A Civil War letter from William Ross (1835-?)

Postmarked:
Nashville, Tenn.
August 11, 1863

April 7th, 1863
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 & above ground & enjoying good health. Last New Years day, we had a game of ball with the Rebs & a pretty tight game it was too. I don't 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 & planting siege guns. When we get our works finished, that what we have commenced, & 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 don't 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. Beech trees have been in blossom for about three weeks. Write soon as convenient & let me know all that is going on there. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends. Nothing further today.

Respectfully yours,
Wm Ross

Direct to me.
Co. B, 3d Battalion
Pioneer Brigade
Nashville, Tenn.

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