Hart Island ~~Oct~~ Nov 2nd
1864

Dear Mother,

Your kind and welcome letter of Oct 30th was received ~~the~~ ~~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 Brussie. Death has robed our army one more of its brave and noble sons. Disease as well as the bullets ~~made~~ sometimes make sad havock in our union armies.

Frank was a great and noble boy — (and his life will be deeply felt) by his friends and acquaintances. There was considerable excitement created in ~~camp~~ camp this afternoon ~~by~~ ~~an~~ on account of a German Soldier committing Suicide. He was a member of Co. "H" About two O'clock he walked into the Sergents 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 hospitle — 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 vaxinated when he comes on the Island I was vaxinated when I come 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

Islamet now — Sam Aplin
is here yet — I do not know
when we shall be sent a-
way — ~~pre~~ perhaps it will
not be a great while —
Please send me some post-
age ~~stamp~~ stamps — I heard
that Will 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,
Co. C. 1st Battalion
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"be careful and detetress as
I tell you — and then
I will get your
letters
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