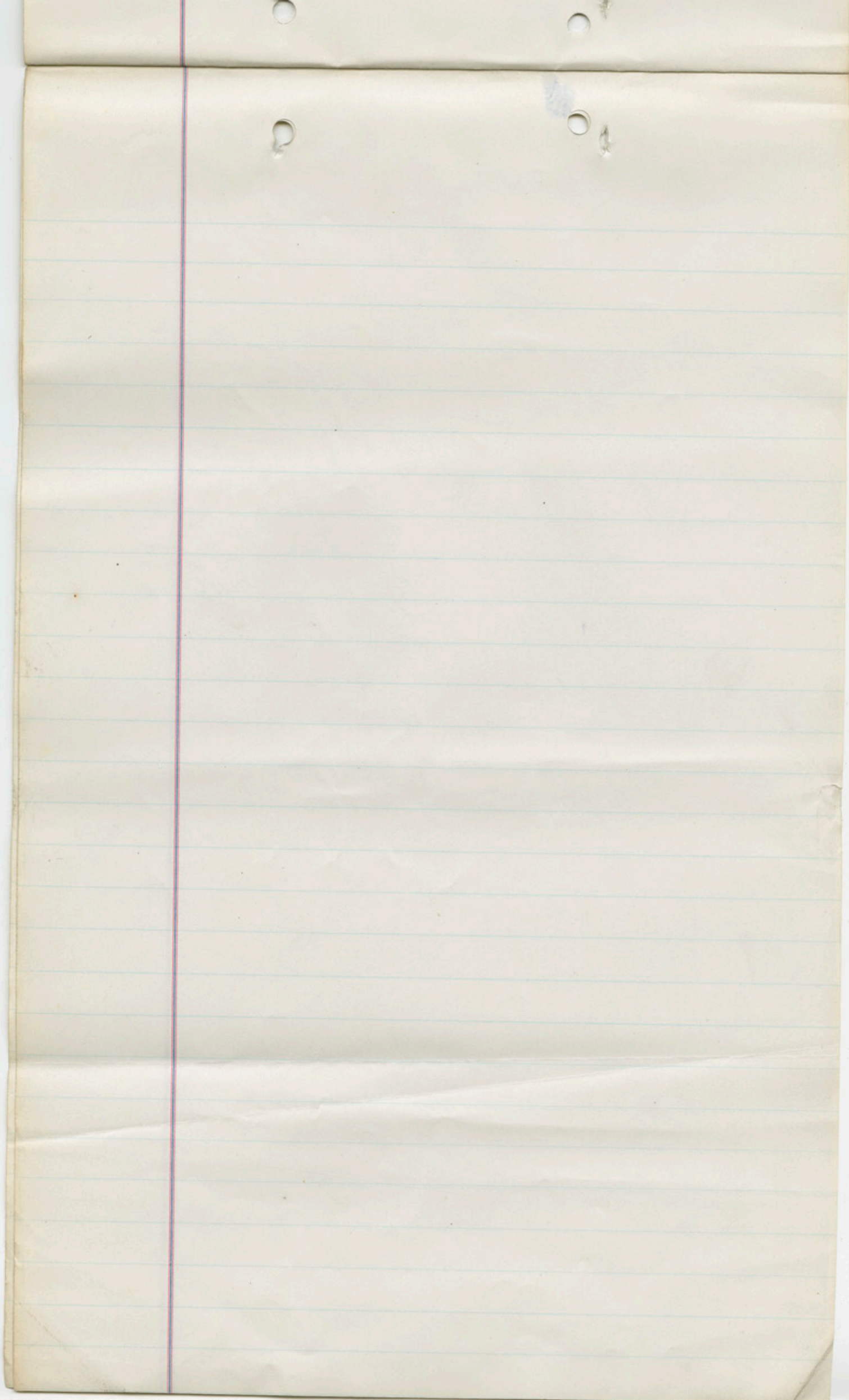
Left Camp at 2 P. M. marched about 10 miles
to a camp with no wood ^{and} only a little alkali
water. Troops arrive about 6 P. M. Camp
is named Camp Farrow. General Shurgis
and command left in camp to come on to
morrow. On the road we meet Burnett
Courier with letter concerning boats, and
gives reports about Miles.

