

Captain William A. Barnard, 20th Michigan Infantry, 1862-1865

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From Prisoner of War, via. Richmond -- Examd. R.D. Fenn [?] Capt. Gd.

Richland Jail
Columbia S.C. Aug. 30th 64

Dear Father

I am here with about one hundred officers of the 9th Corps captured July 30th at Petersburg Va. It is remarkably healthy here & we are treated well - for prisoners [sic] of War. I have written twice since I was captured but heard nothing yet from home. I send this through the lines by a Chaplain who leaves for the North tomorrow morning. You can write, a half sheet of common letter paper, leave the letter unsealed with U.S. and Confederate Stamp - & in care of U.S. Comr. of Exchange via Washington directed to me as "Prisoner [sic] of War" at this place. You need not have any anxiety about me on acct. of my being a prisoner as I am about as safe as at any time during my term of service. Confinement & suspense are the only things that trouble me.

Yours&c

Wm.A. Barnard
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