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