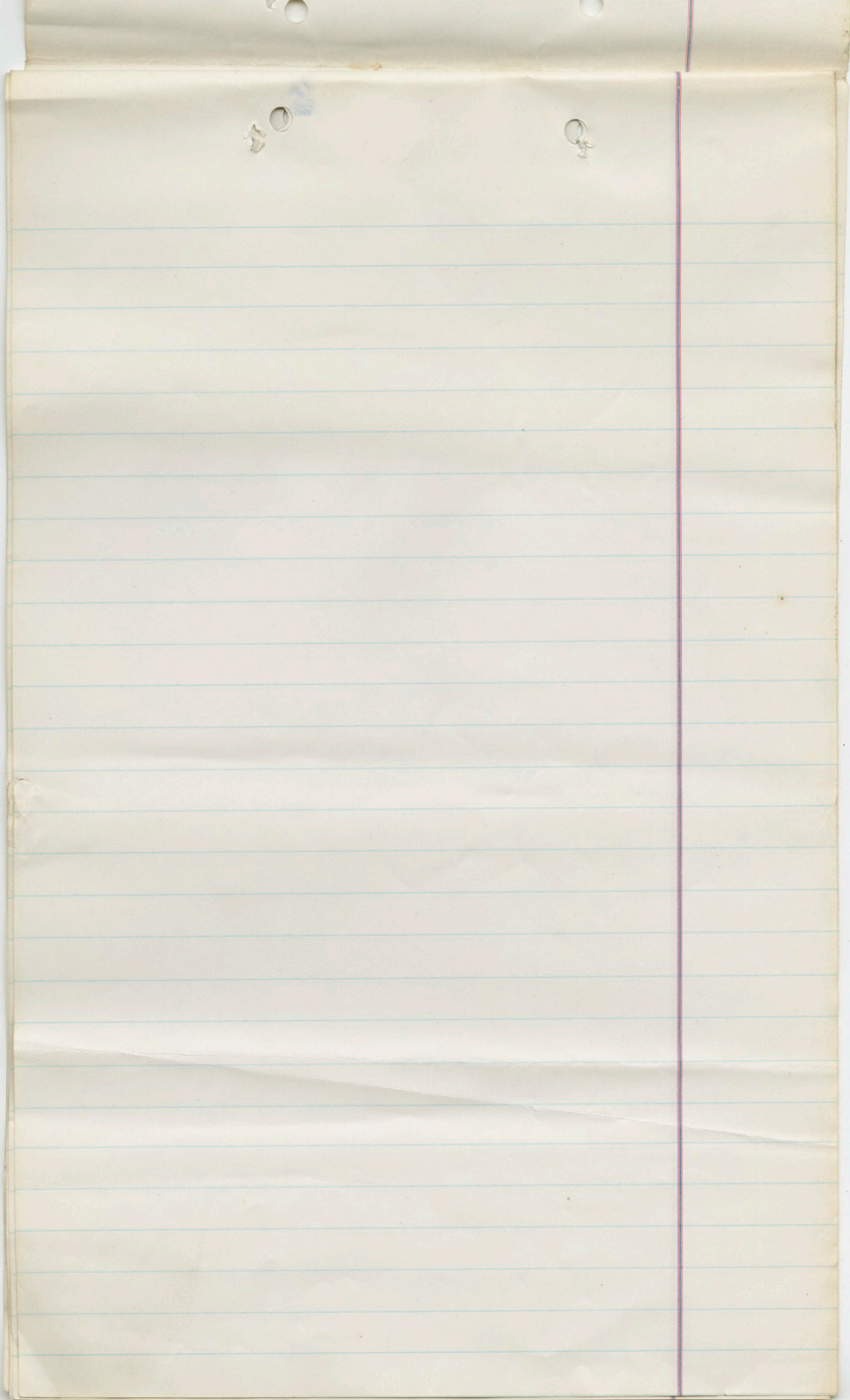
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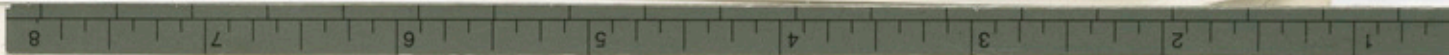
