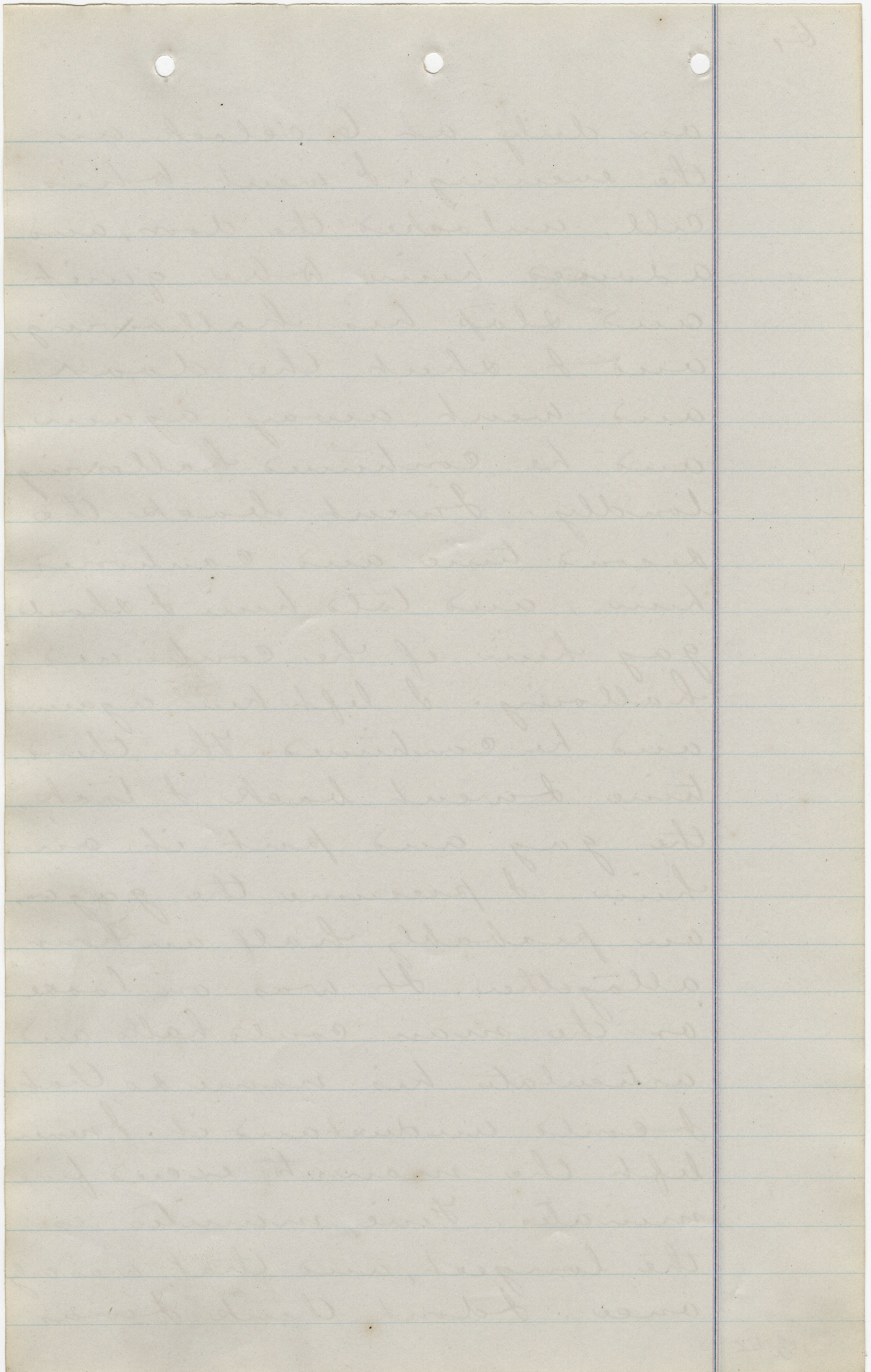
