nearly all night to finish the bridge marched the next day about 9 A m
One of our sharp shooters was killed there besides one or two other men, skirmishing
There was a long swamp & thick woods between us & the rebs so I did not see any of them
They were all gone in the morning. The Saluda & Broad river at Columbia were pontooned so we did not have to bridge them. They were so deep & wide we could not. There was not much fighting there a few shells were thrown into the City
We marched into the City in the morning, found it nearly all burned down, got a pretty good supply of rations there. Judging from what was left I think it was a very fine City. I did not see the state house but those that saw it said it was splended
We stayed there one day then left for the railroad, which runs north west, tore it up as far as Winsboro, Each Company had to twist one mile and march about 10 to Camp. There was only 10 Companies with us, the other two were left back when we left Atlanta. After leaveing that road we started for Fayetteville, or for Cheraw first that is quite a place on the Great Pedee river. We destroyed 25 large guns there besides a large amount of amunition & small armes. We worked there one day building pontoons. Orders came just before we finished them to stop work, they were not needed. A Citizen here who was tired of Rebeldom joined us to go north he is with us now waiting for transportation

I understand our Colonel has his choice to stay here & keep this railroad in repair or go on the next Campaign if he went on the next Campaign to be ready within 20 days

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Goldsboro North Carolina
March 29 1865
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Dear brother

I received yours & Sarah's letters of Feb 15 & fathers of Jan 14, was glad to hear from you, rather old but all new to me as I had not heard from you since I left Atlanta, I wrote to father last week when we were camped on the river, last Saturday we crossed the river and came to town have a nice camp ground & have fixed very comfortable quarters which I hope we shall enjoy for a while & rest after our long march. I would like to give you a perfect history of our march but can not very well as I did not keep a diary, but will