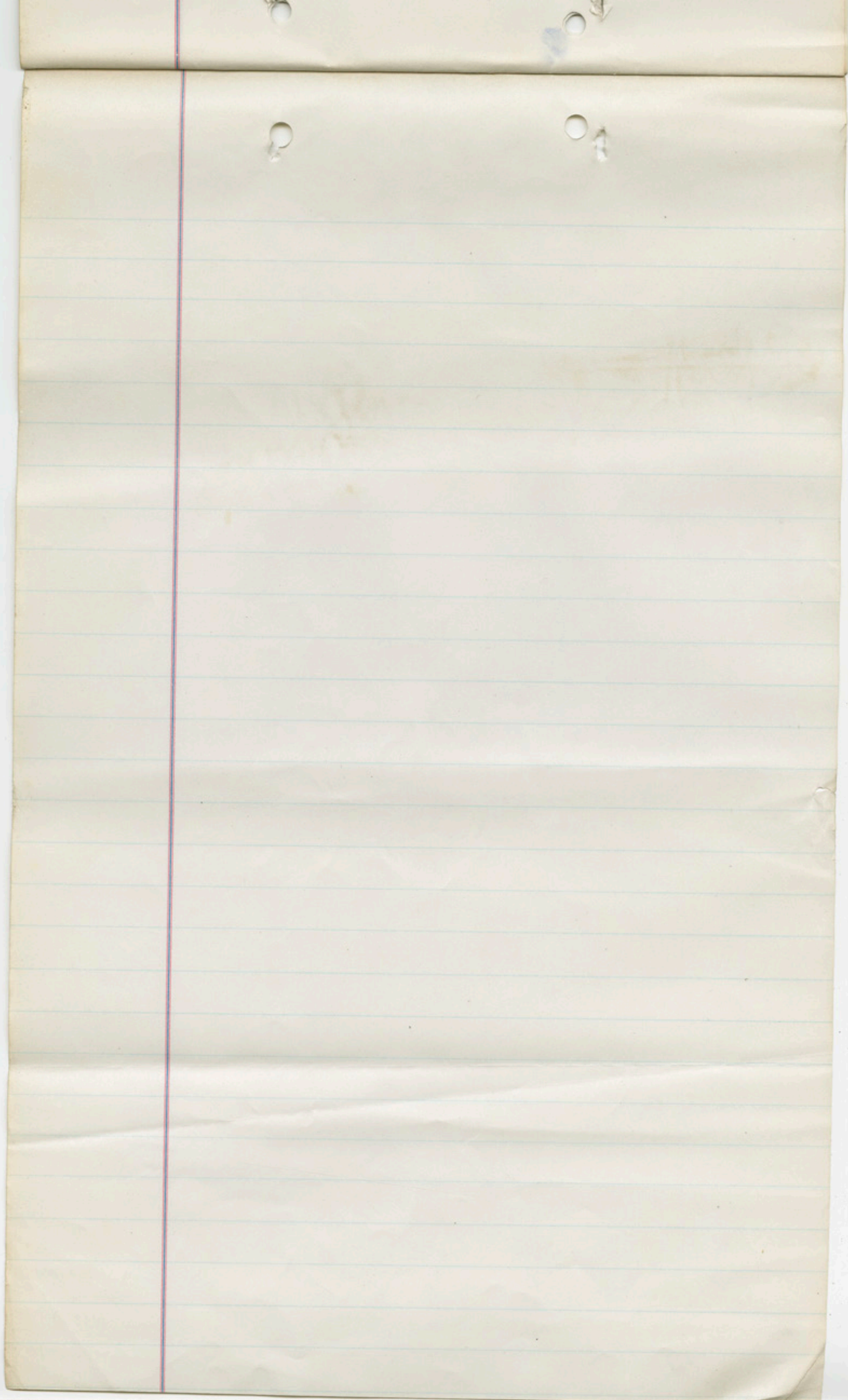
Left Camp at 7 A. M. march over rather
heavy roads about 12 miles to Carrall on
the Missouri, arrive about 11.45 A. M.