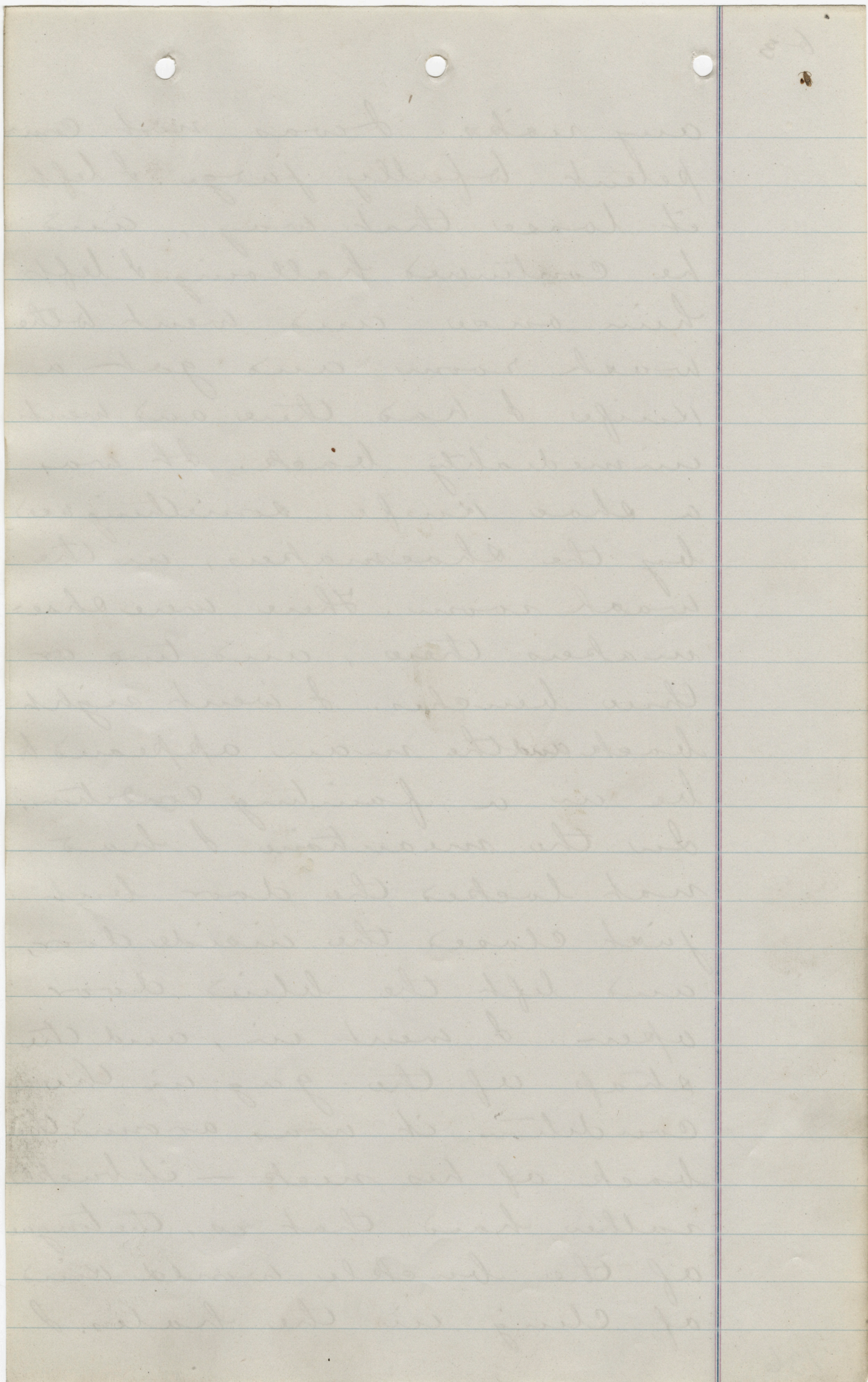


