



From the collections of the Minnesota Historical Society: Ransom Chadwick's Andersonville Prison Diary.

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from savanna to
Ansonia 2, 77

31 Arrived to Andersons
station prisoners
rendezvous for
prisoners 4 P.M.

May the 1st 1864
find ourselves in
the Rebel Prison
laying out in the
open field bad enough
Rained

2 warm and pleasant
waked up by the
Report of a gun shot
by the guard shot
one of our men dead

3 A Bitter cold night
and very warm day
draw rations every
day pay 1 dollar for
baking hoe cake
or five for a true cake
6 dollars a pound
for pork or bacon
fifty cts a piece for
eggs 1 dollar a pint
for flour one dol
a qt for peas
12 dol a gallon for
molasses

Berga
May the 4th 1864
Coald daylight
warm days
traiters turned
against us after
turning 30 yards

5th sick Diarrhea
scalding hot
mourned tent

6th feel better
dried rice & molasses
meat Bacon Salt

the 7th felt quite
well & full but
18th rote letter for boy
sick very warm

9th warm and pleasant
James Jasper died. Co. D
feel very well

9th warm but looks
like Rain Draw reinforcements
every day Reinforcement
to guard us good
news from the army
of the Potomac

10th Coald commenced
Raining. 3. P.m. wash
Time suffered with
Coald

11th Rained all day
Coald bright
but dry

12th More moderate
but should
Bought 2 lb Butter 1.50
2 doz Eggs 1.00
dram of tea 75
pan full of wood 80

13th Cloudy and cool
rather under the weather
Dinner rained but good
Reported our men
Captured Dalton

14th Clear and warm
felt very well
very hot all through
the middle of the day
Cars ply lively several
up trains unusual
suppose fighting at Dalton

Sunday morning
15th warm got up made
a cup of soup of corn
bread and bacon and a
cup of crust coffee
went down to the
Creek had a good wash
all over felt bully

16th sun Beaked
leaves reported to
the Doctors likely
for rain

17th very warm trouble in
camp prisoners dug
out sick furnace
after noon felt hot
made little soup
more prisoners
began in

Dalton taken
in our possession
had a shake high
fever all night
Rained a little

18th Clear and warm
feel quite well
hunted Licia spell
had general orders
red to us

Had a shake

19th still warm

Reported to Doctor
got calomel & gr
quinine mixture high
feel very sick
bocals sweet

20th the hottest day
yet hawk eagle very
sick with fever
more prisoners
from Kitchinone

21st the hottest day yet
Li has to kill

More prisoners

4:30 am. Sun is about

feel the hospittle

Moved outside
of the stockade

thank the lord
for that vegetation

Shedville as
23rd July
24th July
25th July

Sunday May the 22. 1864
prisoners every day
hot and dry a deal
to enlarge the stockade
A fine thing to
Blankett 9.4.00
23rd still dry and hot
good courage got
god in his good
time and way he
will release us out
of this
More Prisoners
arrived 12.40
A hard crier for
them here
But god give us courage
to bear with patience

May the 24th 1864
not quite so warm
More prisoners
getting to be lost gts
for us here about
13.7.80 men on 16 acres
of ground
The water shiver
25th cleared a pleasant
More prisoners
from fort of a break
A thousand more
Prisoners and 400
of Cavalry and 600
Cossacks to nine
to protect a break