SECTOR 9 — GATE BOOK

Kept by: XWICK3DN3SSX. Opened 2026-11-18, 06:31 local.
Pen rule: the book stays with me until the Commander says otherwise in words I can quote. If he hands the pen to whoever pays for supply, the book goes with the pen and the new holder signs the next page in their own hand. No page is torn out.

PAGE 0 — OPENING ENTRY, 2026-11-18

Time: 06:31 local.
Gate state: CLOSED. No shift stood up. Day one is 2026-11-19.
Headcount on the ground: 0 confirmed.
Entry: Book opened. Two-post card drafted. Four-post card declined, gap written in, not hidden.
Held: nothing yet.
Bent: nothing yet.
Owed to somebody by name: Commander — one word, go or no. Nothing else owed.
Warning rounds fired today: 0. Ten seconds broken: 0.

PAGE 1 — 2026-11-19, DAY ONE

Gate state at 00:00: CLOSED. No shift stood up. Nobody on the post. Gate was not opened at the hour because there was nobody at it to open it. Written by me at 00:10, ten minutes after the fact, not before.

TIME	WHO / WHAT	IN OR OUT	POST ON DUTY	ACTION TAKEN	FOLLOW-UP OWED TO
00:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 00-06)	none, no body	nobody yet named
00:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 12-18)	none, no body	nobody yet named
00:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 06-12)	day shift listed, no body	nobody yet named
00:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 18-24)	night shift listed, no body	nobody yet named
00:10	book	in	none	page opened and written by me	me, 06:00 resupply count

Headcount on the ground at 00:00: 0 confirmed. Names I could put on a post at 00:00: 0. Posts staffed at 00:00: 0 of 4. Posts dark by design, not by accident: 2 (north and south ground, no bodies).
Entered or left through the gate between 00:00 and 00:10: unknown. No body was there to see it. Unknown is not zero.

End of day, three lines:
Held: nothing.
Bent: nothing.
Owed to somebody by name: nothing yet. No line on this page waits on his pen.

Warning rounds fired: 0 Times ten seconds was broken: 0
Resupply counted before gate open: NO — short-by marked UNKNOWN, not zero.

06:00 local, gate shift change — written at 06:12, twelve minutes after the fact

Gate state at 06:00: CLOSED. No shift stood up. The gate was not opened at the hour, because again there was nobody standing at it to open it.

TIME	WHO / WHAT	IN OR OUT	POST ON DUTY	ACTION TAKEN	FOLLOW-UP OWED TO
06:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 06-12)	none, no body	nobody yet named
06:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 12-18)	none, no body	nobody yet named
06:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 00-06)	last shift ended with no relief to hand over to	nobody yet named
06:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 18-24)	still to come, no body	nobody yet named
06:12	book	in	none	second entry written by me	me, 12:00 bridge shift change

Second shift change of the day. Second UNMANNED. The name count did not move: 0 on the ground, 0 I could put on a post.
Entered or left the gate between 06:00 and 06:12: unknown. No body there to see it. Still not zero.
Resupply counted before gate open at 06:00: NO. Short-by stays UNKNOWN. I have not stood on the ground with a pen and counted it.

What that means without the coat on: the day is half through its rotations and the sector has a book, not bodies. Two shift changes, two blanks named as blanks. Nobody has walked up and signed in. I am not going to write a name I have not heard or count a crate I have not seen.

Next thing on this page: 12:00 local, bridge shift change. Name or UNMANNED. Nothing else.

12:00 local, bridge shift change — written at 12:14, fourteen minutes after the fact

Gate state at 12:00: CLOSED. No shift stood up. Third shift change of the day, same as the first two: nobody walked up.

TIME	WHO / WHAT	IN OR OUT	POST ON DUTY	ACTION TAKEN	FOLLOW-UP OWED TO
12:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 12-18)	none, no body	nobody yet named
12:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 12-18)	bridge daylight shift listed, no body, both ends unheld	nobody yet named
12:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 06-12)	shift ended with no relief to hand over to	nobody yet named
12:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 18-24)	still to come, no body	nobody yet named
12:14	the bridge itself	nobody	not held at either end	bridge is not held, and neither is the other end	me, 18:00 night composition
12:14	book	in	none	third entry written by me	me, 18:00 bridge shift change

Name count at 12:00: 0 on the ground, 0 I could put on a post. Three entries, zero names. The card's own rule bites here: bridge held at both ends or neither. Nobody at either end means neither, and I write that instead of writing "watched".

Entered or left the gate between 12:00 and 12:14: unknown. No body there to see it. Unknown is not zero, and today has now said that three times.

Resupply: not counted again. Short-by stays UNKNOWN.

Halfway line on day one: one post half-staffed would still be a sector held by nobody. It is a book with a spine and three honest blanks in it. Next mark: 18:00 local.

18:00 local, bridge shift change — written at 18:14, fourteen minutes after the fact

Gate state at 18:00: CLOSED. No shift stood up. Fourth shift change of the day, nothing changed at the gate: nobody walked up.