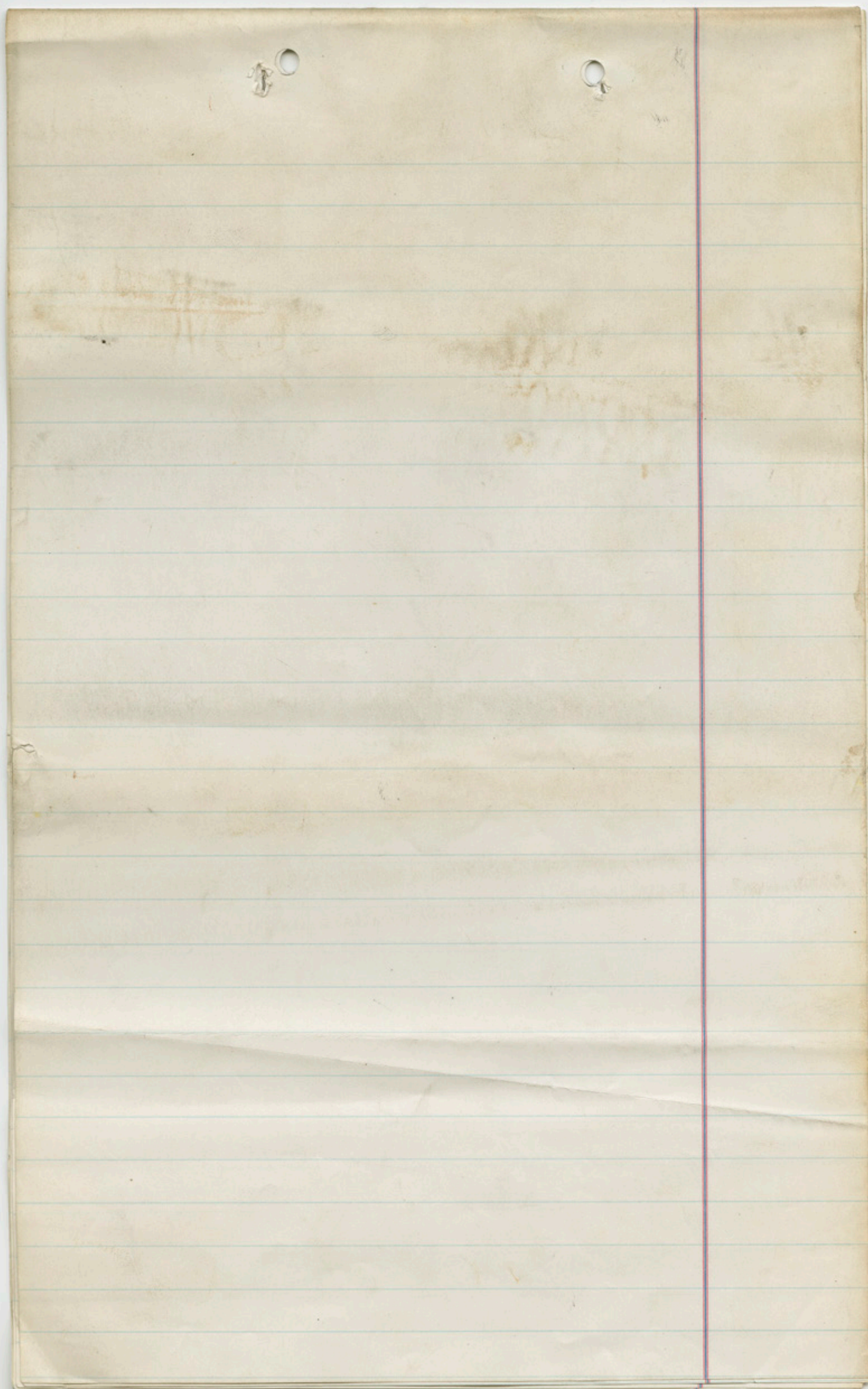
Find Burnett ^{and} the boat "Beaton" awaiting
us. Lieut. Maguire, Surg. Officer of the Department
^{and} Lt. Mitchell 6th Infantry on the boat. Report
 Sioux Commissioners still up the river.











