

William Montrose Morgan to Thomas and Orissa Harney, 12 January 1862

Camp Wood Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Brother & Sister,

I rec a letter from  
you last evening was glad to hear  
that you are well to day I have  
been rather down for a few days  
but am all right now I had a  
very severe head ache. The boys  
are all quite well except Frank  
Morgan and J. Swift. J. is now  
in the hospital. We are haveing  
very nice weather here now. We have  
had some very hard rain storms  
here with a little thunder and  
lightning. The roads are very mud  
dy. Well now for some news the  
first that comes to mind is this  
We have not been payed off yet  
we are entitled to three months  
pay the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month. Our

forces are still on this side of Green  
river we through four regt. every  
day for picket one in the rear and  
three in advance they are daily  
expecting a fight but we will  
not have one untill we make  
an advance the nearest the enemy  
is to us in any force is at Cave  
City a distance of 14 miles there  
they think they will have to fight  
a little, when we advance there  
force is not over 12,000 while ours  
is between 20 and 30,000 the other  
day while our regt. was out on  
Picket there was a flag of truce  
come A rebel Major and a Lieut.  
come with I do not know what  
they wanted. Charley M. saw them  
he said they were very smart men  
and asked McCook why he didnt  
come down and see them he said  
they would try and give them

a warm reception. The bridge over green  
river is completed the cars run  
over last saturday night for the  
first time. They are throughing up  
breast works acrossed the rivers to  
protect the bridge they have about  
5000 men to work every day on it.  
I suppose you have heard of  
Hellecks forces intending to make  
a junction with McCook, if he does  
we will seround Mr. Buckner and  
have him sure pop. Well Orissa I  
would be very happy to send your  
best respects to Miss Flora but  
I do not corospond in tha[t] direc  
tion. I have a good many correspondents  
from Oshkosh. I get a letter about  
every day or two or three a week  
Orissa today is sunday I should  
like to be at home so to go to church  
with all hands does Boughten say  
congregation please arise after

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they are all up he must be a gay  
old singer I suppose the Howletts  
boys have all enlisted by this time  
I think this war will end in a  
few months and then we will  
be at home. Tom does chopping  
agree with you this winter is it as  
good business as setting up Editori  
als for the Deacon. Oris said you  
were going back to work in the  
office next month. With these  
few lines I close. I wish to write  
a few lines to Pa and Ma. write  
soon give my best respects to all  
yours in haste from your true  
brother and friend.

Montrose Morgan

T.A. & O. Harney