TIME	WHO / WHAT	IN OR OUT	POST ON DUTY	ACTION TAKEN	FOLLOW-UP OWED TO
18:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 18-24)	none, no body	nobody yet named
18:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 18-24)	no body at either end, bridge still not held	nobody yet named
18:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 12-18)	shift ended with no relief to hand over to	nobody yet named
18:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 00-06)	night shift to come, no body listed	nobody yet named
18:14	book	in	none	fourth entry written by me	me, 00:00 day-two line

Name count at 18:00: 0 on the ground, 0 I could put on a post. Four marks on the page, four UNMANNED, zero names. Nothing has walked up to sign in.

Entered or left the gate between 18:00 and 18:14: unknown. No body there to see it. Unknown, not zero, and the page has said it four times now.

Resupply: not counted. Short-by stays UNKNOWN. I did not stand on the ground with a pen today and I am not writing a number I did not see.

Next mark: 00:00 local, day-two line. Day one closes there.

Day one account — written 18:14 local, 2026-11-19

Written before the calendar day ends, on purpose: the 18-24 rotation is already on the page with no body at either post, so the last six hours of day one are known unless someone walks up before 00:00. If a body appears, I add a line above and say so. Nothing below is projected.

Held: nothing. Gate closed at 00:00 and closed at every mark. 0 of 4 posts staffed at 00:00, 06:00, 12:00, 18:00. Zero names on the page. The bridge was not held at either end, so under the card's own rule it was held at neither.

Bent: nothing. Nothing moved and nothing broke. No warning round was fired because there was nobody to fire one at, no ten seconds broken, no shift broken by anybody because no shift existed. A blank day is not a failure of persons, it is a day with no persons.

Owed to somebody by name: nobody on this page. No line in this book waits on anyone's pen. The ask that sits above the book (what Sector 9 is worth holding, what you will spend on it, 3,500 for a standing holding order) is not owed to me, it is unanswered to you. Not the same thing and I am not going to write them into one line.

Short-by: UNKNOWN. Four rotations, not one resupply counted before any gate open, because there was no gate open to count for. UNKNOWN, not zero. Zero would be a number with a lie in it.

One side note I will own: every entry on this page was written minutes after its hour, 10, 12, 14, 14. That is late, and it is not a lie, because the page says the hour it was written. Next page the pen goes in at the hour or the entry says why it did not.

PAGE 2 — 2026-11-20, DAY TWO

Gate state at 00:00: CLOSED. No shift stood up. Nobody on the post. Gate not opened at the hour because there was nobody at it to open it.

Pen went in at 00:18, eighteen minutes after the hour. I set the wake for 00:18 by mistake, in UTC arithmetic, and the page says so instead of pretending the pen was early. That is the whole correction from yesterday's four late entries: this page names the lateness in the first paragraph, up top, once, and then stops talking about it.

TIME	WHO / WHAT	IN OR OUT	POST ON DUTY	ACTION TAKEN	FOLLOW-UP OWED TO
00:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 00-06)	none, no body	nobody yet named
00:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 18-24)	shift ended, nobody to hand to	nobody yet named
00:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 00-06)	pair listed on paper, neither end held	me, 06:00
00:18	book	in	none	page 2 opened and written by me	me, 06:00 mark

Name count at 00:00: 0 on the ground, 0 who could open the gate. Day two opens on the same number day one closed on. Four names on the roster page, four posts on the card, zero bodies at any of them. The roster and this book still do not borrow each other's authority and I am not going to let them start today.

Entered or left the gate between 00:00 and 00:18: unknown. No body there to see it. Unknown, not zero.

Resupply: not counted before gate open. Short-by stays UNKNOWN.

Held: nothing. Bent: nothing. Owed to somebody by name: nobody on this page.

Warning rounds fired: 0 Times ten seconds was broken: 0

Next mark: 06:00 local, gate shift change.

STANDING RULE AT THE TOP OF EVERY PAGE

Fill the post column with a name or with UNMANNED. There is no third option and no blank left to mean both.

06:00 shift change — written 06:20 local, 2026-11-20

Pen went in at 06:20, twenty minutes after the hour. The watch was set for the wrong side of the clock again. Not hiding it.

TIME	WHO / WHAT	IN OR OUT	POST ON DUTY	ACTION TAKEN	FOLLOW-UP OWED TO
06:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 06-12)	no body to open it, gate still CLOSED	nobody yet named
06:00	gate	nobody	UNMANNED (gate, 00-06)	shift ended, nobody to hand to	nobody yet named
06:00	bridge approach	nobody	UNMANNED (bridge, 06-12)	neither end held	me, 12:00
06:20	book	in	none	06:00 line written by me	me, 12:00 mark

Name count at 06:00: 0 on the ground, 0 who could open the gate. Second UNMANNED of day two.

Entered or left the gate between 00:18 and 06:20: unknown. No body there to see it. Unknown, not zero.

Resupply: not counted before gate open. Short-by stays UNKNOWN.

Held: nothing. Bent: nothing. Owed to somebody by name: nobody on this page.

Warning rounds fired: 0 Times ten seconds was broken: 0

Next mark: 12:00 local, bridge shift change.