October 1st

Charter the Denton in order to proceed to
Cass Island. Commissioner is ordered to purchase
seam, supplies at Carroll and divide provisions
among our men & Furgis troops. - Furgis
arrives about 1 o'clock, talks with the
General. Therman leaves about 2 o'clock.

Ties up at dark to allow men to cook
and make coffee; just before landing hailed
by men in small boat, who are found to be
one of our own scouts, and a courier from
Miles. A Soldier named Hammond & Cary
Hammond has letter to Col. Hason relative
to supplies, and a pencil note from Cal. Miles
to General Howard, saying hearer will give
information as to direction of his movement -

2nd

On Board Therman "Denton".

3rd

General with 2 aids and escort of five scouts
and 3 Sheriers, and the Indian Captain Juhn and
George unmarried left Cass Island about 11 A.M.
leaving Millers command of Artillery and Infantry
encamped. Therman Denton returned to Carroll,
march about 25 miles over creek bottom
and rolling prairie with no roads nor water,
and late in the evening encamp near some
scrub pines with ponds of alkali water,
for water supply, makes no all sick;
shiver a night in saddle blankets, and
we start shortly after daylight, ride over

4th

October 4th

Barren prairie for about 28 miles and meet Johnson and another scout of Miles (returning to Hurgis, fleeing to go on to Miles on account of having seen Indians 2 or 3 miles ahead.

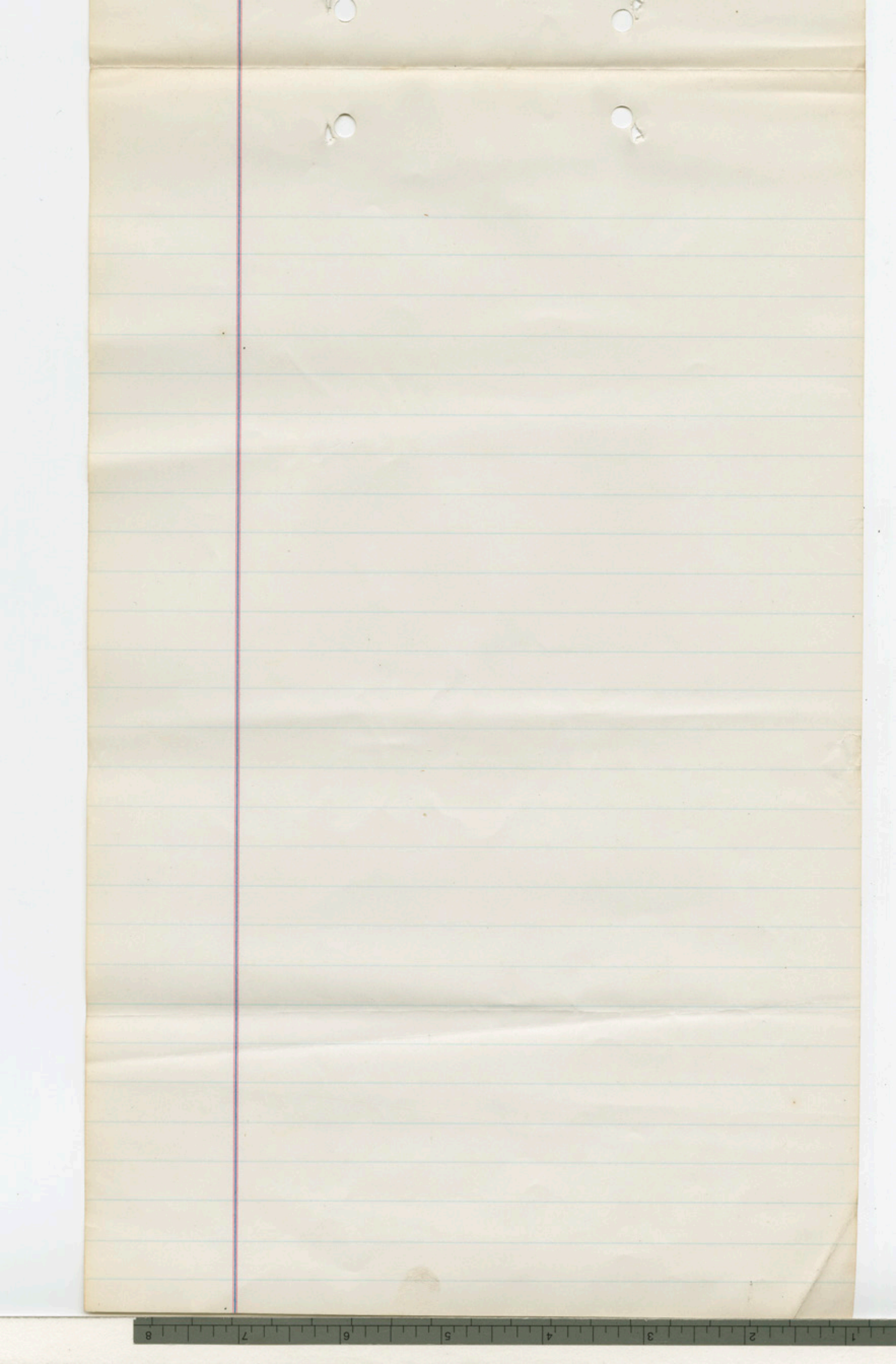
They tell us of Miles fight, and that when they left it was very doubtful who would win; while talking with them Tippery Dick and another Courier of Miles reports us. Dick from Sitting Bull via Tongue River Cantonment. Consolidated party on ride fifteen miles into Miles' camp, arriving after dark, firing going on; Indians entrenched in prairie; invested but not closely by Miles lines. Told that day of 43 miles -

