

Newport Barracks

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Dear Maria

I wrote you yesterday that I thought I would be in the soon on recruiting service but these papers were blasted last evening by the the death of Maj' Parvis. He went out yesterday morning with a Cavalry Escort beyond our lines to get information if possible with regard to some Horses that were stolen from us. While at a Mr Dennis near White Oak River he heard of some (3) Rebel soldiers who had passed there a short time before. He (Maj) had 6 or 8 men with him and thought he would go on and capture them. He overtook them near Cedar Pt about 15 miles from here and in the attempt to capture them was mortally wounded in the abdomen and died at a house about 3 or 4 miles this side ~~He was shot~~ He lived from <sup>(when shot)</sup> 3 P. M. till 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M. and was brought in. His loss will be much felt in the Regt for he was a Father to every one and ~~one of the~~ most strictly honest <sup>men</sup> and Conscientious Christians I ever saw. The one who shot him was captured but the other two got away, one of which was wounded. His remains will be sent to Ft this P. M. - by his death