



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

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This was started in recent years  
after when during the early part of the world  
war I asked him (R. C. Chadwick) for a story of  
his experience. E. C. Townsend

On April 17-1864 at N. l.  
plymouth was attacked  
By Hooks Division 16-870  
strong of Infantry & Cavalry  
and 60 pieces of artillery this  
artillery was made up of  
cannon in caliber ranging  
from 6 lbs Ball to 32 lbs  
With Iron clad Ram Rains  
Bow in <sup>the river to the rear</sup> we were ~~loose~~ <sup>loose</sup> ~~plotted~~ <sup>plotted</sup>  
at 4 o'clock Sunday. & surrounded  
P. M. we were attacked and the battle  
continued till Wed 10 <sup>or 11</sup> o'clock  
A. M. before they got us  
and here I want to say it  
was a scene of splendor & soft

When andersonville was  
instituted was at a time the  
southerners were the rankist  
with hatred - it was  
located in the very heart of  
secession and sprung into  
existence during the later  
days of the war at a time  
when hatred & vengeance had  
full possession of every man's  
heart in the South &  
andersonville was located  
60 south west of Macon on  
the Georgia Central R. R.  
and about 50 miles East of  
the Alabama line in Sumter  
Co. the pen was one mile  
from the station  
south east it was formed



at first there were plenty roots  
and stumps in the stockade  
we could dig for wood: but  
after a while they disappeared  
then we had to eat our Rations  
Raw = that was rather out  
of the order of soulgi's way  
of doing = But we got out  
side of them just the same

we used to hold daily fairs  
had prize fights: and may  
you may think this pretty  
Business for men: you say  
such things is all right for  
Children: I well that under  
Ordinary circumstances is true  
= But this was under  
extraordinary circumstances =  
and only thing to amuse  
and kill time was what  
we were after = so the fair  
was instituted the main  
Object was loose fighting  
and gray Back raising =  
Notice the title of the little  
animal are changed =  
The Racing considered of  
more importance than the  
fight = This was done  
by



On the side hills outside  
wer mounted 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  12 lb  
Naplem guns: these wer intended  
to blow the yanks to kingdom  
come if they attempted a Breake  
or Insurrection Inside:

the new comers would look  
around as they wer turned  
In to the <sup>Bow</sup> with Ill concealed  
Horror and would exclaime this  
must be Hel shure —

the guard on top of the Stock  
ade wer wer on the watch  
for a chance to shivate a  
Yank if there was a chance  
if the chance wen executed it  
wrote them a 30 clay furlow  
& soth —

The Dead Line & so on —

it would a hard matter to give  
any thing like a correct

Description of the Rayting  
I shoud to us

When it was Rice or Beans  
you would see the Boys sit  
down and with their finger  
on a little stick turnick —  
this is easily summed up  
as used to be said by the  
Boys we didnt get any  
thing and what we did get  
was wass than nothing  
they wer full of Buggs and little  
worms

After we wer transpured Page 50  
pamphlet