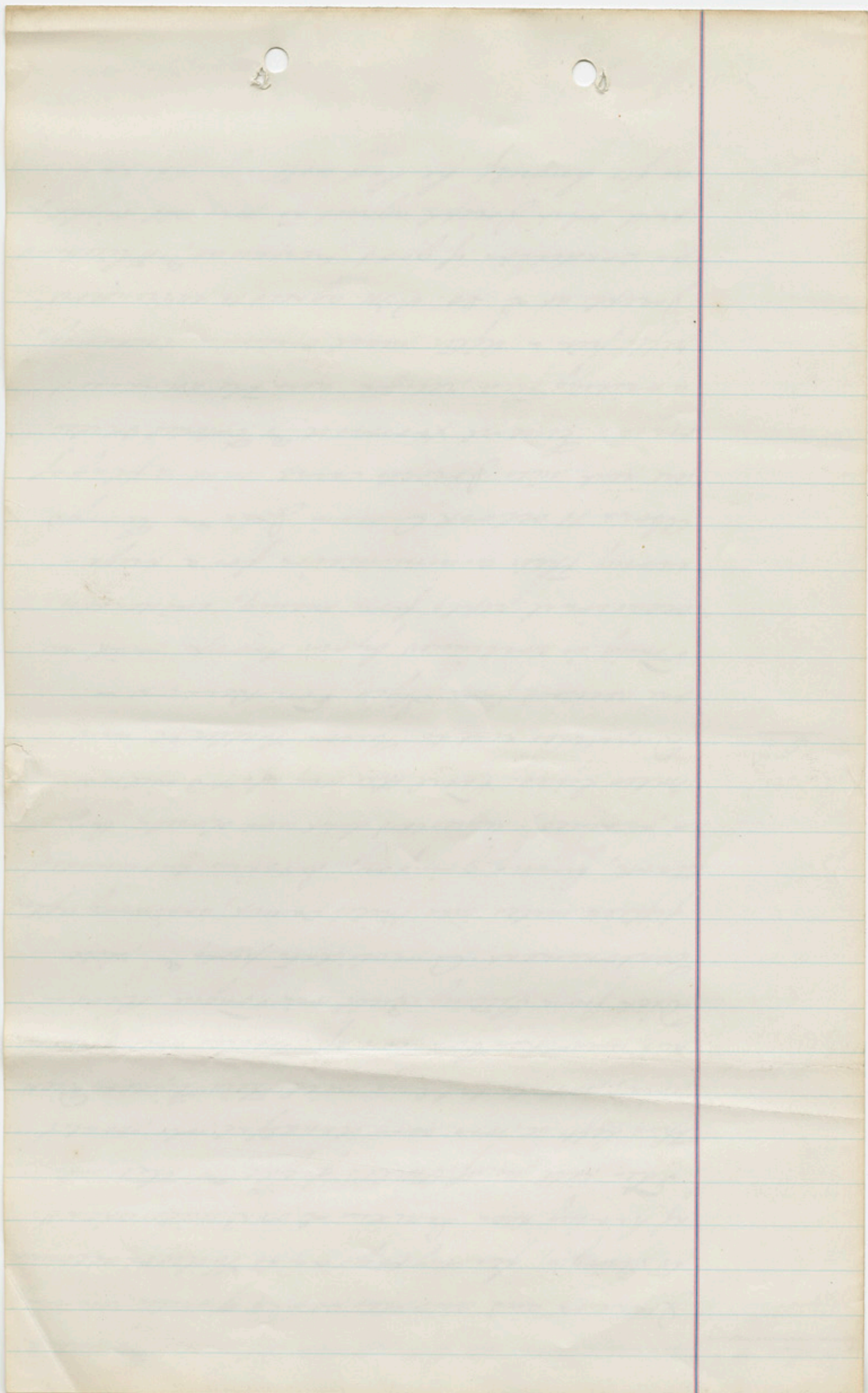
5th

Dispatches sent to Mason, Miller &c and one received from Sigs, Fort Benton -

Firing is continued by our troops with an occasional reply from enemy, evidently proving their ammunition for a siege -

About 11 o'clock, Captains John and George are sent with Joseph's camp with a flag of truce. General Hornard and Colonel Miles awaiting their return near the advanced rifle pits. - After much communicating, Joseph at 2.20. P.M. agreed to surrender on condition of good treatment, and Whitebird said what Joseph agreed to was all right; as for himself he had nothing to say.





