

(A sol, also known as a solar day, is the counterpart to a day on Earth. One sol lasts 24 hours and 37 minutes)

Sol 109

Today was the bloodiest sol since we arrived on Mars. While we were in the mineral mine, a marsquake struck, resulting in falling boulders. Many were lost. I mourn for all, but especially the loss of my friend Sam. They were the best among us, always helping others. They told me to lead the colony in their place. How can I do that without you, my friend?

Sol 154

I woke up to screaming. The people were afraid after the incident. Some want to leave, but lack of resources forces them to stay. I was tempted to join them, if not for the dying wish of Sam. They were rioting against officials to let them go back to Earth. They say they are homesick. I am too, but Mars is my home now. Unfortunately, they are still shouting at us, even now in the early sol. It was bad enough when only food was scarce. Now morale too?

Sol 266

We have found it! A new crop! After weeks of research and cross-breeding, our scientists have created a new species of vegetable. Strong enough to withstand the soil of Mars, quick-growing to feed all of the mouths, and an agreeable taste! No more death by dried rations! And we have also found an amazing mineral that provides water enough to sustain the growth of this plant. I can finally sleep in peace!

Sol 353

It has been nearly an Earth-year since we have started the Martian colony. Even if it is a small community, we make ends meet. Today, an important milestone was struck. The first baby on Mars was born. We named her Scarlet, after Mars' nickname : 'The Red Planet'. We hope this child can enjoy what we once called ours in our previous home. Scarlet is beautiful. We hope her future is as well.