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From the Ninth Regiment

We extract the following from a letter received from Frank H. K. Barker, who is in Capt. DeLand's Company, Ninth Regiment:

Tuesday, Oct. 29th, 1861

We are present encamped at the mouth of the Salt River, Ky. [The Salt River enters the Ohio twenty miles below Louisville, on the Kentucky side--Ed.] We expect to move soon. Our journey was a tedious one, I assure you. We arrived at Jeffersonville, on the Indiana side of the Ohio river, Saturday night and slept in the cars. Going through southern Indiana we found some switches turned for the purpose of throwing us off the track, but we saw them in time and escaped injury. Our train stopped once in some woods, and found three men had a large log just ready to roll on the track. They ran away as soon as we stopped.

I heard the roar of artillery distinctly for several hours Monday night while at Jeffersonville. At sunset, same date, we noticed a strange boat on the opposite of the river and a black flag bearing the skull and cross bones. Our officers and men filled three small boats and went in pursuit until dark, when they returned, having accomplished nothing. The next day we ascertained that 500 rebels were encamped some fifteen miles above, and they were some of them. We have a secession spy a prisoner in our camp.

I have just ascertained the name of our camp. It is "Camp Duffield." We are within thirty-five miles of Gen. Buckner's rebel army, which is reported (?) strong, so you can see we expect warm work soon.

The health of the men is good, and I hope it will remain so. Excuse this brief letter, as I am in a great hurry. I shall write you again soon.

FRANK H. K. BARKER