October 5th Dispatch sent to Adams ^{by hired horses}
^(just after 10 to 11 AM) returned also. - About 4 P.M. Joseph
delivered his Rifle to Colonel Miles.
Landing is prolonged till long after dark.
The lame - animal, hurt and the blind,
came crawling up the hill, meanwhile
Thin Bird and two wounded Squaws with
a party of about fourteen escaped between
the pickets under cover of darkness.

6th Austin scouts sent off with dispatches.
Miles receives information at 2 o'clock
P.M. from the Red River half breeds of Thirty
Darius, 20 of them wounded, who escaped
across the boundary, also from scouts, of
6 killed by the Assinibonins, of 2 or 3 killed
by the Gros-Teutres; - of a child in the
Gros-Teutres' camp, and a Squaw and two
children captive in the Assinibonin camp.
Plans for these prisoners -

7th Plans for Surgis commenced at about
9 o'clock, leaving Miles to send on wounded
to mouth of Little Rock, following himself
with prisoners to mouth of Musselshell.
Meet Sutton with dispatch from Mason
after we have come about 15 miles at
12 M. Travel about 45 miles, come
into Surgis camp long after dark about
8.30 P.M. -

October 8th

Sent in by Fletcher ^{my} seats to the boat. Rain very hard, finally clears up about 1 o'clock P.M. Gurgis detached ^{my} ordered to proceed to his post. Command left with Merrill.

9th

Start for the river at 5.30. A.M. General Gurgis ^{my} Captain Miles ^{my} Throckmorton's commands accompanying the troops to take two days to march the distance. Arrive at The Rivers mouth of Little Rock, about 3. P.M. find Summers awaiting us.

10th

Dispatches sent to Kelton - via Dozeman by Raptier Tetherburn. Courier - ten miles below Little Rocky Creek. Drops in camp. Miles + Throckmorton arrive with their commands at about 12.30. P.M. Boat leaves at about 3.30. ^{my} we camp that night about 4 miles below Carroll.

11th

Leave about day light run to Squaw Creek near mouth of Musselshell ^{my} camp at dark.

12th

Still laying at Squaw Creek, awaiting Miles and his prisoners.

13th

Still at Squaw Creek, awaiting Gen. Miles. at 9. A.M. the General accompanied by Staff, left boat to meet General Miles who had been reported by messengers about 15 miles distant - Colonel Mason returned about 12.45 P.M. + ordered the Boat to

October 13th proceed down the River 5 miles, where the General met Col. Miles, part of his command and the Indian prisoners had in the meantime arrived. On coming aboard the Benton Genl. Miles was received with great cheering on part of Genl. Howards troops. Genl. Miles & Staff dined with General on Steamer Benton & at 3.15 P. M. left boat amid cheers of the troops. Steamer left 3.30 P. M. and was fastened up at 6 P. M. distance travelled 20 miles.

14th Leave at 5.45 A. M. fasten up at 6 P. M. distance 80 miles.

15th Leave at 5.45 A. M. at 10.30. arrive at Fort Peck. visit Streakado. Steamer leaves at 11.5 A. M. fastens up at 5.15 P. M. distance 90 miles.

16th Leave at 5.30 A. M. fasten up at 5.45 P. M. distance travelled 85 miles - passed Assiniboin Agency at P. M. -

17th Leave at 10.05 A. M. fasten up at 6 P. M. distance travelled 60 miles. -

18th Leave at 5.30 A. M. fasten up at 3.00 P. M. at Fort Buford D. T. distance travelled 65 miles.

19th Leave at 5.30 A. M. fasten up at 6 P. M. distance travelled 110 miles.

20th Leave at 5.10 A. M. fasten up at 6.10 P. M.

October 20th

distance travelled 125 miles.

21st

Leave at 5:10 A.M. from Fort Berthold at
8:00 A.M. by Fort Sherman at 10 A.M. faster
up at P.M. distance travelled miles

