

On road from Pittsburgh to Chicago  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1862 — 22

Dear Wife

The probable know before this  
where the destination of our prisoners is  
so well not be surprised to learn of  
our departure from Annapolis  
We left there day before yesterday morning  
and are on our way to Chicago we left  
Pittsburgh about 2 hours ago, after having  
a good warm breakfast composed of  
Bread & Butter, Coffee &c. The Butter  
melted nicely as it was the first we  
had seen for a long time.

What they intend to do with us  
I don't know. Some say we are going  
to Minnesota to fight the Indians but probably  
is not so. I don't know for the reason that  
we can be kept so much cheaper  
than than East. I really wish we could  
be exchanged soon and be doing something  
for the Country's benefit but I am afraid  
we will not be for some time to come. I  
tell you it is humiliating to be thus  
sold into imprisonment but I feel that  
I have done my duty and that is consoling  
to me. I got your letter # in number the  
day we left and it done my heart good  
to once more see the familiar hand writing  
The last one was dated 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. I can't write  
much as the cars bother me while moving. I  
will write again soon and you must  
keep on writing if you don't hear from  
me regularly and direct to Chicago. I  
am well and stand down this well  
This from your own affectionate Husband  
W. J. Barney