

William Ross Civil War Letter

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Murfreesboro, Tenn

Mr. D.C. Ingerson

Hopkins, Allegan Co., Mich.

Dear Cousin,

being that I have not written to you since I left home I thought it my duty to write and let you know that I was yet alive and above ground and enjoying good health. last new years [sic] day we had a game of ball with the rebs and a pretty tight game it was too I dont [sic] care about choosing up for another game for they throw their balls most too hard when they hit a fellow they are pretty apt to hurt him we have been encamped here ever since the battle we are at work here throwing up heavy fortifications [sic] and plating Siege guns when we get our works finished that what we have commenced, and our large guns all mounted it will take all of the Southern army combined to whip us here I see by the papers that this conscript act dont [sic] seem to take very well, there seems to be a considerable excitement among you there, the weather is very pleasant. the woods begin to look quite green beach [sic] trees have been in blossom for about three weeks, write soon as convenient and let me know all that is going on there, give my best respects to all enquiring friends, nothing further today.

Respectfully yours

Wm Ross

direct to me

Co. B, 3d Battalion

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