



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

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1864.

Cloudy and rather
cool but quite well

Drew back Key lions
Rice fresh Beef. Bacon
Beans Salt & Bread
Drew enough for 1 day
Key lions to make
1 Meal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Just as over and a
little more so
great excitement
about exchange

FRIDAY 2

Hot and Dry reports
file at Mason. More
prisoners lots of
wounded
1 hundred sent
in from the hospital

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1864.

hot and dry
nothing new

SUNDAY 4

hot and dry
A rather sorrowful
day. Fred Thigmon
Died left me all
alone

MONDAY 5

still hot and dry
got the influenza
him in the eye

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1864.

Hot and dry
Short of Kitchens
Ben Franklin
Kitchens with the
good quarters consisting
of 100 ft. of the kitchen
heavy shower
cleared up hot

WEDNESDAY 7

Clear and warm
great excitement
Exchange going off
18 Detachments
leaves two day
more to go to New York

THURSDAY 8

Still Men are leaving
But they skip
us & don't like
that much
cloudy and cool

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1864.

About the hottest
day we have seen
yet spelling hot
Still Men leaves
for exchange as
we suppose
live on quarter Keytons

SATURDAY 10

Still hot as ever
22.00 prisoners left
last night
More ordered keep them
A traveling fast
As possible
went to savanna stay 3 days
15 arrived at Charleston

SUNDAY 11

Hot and dry
Left prison
Arrived for sum
place by exchange
of hope happy lot
of boys best men

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1864.

Rainey and coal
fine for the City
Toget. Cooked a
little Rice for
Breakfast. Little
Meat for me.
Molasses. Meal hominy
flower. Beans. Rice. Salt
wood

MONDAY 19

Rainey and coal
had no rations for
48 hours. I had feed
for mule, sent
soldiers, got plenty
of tobacco, happy as
a cat. I let
the cat jump.
Molasses. Beans. Rice. Hard
flower. meal. hominy. soap
wood. Salt. Whinger. Bacon

TUESDAY 20

Rained all night.
found our selves
all on a float
hard way serving
our country
tired with Jessie
Green

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1864.

not but cloudy
had an early dinner
soft Bread. Sweet
Potatoes fresh. Beef
Drew no rations to
day. only wood.
I had times if
I did not have a
little honey made
me a cap out of
my own oil

THURSDAY 22

Rainey and coal
Drew small rations
and no wood.
flag of truce. Boots
sent. But agreed
on nothing

FRIDAY 23

Cloudy and
cool.
No shelling the
city to day.
Butlers. Chaplains
pharmacies
Exchanged

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1864.

More mild.
General review
of the prisoners
Drew small
Rations and no
wood yet. Fat
Rat rations
hard living

SUNDAY 25

Very cold night
clear warm
morning
Drew good Rations
Wood safe. Cornmeal Rice
Meal flour hominy
Molasses Peas

MONDAY 26

A. M. of Darned
cold night
had for dinner
of fresh Beef soup
and Dumplings
at ill my lower
stomach, others

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1864.

Quite cool
Drew no Rations
Rather hungry but
no help for it
Rat Knight

WEDNESDAY 28

Pleasant morning
Nothing for to eat
Drew Rations
Jest Knight
I stuffed my
gut amazingly
and it was
sufficiently full

THURSDAY 29

Cool and Cloudy
Drew Big Rations
had Beef to eat
had 3 Big meals
Shure
Reported that we
are a going to leave
for a Bull pen
at planance