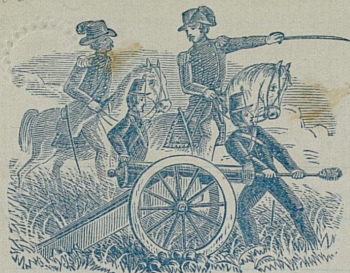


now, some fifteen out of
our Regt. I stand on guard
one and sometimes longer
a week, two hours on and
four hours off, for twenty four.
I was sorry to hear of Whelch's
death, but all men must die
I had heard of the death of those
boys in Whelch's Co. But I am
almost glad that I did not go
in his Co. We had some win-
ter here at the same time, even
died. It is quite cold to night
but just pleasant winter.
My love to all. hope to hear from
you soon. It is well. Call
ever your loving son.

[W. H. Morgan]

I will write to John in a
day or so.



"We Belong to Our Country."

Pilot. Knob. Dec. 27th
[1861]

Wm. Edg. Morgan.

Dear Ma,

I presume
that Christmas is over in Ill.
while here we are just picking
off the best part of it now.
Our boxes did not arrive
until Christmas evening,
and you had better think we
had some Christmas from that
time till this, and are likely to
have more in New Year.
Well now if there was not
some glad boys, when we
saw the boxes put of the cars
for us. We just told the

Express Ag to stand back
and we would take care of
the Express for once, but he rather
seemed to hold a claim on
them. The Express on three boxes
was 7,25. The Adams Ex on
this road. Charges twice as much
as does the American on the
other road. although that road
is the longest. If I should ever
have anything more sent, I
would have the charges paid
at the beginning, and send the
money back. For my things came
all right. nothing hurt. I am
very thankful for all you sent
me. One never knows the good
of a Mother altogether until
he gets away from home
on such an expedition.
The Express paid half on my box,

General McClelland from
Ill was here to day, and had
all the troops called out
dressed up in the best style
for a general brigady review.
We marched out as though we
were going on a long march.
It was quite a nice sight
to look at. three Regt of Inf
one of Cavalry and batteries
of four pieces of Heavy
Artillery. I hope you will
not trouble your self about
my health. It never was better
than it is now. I weigh 150
lbs now. You would scarcely
know me I am so fleshy.
Even if I should be taken
sick. I have good friends here
to take care of me. There are
but few in our Hospital