

February 8th 1865

Branchville, S.C. Dear Wife My

the blessing of god I am well at
this time I am 2 miles below Branch
ville on the river waiting for the
gangs to cum up again then we will
fight them and fall back to the next
river we lost a good many men
the 3 of this month at Broxton
Bridge then we fell back to the M R rd
20 miles west of ~~Branchville~~ Branchville
there we took the train to Branch
ville and run I expect we
will run past Harris depo

before long hard times are
before us. cummings I hope
I wont be surprised if
we didnt fall back to
Columbia sum of those nights
well Mag I rec your letter
at Branchville I was glad to
here from you I got my money
and one letter since you
role sumthing a boath pece
well pece is a harmonious
sounded or it not be to me
Corliss Alexander is gone
to Columbia with the rebels
I dont think we will
hardly get over them

Will Mag I want much
Nise to communicate to you
I am well and happy sum time
I get a nut to eat and sum time
I dont get half a nut I by all
I can get so I get a long sum
how my pants my socks my
coat is gun a haul I drama
one shift or shirt you at top
I see me washing my cloth
I did clothes clean

Will Mag Pite soon and
and after tel me how
you are getting along
and the neighbors and
the nise in general
tel how hady for me
my paper is scarce
Nothing more at present
R C Caldwell
to M J Caldwell