on duty at 6 o'clock in
 the evening. I went to his
 cell, unlocked the door, and
 advised him to be quiet
 and stop his hallowing,
 and I shut the door
 and went away again,
 and he continued hallowing
 loudly. I went back the
 second time and cautioned
 him, and told him I should
 gag him if he continued
 hallowing. I left him again
 and he continued. The third
 time I went back I took
 the gag and put it on
 him. I presume the gag was
 on probably half an hour
 altogether. It was on loose
 so the man could hallow and
 articulate his name so that
 I could understand it. I never
 left the man to exceed five
 minutes. Five minutes is
 the longest, and that was only
 once. I don't think I was



away from him five minutes at that time, but excepting that time I don't think I was away from the man two minutes at any one time. After the gag had been on him probably ten minutes I tightened it up a little and remained right in the cell with him probably half a minute, and he appeared to breathe hard, and I was under the impression he was doing it to deceive me, to make me take it off, and I immediately loosened it again to the same place where it was. A short time afterwards I tried tightening it again, and he acted the same as he had previously, and I loosened it again. I thought the man was practicing deception with me, but I did not wish to run

any risks. I was not competent to fully judge. I left it loose that way, and he continued hallowing. I left him once and went to the wash room and got a knife I had there and went immediately back. It was a shoe knife, something used by the shoemakers, in the wash room. There were shoemakers there, and two or three benches. I went right back and the man appeared to be in a fainting condition. In the meantime I had not locked the door but just closed the inside door, and left the blind door open. I went in, and the strap of the gag in the condition it was, around the back of his neck - it buckled rather hard, that is, the tongue of the buckle would kind of cling in the holes. I



solitary to the hospital until he died?
 a No Sir, I do not, I can't tell
 anything about that. I don't
 think it was long though. It
 was only a few days.

2 About how long do you think
 a Probably two or three days.

2 That is the best of your recollection
 a Yes Sir.

2 Was the erasure made before or
 after the man died?

a I can't say as to that.

2 Are there any other cases besides these
 two you have mentioned?

a Not that I can recollect of, Sir.

2 Is there any other information that you
 desire to impart to this Board of Com=
 missioners in this investigation?

a Not any, Sir.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock, a.m. tomorrow.
 Thursday, May 16, 1878.
 The Board met at 8 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment,
 when the following testimony was introduced:
Deputy Warden Benjamin L. Mayhew
 being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination By
Commissioner A. M. Jones.

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being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Reuben Benjamin L. Blaffer

where the following testimony was taken:

Off record at 8 o'clock a.m. pursuant to subpoena.

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Deposition made at 8 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

had been told Ryan had been gagged, although I had never had anything happen from using it. I immediately went to the cell and took it off, and got some water and threw it in the mans face. I thought he was fainting by his over exertions, and Mr. Leasure, the guard here, was standing there. He had come out with some new men with Captain McDougall, and he had not returned. He was standing in the wash room, and I called him and told him to go for the doctor quickly, and told him where he could get the key. It was in my desk there. He went for Doctor Dripps to the hospital - and it is in connection with the kitchen or solitary, that is, we have free ac-

through the kitchen and the
 knitting room, and a
 vacant store room to go
 up in the hospital without
 going out doors. The doctor
 came immediately and assisted
 me in letting the man down.
 Q And he died right off?

A Well, I presume it was be-
 tween five and ten minutes
 after the doctor first got
 there. I thought he was re-
 covering just before the doctor
 came. He made some noise
 although I could not dis-
 tinguish anything he said.

Courtesier A. M. Jones - Was this man
 a more than ordinarily des-
 perate and unruly case?

A Yes Sir.

Q Had you met with many
 such cases?

A No Sir.

Q Have you ever met with any
 such cases?

A Yes Sir.

through the kitchen and
kitchen room, and
across the room to
up in the hospital with
going out there. The
room is small and
we are letting the
3 chairs be this right off
to back. I presume to see
between four and five
after the last part
time of the night. In
coming first before the
room. The next day
a little more to be
to go to something to
down from the floor - see
a more than ordinary
private and usually
you see
2 Has for out with
back corner?
a to the
3 How you can tell
which corner?
you see