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My dear Maria

I have just come in from a horse-back ride with Lt Ballard who is Act Adj^t and has been out to bogue Sound and visited the place where the Rebels buried four of their killed at the fight here. I have about a half hour before drop parade and will scribble you a little - I presume ere you receive this you will have heard of the death of Maj Bartlett of our Regt. He died very suddenly with inflammation of the brain - to day I have been down to Mouchhead with the Corps - to get's sent home on the Steamer Spaulding. It is very sad for us to loose the Maj, and now so for the reason he was so lately promoted to fill the vacancy caused by the death