

Hart Island Oct Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

1864

Dear Mother,,

Your kind and welcome letter of Oct 30<sup>th</sup> was received ~~day before~~ yesterday,, I was glad to hear from you and Cornelia,, and to learn that you are all well \_\_\_\_ It found me as usual enjoying good health,, I was sorry to hear of the death of my old friend Frank Burnside Death has robbed our army one more of its brave and noble sons,, Disease as well as the bullets ~~make~~ sometimes makes sad havoc in our union armies,, Frank was a good and noble \_\_\_\_ and his loss will be deeply felt by his friends and acquaintances,, There was considerable excitement created in ~~any~~ camp this afternoon ~~by a~~ on account of a German soldier committing suicide,, He was a member of Co,, H,, About two O'clock he walked into the sergeants room and took his razor and cut his throat from ear to ear and expired in a few minutes,, \_\_\_\_ This same German was knocked down and robbed last Sunday night \_\_\_\_ He was undoubtedly insane,,

There has been some sickness on the Island since I have been here \_\_\_\_ but nothing in comparison to the number of men that have been here,, They have got one case of small pox in the hospital \_\_\_\_ The man was taken yesterday \_\_\_\_ I am in hopes it will not spread,, in camp \_\_\_\_ and I dare say † it will not for every man is vaccinated when I came here \_\_\_\_ but † it did not work,, \_\_\_\_ We are having very fine weather here at present \_\_\_\_ You will please send me a good linen towel when you send me my things,, There is but little political excitement here at present \_\_\_\_ There is only about 6 six or eight hundred men on the Island now \_\_\_\_ Sam Aplin is here yet \_\_\_\_ I do not know when we shall be sent away \_\_\_\_ ~~per~~ perhaps it will not be a great while,, \_\_\_\_ Please send me some postage ~~stamp~~ stamps \_\_ I heard that Bartlett had been wounded \_\_\_\_ and that Anson Mose had been killed I can not say how true it is,, I have no more to write at present so I will close hoping to hear from you soon \_\_\_\_ Does the monitors come \_\_\_\_ if they do please send me once in a while one,,

Your affectionate Son

Geo,, D,, Barringer,,

C,, C,, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Hart Island

New York

be careful and address as I tell you \_\_\_\_ and then I will get your letters

G,,D,,B,,